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THE back of the 6-month-old Soweto rent boycott has been broken, despite the council having been forced to obtain a R20m loan recently to service its debts, says the township's acting town clerk.

About 80% of residents paid their December rent.

Acting town clerk R E Du Toit said yesterday that about R12m for electricity and water was outstanding since the residents' boycott began in June 1986. This was in addition to the widely reported figure of R59m in outstanding rents.

The R20m loan was needed as bridging finance for the council's running expenses — to cover payments to creditors, such as the Rand Water Board and Escom, and salaries. Du Toit said the amount should be seen against the council's R150m annual budget.

He said 80% of residents had paid their December rents and it appeared that a major part of the battle to restore normality to the rent situation had been won.

He said the council expected the number of people paying rent and other residential bills would continue to be this high.

# Soweto pays the rent again

DIANNA GAMES

"Ultimately the residents are going to have to pay interest on the outstanding money," he said.

A circular to the effect that continuing the boycott would eventually result in financial hardship to residents has been included with the latest accounts, he said.

The initiative to pay appeared to come more from the residents, he said, with people realising that the short-term benefits of the boycott could "backfire" on them in the long term.

The opening of council offices in town and in the civic centre had also contributed to people being able to pay.

"But of course we cannot predict what strategies our 'enemies' will come up with in the future," he said.

Government has said that draft legislation to expedite rent collection and service charges in the face of widespread rent boycotts would be presented to a standing committee of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning this month.



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## Sowetans 'paying rent again'

By Rich Mkhondo

Soweto's acting town clerk, Mr R du Toit, yesterday said residents of the township had started paying their rent and service charges after a six-month boycott.

"Things have improved markedly, but the rent boycott is not over," Mr du Toit said in reaction to Press reports that the back of the rent boycott had been broken.

Mr du Toit said the situation was "very bad" to-

wards the end of the year, but improved in December.

"I cannot mention any figures because that will be playing into the hands of our enemies. All I can say is that the situation has improved but the boycott has not been broken."

### HOUSES

He said there were about 75 000 houses in Soweto of which 35 000 are privately owned.

"This leaves us with only 40 000 council-owned houses from which we can collect rentals. People from those houses have started paying their dues, but some are being intimidated," he said.

He said it was unfortunate that people were paying their arrears only instead of their monthly rentals.

"We hope the situation will get back to normal soon," he said.

# Good attendance at Soweto schools

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THE Department of Education and Training reports a good turnout of pupils at Soweto schools yesterday.

Although there were reports of some high school pupils objecting to some of the undertakings they and their parents had to sign for registration, DET spokesman Peter Mundell says the DET has had no reports of interference with enrolments.

Among the undertakings are that the parent or guardian should agree to "pay all costs incurred for damages done, or losses caused by my child/ward to school property"; "pay all required moneys promptly and regularly, and "see to it that my child/ward attends school regularly and, should he be absent for any reason, I will notify the principal without delay — stating reasons for absence."

An Azanian Student Movement

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spokesman says youths from a rival organisation fired shots at a number of Azasm members at a Soweto high school on Wednesday, SAPA reports.

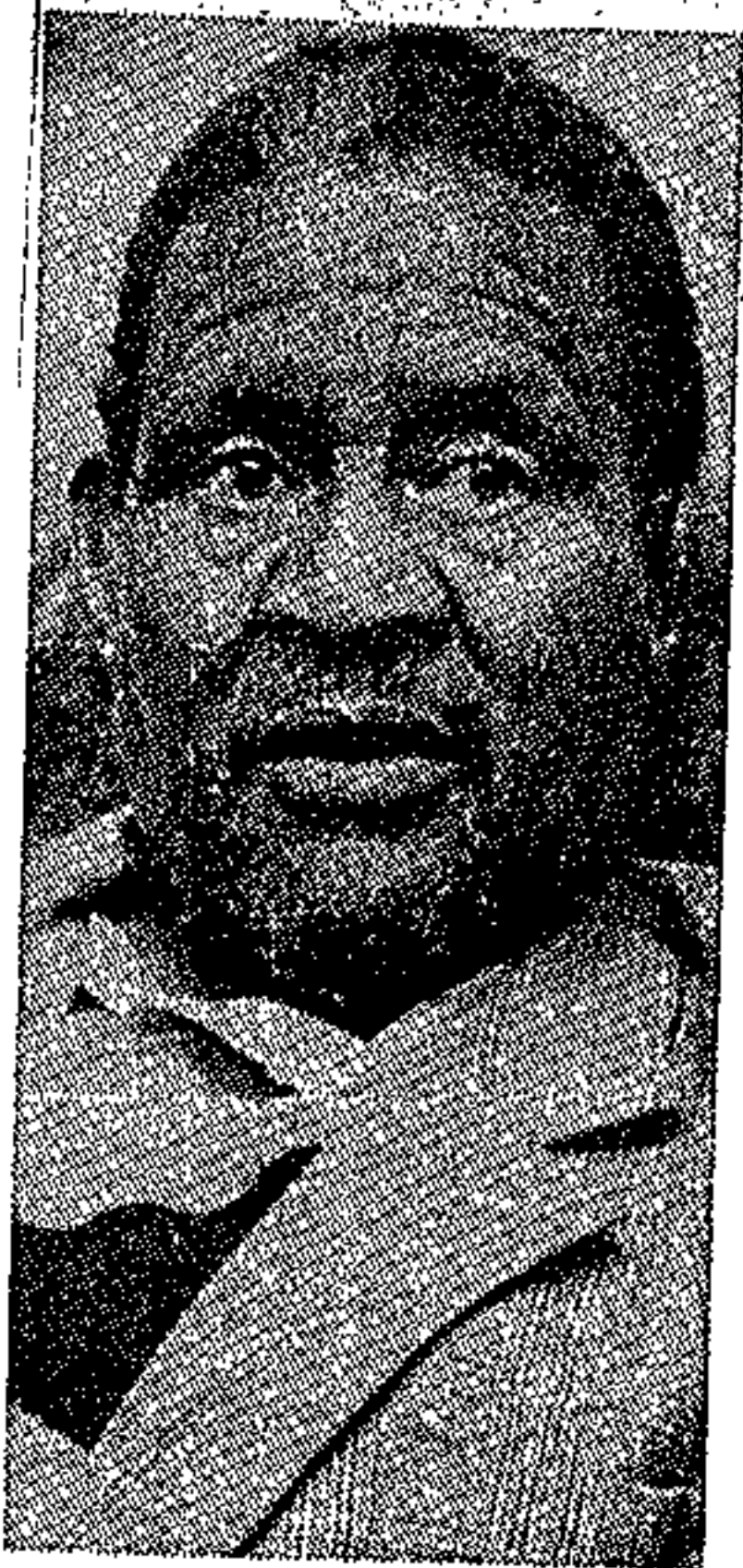
The Information Bureau says the only unrest at schools was attempted arson at three Western Cape schools.

Sapa quotes DET PRO Job Schoeman as saying the department will again supply free stationery — worth about R45m — to all black pupils from sub-standard A to matric.

Secondary school pupils will be supplied with free prescribed books.

Transvaal United African Teachers' Association has issued a call for black pupils to return to school.

□ Soldiers were seen yesterday at a Soweto intersection handing out a special edition of the DET newsletter.



**SAM RABOTAPI**

## **Evaton mayor wants community's backing**

CITY PRESS

By STAN MHLONGO

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EVATON Mayor Sam Rabotapi this week warned that his council would crush all political opposition who interfered with township advancement projects in 1987.

Rabotapi told the monthly council meeting that "for the past two years my council has played a waiting game - analysing the situation after the 1984 Vaal unrest".

He said the time was now ripe to launch a united front - "not to be mistaken for the UDF" - by inviting ministers, teachers and students to council meetings to make residents more aware of how it functions.

But councillor Simms Mokoena objected - claiming ministers had opposed councillors during the 1984 Vaal unrest.

During this period, councillors Philemon Diphoko, Siza Mosiane, Johannes Chakane and Jacob Dlamini were killed by rioters and Rabotapi's house, those of other councillors and over 300 businesses were gutted.

Rabotapi rejected Mokoena's suggestion.



# Soweto council 'may suspend vital services'

By Rich Mkhondo

The Soweto Council might have to consider suspending services such as water and electricity in the township if residents did not pay their rents, town clerk Mr Nico Malan said today.

"Now that the people started paying rent last month, I am very optimistic that we will not be forced to (cut services)."

Residents of some areas in Soweto have started complaining of the irregular disposal of garbage and the frequent waterpipe bursts.

Residents say they are being forced to live under unhygienic conditions.

The council, which is losing thousands of rands a month because of the non-payment of rent and service charges by residents, is said to be on the "verge of bankruptcy" by sources within the coun-

cil. Denying the allegations, Mr Malan said although his council was "running at a loss", it was not bankrupt.

"If the same pace of paying rentals continues, we will be able to meet our financial obligations by June this year," he said.

"We have budgeted for a deficit of R26 million, on a budget of almost R156 million and our income is almost R130 million.

"The figures are alarming, but they are not critical because normally during the course of the year, we are able to effect savings on expenditure.

"The items include services such as freezing some posts. For example, where we were cutting grass four times a week, we would reduce it to once a week."

# PUT YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER

## Thokoza Council given ultimatum

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE administrator of the Transvaal, Mr W A Cruywagen, has ordered the Thokoza Town Council on the East Rand to take steps to restore the unsound financial situation of the council.

According to documents in the possession of the *Sowetan*, Mr Cruywagen has ordered the council to:

- Recover and restore the amount of R700 000 on fixed deposit;
- Recover all salary and other unauthorised and/or illegal payments; and
- Take all necessary steps to recover outstanding rent and service charges.

Mr Cruywagen has given the council until next Monday to take action. The finances of the Thokoza Council have been under scrutiny since an interim audit report prepared in August last year identified a possible maladministration of funds by council officials to the tune of about R90 000.

The council was given a month to respond to the report, but until now, it appears they have not done so.

In addition, the *Sowetan* has information that the R700 000 which the council has been ordered to recover was spent on buying houses for council officials in posh Johannesburg suburbs.

The Thokoza Town Council was required to account for the R90 000 which appeared to have been used on motor cars, various unauthorised trips and accommodation at hotels.



# Blood bathes tiny township

By SB'U MNGADI

**CHESTERVILLE township is bleeding to death.**

Its 15 000-strong community is at war with "A-team" vigilantes.

About 40 people died violently in this tiny township last year because of the seemingly unending conflict.

And hardly three weeks into the new year, eight more people have died because of the fierce political battles.

Natal Coast PFP director Roy Anslic has said that the small community was slowly bleeding to death and that many residents feared another Crossroad-type saga.

This week, the strife-torn township - one of the smallest and oldest in the Durban region - saw the fatal burning of a young mother and her sister's two children, aged two and six - following fire bomb attacks on three homes.

A King Edward VIII Hospital spokesman confirmed that Nokwazi Mdluli, 24, and her sister's children, Brenda, 2, and Sibonelo, 7, died at the weekend from severe burns.

The other Mdluli family members, Thabisile, 1, and Nompumelelo, 18, both suffered severe burns and are in a serious condition in hospital.

The Bureau for Information said in a statement that seven people were injured during attacks on the private homes late at night and that a child had to be rescued from a blazing house by two security force members.

Two women were seriously burnt and four children, between the ages of two and six, were injured in one of the attacks.

"Constables A Venter and M van Loggenberg had to break down a door to rescue a child. All three houses were extensively damaged," said the bureau spokesman.

Other members of the family - some of whom are activists - were in hiding after receiving death threats from the notorious "A-Team".

Anslic said at least eight people have been killed in the past two weeks.

Since clashes between community members and the "A-Team" erupted, hardly a weekend has gone by without someone dying.

Living a normal existence in Chesterville has become virtually impossible - and it's the children who suffer most.

One family is typical of so many others in the torn township.

N is the head of her family. One son was shot dead late last year. She was unable to attend his funeral for fear of persecution. She has been in hiding for the last eight months, constantly worrying about a daughter whose house, she fears, is a target for a fire bomb attack.

Her other son is also on the run.

Natal PFP leader Ray Swart has made attempts to meet with members of the "A-Team" and community leaders.

## Back comes big time soccer

By BOIKI MOTHEI



BIG TIME soccer returns after a six-week break tomorrow, when the NSL season kicks off with an appetising triple header at Ellis Park in aid of charity.

Four of the country's top teams - Kaizer Chiefs, Orlando Pirates, Moroka Swallows and AmaZulu - will play three games to decide the winners of the second Iwisa Soccer Spectacular trophy won by Chiefs last year.

A capacity crowd of 75 000 - last year's event attracted a then record of 90 000 people - is expected to watch the soccer feast.

The first game, at 12.30, is between Chiefs and Pirates. The second game...

Her other son is also on the run.

Natal PFP leader Ray Swart has made attempts to meet with members of the "A-Team" and community leaders in an attempt to reconcile the warring factions.

"We are convinced that such a meeting, although it might not resolve the crisis, would result in a significant reduction of violence. However, we have been unable to arrange such a meeting," said Anslic.

"Though difficult to prove, I am convinced that agent provocateurs are active on both sides in an effort to ensure a divided community," he said.

Chesterville, which is surrounded by white suburbs, is about 6km from Durban. Residents strongly opposed plans to resettle them at Ntuzuma, about 30km away, although about half the township was resettled before the 1984 government reprieve.

According to the Black Sash's Anne Colvin harassment, murder, arson, the disruption of funerals and schools, the sight of children and community leaders in hiding and the despair of mothers and wives, were daily occurrences in the township.

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Standard 7 class, it aims an enrollment of 300 by 1990.

English, Afrikaans and Zulu are all treated as official languages which should be learned by every child at school.

The principal said non-racial education is "without question the answer in this country and should be developed if we are to cope with the needs of the future."

"We're going to see more of this type of school in South Africa."

The fees at Uthongathi R2 200 for day pupils R5 500 for borders.



## 8 murders in Soweto over the <sup>SAT</sup> weekend

A 23-year-old man who was found burned in Meadowlands on Saturday was one of eight murder victims in Soweto at the weekend, Soweto CID chief Brigadier J J Beeslaar said.

He had been taken from his home by a group of men. He was stabbed in the neck. Rubbish was heaped on him and set alight. His body was found in Zone 2.

In one of the murders a 26-year-old man was found at the Meadowlands Hostel on Saturday with bullet wounds in the chest. The body of a 40-year-old man was found near Dube hostel with shotgun wounds.

There were five attempted murders.

Four members of the Soweto municipal police were arrested for attempted murder after a man was shot in the face with a shotgun at the Dobsonville Hostel.

Police took possession of three shotguns which were reported stolen from the Soweto Council in November last year.

There were also two armed robberies, eight ordinary robberies, seven rapes and 14 thefts in the township. Seven vehicles were reported stolen.

There were five cases of burglary and six men and three women were arrested for dealing in liquor without a licence. Four were arrested for dealing in dagga.

# Murders in Soweto rose to 2 638

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By Montshiwa Moroke

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A total of 2 638 people were murdered in Soweto in last year — 187 more than in 1985.

The figures were released yesterday by the Divisional Criminal Investigation Officer for Soweto, Brigadier James Beeslaar. He said 256 of the deaths were caused by guns.

"The easy availability of guns in the township is giving us a headache," he said, noting an increase of 120 firearm-related deaths in 1986.

The biggest increase in crime as a whole was in robbery cases where firearms were used.

Other crimes on the increase were rape and car theft.

These are the figures released yesterday:

- 2 638 murders in 1986.
- 256 murders by firearms in 1986, compared to 133 in 1985.
- 637 cases of armed robbery in 1986, compared to 345 in 1985.

● 1 212 cases of rape in 1986, compared to 1 173 in 1985.

● 1 778 cases of car thefts in 1986, compared to 1 595 in 1985.

Brigadier Beeslaar said there had been a slight decrease in crime in general compared to 1985. The biggest had been in robberies where weapons other than firearms were used.

"There was a decrease in crime in general last year. This we attribute to increased patrols by security forces in the townships," the brigadier said. "The drop was also partly due to the co-operation of law-abiding citizens and the people in general."

"Unfortunately, there are now more firearms, legal and illegal, available in Soweto. More people can lay their hands on firearms and we have to attend to this serious problem."

Police have arrested 16 people in the past week in connection with 12 cases where firearms were used. They have also recovered five firearms — and a toy gun.

The CID chief said the arrests were made by the Soweto Murder and Robbery Squad at Protea.

# Crown Mines puts its case

RESIDENTS of Langlaagte Deep — the last authentic mining village on the Witwatersrand — will present their landlords, Rand Mine Properties (RMP), with a comprehensive set of development proposals next month as the date for their eviction draws closer.

The multi-racial community was given four months' notice in October last year to leave their houses. Reasons cited by RMP for the eviction order were based on "health, safety, environmental and economic" considerations. Services such as sewerage, water, electricity and road facilities were considered in urgent need of repair and the average monthly rent of R280 inadequate to cover the costs of maintaining the village.

The ambitious proposal, to be

presented to RMP by the Crown Mines Development Steering Committee, envisages the "creation of an expanded, multi-cultural future-oriented community".

The village's location, between Johannesburg, Soweto and the coloured township of Riverlea, is seen by the community as an ideal opportunity to provide a working example of inter-racial co-existence. The construction and preservation of houses, schools, health care and recreational facilities together with already existing cottage industries is intended to provide, steering committee member Adriaan Turgel said this week, with a "model which would

By ADRIAN HADLAND

serve as an alternative to rural poverty and urban isolation.

"The necessity exists for facilities which improve the future of this country because the future is so bleak. It is necessary for large-scale development of housing, schools and recreational facilities that are open to all. What better place than between Johannesburg and Soweto to reconcile polarised groups?"

Thus far, support for the project has come from numerous sources: the National Monuments Council has provisionally declared the village a national monument (pending the

acquisition of the owner's approval), the mayor of Johannesburg has expressed his support for the concept and the Town Planning Division has suggested that, once bought, the land should be zoned for residential and recreational purposes only.

Many people have volunteered their professional expertise and services in a variety of areas including architecture, carpentry, horticulture, education, social services, construction and community development.

Though Tony Hall, managing director of RMP, is quoted in the proposal as stating that the company has agreed "to review and seriously consider a viable development

proposal", time is running short, with the eviction deadline less than a month away.

Money is also proving to be a major stumbling block in the negotiations, said Turgel, with "several millions" required before the project can begin.

He said the village community regards the issue as a perfect opportunity for RMP to demonstrate further its commitment — already shown by donations to "Gold Reef City", a mining village reconstruction nearby — to historic preservation while addressing pertinent political, social, ethical and economic problems. By providing safe, affordable housing and land for development, the proposal states, RMP could also make an important statement in this, the United Nations' "Year of Shelter for the Homeless."



# SOWETO COUNCIL SCANDAL

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**THE Soweto Council has been rocked by a funds scandal – with revelations this week that Soweto councillors have been paying themselves much more than they should.**

The Soweto funds scandal comes hot on the heels of alleged misappropriation of funds by the Tokoza Town Council where about R1,3-million has gone missing.

According to confidential documents in the possession of *City Press*, councillors in Soweto have been paying themselves R1 200 each month – R645 more than their monthly allowances allow. And this they did without the approval of the government.

Approved monthly allowances in Soweto are R554 for each councillor, but it has been disclosed that from October 10, 1985, Soweto councillors had paid themselves R1 200 each month up to December 31, 1986.

The decision to increase the allowances was taken in a

By  
**DERRICK LUTHAYI**

meeting on February 18, 1986. Councillors agreed to pay themselves allowances of R1 200 in retrospect from October 10, 1985.

The government is furious about the move – and has ordered repayments from each councillor.

The director-general of Constitutional Development and Planning has ordered the councillors to repay the money. In a confidential letter he said: "In order not to cause undue inconvenience it is suggested that the total excess amount of R5 756 be recovered in equal monthly instalments of R480 and a final instalment of R476."

Another letter from the director-general sent on November 3, stated: "The draft bill on a pension fund for councillors which was also to contain directives for

councillors allowances has not been approved and will probably be revised and re-submitted during the next parliamentary session.

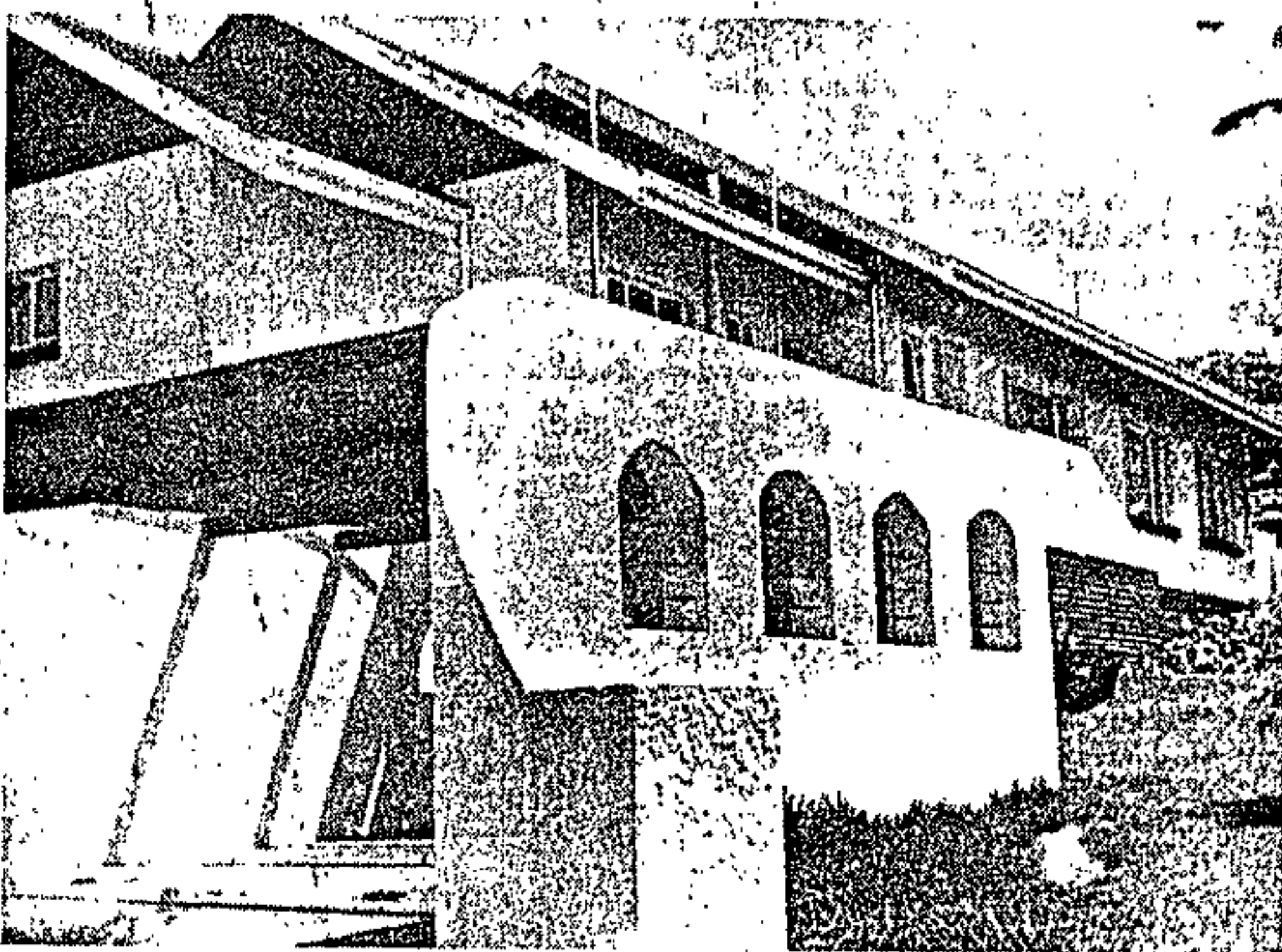
"In view of the above, it is now necessary to give further attention to the ultra vires decision taken by your council in February 1986.

"The decision of the council cannot be condoned and only those allowances approved by this department in terms of the Act may be paid. This entails the original approved R554 a month plus the 20% increase of the contingency allowance and any overpayment made must be recovered from the councillors."

The Soweto controversy follows the funds scandal in the Tokoza Council, which this week fired its mayor, Gerald Mmamabolo, and town clerk Doris Thinane for alleged misappropriation of R1,3-million from council funds. Both are now facing criminal charges.

Johannesburg police liaison officer Col Malherbe said police were investigating further charges that part of the R1,3-million was used to purchase houses worth R95 000 and R105 000 in Northcliff and Montgomery Park.

Why the Soweto councillors needed all that money – read on Sunday.



The house in Montgomery Park which Tokoza mayor Gerald Mmamabolo is alleged to have bought with council funds.

## UDF official detained

CP Correspondent

THE CISKEI Security Police have detained another East London community worker and United Democratic Front leader.

Lucille Meyer, an advice worker for the Afesis Trust, a Community Development Organisation, was detained on Tuesday. Chairman of the trust, Rev Eddie Leeuw, said Ciskei police had confirmed Meyer's detention in terms of the Ciskei National Security Act.

Leeuw said he "strongly condemned" Meyer's detention.

Two other Afesis workers, Jerald Hawkes and Elvin Fredericks, were also detained by Ciskei police earlier this month. They were subsequently allegedly handed over to South Africa.

Meyer also represents the border region of the UDF national executive. Together with currently detained Fort Hare academic Rev Makhenkesi Arnold Stofile, she forms the UDF secretariat for the border region.

Stofile is due to appear in the Ciskei Supreme Court today on charges relating to terrorism and harbouring terrorists.

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# Breakaway councillors form body

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

A NEW umbrella body for black councillors — a rival to the Urban Councils Association of South Africa — has been formed.

The new organisation, still to be named, was formed last Thursday in Krugersdorp by a break-away group of councillors, led by Mr Tom Boya, mayor of Daveyton, Benoni and former deputy president of Ucasa.

Mr Boya was expelled from Ucasa as its deputy president and member last December, at a meeting held by the organisation's national executive committee in East London.

At the same meeting, Mr Solly Rammala, the town clerk of Atteridgeville, near Pretoria, was also expelled from the organisation. At the time, Mr Rammala was Ucasa's acting director.

The organisation's "Think Tank", a body of 30 councillors from all provinces whose main task was to advise Ucasa on important policy matters and undertake special projects for the organisation, was "dissolved".

Mr Boya was the chairman of the "Think Tank" before it was "dissolved".

Yesterday, Mr Boya confirmed the formation of the new body.

"It is true that councillors who were not happy with the way Ucasa was operating, broke away from the organisation and formed a rival body," Mr Boya said.



**TOM MBOYA... tipped to lead new body.**

"We will hold a Press conference tomorrow and we will outline how this new organisation will operate. The organisation's new name will also be announced at the conference," Mr Boya said.

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**Soweto bankrupt** *343*

JOHANNESBURG — The seven-month-old Soweto rent boycott has left Soweto Council bankrupt and its reserves of R35-million exhausted. The country's biggest city is surviving on borrowings, the council's town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, said yesterday.

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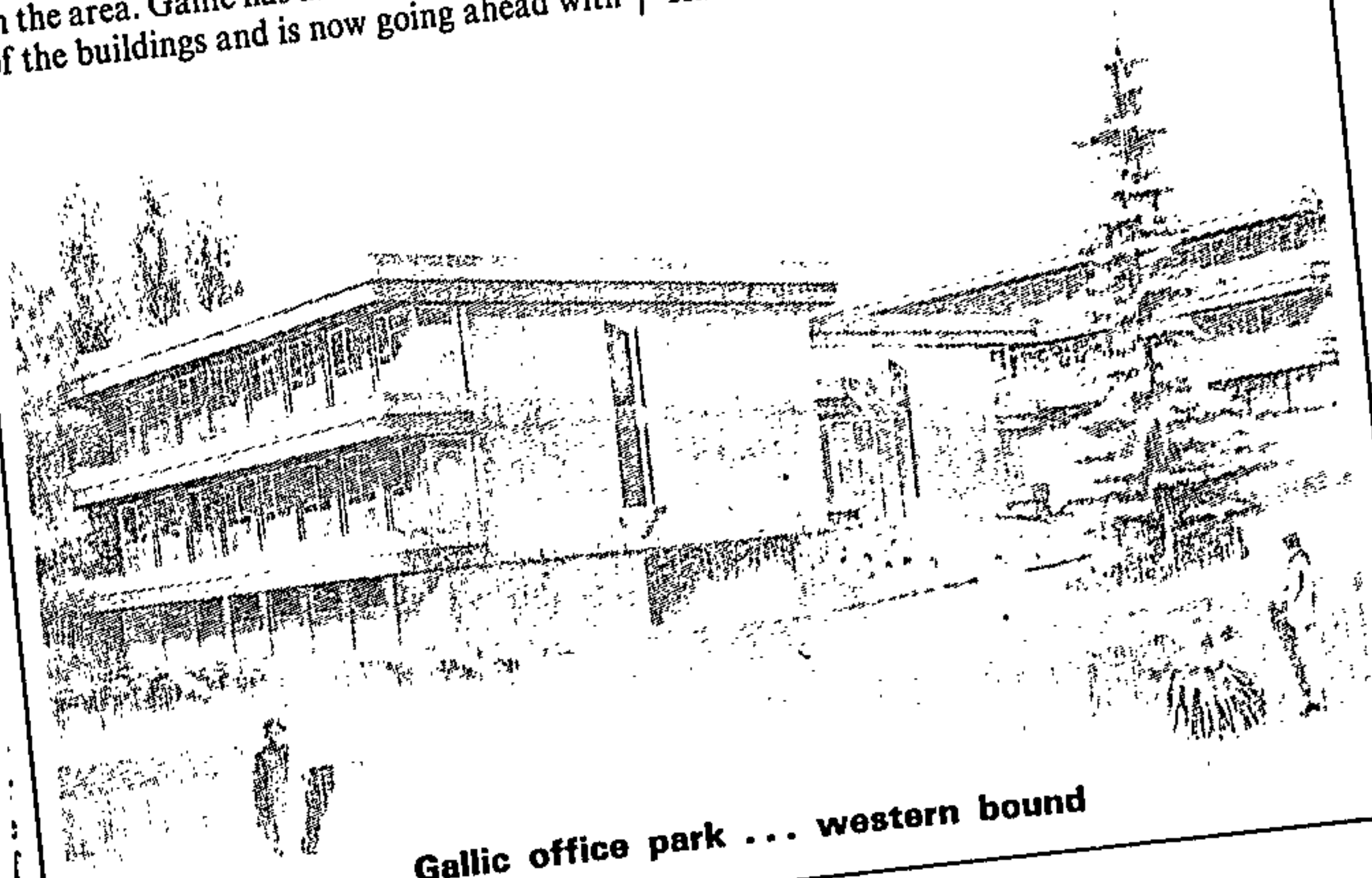
needs of the west and decided to proceed with an office park alongside Ontdekkers Road, the main artery between Krugersdorp and Johannesburg.

An analysis of the market, he says, shows there is a need for a good quality office park in the area. Gallic has already completed one of the buildings and is now going ahead with

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## Kazerne on track

Johannesburg City Council is to develop and sell a prime 1,26 ha tract of land next to the Kazerne railway yards as a commercial town-



Gallic office park ... western bound

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ship.

The property is currently zoned as open-space, but council is to apply to have the land sub-divided into eight small stands — and hopes to find one taker for the lot.

The application will seek a 60% coverage, height limitation of two storeys and bulk of 0,9.

The proposed township is 2 km south-east of the city centre and 300 m to the north-east of the intersection between the M2 freeway and Heidelberg Road. Access to the freeway system is excellent.

Council's town planning department tells the *FM* that adjacent ground, which it owns, is unsuitable for sale since it is heavily undermined. It seems likely, therefore, that it will continue to be used for municipal sports-fields.

Council describes the site as "an extremely desirable and sought-after location for a commercial township."

It is probably right, but potential buyers will have to be patient because the registration process could take anything up to three years. ■

White opposition wins day

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# Heunis shelves plan for Norweto

PLANS for Norweto, a new black city midway between Johannesburg and Pretoria, have been postponed indefinitely as a result of hostility from white communities in the area.

Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis said in Cape Town yesterday that his department had received a large number of representations since plans to establish Norweto on about 3 500ha near Diepsloot were announced in August last year, and as a result the proposals had been shelved.

He stressed, however, that to achieve "orderly urbanisation" it was still necessary timeously to identify land for township development for the predominantly black population of SA. He had, therefore, approved the appointment of consultants to assist in evaluating possible sites to be considered for black township development in a "wider regional context".

Heunis said considerations such as

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the socio-economic structure of the area, road and rail transportation, employment opportunities, pollution, environmental protection, soil conditions and development costs would have to receive attention.

The completion of these investigations will enable government to reconsider proposals made by the guide plan committee for new township development in the central Witwatersrand, as well as for the West Rand/Far West Rand.

The shelving of Norweto underlines the problems government is experiencing with local authorities, most of whom have shown scant desire to speed up government's multi-million-rand schemes to address SA's critical housing shortage, and at the same time provide employment. As a result most of these have stalled, and little of the millions allocated to finance them has been spent.

## Caution over 'election stunt'

THE decision to shelve plans for Norweto was welcomed yesterday, although there was suspicion that it might simply be an election ploy by government.

The Greenbelt Action Group said: "We accept the move if it means that Norweto as a lump will not happen. But if it is a case of shifting the posts, then government will have us to reckon with. If we find that it shows sympathy for people in the area, then it is welcome. But if it is an election ploy, we will spend time making it

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known we are around."

PFP's Pieter Schoeman, who is contesting the new constituency of North Rand, said if the idea was scrapped then it was victory for all who had fought against it.

"But if it is an election stunt, we will see through it and fight on."

NP candidate A C Grobler said the PFP and the CP were making an issue over something that was not final.

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# Norweto plans shelved

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. —

The government has shelved plans for a black township north of Johannesburg.

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday the plans for Norweto would not proceed "at this stage".

The minister said a "large number" of representations had been submitted and he believed that the Guide Plan Committee's recommendations should be considered "within the wider metropolitan context".

He therefore could not consider the proposal of a township in the vicinity of Diepsloot "at this stage", but consultants would be appointed to assist in evaluating possible sites for township development in a wider context.

Mr Nick Taylor, a vice-president of the Greenbelt Action Group which opposes the development, said: "We accept the move if it means that Norweto as a lump will not happen. But if it is a case of shifting the posts, then government will have us to reckon with."

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# Council police rebel

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JOHANNESBURG. — The newly-appointed administrator of Tembisa Town Council and his public relations officer have been kicked out of the council chambers by their own police and workers.

The two officials were told on Tuesday "never to set their feet" there again unless they addressed the workers' grievances and changed their "negative" attitude towards rent defaulters.

This is the second time Tembisa municipal police have rebelled — they previously went on strike for more pay.

Mr Solomon More was appointed administrator by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, after the collapse of the council following the rent boycott last year.

# Norweto is 'shelved but not scrapped'

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By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Plans for Norweto are still alive.

A final decision on the proposed town for 250 000 blacks north of Johannesburg has been shelved but not scrapped, said Mr Piet Rossouw, chief director of the Department of Physical Planning yesterday.

This clears up possible misunderstanding about what was intended by a press release issued by the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, on Tuesday.

Mr Rossouw said the Norweto site "will be considered as an alternative after studies by the consultants who will look at all relevant sites".

Whether the town actually got off the ground depended on the recommendations of consultants who would be appointed by Mr Heunis to evaluate sites for township development in the Greater PWV Area.

Mr Rossouw said no decision had been taken about the date of the appointment of the consultants. He could not say when they would be appointed or whether their recommendations would be made before the general election in May.

Meanwhile the National Party candidate in the North Rand constituency, Mr Attie Grobler, said the postponement was "in line with the feelings" of the NP in North Rand.

"I will not object to Norweto if this is proved to be the best area. But other areas must first be looked at," he said.

Mr Grobler said this view was not in conflict with the NP or the Government.

It had been clearly stated that the concept of Norweto was not NP or government policy.

It was merely a recommendation by the Draft Guide Plan for the Central Witwatersrand, he said.

The Progressive Federal Party and Conservative Party candidates in the North Rand constituency, Mr Pieter Schoeman and Mr Piet de la Rey, have already dismissed the postponement of plans for Norweto as an election ploy.

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NORWETO

# Heunis thinks again

Government's controversial Norweto township proposal has been put on ice. Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis says further investigation is to be undertaken. Predictably, cynics are saying government is effectively de-politicising the issue ahead of the elections.

The proposals for a new black township north of Johannesburg are contained in the Draft Guide Plan for the Central Witwatersrand. When published last year, it brought heated opposition from affected residents and was clearly going to be the main election issue in surrounding constituencies.

Heunis now says a large number of representations have been received concerning a range of matters referred to in the plan "especially with regard to the identification of land for the residential needs of the various population groups."

He points out that, according to the plan, about 14 000 ha of additional land is needed by the year 2000 to provide for black housing at existing densities. To provide this, the guide plan proposes the "rounding off" of existing townships and the earmarking of 3 500 ha at Diepsloot (Norweto).

But Heunis says he is now convinced that it is necessary to consider the recommendations of the plan "within the wider metropolitan context," and bearing in mind the recommendations of the White Paper on Urbanisation published last year.

for new black townships "in the wider regional context." Related issues such as socio-economic conditions, transport, job opportunities, the environment and development costs will also have to be considered.

After these investigations government will be able to give further consideration to the Norweto plan, as well as the guide plans for the four adjoining regions. Heunis says government appreciates that the identification of land for "the various population groups" is a "sensitive" matter, which will have to be handled "with the greatest circumspection."

The new investigation is being treated as urgent and the findings should be known later this year, according to an official in Heunis's department.



**Heunis . . . bearing  
in mind the wider context**

"In this process, it is important that all alternatives be thoroughly investigated and considered. I can therefore not at this stage further consider the proposal with regard to a new township for blacks in the vicinity of Diepsloot," he says.

To achieve orderly urbanisation, he adds, the timeous identification of land for township development, especially for blacks, in a wider regional context, is essential.

With this in mind, Heunis says he has approved the appointment of consultants to assist government to evaluate possible sites

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Armed 'guerrillas' terrorise township

# It's war in Alex as patrols become targets

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SUSPECTED trained insurgents and the SA security forces are engaged in a deadly cat and mouse game to control one of South Africa's oldest townships, Alexandra, north of Johannesburg.

With one white businessman already murdered in the crossfire, industrial and commercial concerns bordering this area share the thought uppermost in township residents' minds — where will the Soviet-armed group strike next?

The killing of Portuguese shop-owner José Manuel Alves Coelho has shocked the white business community of Wynberg, an industrial area bordering on Alexandra.

A tense atmosphere hangs over this area since the death of Coelho, who was gunned down with a Scorpion machine-pistol in daylight by two men while busy at his shop, Ace Fast Foods.

## Wounded corporal

Members of the SADF have on several occasions narrowly escaped death when unidentified people fired shots at them.

In the first attack on December 15 last year, a man brandishing a

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Scorpion fired 14 shots at an SADF patrol vehicle, seriously wounding army Corporal Gary David Orwin.

Another member of the SADF shot and wounded with a Scorpion was Corporal A Pearce.

The attack on Pearce took place on New Year's Day.

A municipal policeman was wounded by a Scorpion in an exchange of fire on January 10.

Ace Fast Foods is now deserted.

"What happened?" I asked the Chinese owner of a butchery next door.

## Just thugs

"I don't know! Don't ask me. I don't know," she said turning her back on me.

Other business-owners in the area would also either not talk or expressed fear and concern about the situation.

Police do not believe the attackers are trained guerrillas. They think the armed men are just ordinary criminals, thugs.

But the whispers in shebeens are that these are trained insurgents who have set up a base in Alex.



Angry residents criticise Government's indecision over new township

# Norweto: political pawn

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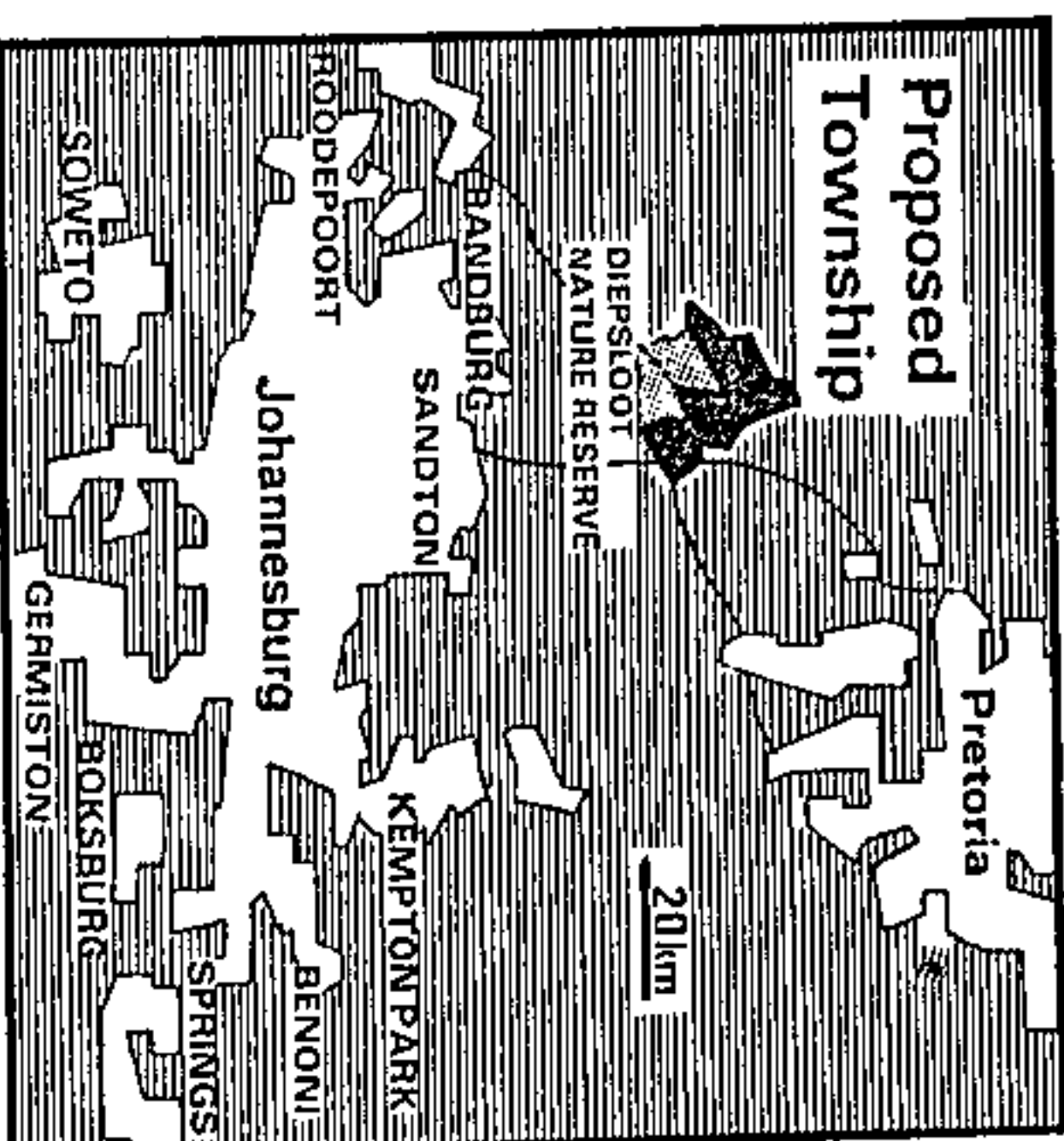
GLENDASPIRO

By its decision to shelve the plans for Norweto, the Government may have put five seats at risk in the forthcoming general election.

Residents affected by the Norweto township proposals are so incensed by the Government's indecision that they are thinking of putting up independent candidates to represent them in the election.

The chairman of the anti-Norweto Greenbelt Action Group (GAG), Mr Eric Fletcher, said that their supporters came from different sides of the political spectrum and that they did not want to be pawns in party political games.

"They feel they want to vote for the right man, not the right party. By shelving the proposals the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, has condemned these people without trial



**NORWETO:** The graphic illustrates the proposed area for the township and its impact on the surrounding areas.

to live in limbo," Mr Nick Taylor, vice-chairman of GAG, said that their response document to the Government's guide plan was drafted by experts who "proved conclusively that Norweto would be a black elephant".

## AA stops 'theft' test

The Automobile Association has scrapped its recently introduced rating system for anti-theft devices for cars.

A senior staff member at the Technical Test Centre in Johannesburg said yesterday the advisory service had been discontinued on February 6.

"We found we had become the main authority for the public for anti-theft systems," he explained. "So we wanted to make double sure of our ground before resuming the service."

● The Star's series on car security systems continues on Monday and Tuesday.

that the Government has made their homes a prison by shelving the plans to an unspecified date. Many feel that it's "just an election ploy".

"They are holding us hostage. We are being held as prisoners. We can't move. We can't sell. The've left us all in limbo," said Dr Richard Lepington-Clarke who lives in Doornidje, in the middle of the proposed Norweto scheme.

Of the shelving of the plan he said: "If the Government can't make up its mind about Norweto, what can it make decisions about?"

Mrs Annamie Gardner, whose Roodekrans home falls 500 m outside the Norweto border, said the shelving of the plan prolonged the agony.

Estate agent Mrs Sally Foggett, said properties affected by Norweto were unsaleable and, in any event, building societies were not granting bonds.

Mr Taylor said that, because of the "ambiguity" of Mr Heunis's statement, he felt optimistic that Norweto would be scrapped.

"At the moment people want to believe that the issue is over. I think that's the impression the Government wants to create because of the election," he said.

But Mr Piet Roussouw, chief director of the Department of Physical Planning, said after Mr Heunis's statement that the Norweto proposal, which would accommodate 250 000 blacks in a township north of Johannesburg, had been "shelved but not scrapped".

## Father prevents suicide bid

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"Yolandi" (31), who opened her heart to The Saturday Star yesterday, said her husband, a karate expert, lived a double life with another woman and occasionally returned to beat her up.

He would not allow her to work and "Yolandi", who left school at 16 because she was pregnant, said she had to make do with the R180 a month he paid her for food, and R100 for the children from which she had to buy their clothes.

"My husband left me on Wednesday night saying that he was going to sort out his feelings and decide whether to carry on with our marriage or not.

"I decided I could no longer stand living a life of fear — waiting for him to come home drunk and beat me up.

"I knew if I took my own life, the other woman would have my children, so I thought it would be better for all of us to die," she said.

She said Mr Coetzer had persuaded her life was still worth living.

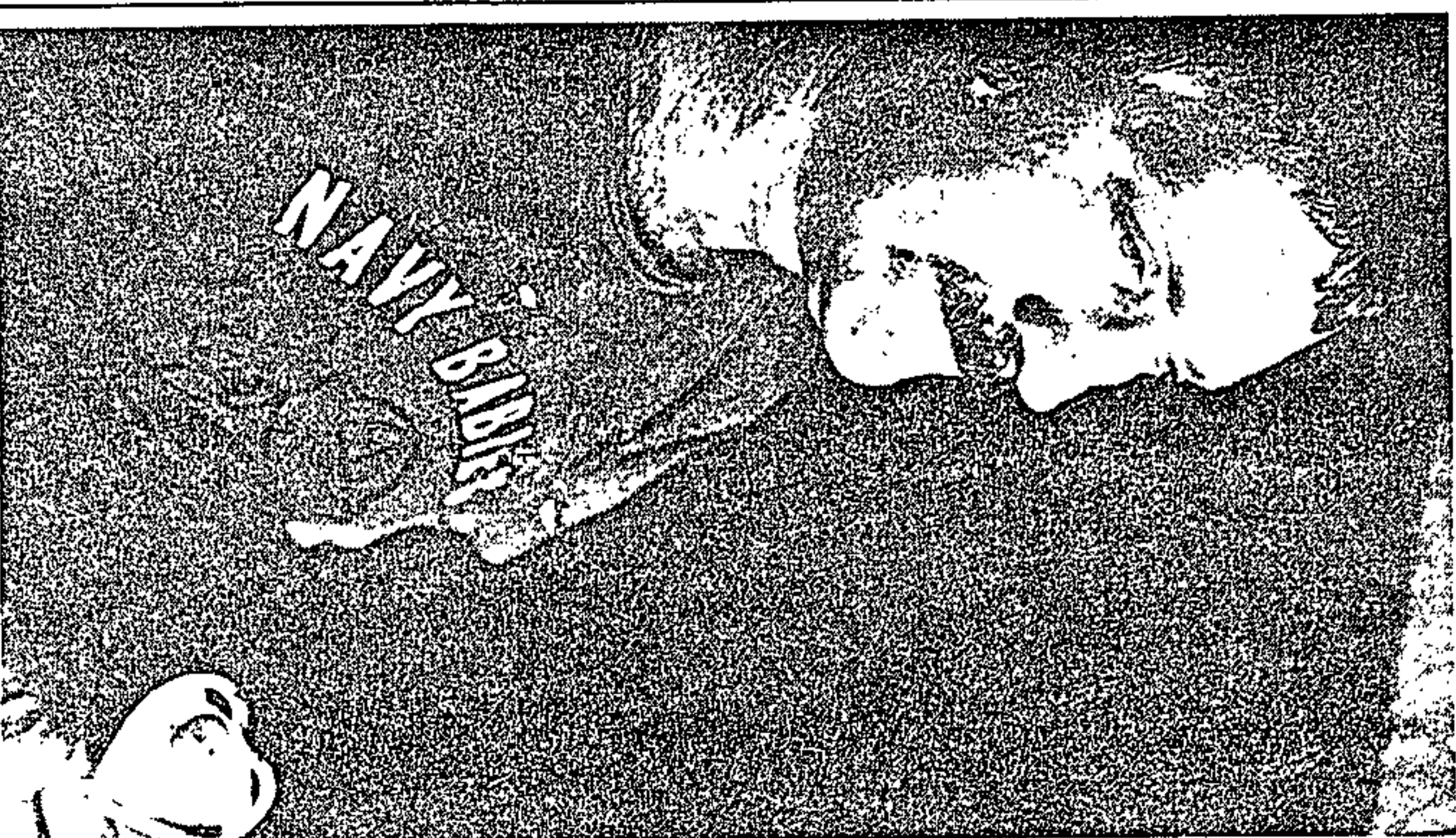
"What a fine man he is to help me in the midst of so much grief of his own."

Ironically the man who rescued his granddaughter and "Yolandi" might never see his grandchild again. His daughter was issued with a summons for a divorce six weeks before her death, with the child's father claiming custody.

Little Cindy is now in the care of welfare authorities.

Mr Coetzer denied allegations that he was seeking vengeance from his son-in-law.

The final chapter of the love story that went wrong will be played out today when Mrs Moodman is buried at the West Park cemetery on St Valentine's Day.



**GRIEF-STRIKEN GRANDDAD:** Mr Dawid Coetzer with a photograph of little Cindy — the child he might never hug again.

## WEEKEND!



St Valentine's  
true SA love story

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# My First Class



# 'Council must go'

CLIPPER 302  
BY SELLO SERIFE 15/2/87 (256)

THE East Rand People's Organisation this week called on the Thokoza Town Council to dissolve.

The call follows the disclosure three weeks ago that council officials have misused or misappropriated council funds collected from residents in rent fees.

Erapo also demanded that suspended town clerk Doris Thinane - who faces a charge of theft following the disappearance of council funds - and other council officials had to stop handling community affairs, that rent be reduced to R5, that detainees be released and that the SADF withdrawn from the township.

Acting mayor Jacob Sekete announced that the council appointed JB Oostenbrunk as acting treasurer following the resignation of Willem Hanekom.

Both Thinane and mayor Gerald Mamabolo, who have both been suspended, will appear in court on February 20.

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## Call on councillors to return to Soweto

JOHANNESBURG. — A meeting held at Soweto's Orlando East township yesterday called on the fugitive Soweto councillors to come back and lead the people from within.

Speakers among the 2 500 conservative people at the Communal Hall complained that they did not know whom to take their problems to and urged the councillors to come and be seen among the people they were supposed to lead.

Twenty-two councillors fled last year to live at Octavia Flats in Fordsburg after their lives had been threatened and some had their houses burnt.

Only five councillors, including the mayor, Mr Nelson Botile, and the Housing Committee chairman, Mr Letsatsi Radebe, have remained.

A weekend report said the councillors were now going to move into 12-roomed houses at Orlando Power Park, near Soweto.

Mr Radebe said in an interview after the meeting that Johannesburg City Council had handed the land over to the Soweto Council and the councillors would be responsible for rent-payment.



# Soweto to get 8 000 new phones

Pretoria Bureau

Soweto is to get about 8 000 new telephones during the next few months to bring the total to more than 50 000.

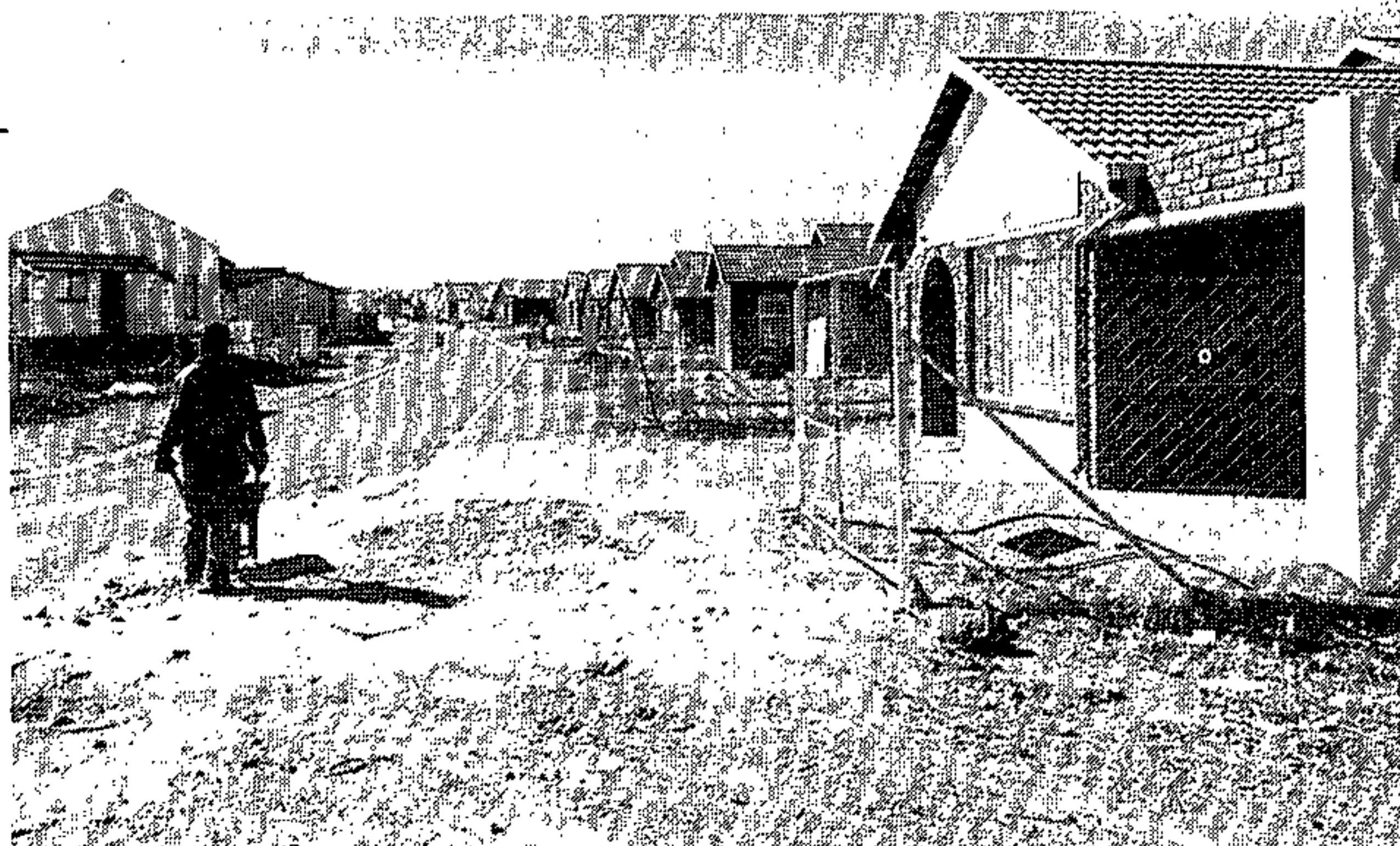
A spokesman for the Post Office said yesterday 2 300 phones would be installed in the Iketlo postal area of Meadowlands by the end of next month and 3 777 in Emdeni by the end of April.

He said Protea would have 1 666 new phones during the third quarter of the year.

Work on cables and electricity supply was being completed to make this possible, he added.

The spokesman said Soweto had 43 244 private telephones and 327 pay phones, and there was a waiting list of 16 536.

The Postmaster-General, Mr W T B Ridgard, said in his annual report for 1985/86 that there was a waiting list of 185 000 telephones countrywide.



**New Norweto housing ... looking for alternatives**

## NORWETO

### Where now?

So government is having another look at its plans for Norweto, the new black town it proposes north of Johannesburg.

Even if the final decision is to drop it, however, the fact remains that another large black dormitory town is needed. And if not Norweto, where?

Sites as far afield as Bronkhorstspuit have been suggested. But a 900 ha township being developed by Mondorp on ground it owns with Group 5 north of Tembisa, is being put forward by some as a part-alternative. Some 187 ha are held by Group 5 and the balance is part of a 1 100 ha spread owned by Mondorp.

It has not yet been named, but development prospects are already causing some excitement among town planners.

The idea is to create a fully integrated township, unlike Soweto or Tembisa, with all

the trimmings — parks, recreational facilities, schools and even shopping centres.

When completed, it will consist of about 20 000 residential stands. Mondorp executive director Phil Marais says the township will help alleviate the black accommodation problem, although he concedes it will not be anywhere near the size of Norweto.

The Mondorp-Group 5 township will be developed in "townships" or phases of 300 stands at a time, which will be introduced to the market in line with demand.

The application for the first township, which is being delayed by negotiations over a school site, will be lodged within the next month.

Mondorp and Group 5 will develop the initial phase themselves "to create the character we want in the township." They plan to sell the houses and stands as package deals from R30 000.

"It is most definitely a profit-making development. We aren't being subsidised in any way, although many of our buyers will probably be subsidised," says Marais.

Unlike the shelved Norweto, the Mondorp township will not have any infrastructural problems. The developers will have to build the roads, but Midrand will be able to supply

the first phase with water from its own reservoir. Thereafter, the developers will have to supply their own water resources.

There should be no shortage of jobs for residents, Marais believes. The area is "a natural" for Clayville industrial township. And as it is on the Johannesburg-Pretoria railway line, it will offer job opportunities for residents in both those areas and the east Rand, he reckons.

South of Johannesburg, meanwhile, town planner Fanie Haacke, of the Haacke Belling Partnership, says he has been trying to find a site for principals who want to develop an upmarket township for blacks. But although about 10 000 squatters, who pay no rent, live on the site, the owners are unrealistically pricing it out of the market.

Looking at the general area north of Johannesburg, he says that Brits, where about 70% of the factories are vacant, would offer some relief. Haacke says this area has the necessary infrastructure and residential accommodation could be expanded along with the provisions of job opportunities at relatively low cost.

Industrial land with rail facilities can be bought in Brits for R6/m<sup>2</sup>, he points out. And, because it is a border area, government grants industrialists worthwhile concessions.

The proposed Brits-Pretoria-Bronkhorstspuit industrial development axis "could be an exciting area if properly developed." And he sees Rosslyn, outside Pretoria, as another suitable site for providing jobs, with nearby Bophuthatswana being used as the dormitory.

The problem there is that ground is privately owned and also highly priced.

Haacke admits that "all this smacks of segregation, but while the Group Areas Act remains in force, it is probably the best solution."

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By SOL MORATHI

A HUNDRED-percent increase in service charges will soon be implemented in Mamelodi Township, Pretoria.

The local town council said in a statement this week that spiralling inflation costs has forced them to increase the tariffs.

The council also cited escalating costs in buying bulk supplies of electricity, water and sewerage services from the Pretoria City Council as one of the reasons.

The last tariff adjustment, the council said, were introduced on July 1, 1984. Since then, the Pretoria City Council has increased its tariffs by 90% for elec-

## Service charges rocket

tricity, 53,6% for water and 40,6% for sewerage.

"In practical terms this means the average resident's electricity cost for a 15amp supply, which has remained unchanged at R21,15 a month since July 1984, will now have to increase to R41,15 to meet the increased changes which have been carried by the Council," the statement

said. Recently the council threatened to evict people who have not been paying rent since November 1985.

It urged those who have genuine complaints or problems to come forward.

Mamelodi is the third Pretoria township to increase service charges after GaRankuwa and Atteridgeville recently increased tariffs.

There were complaints from most Atteridgeville residents about the hikes. Many said the fees were high and they could not afford to pay them, while others said the council had not consulted them beforehand.



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(i) (a) and (b): The number of houses which are built by the national states and private owners are not known.

(c) The South African Government has implemented selfbuild schemes within all the national states and no longer builds family housing units.

(ii) It is not possible to indicate when the houses will be completed as it is an on-going process.

#### Johannesburg/Greater Soweto

442. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) How many persons were moved from the (a) Johannesburg municipal area and (b) Greater Soweto area in 1986 to (i) national states and (ii) independent Black states;

(2) how many of these persons (a) moved voluntarily and (b) were moved (i) by decree, (ii) by court order and (iii) in terms of other legal provisions?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) (a) 21

(i) 13

(ii) 8

(b) 14

(i) 10

(ii) 4

(2) (a) 35

(b) (i), (ii) and (iii) None.

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#### Children's homes

443. Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) (a) How many (i) State and (ii) privately administered children's homes were there for Black children in the Republic as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) how many children were accommodated in these homes as at that date;

(2) whether there is a shortage of such accommodation for Black children; if so, (a) what is the nature of the shortage and (b) what steps are to be taken to overcome such shortage?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

1. (a) (i) None.

(ii) Ten.

(b) 775 (31 January 1987).

2. Yes.

(a) For the age group 0-6 years, and children's homes to serve the Orange Free State, Eastern Cape and Western Cape.

(b) Private organisations that are interested in the care of children in need of care, are encouraged to establish such facilities. A State children's home at So-shanguve just north of Pretoria, is planned for 200 children and the erection thereof will commence during the 1987-88 financial year. A children's home at Grahamstown will be erected later this year by SOS Children Villages.

#### Prisoners on hire

444. Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Justice:

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(a) What was the total number of work-days spent by prisoners on hire to private persons, including farmers, in 1986 and (b) what was the total amount which accrued to the Prisons Service as payment in that year?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(a) 301. Prisoners only work for half a day on Saturdays. These were however considered as normal work days for the purpose of calculating this total.

(b) An amount of R1 685 157,19 regarding prison labour to hirers was received from 3 January 1986 to 29 December 1986. These monies were paid into the State Revenue Fund.

#### Pregnant women in detention

445. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) Whether any women approaching full-term pregnancy were being detained in prisons in terms of (a) emergency regulations and (b) the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (i) how many and (ii) what arrangements have been made to care for these women (aa) during their pregnancy and (bb) when their babies are delivered;

(2) how many babies were born in prisons to women detained in terms of emergency regulations and the Internal Security Act during the latest specified 12-month period for which information is available?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) On 17 February 1987 the statistics of women who were eight (8) months and longer pregnant, are as follows:

(a) (i) Four.

(b) (i) None.

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(a) and (b), (ii), (aa) and (bb) The South African Prisons Service places a high premium on the medical treatment of all persons entrusted to its care. In this regard the nursing staff of the Prisons Service are guided by medical practitioners and their prescriptions and orders are carried out closely. This includes general treatment which can be provided in the prison and prison hospitals, hospitalising in private or provincial hospitals and treatment by specialists. This approach also applies to pregnant women.

(2) None. Two babies were, however born in hospitals outside prisons to which the mothers were referred by medical practitioners for the births. Both mothers were detainees in terms of the emergency regulations. In terms of Prisons Regulation 94, a female prisoner may be permitted to have her baby with her in prison during the period of lactation and for such further period as may be necessary, subject to such conditions as are prescribed.

The necessary clothing, food, vaccinations and medical treatment in general are provided by the state. The eventual removal of the baby is, furthermore, subject to a certificate by a medical practitioner that the child, if separated from the mother, will not suffer mentally or physically.

#### Pregnant women in detention

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

(1) Whether any women approaching full-term pregnancy were being detained in police station cells in terms of (a) emergency regulations and (b) the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (i) how many and (ii) what arrangements have been made to care



tion 77 or 78 of the Criminal Procedure Act, No 51 of 1977, and (b) did the court find that persons were not capable of understanding the court proceedings or were not criminally responsible for their acts as a result of mental illness or mental defects?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(a) 1 507.

(b) 286.

**Prisoners in mental institutions**

399. Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Justice:

How many sentenced prisoners were transferred to mental institutions in 1986?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

Thirty two (32). This figure includes three (3) prisoners who were admitted to the hospital prisons for psychopaths in terms of Section 30 of the Mental Health Act, 1973 (Act No 18 of 1973) as amended.

**Loss**

400. Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

What was the total loss incurred by the South African Transport Services in the 1985-86 financial year in respect of (a) (i) first-class, (ii) second-class and (iii) third-class mainline services and (b) (i) first-class and (ii) third-class suburban services?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

The total estimated loss in respect of each of the categories is as follows:

R-million

(a) (i) 35.

(ii) 110.

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(iii) 161  
39 (Catering services).

(b) (i) 246.

(ii) 300.

**Alexandra Township**

401. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(a) How many persons in Alexandra Township applied in each year for 99-year leases from the inception of the leasehold scheme to 31 December 1986 and (b) how many of these applications had been granted as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(a) 1985 ..... 84 persons

1986 ..... 21 persons

Total ..... 105 persons

(b) 105 as at 31 December 1986.

**Deportations/repatriations**

402. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

(a) How many persons in each population group were deported and/or repatriated from the Republic in 1986 and (b) (i) in terms of what legislation and (ii) to which states were they so (aa) deported and (bb) repatriated?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

The hon member is kindly referred to sections 16, 43, 44 and 45 of the Administration of Persons to the Republic Regulation Act, 1972 (Act 59 of 1972) which empowers an immigration officer in one instance and the Minister of Home Affairs in other instances to order the removal of persons who are not South African citizens by birth from the Republic. It is as-

sumed that the hon member had these removals in mind when he referred to deportations and repatriations in his question.

(a) Whites ..... 29

Blacks ..... 32 242

(b) (i) Sections 16, 43 and 45 of Act 59 of 1972.

(ii) Whites (aa) and (bb)

United Kingdom ..... 15

USA ..... 3

Austria ..... 1

Greece ..... 1

The Netherlands ..... 1

Germany ..... 7

Malawi ..... 1

29

(16 in terms of section 43; 8 in terms of section 45 and 5 in terms of section 16.)

Blacks (aa) and (bb)

Transkei ..... 11

Zimbabwe ..... 2 543

Swaziland ..... 674

Lesotho ..... 2 599

Mocambique ..... 19 083

Malawi ..... 37

Botswana ..... 7 289

Tanzania ..... 3

Zambia ..... 1

Zaire ..... 2

32 242

(24 in terms of section 43; 2 in terms of section 45 and 32 216 in terms of section 16.)

Asians (aa) and (bb)

India via Kenya ..... 2

(both in terms of section 16.)

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**Publications Act**

403. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

(1) Whether, in 1986, any items were submitted in terms of the Publications Act, No 42 of 1974, for a decision on whether such items would be considered to be undesirable on the ground of (a) bringing any section of the inhabitants of the Republic into ridicule or contempt and (b) being harmful to the relations between sections of the inhabitants of the Republic; if so, how many in each case;

(2) whether in that year any of these items were found to be undesirable in terms of section 47 (2) (c) and (d), respectively; if so, how many in each case?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

(1) It is not possible to give such an analysis. When the Directorate is requested to examine an "item" under the Act, it concerns the matter of undesirability or otherwise and seldom if ever there is reference to one of the particular paragraphs of section 47 (2) of the Publications Act. Recording is consequently not done on this basis.

(2) Yes. 47 (2) (d) 7 publications.

**Publications Act**

404. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether the possession of any publications or objects was declared prohibited in 1986 in terms of section 9 (3) of the Publications Act, No 42 of 1974; if so, how many publications or objects in terms of section 47 (2) (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f), respectively?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

Yes. Section 47 (2) (a) 12; (b) 1; (c) nil; (d) 1; (e) 40; (f) nil.



## The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

On 9 February 1987, the figures were as follows:

- (a) 262.  
(b) 280.

## Curfew regulations

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

How many persons in the Republic were arrested in 1986 for offences in terms of curfew regulations?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Because all measures that controlled movement of people in this category, in the Republic, were repealed, I do not consider it of any avail to furnish information that is no longer relevant.

## Curfew regulations

303. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice:

How many persons in the Republic were prosecuted under curfew regulations in 1986?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

The information is not readily available in the Department.

## 99-year leases

304. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(a) How many persons in Soweto proper, Dobsonville and Diep Meadow applied in 1986 for (i) 99-year leases and (ii) leave to purchase property under freehold title and (b) how many such applications had been granted in each case as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

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## The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (a) (i) 2 522.

(ii) nil.

- (b) Soweto—1 657 as at 31 December 1986

Diepmeadow—664 as at 31 December 1986

Dobsonville—201 as at 31 December 1986

## Prison warders

305. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice:

- (1) Whether any charges of assault were laid by prisoners against prison warders in 1986; if so, how many charges;

- (2) whether departmental inquiries were held into these charges; if not, why not; if so, what were the findings;

- (3) whether any persons were convicted; if so, how many?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

- (1) Yes, a total of 1 592 complaints of alleged assault was received and registered.

- (2) Yes. The South African Prisons Service regards every complaint of an alleged assault on a prisoner by a member of the Prisons Service, no matter how petty, in a very serious light. In terms of the Standing Prisons Service Orders, every complaint of alleged assault must be registered in the appropriate register and properly investigated by the Commanding Officer.

Likewise, the assault on personnel by prisoners is also not tolerated and offenders are strictly dealt with.

In respect of 1 175 of the complaints of alleged assault on prisoners by members, no substance could be found after thorough investigation to institute charges against any member of the Prisons Service. Of the remain-

## The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

ing 417 complaints a total of 82 was referred to the South African Police for further investigation while 335 complaints resulted in departmental hearings in terms of Prison Regulation 71 (1) (th) read with Section 53 of the Prisons Act, 1959 (Act No. 8 of 1959).

- (3) The results of the formal charges were as follows:

*Trials in terms of Prison Regulation 71 (1) (th) read with Section 53 of the Prisons Act:*

87 Members were found guilty on 83 charges.

197 Members were found not guilty on 179 charges.

73 Charges involving 77 members are still in the process of finalisation.

*Complaints investigated by the South African Police:*

1 Member was found guilty on 1 charge.

24 Members were found not guilty on 11 charges.

In 2 cases involving 3 members the court cases have not yet been completed.

The Attorney-General refused to prosecute in 42 cases involving 64 members.

In 26 cases involving 50 members the outcome of the South African Police investigation or the Attorney-General's decision is not yet available.

## Prison warders/prisoners

306. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice:

- (1) Whether any prison warders were (a) killed and (b) seriously injured by prisoners in 1986; if so, (i) how many and (ii) in which prisons;

- (2) whether any prisoners were (a) killed and (b) seriously injured by fellow prisoners in that year; if so, (i) how many and (ii) in which prisons?

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- (1) (a) No, no member of the SA Prisons Service was killed by prisoners during 1986. (i) and (ii) Fall away.

- (b) Yes. (i) and (ii). Thirty-two (32) members of the SA Prisons Service were seriously injured by prisoners during 1986 at the prisons mentioned below and a further 166 members received medical treatment/consultations for minor injuries sustained as a result of assaults by prisoners:

Barberton  
Bethal  
Brandvlei  
De Aar  
Durban  
George  
Groenpunt  
Grootevlei  
Kynsna  
Leeuwkop  
Leslie  
Nodderbee  
Pietermaritzburg  
Pollsmoor  
Pretoria  
St Albans  
Witbank

(2) (a) Yes. (i) and (ii). All deaths in prisons, where a medical practitioner is unable to certify that the prisoner died as a result of natural causes, are dealt with in terms of Section 86 of the Prisons Act, 1959 (No 8 of 1959).

During 1986, 16 prisoners were killed by fellow prisoners at the following prisons:

Pretoria  
Witbank  
Barberton Medium B  
Barberton Medium A  
Standerton Medium B  
Pietermaritzburg Medium A  
Mosselbay  
Victor Verster Medium B  
Rawsonville

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# Power Park a fortified bunker, says Leon

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg's sale of the township of Power Park for R4,8 million to Soweto was described last night as the provision of a "fortified bunker" for Soweto councillors.

The attack by Mr Tony Leon (PFP) came during a stormy Johannesburg city council meeting when details of the sale of 146 stands adjoining Soweto were tabled.

It is planned to house 32 of the 36 black Soweto councillors, as well as black members of Johannesburg's security force and some policemen, in Power Park.

Mr Leon reminded the council that the sale was said to have taken place to "solve Soweto's difficulties".

The difficulty was that, in view of the Soweto situation, the councillors were being housed outside the area (in Octavia Hill flats), while in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982 they had to reside within the township or lose office.

He labelled the sale of the "fortified bunker to Soweto" as the way in which "the black local authority of Soweto could make its last stand". Part of the problem was the authority's combination of "powerlessness and lack of credibility".

It was the Government's task to see that black political rights achieved fulfilment only at third tier level, he said.

The Government listened to nobody except the entrenched leadership of the black local authorities, but one could not say this was talking to Soweto.

There existed a cycle of institutional and informal violence. He denounced not only ANC violence but that inflicted by "vigilantes in balaclavas".

Management committee chairman Mr Francois Oberholterm told Mr Leon not to slam councillors legally elected. If forced to resign, 80 percent of black councillors in South Africa would have no income.

"Many were once successful businessmen but they have been boycotted and face unemployment if they left the council."



# Council wants better pay for its police

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THE Katlehong Town Council has requested an urgent meeting with the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, to discuss the salary structure of their policemen.

The council has also requested the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, to attend the meeting. The request follows a strike by about 400 Katlehong municipal policemen last October who were demanding a salary increase.

Following the two-day strike on October 28 and 29 in which cars,

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

council property and two houses belonging to councillors were damaged by the rampaging policemen, 115 of them were detained under the emergency regulations.

After their release from detention a month later the policemen were dismissed by the Katlehong council. They have not yet been replaced.

Mr Thami Siluma, the mayor of Katlehong, yesterday said the council has sent two telegrams to Mr Heunis in Cape Town demanding an urgent meeting to discuss the salary structure of their policemen.

He said the telegrams were sent on February 5 and on Tuesday this week.

"We have not received any response from Mr Heunis and we will send him another telegram demanding an urgent meeting. If he doesn't respond we will have no alternative but

to fly to Cape Town and confront him there.

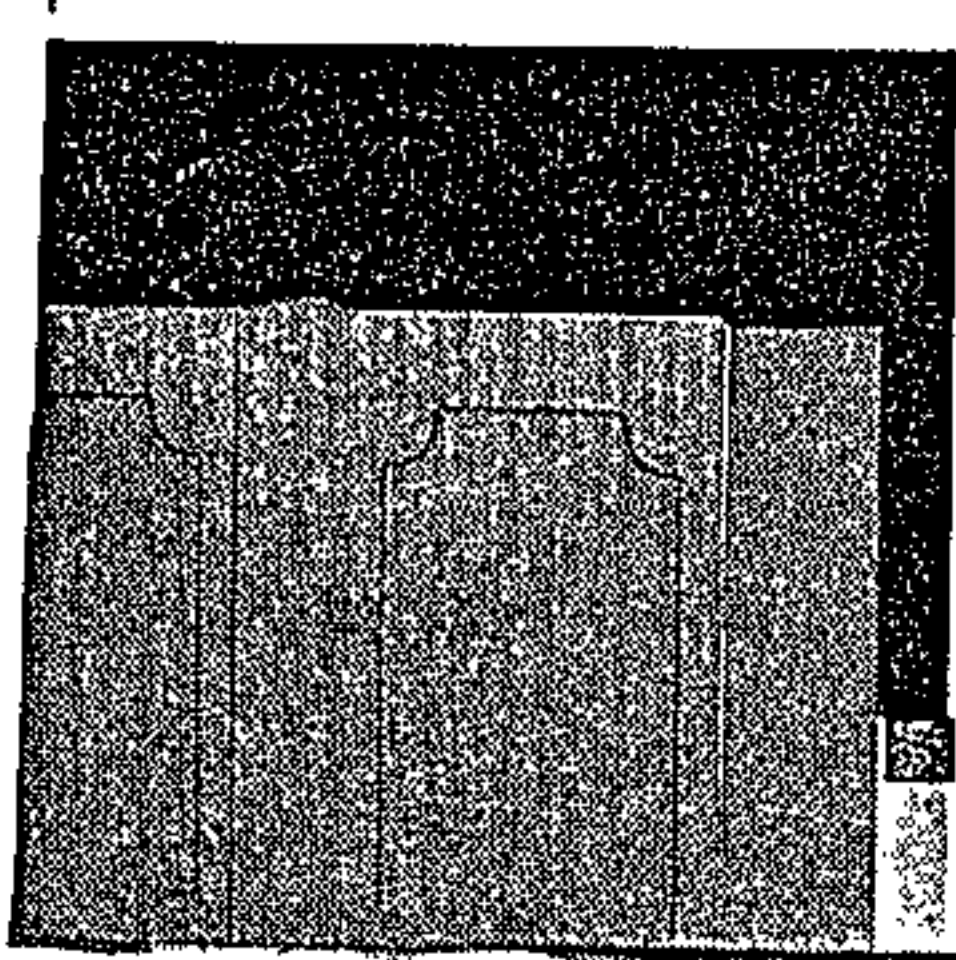
"We want council policemen throughout the country to earn better salaries," Mr Siluma added.

He said since December last year council policemen and members of the South African Police received the same training. He said: "There is no reason why SAP members should earn more than council policemen."

"We will demand from the Minister that municipal policemen should earn the same as SAP members."

Mr Siluma said he has been negotiating with the Government on this matter since last October but has received no response.

Council policemen earn a minimum salary of R276,50 and a maximum of R1 878,50 a month. Eight percent of the money comes from the Government and the rest comes from the black authorities.



# Township talks of 'iron fist rule'

By Rich Mkhondo

A Ratanda man who was admitted to Natalspruit Hospital after he was shot in the back and had his legs run over by a car is one of the victims of what residents described as an "iron fist rule" imposed by the local village council.

According to residents of the township near Heidelberg, the "notorious" village council is using council police to conduct a reign of terror in which residents have been sjambokked.

The first victim was Mr Joseph Moloi, who was sjambokked to death in December.

The latest victim, Mr Sipho Mazibuko, is at Natalspruit Hospital with serious injuries after he was allegedly shot and had a car driven over his legs.

## Sunset is end for squatters

By Adele Baleta

As the sun went down yesterday the atmosphere was desperate at the Kibler Park squatter camp.

The corrugated iron shanty settlement is home to 60 people, including 23 children.

It is due to be demolished today.

Wringing her hands, Mrs Hazel Mpongwane said: "I have lived here

children are a little older."

Mrs Rosetta Manxiwa, who has three children and works as a domestic servant in Mondeor, came to Johannesburg from Transkei two months ago.

"We decided to live here because it is close to where I work. But now I don't know where we'll go.

"If we go to the forests,

A police sergeant at Ratanda dismissed residents' complaints as a "smear campaign against the council police".

"I know Sipho Mazibuko's case. Did he tell you what he did?

"We are getting calls from all over the country, some from Mrs Helen Suzman's office, complaining about our behaviour. There is no sinister behaviour we are engaged in," he said.

Residents interviewed alleged:

- Council police were sjambokking people at will, without proper reasons or cause.
- The local council, assisted by the police, have imposed an "unofficial" curfew, and people have been warned not to be in the streets after 9 pm.
- During patrols, victims are forced to roll over again and again on the ground while they are being sjambokked.
- Council police were collecting rent and service charges from the hostel, and instead of taking rent defaulters to court, they beat them "savagely".

A local priest, the Rev Ros Olivier, said the community feared the situation would continue unabated and more people would lose their lives.

"If the situation is left to continue as it does, I am afraid people are going to react with counter-violence, and others will call it an unrest situation," he said.

### CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

Ratanda mayor Mr Morgan Sibaya declined to comment.

A spokesman for the SAP public relations directorate in Pretoria said as the members allegedly involved in assaults were council policemen they could not comment on their actions.

"However, should any person feel that he has a legitimate criminal complaint, then he should be advised to lodge such a complaint with the SAP in order that the matter be investigated."



# Upgrading planned, but no township hospital

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by Claire Robertson, Pretoria Bureau

The recent Cabinet decision to go ahead with the construction of a R300-million teaching hospital in Pretoria has highlighted the lack of adequate facilities for the black community there.

Mamelodi, Pretoria's largest black township, has only a "day hospital" or clinic and has a crying need for a hospital, according to its mayor, Mr Bennett Ndla-zi.

In Pretoria and environs, ill or injured black people go to Garankua or Kalefong hospitals, and while no plans for a hospital in Mamelodi have been published, attention has been given to upgrading the facilities at the two huge black hospitals.

A R200-million new hospital is being built in Garankua, and R13 million additions to the Kalefong Hospital are nearing completion.

Garankua, which serves people from the entire northern Transvaal — and even has patients from as far afield as Botswana — is "always about 20 percent overcrowded", according to the superintendent.

In six years, however, a R200-million new hospital will be complete, with 1 200 beds to supplement the existing 1 600.

Professor Len Karlsson, vice-principal of the black Medical University of South Africa, said the new hospital would put teaching facilities on a par with the University of Pretoria when it was completed.

Kalefong Hospital has more patients than its 1 100 beds, but a new booking system for patients and the R13-million addition will ease this problem, say staff.

The Indian township of Laudium has a clinic and a hospital which is about half-empty at present.

## OPEN TO ALL RACES

Residents of the coloured township of Eersterust use either the H F Verwoerd or the local clinic.

Chairman of the Eersterust management committee Mr Willem Aarends said yesterday he did not so much want to see a new hospital in Eersterust as to have all Pretoria's hospitals opened to all races.

Six hundred beds in the new R300-million teaching hospital — to be built next to the 70 percent full H F Verwoerd Hospital — will replace the 600 "white" beds in the H F Verwoerd.

A further 600 beds in the new hospital will be for other race groups, as will the 1 200 "old" beds in the H F Verwoerd.

Pretoria's 370 000 whites will thus be served by the new hospital, the whites-only hospital in Pretoria West — rarely full, let alone overcrowded — and eight private nursing homes and hospitals in the city.

The private hospitals, nursing homes and clinics are also open to black people who can afford them.

Provincial government officials have admitted there is no need for new beds for whites but, they say, the University of Pretoria needs a smarter, newer academic hospital.

The new hospital will be used to train white doctors.

The university has turned out an average of 100 doctors a year since the medical school there opened 45 years ago.

The money for the new teaching hospital does not, however, come from Pretoria. It is to be paid for from the provincial budget — the same budget that for three decades has shelved plans to provide Soweto with the New Canada Hospital to supplement overcrowded Baragwanath.

**SOWETO** City Council is to finalise negotiations today for the R4,8m purchase of Power Park, which is east of Baragwanath Hospital.

The council will also take a decision on the kind of development to take place in the area — which has always been a residential area for white municipal officials — if negotiations to buy the area from the Johannesburg City Council succeed.

Soweto town clerk Nico Malan yesterday confirmed plans to buy 82 existing houses and numerous vacant stands in the area for the purpose of housing Soweto's 30 councillors.

He said the council would take a decision at today's meeting on the kind of development to take place in the area, next to Orlando East, once it falls under Soweto's control.

Soweto housing committee chairman Julius Mdlalose said: "Thirty of the existing houses will

# Soweto to decide today on buying Power Park

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house councillors and the rest will be sold to people on the council's present housing waiting-list.

"There are several vacant plots in the area and these are to be developed as soon as the council has made its decision."

Most of the councillors to be housed in Power Park are those whose houses were destroyed during unrest in Soweto and have been given temporary accommodation in flats occupied formerly by whites in Fordsburg.

THEO RAWANA reports that Tony Leon of the PFP told the Johannesburg City Council's monthly meeting this week that the planned sale of Power Park to the Soweto

City Council was a move to create "an armed bunker" which would provide fugitive Soweto councillors with residential addresses in Soweto.

Objecting to a recommendation that the area currently housing white council employees be sold for R4,8m, Leon said: "It is not for this council to prop up authorities that are a major part of the problem in the political crisis. The councillors have little credibility and no power."

He said since the Black Authorities Act required councillors to have addresses in areas they were supposed to serve, turning the area over to Soweto would obviate forfeiture of the councillors' right to serve.



# Emergency indaba at Turf

By MATHATHA  
TSEDU

THE Senate of the University of the North was yesterday locked in an emergency meeting to discuss the disclosure in the *Sowetan* this week of a controversial and confidential report which proposed strict control measures on campus.

A spokesperson at the public relations department of the university, which indicated that a statement on the report would be issued yesterday, said the official handling the matter was in a meeting and

said a decision on the statement "could probably" depend on the outcome of the Senate meeting.

The report recommended several measures including:

- Unlimited access for security forces on campus;
- The ban on commemoration of black national day such as June 16 and March 21;
- The briefing of senior

staff members on the "revolutionary climate";

- The erection of high fences on campus and the installation of high-mast lighting; and
- The constant display of student cards and identity cards by students and staff members.

Meanwhile, as the controversy surrounding the report raged on, the university issued a circular to all students on Tuesday ordering them to "display students cards prominently on their person".

The circular said: "Student cards will permit students to attend lectures, to be served in the library, the administration and the computer centre and to be admitted into the hostels and on to campus".

The circular said the university was "determined to prosecute trespassers and added that appropriate action will be taken in the near fu-

ture".

Students who did not have students cards were "urged" to contact officers of campus control before 4.30 yesterday afternoon. The circular is seen as part of the implementation of the report's recommendations.

# Soweto councillors set for move at weekend

SOWETO councillors will move into their newly fortified housing complex — Power Park — at the weekend, they decided yesterday.

The Soweto City Council agreed to buy Power Park, previously the home of white municipal officials, for R4,8m to meet a technical requirement of their holding office.

Driven out of Soweto at the height of unrest, some of the councillors fled to flats formerly occupied by whites in Fords-

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burg.

Power Park is intended to house about 30 of Soweto's councillors.

Soweto town clerk Nico Malan said the area had 82 houses and numerous vacant stands that could be developed.

The council went into committee yesterday to discuss buying Power Park.

Earlier, in an address to the council, Johannesburg's mayor

Professor Harold Rudolph appealed for unity among all races.

"This is a significant time in which we are living. A hundred years after the discovery of gold we have Johannesburg and Soweto — two cities beating with one heart.

"The one thing that we need between the people of Soweto and Johannesburg is togetherness.

"This is the time that we must start building bridges. Our ancestors built this country and our

children will be living in this country — each one of them indispensable.

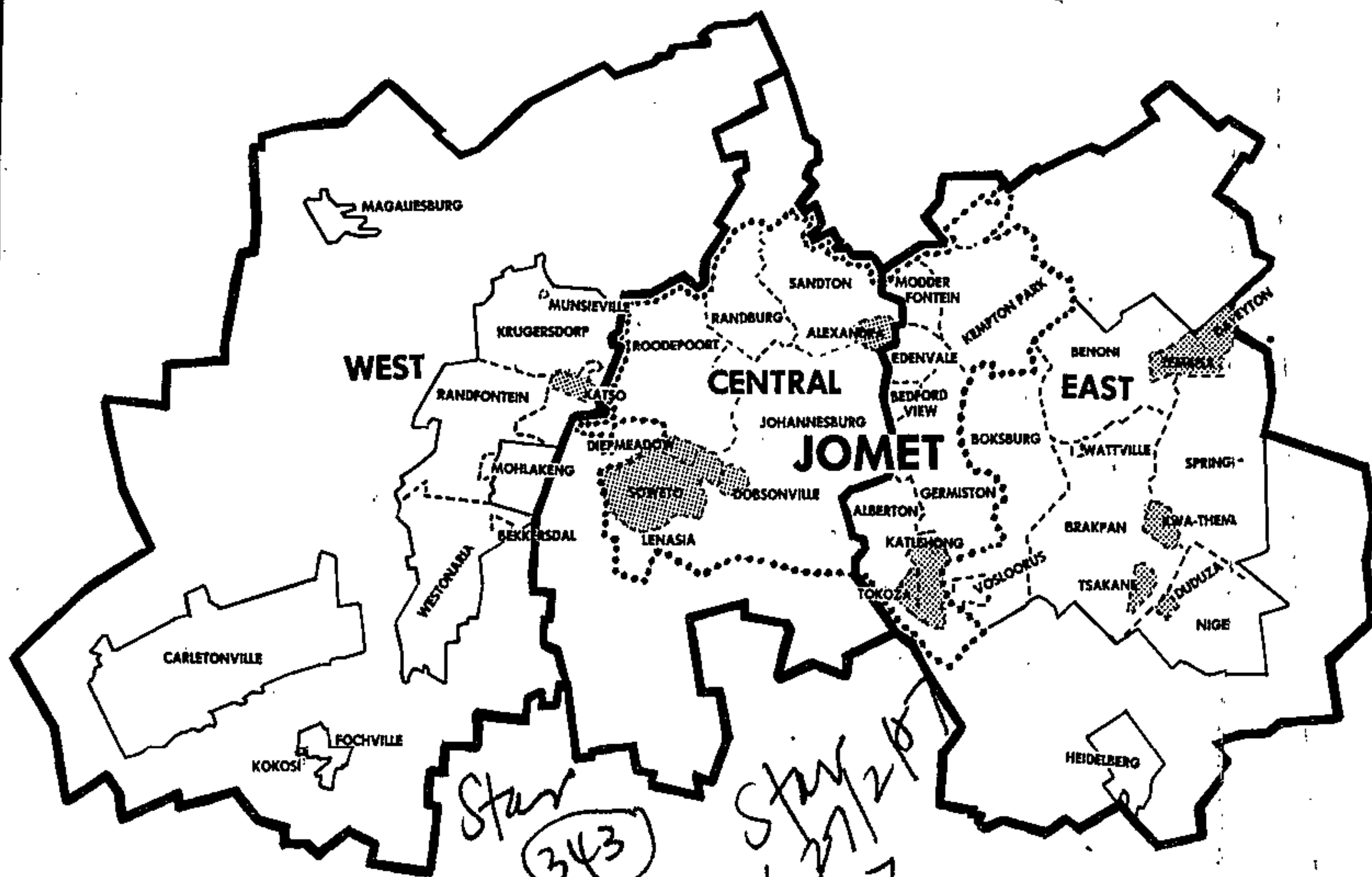
"The time has come for us to lay our hands on those things that unite us, remembering that there can be no peace in Johannesburg if there is no peace in Soweto."

Political comment in this issue by Ken Owen. Newsbills by Michael Acott. Headlines and sub-editing by Gordon Amos. All of 11 Diagonal Street, Johannesburg.

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# A disastrous proposal



There is now a proposal to make black townships into city states. The big question: will the idea work?

A city state can be an excellent device to promote good and locally responsive government in an economically bound region. Hamburg in West Germany is a good example. It has enjoyed internal autonomy since 1189 and in 1871 became a constituent state of the German Empire.

This long tradition of self-sufficiency has greatly helped Hamburg develop an outstanding metropolitan transport system and other services.

Such autonomy would be advantageous for Greater Johannesburg as a whole — but to create one artificially for its black townships alone would be disastrous.

Consider the accompanying map of the Witwatersrand, on which the black townships are shaded in. These scattered "islands" might indeed be linked constitutionally into something equivalent to a localised

## Don't give autonomy to black townships

**Nigel Mandy, urban affairs consultant and chairman of the Johannesburg Central Business District Association, looks at the new shapes proposed for the Witwatersrand region.**

"Bophuthatswana archipelago" (complete with casino?) for central government voting purposes: but for rational local government they could never be anything other than integral parts of the multiracial metropolis of the Central Witwatersrand. Mere population numbers of a particular racial group are irrelevant.

Dormitory satellite towns such as Sandton, Randburg, Roodepoort, black Soweto, Indian Lenasia and coloured Ennerdale have no separate viability. With the core city of Johannesburg they form an interdependent system.

Take Alexandra and Soweto, for example: they are separated by long distances and have few shared interests. Their inhabitants converge from different directions on central workplaces each day to earn their livings and to enjoy higher order metropolitan facilities.

The greatest problems of each municipality within a metropolis are the ones which they share: land use, roads and transport, public health and safety, work opportunities, human resource development. What happens in one affects all the others.

Retention of separate local authorities is desirable for many reasons, but the need for greater formalised co-operation and resource-sharing grows more urgent every day. The dependence of the black municipalities is greatest because — for historical and economic reasons — their own resources are grossly

inadequate to meet their needs.

The essential unity of metropolitan areas has been recognised in theory by the Government. Attempts made to put this into practice include the creation of metropolitan transport advisory boards, draft guide plan committees and the imminent establishment of regional services councils (RSCs).

During January three RSC areas — East, Central and West — were demarcated on the Witwatersrand. Their boundaries are shown on the map, together with the area of the Jomet Metropolitan Transport Advisory Board (which closely resembles the Draft Guide Plan area for the Central Witwatersrand).

Jomet's area, proclaimed in 1978, was identified by careful studies which took into account the transport "watershed" within which large numbers of people commute daily across municipal boundaries to and from their places of work. It encompasses an area bounded by Randburg and Sandton in the north, Kempton Park/Edenvale/Bedfordview/Germiston/Alberton in the east, Soweto/Lenasia in the south and Roodepoort in the west.

This economically-bound area produces one quarter of South Africa's wealth. The problems which it experiences have in large measure been aggravated by misguided central government interference from afar.

But converting it into a city state — with retention of municipalities as a lower tier of local government — would be an excellent move.

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By SOL MORATHI

MAMELODI residents have won a legal battle against service and electricity increases which came into effect on September 1, 1984.

This follows a successful application by Mamelodi resident Marcus Maredi in the Pretoria Supreme Court on Wednesday.

As a result, residents' electricity will be reconnected and they will be refunded excess money they have been paying since the increases were introduced.

## Victory for the residents

Maredi submitted that the by-law promulgating the new charges was invalid as no notice was published in Afrikaans newspapers. Notices were only published in the Pretoria News, but did not adequately set out the general purpose of

the draft by-law.

On Wednesday Judge JP Roux declared the by-law invalid and unenforceable for want of compliance with Local Authority regulations governing the making of by-laws.

He ordered the council to reconnect Maredi's electricity supply against payment of the sum of R124,41. He also ordered the council to pay the costs of the application.

The court victory comes in the midst of Mamelodi residents' boycott of rent.



# Cuts anger residents

SCORES of Atteridgeville, Pretoria, residents have threatened to take legal action against the local city council following the electricity and water supply cuts in major parts of the township at the weekend.

Residents interviewed by the *Sowetan* lashed out at the council for not

having notified them in advance about the cuts. Others said they went to work on Saturday without having washed.

"The council is taking too much advantage. It is time we united and took them to court for damages," fuming residents said.

Hundreds of women

and children travelled long distances in search of water from as early as 6am on Saturday. The electricity supply was cut at about 9.45am.

The mayor, Mr S M Mahlangu, and the town clerk, Mr Solly Ram-mala, could not be reached for comment yesterday.

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# Soweto's fortified bunker

SEVEN black councillors who fled from Soweto six months ago in fear for their lives were yesterday back in the giant township, but surrounded by wire fences and armed guards.

The councillors, regarded as sell-outs by many of the nearly two million residents of the township, were moved to an Indian suburb in nearby Johannesburg last August after one of their colleagues was brutally murdered and the homes of others attacked.

Armed municipal police yesterday escorted the seven and their families to Power Park, a luxury suburb formerly inhabited by white council employees on the outskirts of the sprawling black township.

Councillor Johnson Mokoena said he was delighted at returning to Soweto.

"There is nothing extraordinary about us

moving into the area. It has been bought by the council to accommodate council members whose houses were burned and damaged during the upheavals last year," he told reporters.

The City Press newspaper said yesterday that the Soweto City Council, which is heavily in debt, paid 4.8 million Rand (2.3 million dollars) to buy the land from the Johannesburg City Council recently.

Johannesburg opposition councillors last week opposed the sale and councillor Tony Leon labelled Power Park "a fortified bunker to Soweto".

The councillors, regarded by many blacks as supporting the country's apartheid system, became targets for attack last year after an increase in rents.

This led to a mass rent boycott, resulting in the council falling deeply in debt. — Sapa.

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Convicted on 14 counts of theft involving houses

# GUILTY MAYOR

## Squatters plan to sue



DEPUTY Mayor Jaca ... fined R3 000.

THE convicted deputy mayor of Dobsonville, Mr Alex Jaca, will be sued by the squatters who brought a case of theft, alternatively bribery against him.

This was disclosed yesterday by a spokesman for the squatters living in tents in a Dobsonville church yard. He said a lawyer would be briefed this week to handle their claim against Mr Jaca.

Mr Jaca was found guilty on 14 counts of theft, alternatively bribery by Mr P Muller in the Roodepoort Regional Court on Friday. He was sentenced to two years in jail or a fine of R3 000.

The magistrate sentenced Mr Jaca to a further 18 months suspended for five years on the same charge. He had earlier pleaded not guilty on all counts.

By MANDLA  
NDLAZI

The magistrate dismissed the evidence of five of the 19 residents after it had been found that they sat in the courtroom before they were called into the witness box.

The magistrate found that Mr Jaca had committed the crime between 1985 and last year when he received money from residents he had promised houses.

### Rejected

Witnesses told the court that Mr Jaca had pointed out that they would have to "wash" his hands if they wanted houses and that they should know "a priest of church eats".

He told them not to come to him empty handed, they said.

A spokesman, who did not wish to be named, said the squatters rejoiced after they had been told of the verdict. They unanimously decided that Mr Jaca should be sued and that a lawyer should be briefed to handle their case.

The defence lawyer, Mr J J A Borman, had earlier submitted that the Dobsonville Civic Association had influenced the residents to bring the case against Mr Jaca, but the court rejected this.



# Chosen people

## Council men and police first to get new houses

By MANDLA NDLAZI

SOWETO councillors and council police were given first preference in the allocation of the Power Park houses although there are 22 000 families on the waiting list.

The mayor, Mr Nelson Botile, said yesterday it was because of "prevailing circumstances."

He said these were the circumstances that had forced the councillors out of their houses last year. The houses had been extensively damaged when they were petrol-bombed.

These houses were damaged beyond repair and his colleagues had to be given alternative accommodation when they came out from hiding.

Mr Botile said the councillors were given these houses soon after they had been forced out of a block of flats where they had been hiding in Fordsburg for the past five months.

### Apply

His colleagues had not bought these houses because they were still to be evaluated. The amount of rent would be known as soon as the land has been evaluated.

Mr Botile said there were 75 houses in Power Park, and the councillors have occupied 22. Six have been taken over by two families of council police. He said 47 were empty.

Some of the houses could be occupied by the council's senior staff like township managers. Residents not connected with the council could also apply for the houses, said Mr Botile.

He said on January this year, the Johannesburg City Council agreed to the implementation of the recommendation and his colleagues moved into the houses about two weeks ago.

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## Help for Basotho

THE Matlama a Thesele, hopes to end Russian gangsterism, commonly called "Borashia" the chairman of the new cultural body, Mr Morero Posholi, said yesterday.

The body for Sotho-speaking people also seeks to improve living and working conditions of all Basotho nationals working in South Africa.

Though the movement operates in South Africa, it is based in Lesotho.

Mr Posholi said the Matlama a Thesele was formed to unify and bring dignity to the Basotho people.

The movement's name means unity of the descendants of Thesele, an ancestor of King Moshoeshoe II.

Asked how the movement intends to end Russian gangsterism, the secretary and Chaplain, Rabbi Vuyisile



Mr MORERO Posholi... chairman.

Msitshana. said the problem was caused by the frustrations among the Basotho migrant workers who could not find work in South Africa.

The cultural body, he said, would help these workers find employment. They would then try to get migrant workers to join the movement. This, the rabbi believes would solve the problem.



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Beauties who know how to cool off

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# Minister 'must fire official'

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THE Jouberton Town Council has called on the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, to dismiss a senior official who has been linked to alleged financial regularities in the council.

And an investigation by the *Sowetan* this week revealed that the official, whose name cannot be published, has recently applied for a post of director of community services at the city council of Atteridgeville in Pretoria.

A spokesman for the Jouberton Town Council yesterday refuted earlier Press reports that the official had been suspended for allegedly embezzling funds.

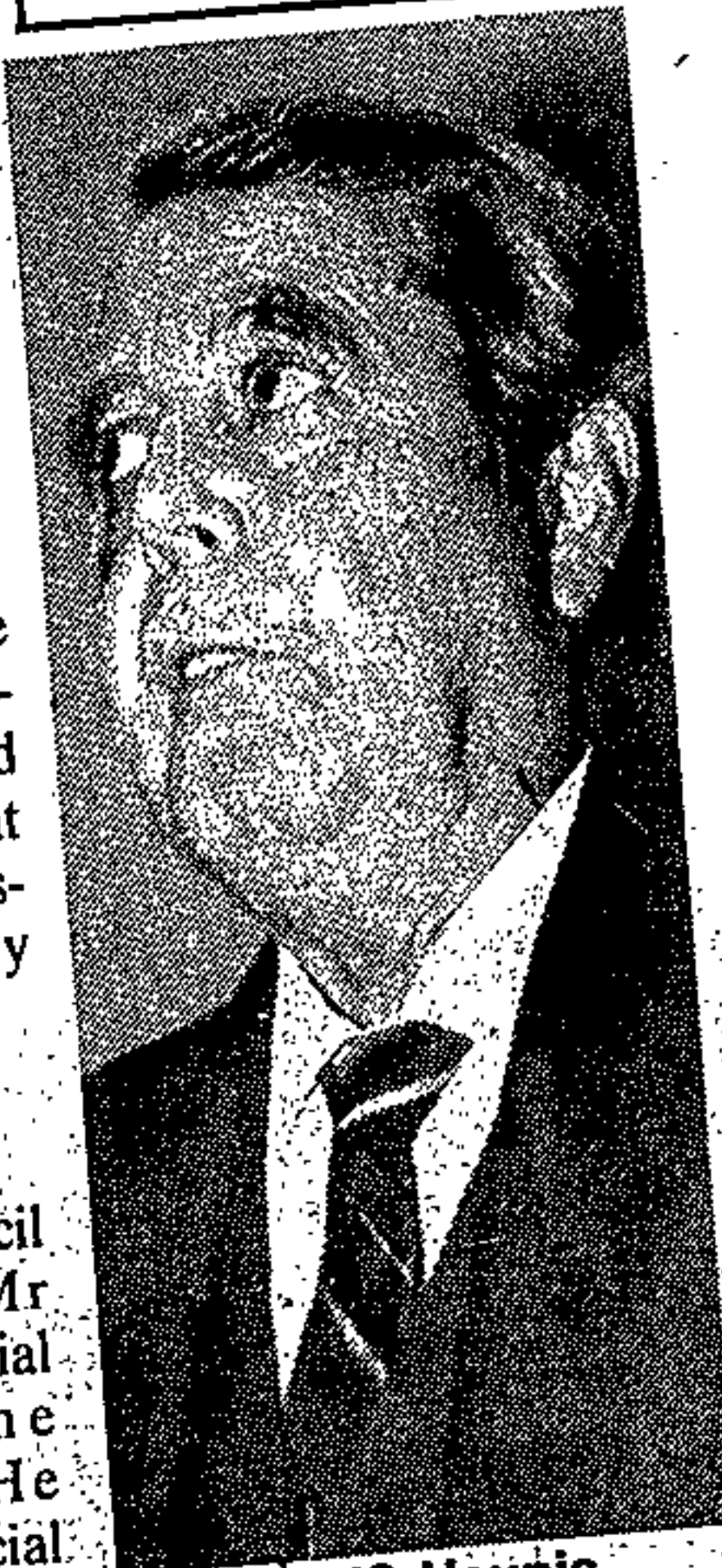
## Reply

"In fact the council recommended to Mr Heunis that the official be dismissed" the spokesman said. He added that the official was still in their employ pending a reply from Mr Heunis. He refused to say what the irregularities were.

Mr Solly Rammala, Atteridgeville's town clerk, yesterday confirmed that the official was one of the people who have applied for the post of director of community services which was vacated by Mr J P Pienaar early this year.

A spokesman for the Director of Local Government yesterday declined to comment on

By MONK NKOMO



MR CHRIS Heunis... has been asked to intervene

the issue and asked the *Sowetan* to send a letter or a telex requesting all information wanted.

The official at the centre of the alleged scandal yesterday said he had not been suspended but confirmed that the Jouberton Council was investigating certain allegations against him. He has also been informed that the investigations have been completed.



# COUNCILOR TOOK BRIBES - CLAIM

**'Mr X**

**promised**

**housing**

**sites'**

BY MZIKAYISE  
EDOM

Mr X. Mr X advised me that I would not get the site unless and until I gave him a sum of R1 000," he said.

"On January 9, 1987 I gave Mr X R1 000. I was in the company of my driver. I was not given any receipt."

The other business-

man said in his affidavit: "On a Monday (I cannot remember the date) I went to Mr X's place, where he said if I offered him R2 000 I would get the site."

He gave the official R2 000 on January 20 this year.

He said he was ac-

companied by his son when he gave the official the money.

"Up to now I have not yet received the promised site," the man said in the affidavit.

## PFP may form alliance

BY JOSHUA RABOROKO

He said: "In this way we will restore confidence and trust in South Africa and get our economy going again."

"Economic growth is essential to be able to tackle our many social and economic problems such as inflation, unemployment, inadequate pensions and accommodation for our senior citizens, malnutrition, crime and the acute shortage of housing," he added.

He said every South African needed security for himself, his family, his home, his job, his business and his country."

Johannesburg on the party's general election policy document, Mr Andrew said they wanted to build an alternative government.

He said such a government would then:

- Remove all apartheid laws;
- Negotiate a democratic constitution; and
- Bring about stability through racial harmony and justice for all in our country.

## Court

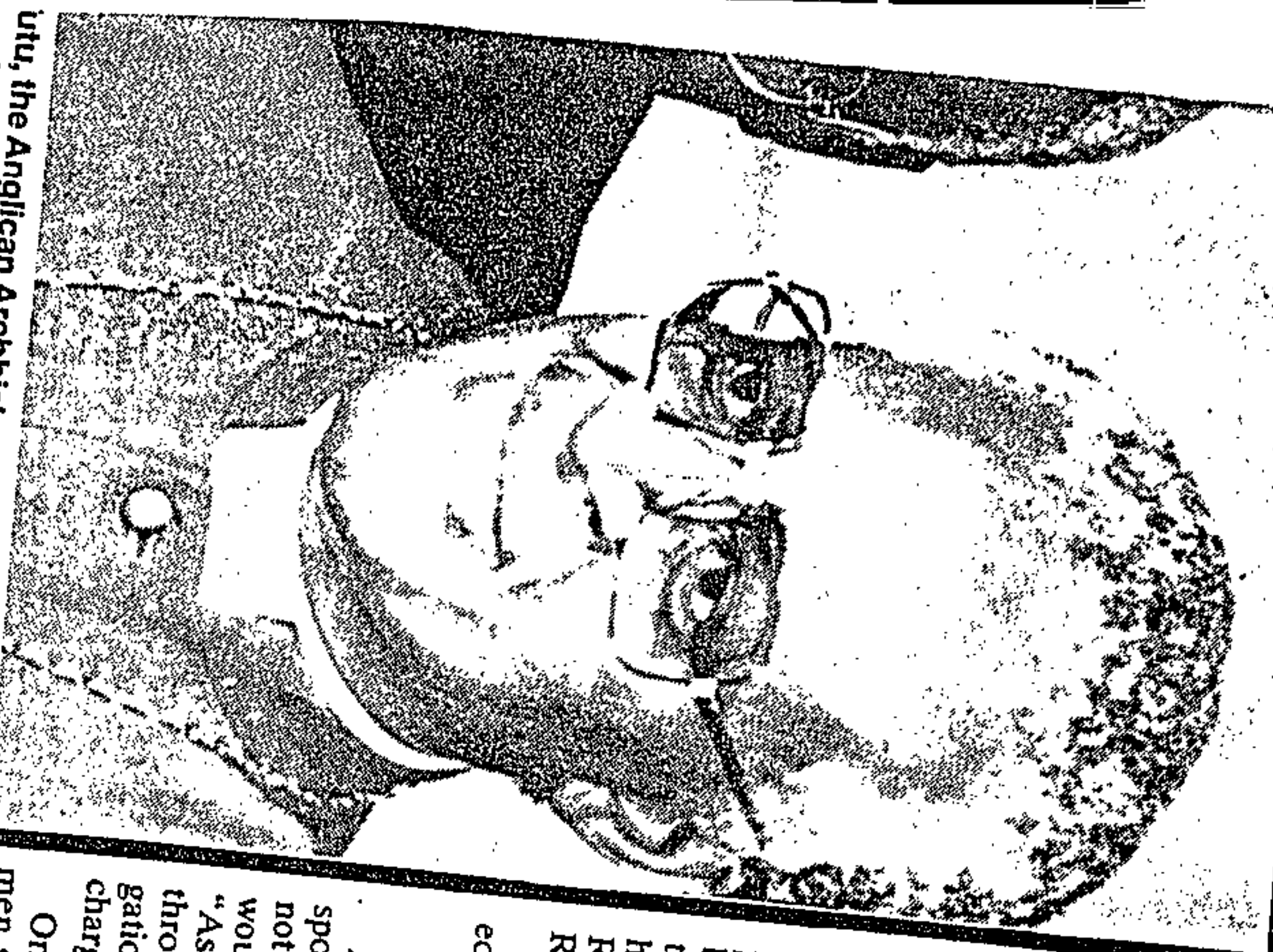
The money was allegedly paid in January.

An East Rand police spokesman said he could not say when the official would appear in court.

"As soon as we are through with our investigations, the man will be charged," he said.

One of the businessmen said in an affidavit that he applied for a business site in September last year.

"When I did not hear from the City Council of Tembisa, I approached



utu, the Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, met his ay. He came face-to-face with a wax effigy of himself and's waxworks museum. The portrait, modelled ck. Can you recognise the real Tutu?

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# Rents of liquor outlets slashed

Owners are  
mostly Vaal  
councillors

By JOSHUA  
RABOROKO

LEKOA town coun-  
cillors, who own most of  
the liquor outlets in the  
Vaal Triangle, have de-  
cided to cut rent for their  
businesses by more than  
half.

The councillors have

taken this decision while  
a three-year demand by  
Vaal residents for their  
house rents to be re-  
duced to R30 per month  
has been turned down.

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## Liquor outlet rents reduced

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In one outlet the rent  
has been reduced from  
R10 062 to R3 250 a  
month, a reduction of  
over 68 percent.

In other instances  
rent has been reduced  
from R6 971 to R1 280;  
R9 020 to R5 320;  
R4 360 to R2 580;  
R8 015 to R1 650;  
R5 843 to R1 180;  
R8 171 to R2 830; and  
R5 820 to R2 960.

These outlets were al-  
located to private own-  
ers when the now de-  
funct Oranje-Vaal De-  
velopment Board put

them on sale before the  
outbreak of violence in  
the Vaal townships in  
1984.

Several of the coun-  
cillors, including the  
mayor, Mr Esau Mah-  
latsi, and his relatives,  
were among the people  
who were allocated  
liquor outlets.

The reasons given for  
the reduction is the av-  
erage drop of 60 percent  
in takings at the outlets  
since September 1984.

The following are  
given as some of the  
contributory factors:

• The riots which  
erupted dealt the

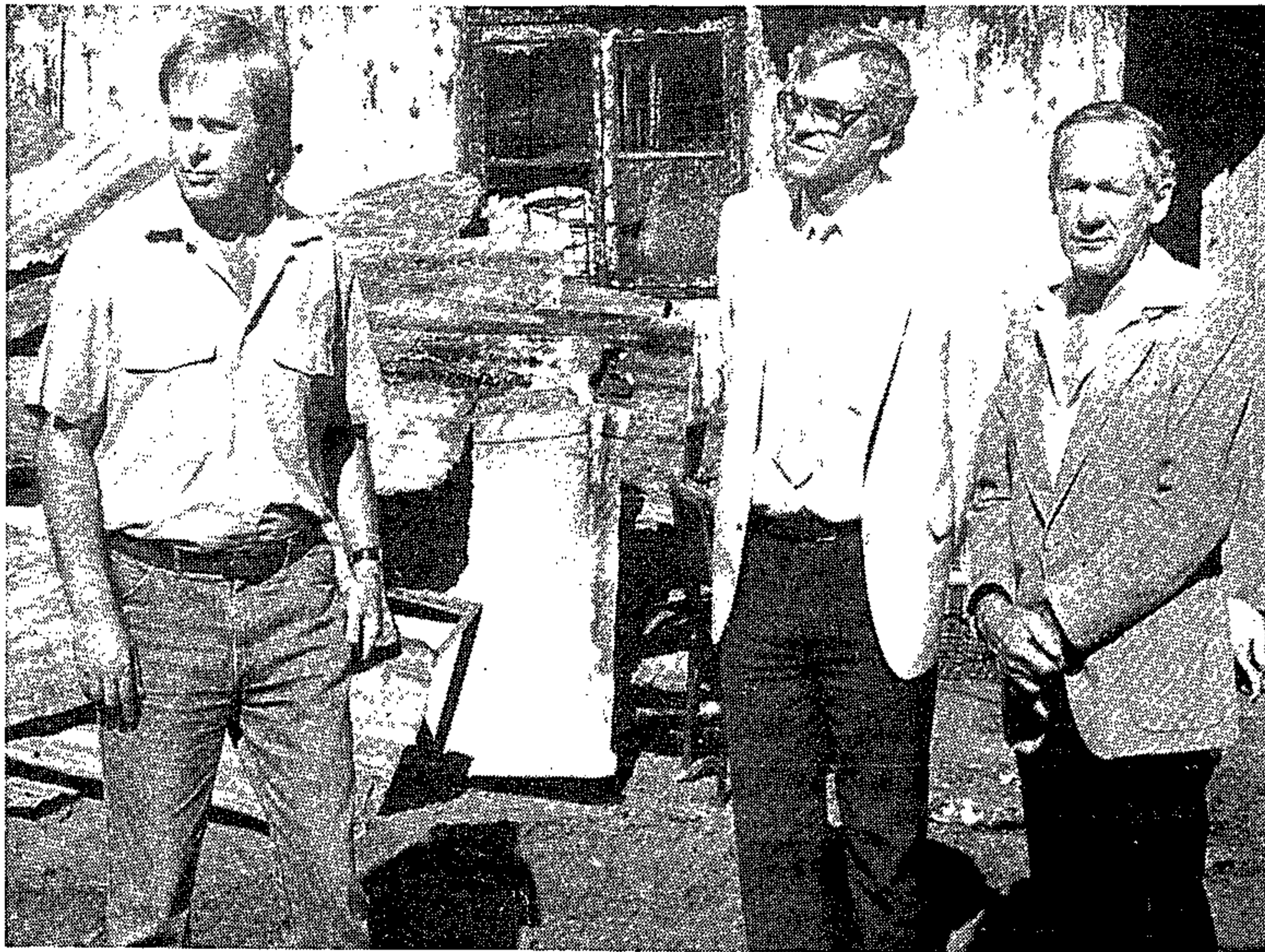
liquor trade a death-  
blow as buildings were  
destroyed and took sev-  
eral months to rebuild;

• The licensing of she-  
beens in the area had a  
detrimental effect on the  
profitability of the out-  
lets because shebeens  
stock their liquor from  
the suppliers;

• Shebeens have insti-  
tuted a boycott action  
against the outlets man-  
aged by the former  
OVDB;

• The majority of hotels  
have opened bars and  
lounges to all races in  
white towns and this has  
attracted many blacks.





A group from the Progressive Federal Party viewed the aftermath of the fire in Walmer Township today. They are (from the left) director of Operation Real South Africa, Mr RORY RIORDAN, parliamentary candidate for Walmer, Mr PADDY BALL, and MP for Walmer, Mr Andrew Savage.

## Walmer homeless get relief

By BARBARA ORPEN  
HUGE tents went up at Port Elizabeth's Walmer Township today as relief flowed in for the 200 people left homeless in yesterday's fire.

Food, cash and powdered milk had been donated, but much more was needed, charity workers said.

Five Red Cross volunteers, helped by residents, started putting up huge tents in the area surrounding the Order of Ethiopian Church where victims of the fire slept last night.

Mr Daro Dlova, of the Urban Foundation, said building of temporary shacks would start as soon as the fire area had been cleared.

Mrs Glynnis Beare, director of the PE branch of Operation Hunger, said the organisation was supplying three meals a day to about 180 people.

"All the food is cooked by the people themselves in huge communal pots. But we desperately need donations," she said.

Mrs Beare said Pick 'n Pay had supplied R300 worth of food, consisting mainly of vegetables, and the Traditional Cape Beverages Beer Company had donated R1 000.

United Dairies had also donated powdered milk.

Anyone prepared to donate food should contact Mrs Beare at 5 Snowden Avenue, Mill Park, or 338475.

Black Sash members

Mrs Cathy Binnell and Mrs Leslie Greensmith, said residents desperately needed kitchen equipment, clothes and mattresses.

Anybody willing to assist should contact Mrs Binnell, of 81 Heugh Road, at 511435 or Mrs Greensmith, of 24 Church Road, at 511258.

Mrs Binnell, who will also be involved in teaching women how to knit squares to be sewn up into jerseys, said members of the public could also assist by knitting squares.

A delegation from the Progressive Federal Party, consisting of Mr Andrew Savage, MP for Walmer, Mr Paddy Ball, PFP candidate for Walmer, and Mr Rory

Riordan, visited the homeless today to express their support.

The delegation also inspected the disaster site and discussed some of the practical problems in quickly redeveloping the area with Mr Roger Matlock, director of the Urban Foundation, and UF policy and programmes manager Mr Ernie Bergins.



# Tar roads for Mams

By ALINAH DUBE

THE Mamelodi City Council yesterday announced its multimillion project to pave about 160 km of "the city's dusty roads".

The announcement was made at a Press conference held at the council chambers by local mayor, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi. He said R100 000 has so far been set aside for the first stage of the five year programme.

Mr Ndlazi said the project was expected to create job opportunities for hundreds of unemployed residents in the area.

The council, he added, has for a long time been unable to start "vital developmental projects" to upgrade the quality of the local people's lives because of "the financial constraints placed on our council," poor economic climate and sanctions.

"Despite the financial and economic hurdles the council has to clear, we are determined to turn Mamelodi into what our people and future generations will be proud of," the mayor said.

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RESIDENTS of the township at Machadadorp in the Eastern Transvaal received a letter at the weekend. It said: "In the very near future you will be moved to a new and beautiful township. Please co-operate and let us have a successful and pleasant shifting."

It promised two days written notice of removal.

On Tuesday, six trucks and a busload of administration board officials and South African police moved in and took three families with their luggage to Emthonjeni, the new township.

A resident and churchworkers in the area said a youth, Michael Shabangu, was arrested but released on Wednesday afternoon.

The same day, seven more families were moved. The removals continued yesterday, with residents complaining they were roughly handled by the

## A cheery letter. Then the trucks. And police

By RUTH BECKER

authorities.

For the 700 families living there, the week's events were unexpected. They are not resisting their removal, but want clarity on what the rent will be in the new township.

Last month residents received a notice from the town council and superintendent saying they would be moved to a new area by mid-February. Township dwellers have built their own houses and have been paying R15 a month service charges.

The first notice they received said rent in Emthonjeni would be R53 a

month: R28 for rental and R25 in service charges. It also detailed the procedure for selling old houses to the municipality.

According to a Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac) representative, it was an alarming increase for residents who are mostly domestic and farmworkers.

The notice they received at the weekend dropped monthly payments to R32 in total. This increased confusion among residents, as it was not clear whether the R32 included service charges or not.

The weekend circular promised two days' notice in writing before

removal, stating date and time of departure. People who accepted the offer to sell their houses would receive payment on the day of departure or two weeks thereafter. Those who had not accepted the offer were advised to ensure their houses were demolished.

It was unclear on Wednesday whether any residents had sold their houses, but one fieldworker said some windows and roofs had been removed.

Building at Emthonjeni was started last year, reportedly for South African Railways' employees.

●The SAP public relations division yesterday said they were present while administration board officials moved the residents to the new township, "to ensure law and order prevailed."

"To date, no complaints have been lodged with the police in connection with the alleged theft or manhandling."



# Mayor tells of planned centre

By SELLO SERIPE

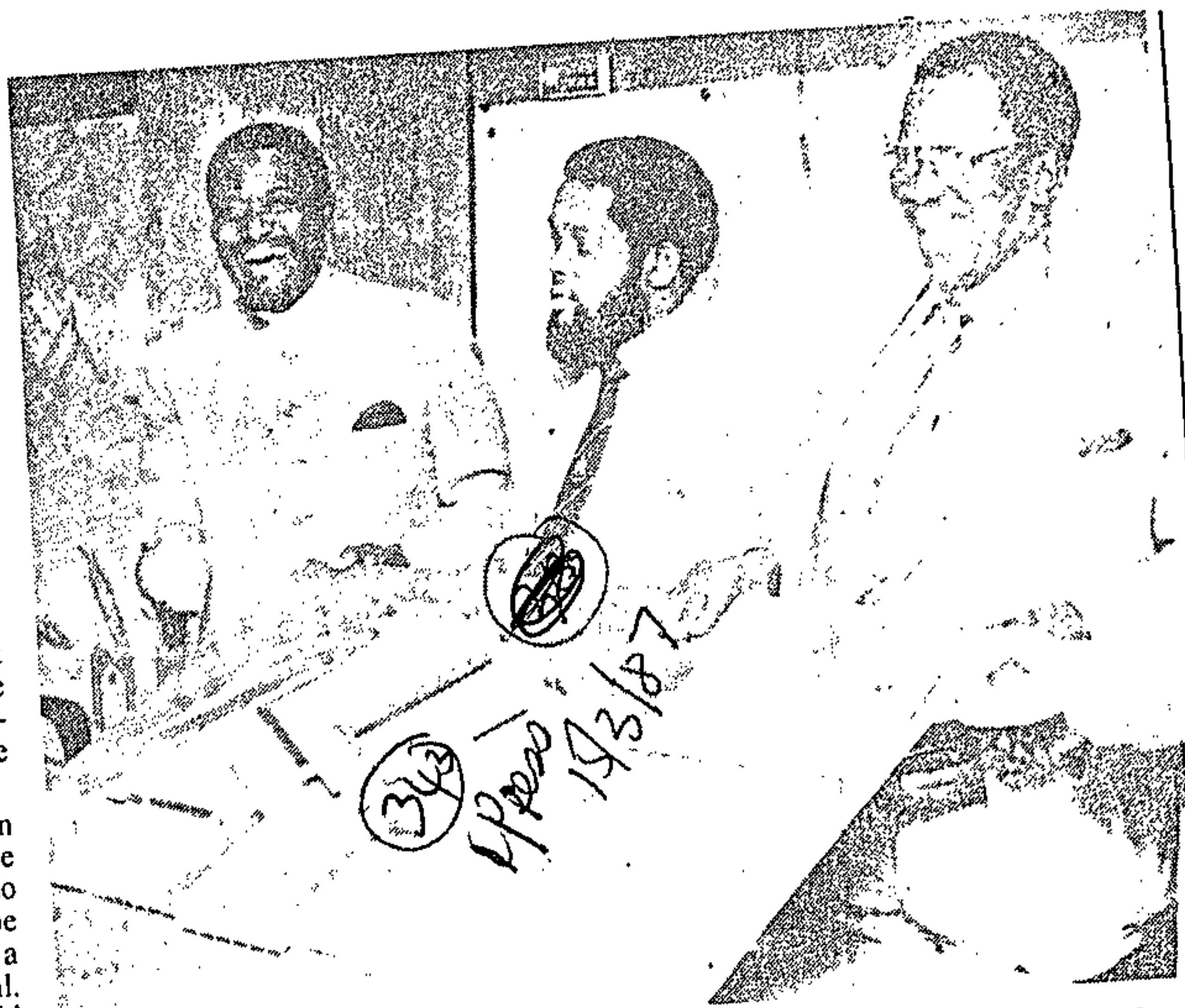
KATLEHONG Mayor Thami Siluma this week announced a R10-million shopping centre to be constructed in Katlehong in July.

But the mayor would not disclose the source of the capital, saying "the financiers would be made known at a later stage".

At a Press conference in Johannesburg to announce the project, Siluma also said that shops would be allocated to traders at a reasonable monthly rental.

He said the rental would be kept to a minimum and would average about R12 per square metre.

"The project will be a very important component of the new business centre of Katlehong, which will ultimately form the Katle-



Mayor Siluma (left) and councillors with a model of the proposed centre.

hong CBD," said Siluma. And at this level of rent, he added, traders would be able to operate profitably and the possibility of trad-

ers being able acquire their shops on sectional title may eventuate.

The mayor also challenged the government to

scrap the Group Areas Act and said it was "nonsense to scrap influx control while other unfair laws gagged blacks".

By Ruth Golembo

A R10-MILLION rand shopping centre will be built in Katlehong township on the East Rand.

It will have a mix of boutiques, beerhalls and informal hawking avenues is set to come off the ground.

The centre, the first of its kind in the township, is the brainchild of entrepreneur Dickson Mbluli, managing director of Mbluli Investments.

Capital will come from a financial institution still to be named. RMS Syfrets is the leasing and development consultant.

Mr Mbluli says the demand for shopping facilities in the township is unbelievable.

"We have been inundated with applications for shop space, but preference will be given to Katlehong businessmen.

"Bringing a shopping centre to the township has always been an ideal of mine.

# Township gets R10m shopping complex

Building has started and the centre should be open for trading by April next year.

"Market research shows a need for shops. By keeping the building and development cost down we are able to offer the shops at low rents.

"This will help do lower the cost of goods in township shops.

"The shopping centre will also contain video-hire outlets, a beergarden, beerhall and a night club. It will become an important social gathering place for township residents."

The main tenant will be a supermarket chain. Others include a furniture store, liquor stores, banks, an up-market restaurant, an estate

agent and a service station.

Situated a stone's throw from Katlehong Hospital, the centre will include doctors' and dentists' rooms and offices.

It has five access roads.

The architects and engineers are Gey van Pittius de la Harpe & Associates.

Senior partner Brian de la Harpe says the planning and design of the centre will ensure low rents without sacri-

ficing design qualities.

"Cost was the major factor in the design. We used the cheapest and most functional materials but have made no compromise on top-quality finishes — like door handles, mirrors, glass shop fronts and colourful walkways.

"The centre is only the second of its kind.

"We designed the first, a far smaller one, for Vosloorus."



# MAYOR HELD OVER THEFT

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By MZIKAYISE EDM

THE suspended mayor of Thokoza, near Alberton, Mr Gerald "Meneer" Mamabolo, has been arrested on a charge of car theft and is expected to appear in court tomorrow.

His arrest follows the disappearance of the German-made mayoral car from the Thokoza council offices.

Lieutenant F Meyer, the public relations officer for the East Rand Police, has confirmed Mr Mamabolo's arrest.

He said Mr Mamabolo was arrested on Friday last week. "He was arrested in the morning by John Vorster police in Johannesburg on a charge of car theft and will appear in court on Tuesday," Lt Meyer said.

Mr Mamabolo and Mrs Doris Thinane, the town clerk of Thokoza, face charges of theft involving R1,3-million which allegedly disappeared from the coffers of the Thokoza Town Council last year.

They have made two court appearances and will appear again in court on April 21. Both are out on bail. Mr Mamabolo (R1 000) and Mrs Thinane (R500).

The car was allegedly taken from the council offices about two months ago.

# Shock-waves throughout the political spectrum

**THE RESIGNATION** of Dr Wimpie de Klerk's as the editor of *Rapport* has been something akin to watching the rumblings of a volcano preparing to erupt. The pent-up pressure, frustration if you like, has been building up for a long time.

When it finally came, his resignation sent shock-waves throughout the political spectrum.

He is the son of tough political veteran and Nationalist minister Jan de Klerk and brother of 'FW', the Transvaal Nationalist leader. In today's loaded political climate it is difficult to imagine a better-connected Nationalist dissident.

Wimpie de Klerk is, or was until his resignation, a good newspaper man. But primarily he is a theologian, then a 'good Nat' and only then a newspaper editor.

With his 'connections' there is no doubt he was privy to 'inside' information from the National Party, and he was a NP supporter in newsprint almost every weekend. But then things began to go sour.

A survey of his writings over a period shows that for some time he gave dissident Nationalist views inordinate publicity for a so-called Nationalist-supporting newspaper editor.

These views often came across not as his own but as those of people within the National Party who were dissatisfied with the pace of reform. Public-opinion surveys commissioned by his newspaper said 22% of NP supporters fell into this category.

They were Left of the mainstream NP, and on his retirement Dr de Klerk said he would feel unwelcome in the NP if it could not accommodate them.

Dr de Klerk has said he resigned of his own free will. Although he was not fired it is clear that because of some of his more recent columns pressures built up against him that

**Ormande Pollok**  
Political Correspondent

were outweighed only by his own integrity as a journalist and sage political thinker.

His own brother, 'FW', exposed the arrogance and tunnel vision of the National Party in demanding total subordination of Nationalist-supporting newspapers.

Although a supporter of the National Party, *Rapport* has never been a mouthpiece. Yet 'FW' — the most likely candidate to succeed Mr P W Botha as State President — did not hesitate to question the newspaper's political approach as soon as it was seen to step out of line.

Few people are taken in by the suggestion that the NP did not apply pressure on the newspaper's board and that the real problem with Dr de Klerk was that the newspaper's circulation had decreased.

Clearly under heavy pressure because of his forthright political approach Dr de Klerk wrote on January 11 that election time was not a time for democratic discussion. There was too much sensitivity and rigidity, he said, which had its effect on newspapers too.

Two months later he resigned, and the belief, in simple terms, is that the NP applied pressure on his bosses because it did not approve of his independent approach and the publicity his newspaper gave to such dissident thinking as the need for the dismantling of apartheid and repeal of discriminatory measures.

It is significant that at the end of 1984 Dr de Klerk wrote that black political rights were the kernel of South Africa's problems. Since then the Government has admitted this but does not know what to do about it.

He wrote also that the present dispensation was not the 'end', and

this, too, the Government has conceded. Also, that Section 16 of the Immorality Act and the Mixed Marriages Act with their offensive connotations had to be broken down. They have since been repealed.

Dr de Klerk wrote that the Group Areas Act needed to be looked at. It was, but the President's Council's report, which is understood to have recommended important changes, was referred back for further study.

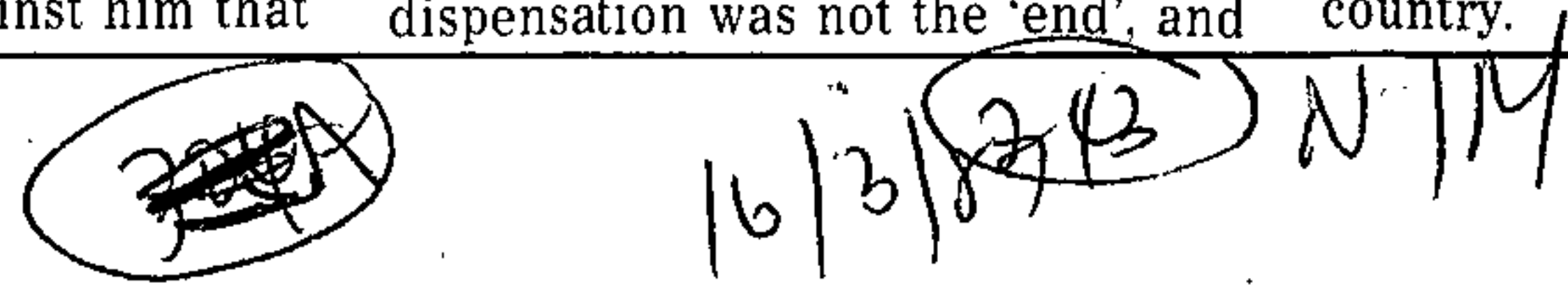
The dismissal, or engineered resignation, of a Nationalist editor is regarded as an extremely significant development in White South African politics. Editors enjoy the status of a privileged friend; they do not get there unless they enjoy the confidence of the party; they do not get there unless they are trusted implicitly.

All this made Dr de Klerk's final column in *Rapport* a damning indictment of the the National Party and its heirarchy. As an insider with all his background knowledge he has said, in short, that the party has no vision and no plan and that people who are waiting for action after the elections will be kept waiting.

Expectations that the party will break with its race concepts, that it will allow free association, that it will work in the direction of one parliament in which blacks will be an integral part and that it will promote regional power-sharing are all misplaced, he says.

For a Nationalist with his impeccable credentials it is a serious charge. Dr de Klerk does not ask the question, but others have: 'If a government can be so wrong for so long, does it deserve a vote?'

The spotlight now falls on his successor and how he will handle the columns of the largest Nationalist-supporting newspaper in the country.

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# Black student 'humiliated' by library apartheid

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A POST-GRADUATE student at the University of Potchefstroom yesterday said she felt "humiliated and unfairly treated" when she was barred from using Vanderbijlpark public library because she is black.

Miss Naomi Mositsa (27), a teacher at Lebohang High School in Boipatong, said she was concerned about the incident because many blacks would be unable to use this well-

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

equipped library because of apartheid.

The incident happened in the constituency of the Minister of Education and Training

and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, whose National Party has pledged to abolish "petty apartheid" by opening public amenities to all races.

The NP recently expressed concern when a black athlete was barred from participating in athletics at a white school.

## Policy

The Minister was yesterday not available for comment.

The local town council said it was their policy that the public library was there for the sole use of the town's residents. It felt facilities such as the public library was an "own affair".

It said the town was geared to comply with all requirements of university students,

whereas the campus library provided books and other facilities for all students.

The council also said there were libraries in Sebokeng and Evaton where blacks could loan books and study. However, there was an agreement between libraries to inter-loan books.

Faculty members at the University of Potchefstroom branch in Vanderbijlpark have lashed out at the town council and voiced their concern over the unfair and humiliating way in which Miss Mositsa was treated at the library.

The university's education faculty spokesman said Miss Mositsa was a highly qualified teacher, yet she was treated in an unfair and humiliating way by being barred from using li-

brary facilities because she was black.

Miss Mositsa, who holds a BA (Paed) degree, told the *Sowetan* that she had gone to the library to study when she was told by staff that she was not allowed to use the library's facilities.

## Explain

She said: "I tried to explain to them that the literature I needed was not available anywhere other than at the library and that I needed to study at the library because it is well-equipped. But this was all in vain.

"I felt humiliated by the way I was treated — I thought the Government had pledged itself to open all amenities for all races," she said.

# Council corruption probe

A COMMISSION of inquiry which will investigate allegations of corruption in the Jouberton Town Council, in the Western Transvaal, starts today. The inquiry will be conducted by officials of the Transvaal Provincial Administration. It follows allegations that council employees:

- Used council funds for their personal benefit;
- Allocated themselves residential and business sites without advertising the sites;
- Evicted families in the township and gave the houses to their relatives and friends; and
- Failed to put up structures on sites they were allocated and did not pay rent on these sites.

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# 'Councillor beat me up'

AN East Rand man was beaten up and chased by a councillor and a group of men on Sunday night, writes MZI-KAYISE EDOM. SOWETAN

The man from Tembisa claims that in January this year, he had given the councillor R1 000 after he had been promised a business site.

When the councillor failed to give the man the promised site, he laid a charge of bribery with the police four weeks ago.

The man, who claims he was attacked by the councillor and the group of men armed with kerries and sjamboks, has laid a charge of assault with the police.

A spokesman for the East Rand police yesterday confirmed the incident and said police were still investigating.

He said police had not yet completed their investigations on the bribery allegations.

The man said he was at his home when the councillor and a group of men arrived and accused him of telling the police that he had given him (the councillor) the money in exchange for a business site.

"The councillor pointed a firearm at me and threatened to shoot me. While I was talking to him, the group of men attacked me with kerries and sjamboks. 18/3/87

"I was saved by policemen who were passing next to my house," the man said.

He said he feared for his life. The councillor and the group of men threatened "to come back and finish me". 343

He said he has asked for police protection until the councillor appeared in court. Police could not confirm whether the man will be given police protection.

# 'Whites must go'

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VAAL Triangle traders have resolved to oust white businessmen from the borders of black townships because the Government has not repealed the Group Areas Act.

The traders took this decision at a meeting after the opening of a huge white-owned shopping complex outside

Evaton township.

The president of the Southern Transvaal African Chamber of Commerce, Mr Willie McBain-Charles, yesterday said they would take several steps, including applying for an expropriation order from a court of law.

He said traders were concerned about oppor-

tunities granted to whites by local authorities to open businesses on the outskirts of black townships.

He said although in terms of legislation opening CBDs to all races had been done by some white towns, they would not allow white business in black areas.

He said: "We are still not allowed to buy and own land in the CBDs because of the Group Areas Act."

A spokesman for the Vereeniging Chamber of Commerce said, although he did not know the circumstances leading to white-owned businesses being opened next to black areas, his chamber was not opposed to blacks trading in the city centre.



# 'Blacks are being helped'

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THE Minister of Education and Training and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, has indirectly endorsed the Vanderbijlpark City Council's decision to bar blacks from using its public library.

In a statement to the *Sowetan* yesterday, Dr Viljoen did not condemn the decision, but said the council was prepared to help blacks requiring reference material and reading facilities at the library.

He was reacting to an incident in which a post-graduate student, Miss Naomi Mositsa (27), of Boipatong, was barred from the library because she is black.

By JOSHUUA RABOROKO

Miss Mositsa, a teacher at the Lebohang High School, holds a BA (Paed) degree and is now doing a post-graduate BEd course part-time at the Vaal River branch of the University of Potchefstroom in Vanderbijlpark.

She wanted to make use of the facilities at the Vanderbijlpark public library when she was barred and told there were many convenient libraries in black townships of Sebokeng and Evaton. This is not so.

In reply to our questions, Dr Viljoen, who is the National Party MP

for Vanderbijlpark, said he had been assured by the local city council that its library policy was to assist blacks.

In terms of its policy, black researchers and readers requiring reference material such as books and reading material would be assisted.

Dr Viljoen said both Sebokeng and Evaton have well-stocked libraries for their communities and were assisted by the mutual exchange arrangement of books with the Vanderbijlpark library.

He added that the Potchefstroom Univer-

sity campus in Vanderbijlpark also granted full library facilities to its registered students of whatever race.

Miss Mositsa said libraries in black townships were small and did not have enough facilities.

"A lot of youths patronise these libraries and reading in most instances is almost made impossible because of noise and lack of facilities," she said.

She felt humiliated by the town council's policies because they displayed apartheid at its best when the Government vowed that it was intending to "remove petty apartheid."

April 2, 1987

MORGAN SIBAYA, the mayor of Ratanda township a few kilometres outside Heidelberg in the Transvaal, believes his council police are doing a "fantastic job". Township residents, however, don't see it the same way.

For the last three months church workers have received consistent reports from township inhabitants of sjambokking and harassment by municipal police, who have imposed a *de facto* curfew.

"They come onto the streets at about 8.30 at night," said a representative for the South Eastern Transvaal regional Council of Churches last week. Council police have been accused by residents of entering shebeens and ordering people to go home, as well as beating them with sjamboks in the streets at night. An ex-mayor, Leach Mohlomi, was alleged to be a recent victim, as was a young woman, Lydia Khuzwayo.

While these random beatings have subsided in the last few weeks, they have claimed the life of Joseph Moloi, and, in December last year, they crippled 22-year-old Sipho Mazibuko.

Moloi died in hospital a few weeks after being severely sjambokked.

Mazibuko, who works in the packing department of a tobacco company in Heidelberg and supports his mother, has been in Natal'spruit Hospital since he was shot, allegedly by council police — colloquially known as "green beans" because of the colour of their uniforms — three days before Christmas.

Mazibuko said he walked between two council policemen as he was leaving his girlfriend's house. As he crossed the road he "heard a shot and fell down". He is unable to walk as a result of the shot, which passed through the left hand side of his back through the right front of his body.

Mazibuko is not politically involved and has no idea why he was shot. A nurse at his hospital ward says he

might be able to walk again with physiotherapy, but it will take "some time".

While Mazibuko's case is a stark illustration of Ratanda residents' complaints, Gregory Mothudi, an Anglican priest in the township, said "this thing has gone too far. There are too many people getting hurt."

"Personally, I think they want to scare people. The army has withdrawn and now they (the council police) have taken over."

His view is reiterated by the regional Council of Churches representative, who said the Methodist church was documenting numerous cases of sjambok injuries but the fear of retribution had made this "extremely difficult".

"With all the politically active folk in detention, it seems to be the case that the council is trying to impose an iron fist rule on the township," he said. Fieldworkers estimate more than

50 Ratanda residents are in detention — 11 from the civic association and student congress executives and about 42 members.

Ernest Pitso, publicity secretary for the Ratanda Civic Association (RCA) and president of the Ratanda Youth Congress (RYC), said the council "have been running the township at the barrel of a gun" since they were installed in March last year.

Municipal police are technically accountable to the council. But in the changeover to local authorities in Ratanda, the council police are stuck in the middle — neither the council nor the SAP finally takes responsibility for their activities.

Sibaya says when the council took over "they (local law enforcement officers) were under our control". But he also says all local law enforcement officers fall under the District Commandant of Heidelberg.

The new laws require certain

qualifications for police, Sibaya says, which previously didn't apply.

"We've got good policemen who are uneducated — we admit it — you can throw three of the educated ones away for that one. They are doing a fantastic job for us. We are just keeping them." As the current police vacate jobs — through retirement or injury — they will be replaced with others who meet the SAP qualifications Sibaya says.

When asked if he was aware of the allegations concerning his council police, he said: "Let me ask you one question, and thereafter I am not prepared to answer any more questions about the police: Friday we are here (in the council offices). You knock off. Saturday you are at home, Sunday you are at home. Monday you see a report in the paper about these things. What do you think?"

Anybody with a complaint against the police could lay a charge, he said. "In my position it is very hairy. I would be committing myself to make any more comment on the police," and referred *Weekly Mail* to the local SAP adjutant and the station commander at Heidelberg.

The district commandant for Heidelberg, Major Visser, says the SAP "take an interest (in the council police) because we trained them and gave them the firearms and so on. At this stage they do the work of the police and so we look after them. We have to."

He described as "absolute nonsense" residents' allegations of sjambokking by council police.

Sibaya also denied that a curfew was in force, saying it was "impossible" for the council to impose a curfew. "We are governed by this country. We have limitations on our powers. The police are not under our control. The municipal police are not under our control. We've got no right to impose a curfew."

# Who runs the municipal police? Not I, says the mayor

The mayor of Ratanda knows nothing about allegations of sjambokings against the council's police. They're doing a fantastic job, he says. RUTH BECKER reports



# Council plan for R1,5-m indoor stadium

By MZIKAYISE  
EDOM

RESIDENTS have criticised the Katlehong Town Council for the proposed spending of R1,5-million on an indoor stadium while the township's sewerage system and streets leave much to be desired.

They claim that:

- The sewerage system in Phooko, Phaake and Mofokeng sections has been out of order for more than a year now;
- Streets and yards become flooded when it rains, making movement difficult for residents and motorists;
- Refuse in some sections has not been collected since last December; and



A FLOODED street in Katlehong.

## Rents

Residents were paying high rents for dilapidated houses and that they were paying high monthly rates for the electricity masterplan but, hundreds of houses in the township are still without electricity.

Mr Solly "Ntshabe" Lukehele, the deputy mayor of Katlehong, yesterday said the council was presently spending about R150 000 to improve the sewerage system in Phooko, Phaake and Mofokeng sections.

"We started with the repairs two weeks ago and we hope to finish within the next four weeks," he said.

# FIX LATRINES AND STREETS FIRST PLEA

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The council had applied for a R30-million loan from the Government to improve the sewerage system, grade and improve roads and fit a storm water drainage system in Tsholo, Ramokonopi, Phooko, Mnisi, Mokoena, and Mosikili sections.

He said they were expecting the money from the Government in the near future.

Mr Lukehele accused residents of dumping rubbish in all open spaces in the townships instead of into the containers which are collected at least once a week.

He said: "Because of

lack of funds we can no longer hire casual labourers to clean the township. We used to pay these people about R4 a day to clean the township but we have run out of funds.

"We are negotiating with the Government to give us more funds to re-employ these casual la-

boures.

Residents interviewed by the *Sowetan* said part of the R1,5-million planned to be used on erecting a new indoor stadium could be used to renovate the dilapidated Huntersfield Stadium and part of the money used to improve the faulty sewerage system, improve the condition of the streets, renovate houses and clean the township.

They also said refuse in the township was collected on an irregular basis and that when it rained streets were flooded making movement difficult for pedestrians and motorists.

# Money drain

THE Dobsonville Town Council – on the brink of bankruptcy as a result of the 10-month non-payment of rents by residents – has put more strain on its financial resources by using residents' funds to pay for the legal defence of its councillors facing bribery charges. C. Press

Thousands of rands have been paid to a firm of attorneys and an advocate to defend mayor Steve Nkatlo, management committee chairman Steve Kgame, Isaac Mashao and Jerry Zembe, who face a total of 109 bribery charges.

These startling disclosures are contained in council documents in the possession of *City Press* – though town clerk Alex Conn has categorically denied that residents' funds were being used to pay for councillors' legal expenses.

Deputy-mayor Alex Jaca was three weeks ago sentenced to two years in jail or a R3 000 fine by Roodepoort magistrate P Muller, after being convicted on 14 counts of bribery. According to inside, but unconfirmed sources, Jaca's fine was also paid out of the residents' funds.



## Dr Nthato Motlana says . . .

Soweto Civic Association president Dr Nthato Motlana claims there are immediate remedial steps to be taken against the "unreasonable" position that people "kept out of skilled jobs for years by law — measures such as job reservation, excluded from technicians by law" are expected to pay economic rents for their homes.

But the real answers lie in abolishing discrimination, segregation and land laws like the Group Areas Act.

First, "we should start by erasing the word 'rent' from the collective psyche of South Africa", Dr Motlana said. He explained: "It is about time that the housing stock should be sold or given to the people. In Orlando East, where houses were built for less than £100 these houses must be given to the people. In Mofoto North and surrounding areas where the cost of building the houses was R450 a unit, the same should happen.

"It is ridiculous to ask people to pay for their homes at the replacement value. They have already paid for their homes several times over in rentals and the houses must now be given over to them."

Services and site rentals, which are the township equivalent of rates, would still have to be paid, Dr Motlana acknowledged, but at reason-

able levels. He quoted studies which had shown Soweto electricity charges to be higher than those in Norwood, refuse collection to be more expensive than in Randburg and property rates/site rentals higher than in Mayfair.

The "creation of ghettos", the division of urban populations by race and the cutting off of working-class residential areas from the business tax-base of the city had created these inequities, Dr Motlana insisted.

The main aim, he said, was ideological — it was to make life so uncomfortable for black people in the cities that they would simply head back to the bush.

Addressing the question of the homeless and squatters vulnerable to raids and removal, Dr Motlana said: "It is the Government's undoubted duty to provide housing for the poor." He acknowledged an emergency alternative: "In the short term serviced sites should be provided so that people could build (to quote Gavan Maasdorp) 'to their own level'."

But, said Dr Motlana, this did not mean the creation of Norwicos and other segregated townships. "We want to live throughout South Africa. We do not take cognisance of that ridiculous law called the Group Areas Act!"

The Soweto housing crisis has two distinct parts. First, there are far too few houses —

and the thousands left homeless in greater Johannesburg are squatting on open land, living in backyards of others' homes, in scrapyards and disused vehicles. Second, there are those who have homes but, in the face of unemployment and steep inflation, say they can no longer afford to pay the rentals and service charges. What master strokes of administration could be taken to solve Soweto's housing problem? To the Soweto Civic Association the problems have their roots in segregation. To the Soweto Council the answers lie in expanding the system of segregated townships. What do you think? Telephone Speckout! today between 6.30 pm and 7.30 pm on 834-7747.

## The Soweto town clerk says . . .

Soweto town clerk Mr Nico Malan pinpoints the lack of township land as the fundamental factor in answering Soweto's housing problem and he stakes his hopes on the proclamation of new black areas south of Johannesburg — further out than Ennerdale, some 30 km south of the city.

He says the shortage stands at 26 000 units and, if the present population growth of three percent is maintained, a further 50 000 units will be needed for Soweto by the turn of the century.

Mr Malan disputes that economic considerations are a major barrier to housing Soweto's people.

He says rentals in most of the townships are in the region of R50 — that if electricity costs are added to this the average monthly "rent" bill should be an affordable R90 to R95 a month. The average

wage earner gets R400 monthly, he reckons, so the cost is not outrageous and should not be seen as a factor in the present rent boycott.

Where loans obtained for building mass housing have already been redeemed — as in the case of Orlando East — Mr Malan is not averse to the idea of these simply being given to their occupants.

"I'm all in favour of giving houses away or selling them at the lowest possible prices."

But, Mr Malan argues, most parts of Soweto have been built too recently for the loans to have been paid up.

He adds that the council has asked the Government to re-examine the sale price of its homes, with a view to lowering the asking price.

He acknowledges that in recently constructed housing schemes in Chiawelo, Tladi and Naledi Extension where rentals

should have been R300 a month, the council had felt compelled to subsidise tenants to the tune of R150 a month each.

The problem of the homeless — and Soweto already has more than 1 500 families in controlled squatter camps — should be addressed by site and service schemes. Mr Malan proposes the extension of site-and-service schemes, where tapped water and sewerage services are provided from the outset and the homeless erect shacks which in time they must replace with permanent, solidly built structures.

The Soweto Council has such sites at Tladi. The rental/servicing of such sites costs R30 to R35 a month, he says. Residents will be encouraged to buy their sites for about R400, initially on leasehold and eventually on freehold title.



## TOWNSHIP REMOVALS

### Shifting the ground

Government calls it an "accommodation project." The Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac) says it's a forced removal — even if indirectly. Those affected, the black residents of Machadodorp township, seem confused about whether they are being forced to move to a new site, Emthonjeni, 3 km away, or if they've been made an offer they can't refuse.

At any rate, removals/resettlements of

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black communities are emphatically not a thing of the past, despite government's moratorium on "forced" removals. Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Chris Heunis has said some 22 000 people countrywide have yet to be resettled (*Current Affairs* March 20), although he did not include Machadodorp on his list of those affected.

The reason is explained by the Department of Development and Planning spokesman, Johan Oosthuizen. He says government does not regard the resettlement of black villagers at Machadodorp as a removal as they were given the opportunity to apply for new houses at Emthonjeni from January 1981. Also, several meetings were held with the residents to reach "consensus" on their re-location. "That is why it is not a 'removal' and why Minister Heunis omitted Machadodorp from his list of townships still to be resettled this year," Oosthuizen says.

Only the 287 people who have their names listed will receive houses in Emthonjeni. But Oosthuizen says Machadodorp township currently houses about 300 families; those who do not get a new house will be accommodated on the 130 serviced sites at Emthonjeni, where they can build their own homes. This implies they will have to move, voluntarily or otherwise, at some point.

Some residents told the *FM* they felt intimidated by the presence of police in Machadodorp. Although they admit that their

living conditions are poor — they use the old bucket sewage system, and about 20 families share a communal tap — many prefer to stay, as they will not be able to afford Emthonjeni rents and service charges.

The residents built their own homes in Machadodorp and pay only R15 a month for services. In Emthonjeni, they will have to pay R53 for rent and services. Most of them earn between R50 and R150 a month.

Oosthuizen says the financial problems are being investigated, but rents cannot be cut since they were fixed at the rates of three years ago. Township superintendent Piet Venter says two small families can move into one house at Emthonjeni and share the costs. The houses have four rooms.

Trac's Alan Morris says it is clear that the great majority of residents will not be able to afford the new rents. If a referendum were to be held in an "unintimidated" atmosphere, there is little doubt that they would prefer to stay in the old township, which they can afford, he adds.

Oosthuizen denies that an indirect forced removal is at work. He claims people will be free to stay, although they might encounter difficulties as the school and other institutions will eventually be moved to Emthonjeni. But he also says no structure presently in use — church or school — will be demolished until accommodation can be provided in Emthonjeni.

Machadodorp township was never pro-

claimed as such. Venter says an application for proclamation was turned down for "practical reasons" in 1948 because it was too close to the white area, a mere 100 m from white Machadodorp. The municipality decided to lease the ground to the township.

Venter denies that the ground will be used to expand the white area: "We are not resettling people to get the ground, but because we want to improve their appalling living conditions."

Talks on removing the township started in 1974, but the administration involved in developing another township is time-consuming, Oosthuizen says. He says it will not be practical to upgrade the existing township, as the ground has not been serviced and the residents will in any case have to be accommodated elsewhere to do so.

The removal process, according to the Department of Development and Planning, works like this: "A specific person is informed four days before the actual date of the exact time and date he would be moved to Emthonjeni. Every house owner is given the choice to have his house evaluated and to be paid out the amount agreed upon, or to get rid of the material himself."

Although Venter would like to see the removals completed and the ground returned to the Machadodorp municipality by the end of July, he says the date is "flexible."

The township dwellers, meanwhile, seem to have acquiesced in a fait accompli.





Victim of eviction: Maria Mathlabegoane, locked out of her home after the rent boycott

Picture: ANNA ZIEMINSKI, Afrapix

THE township rent boycott has entered a decisive phase after a Rand Supreme Court decision upholding the power of the Soweto Council — and, by extension, township councils throughout South Africa — to evict rent defaulters under the Housing Act.

The decision by Judge LI Goldblatt late last week confirmed the right of the Soweto Council to take action under the Housing Act, which provides for speedier, less costly and more effective action against tenants refusing to pay rent.

Put starkly, under the Housing Act the Council can send its officials to evict rent defaulters.

Until Goldblatt's judgement, the council had to apply to the courts under the Magistrate's Act for an order against a rent defaulter and, if it was granted, to wait for messengers of the court to act on it.

The Housing Act provides for *en masse* action by council officials. That means that the restraints on the council are political rather than legal.

Fears of evoking popular resistance — as happened last August when at least 20 people were killed in clashes in Soweto sparked by reports that evictions by council police were imminent — weigh more heavily than fears of legal counter-action.

Against these fears, however, are the popular fears that the town councils are preparing for a crack-down on rent defaulters in a bid to break the boycott.

They were sparked by a speech to the East Rand Development Board by John Griffiths, an executive member of the Transvaal Provincial Administration. He lamented the loss of the revenue and the empty coffers and called for tough action against defaulters.

Popular anxiety has since been fuelled by reports that each Soweto councillor has been mandated to select 25 families in arrears with rent for eviction, as well as by a spate of small scale evictions in townships along the Reef.

Most Soweto councillors now live behind razor wire and armed patrols in a relatively luxurious housing complex on the outskirts of

## The Soweto rent war

# Out of court, and into the street

By PATRICK LAURENCE

Soweto rather than in Soweto itself. They are thus out of easy reach of enraged crowds.

Questioned on reports that the councillors had each selected 25 target families in their respective wards, Soweto town clerk Nico Malan replied: "I am personally not aware of that move."

On the extent of the boycott in Soweto, Malan said: "About 50 percent of householders are paying."

The council is now collecting about R3.5-million a month from rents and service charges. At the height of the boycott it collected a mere R1-million, meaning that six in every seven householders were refusing to pay rent.

Soweto's accumulative debt now stands at about R68-million, Malan said, adding that the Soweto Council had been forced to function on bridging finance or loans.

The Soweto Council was determined to sustain its campaign to persuade people to pay rent. It would use all three legal options open to it: evictions under the Housing Act, repossession under the Magistrate's Act and cutting off electricity and water.

"So far we have evicted very few people on a permanent basis," Malan said. "I can count the number of cases on my one hand."

When action was taken against defaulters they often paid their arrears or made arrangements to pay them, Malan said. If their water or light was disconnected or if court officials confiscated some of their possessions to cover the amount owed, families often made good their debt, he added.

Malan insisted that permanent eviction was a last option and that the council's first option was still to "persuade" defaulters to pay.

The rent boycott started in earnest in June last year, escalating rapidly into perhaps the most effective non-violent resistance campaign against the white-controlled government and its agents in the townships in decades.

At its peak last September it affected 54 townships and, according to the Community Research Group at the University of the Witwatersrand, was costing the state R40-million a year in lost rentals.

The boycott, however, seemed to lose momentum as local authorities, bolstered by the State of Emergency, stepped up the pressure to break it.

The original demands in Soweto include resignation of the Soweto Council, the release of detainees from detention, the withdrawal of troops from the townships and a "just" rental.

In face of the massive mobilisation of power by the state, there are reports that a negotiated settlement is being mooted in some quarters in Soweto, in which the boycott will be called off in return for a "just" rental.

One sign of this is the recommendation from Soweto's former mayor Ephraim Tshabalala to his followers — a not inconsiderable number — that they pay only R15 on the service charges which account for most of the monthly rental.

In the meantime, new forms of non-violent resistance are coming to the fore, as evidenced by the defiance by black miners of mine company regulations prohibiting them from bringing their wives and mistresses into single-sex hostels.

## I can't pay. But they won't let me stay

By SEFAKO NYAKA

THE war of nerves between the Soweto Council and the residents is taking its toll on 48-year-old Jabulani widow Martha Hlatshwayo.

On three occasions she has been evicted from her four-roomed house for failing to pay rent for over a year.

But each time, as soon as the council officials left, neighbours helped her break the locks on the doors and carry her furniture and other belongings back into the house.

Now the mother of seven schoolgoing children is not so sure about her next move. The council has warned her, and other evicted families, that if she moves back into the house she will be "arrested and put into jail for contempt of court".

Last week the Rand Supreme Court ruled that the Soweto Council was legally entitled to evict rent defaulters.

Although an appeal has been lodged, Hlatshwayo is still worried that the "green beans" (council police) might return to evict her.

She does not want to give up the house left for her and her children by her husband, murdered just over a year ago on his way home from work.

Hlatshwayo was recently notified that she owes R653 in unpaid rent and service charges.

The amount is a massive drop from the R924 bill the council sent her during the first eviction. But even so she cannot pay it because "I cannot afford it."

She works as a machinist at a Doornfontein

factory for R100 a week.

"I have seven children to clothe, feed and educate. There is also my brother who is staying with us. He has been unemployed for over two years now." She also looks after her ageing mother-in-law and her niece, crippled by polio.

Hlatshwayo explains that she stopped paying rent because she couldn't afford it.

Nobody, she maintains, told her to stop paying rent. "When the boycott started it came as a relief because I was already in arrears."

She says it was better when her husband was alive and working, "but these days it is an uphill struggle".

She was first evicted in February, soon after her electricity was disconnected and days after water in the area was cut off.

An expensive dinner set, cutlery and linen disappeared during the eviction.

The family has had to adjust to doing household chores by candlelight.

"At times the children have had to forego doing their homework because we have to use the candles very sparingly."

This has resulted in a lot of sulking faces around the Hlatshwayo household because their mother won't be there to explain to the candle-wielding teacher why the homework has not been done.

With no running water, the family must go to the Bridgeman Community Centre in nearby

Zola to use the toilet.

The TV set in the corner of the sparsely furnished dining room is gathering dust. There is no power.

On previous occasions the council officials would "tamper with the power boxes in the street to cut off electricity in some houses". But the "comrades" had a way of reconnecting the power.

"The green beans would switch off and the comrades would switch on and this went on for days," she says.

These days there is no need for that type of cat-and-mouse game — the power boxes have been ripped open and rendered powerless. At night, the whole street is plunged into darkness.

Hlatshwayo is desperate to offset her rent arrears.

She had thought of selling some of the furniture, but everything in the house holds memories for her because it was bought by her husband.

"I really would like to pay the rent and have a decent night, but my child, I really can't."

She does not want to be seen as a spokesperson for others (hence the flat refusal to be photographed), but she believes the majority of the residents in Soweto cannot afford the high rent.

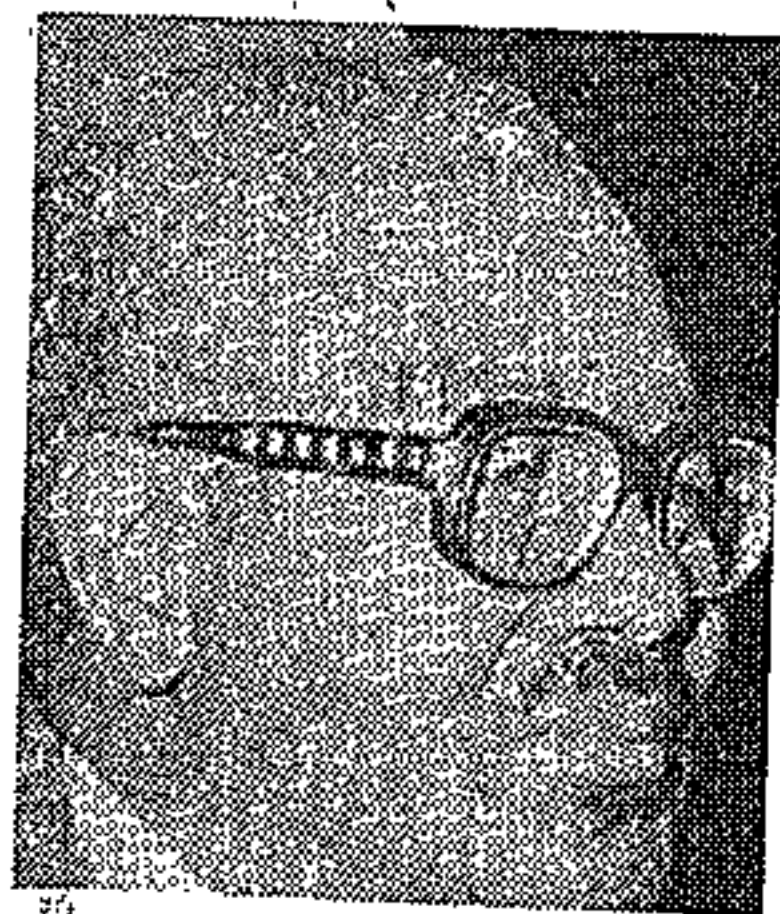
What worries her now is why Jabulani, and her street in particular, have been singled out.

"The whole of Soweto and the Vaal is not paying rent. Why must we be the examples for others?"

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**Steve Kgame**  
**Charges dropped**

## Charges dropped

By STAN MHLONGO

DOBSONVILLE councillors Isaac Mashao and Steve Kgame had corruption charges against them withdrawn by the Johannesburg Regional Court.

Dobsonville mayor Steve Nkatlo - also facing corruption charges - was told to report for trial at the Roodepoort Magistrates' Court on May 18.

Mashao, 58, Kgame, 58, and Nkatlo, 54, have been in the public spotlight since last year when residents alleged that they took bribes to allocate them houses.

Magistrate HS van Heerden withdrew the corruption charges against Kgame and Mashao.



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## Unexpected support

By STAN MHLONGO

SUPPORT for the Congress of SA Trade Unions' fight for a living wage came from an unexpected quarter this week - the Lekoa City Council.

Lekoa mayor Esau Mahlatsi turned down an application at his council's monthly meeting by businessman F van der Merwe to build a poultry farm in the council's area of jurisdiction because he

was paying his employees R150 a month, which Mahlatsi said, "was not a living wage".

Van der Merwe told the council that in addition to the R150, his employees received six eggs a day, three meals and free sleeping quarters - all concessions which failed to impress the council which stuck to its decision that he would not be paying his employees a living wage.

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## Student granted order

CP Correspondent

A CAPE Town judge this week ordered the Minister of Law and Order and the officer commanding Pollsmoor Prison to "release forthwith" University of Cape Town social work student Ian Mackenzie, 24,

The Minister was also ordered to pay Mackenzie's legal costs.

He had been detained for 110 days under the emergency regulations - after police arrested him in Woodstock at 12.30am on December 12 while he was distributing pamphlets publicising the UDF's Christmas Against the Emergency campaign.

An hour after his arrival at Security Branch headquarters, Warrant Officer Johannes Louw, who interrogated him when he was detained from July to October last year, came in and was "extremely aggressive and threatening".

Louw denied these allegations.

## FRAY

The campaign calls on all peace-loving white South Africans to seriously consider the prevalent state of affairs in the country.

Nusas will hold a non-racial poll in the week preceding the elections for students of all colours to make their feelings known on "one person, one vote".

Sansco executive member Pascal Moloi said the elections had no meaning for most black people in the country.

Naude said the basic issue facing the country was granting full political rights to blacks.

By SIPHO JACOBS

THE SABC's investigation into allegations of racism on the part of two senior employees is being investigated at departmental level.

The racism controversy was leaked to reporters after a document, allegedly signed by two senior SABC staffers, called for Soweto to be sealed off and its people wiped out in the event of a revolution.

The document was allegedly

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## Racism allegation at SABC

edly signed by the editor of TV news input, Andre Kritzing, and crime reporter Chris Olckers.

The signing of the statement was allegedly witnessed by two other SABC staffers.

## DPSC tea for detainees

By SANDILE MEMELA

TOMORROW ex-detainees and their parents will remember those still in detention at a tea party, a Detainees Parents' Support Committee member said this week.

It will be held at the Civic Centre Methodist Church, 114 Rissik Street, Braamfontein, from 2pm and parents of detainees and ex-detainees are urged to attend.

Numerous DPSC tea parties have been held to provide support for those who have been held in detention.

# Alex: where children play in the dirt

By Rich Mkhondo

Children frolic along dirt roads that flow with filthy water.

Graffiti such as "We Will Pay Rent When Mandela Tells Us To" and "Our Mothers Grow (rear) Their Children; They Kill Our Children" greet visitors.

This is Alexandra, a satellite township a few kilometres north of Johannesburg and one of the most squalid creations in South Africa.

In a major exercise considered by the Government to be important to win over the hearts and minds of blacks, it announced a R90 million project to upgrade the township within the next three years.

In the early 1970s Alexandra township became top of the list of townships which believed in fighting. Residents demanded the immediate improvement of the township as promised by the authorities and that they be provided with adequate and better houses.

Several years ago the authorities intended to demolish the township and to erect single-sex hostels.

## REPRIEVED

After representations to the Government by the Save Alexandra Party, the then Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Piet Koornhof, reprieved the township and promised that the township would be developed into one of the most beautiful townships in South Africa.

A school principal who did not want to be named said at the weekend that blacks believed urban services, such as water, electricity, roads and houses provided by the local authorities were being used to achieve certain policy goals.

Mr Jackie Msona (99)

a university student, said: "There is a housing shortage of about 600 000 units in black residential areas throughout South Africa while there is an oversupply of 300 000 units in white areas."

"In Alexandra there is an oversupply of illegal, terrible shacks and other squalid dwellings. I am glad the Government is going to do something, but I am not very much impressed. Their decision is rather too late for one to be overjoyed."

Mr Darkie Rametsi said residents of Alexandra were already cleaning up the township on their own.

He said a project called "Operation Clean Up" is scheduled for March 28.

## TARRED ROADS

New houses and several hostels are being erected in Alexandra. In the new area called Phase 1 and Phase 2 there are tarred roads where neat houses stand in small proudly-kept gardens.

The township has been cordoned off and streets are being heavily patrolled by military troop carriers, although there is no sign of last year's violence in the township.

The entire leadership cadres from different civic organisations are in detention or have fled the township since the beginning of the emergency decrees.

When The Star visited the township yesterday, a massive reconstruction programme seemed to be under way. Storm-water drainage, electricity, waterborne sewerage, a water supply, tarred roads and street lighting have been or are in the process of being installed, according to the boards announcing the project seen in the township.

The administrator of the township, Mr Steve Burger who took over the reins after the collapse of the town council in April last year, said he was too busy to comment about the upgrading project.



SANDTON COUNCIL

## R23m litigation threat

Sandton Council's plans to create an open-air pedestrian mall in Rivonia are facing a major challenge from retailers who are threatening R23m in claims for possible loss of trade.

And as Sandton is already heavily committed financially, it is predictably concerned. To date, it has spent more than R3m on a major by-pass road and, last week, it authorised a further R563 000 for an additional service road. As a result, it is now anxiously talking to affected retailers in an attempt to smooth ruffled feathers.

The new roads, one of which is almost complete, will create a detour around the portion of the old main road which will be closed and pedestrianised.

The once ambitious plans for the mall — heralded as an alternative retail node to Sandton City — now appear to have been cut back to a facility little more than 400 m long. It is here that the council has encountered problems with the 20 or so traders who will be directly affected by the possible closure of the street.

But Peter Gardiner, chairman of the steering committee which is handling the project, insists the scheme is not headed for the rocks. The original plan remains, he says, but will be phased in. Plans, he adds, are already "well advanced. We are now into the detailed planning stage for the first section."

Nonetheless, Gardiner's team has been holding individual meetings with all the retailers concerned to allay their fears of trade loss. Efforts are being made to prove to traders that the scheme will help, rather than hinder, their businesses.

"Studies overseas show that once areas like this are pedestrianised, trade goes up by 25%-30%," he says. "It will create a truly attractive village atmosphere that will encourage people who do not traditionally come here to visit and shop."

Gardiner has co-opted urban designers Gallagher Aspoas Poplak Senior in his effort to convince the traders to drop their claims and support the new mall. But some shop owners are already complaining that since the by-pass road opened a few weeks ago, trade has already dropped off.

"Unless we actually do something to enhance trade, their business will be lost to other retail nodes in the longer term, since there are no natural attractions to draw trade to this area," Gardiner says.

The scheme is also facing protests from two other major landowners at either end of the original — and much larger — mall. Both are still holding out for land prices that are even frightening off the major developers. For the moment, though, their land is

excluded from the contracted mall plans.

Gardiner insists that the construction of the first phase will be well under way early next year and, when complete, traders will be "delighted" with the results.

But the retailers' major concern is whether they can hold out that long.

### THE WILEY MYSTERY

#### Land not the key

Possible problems with the late John Wiley's multi-million rand property development at Noordhoek near Cape Town have been ruled out by industry sources in Cape Town as a likely reason for his apparent suicide two weeks ago.

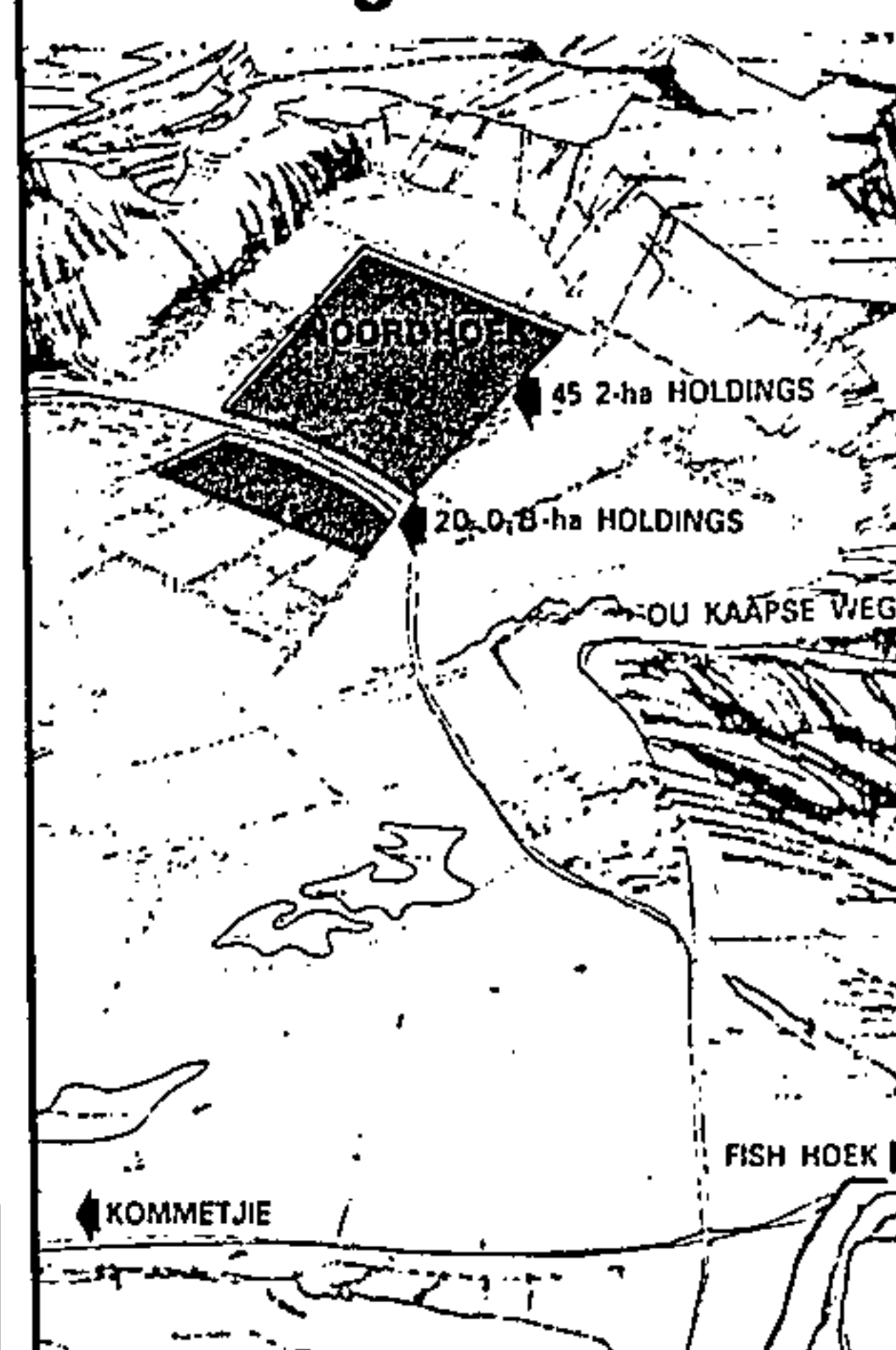
In fact it is generally accepted in property circles that the De Goede Hoop Development Company, owned by the Wiley Family Trust, of which Wiley was a trustee, has turned the corner after a long, uphill battle to move into the black.

The development comprises 42 "farmsteads" of 2,2 ha each and 28 smaller 0,8 ha "meadowsteads" — all of which were once part of the 400 ha De Goede Hoop Estate bought by Wiley in 1982 for around R1m.

The estate, originally owned by Sir Drummond Chaplin, is dominated by a majestic Herbert Baker-designed manor house.

About R3m was spent on infrastructure and development prior to selling, but the

#### Turning the corner



# Soweto Civic calls for rent boycott talks

By MONO BADELA

THE Soweto Civic Association called this week for a negotiated settlement to the rent boycott which it has supported since May last year.

The shift in strategy came in the wake of a Supreme Court judgement empowering the Soweto Town Council to evict rent defaulters.

The SCA has indicated it is willing to negotiate only with the Soweto council's town clerk, Nico Malan, in an effort to resolve the dispute.

A pamphlet distributed by the SCA this week to township residents states:

"All residents of Soweto are hereby informed that the Soweto Civic Association has requested a meeting with Nico Malan (but not with the councillors) to discuss grievances of the people and to demand an end to evictions." The meeting with Malan, the statement continues, has been called for as a response to the failure to resolve the people's grievances.

With the Community Research

Group, University of the Witwatersrand academic Mark Swilling has been monitoring the rent boycott that has affected 57 town councils and cost the authorities some R265-million in loss of revenue.

He said this week he saw the move by the SCA as a "major shift in tactics" and the continuation of a trend

that began in Port Elizabeth before the beginning of the State of Emergency last year, when Eastern Cape civic leaders had decided to negotiate with officials at a local level.

But he expressed doubt whether Malan would agree to negotiate — because, he said, "the State Security Council through the Joint Management Committees has instructed all government officials not to

negotiate with radical organisations. "Nevertheless the SCA is demonstrating its willingness to find a solution."

This week the Soweto Town Council evicted 10 families at Jabulani Township, only days after Malan's warning that tough action would be taken against rent defaulters.

A representative of the Messenger of the Court in Johannesburg, J Martin, said more than 300 people were to be evicted following court orders given against them.



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# NEWS

## New Dobsonville centre a haven for the young and the old

PENSIONERS in the Dobsonville area have a special reason to be thankful for the completion of the first phase of Mobil Foundation's new R2-million community centre at Dobsonville.

The centre has been turned into a temporary pension payout centre and pensioners have been able to exchange the long queues outside the post office for shelter and comfort while awaiting their payments.

The pensioners can now relax on the chairs in the hall or in a nearby courtyard.

In addition to the pensioners, it is estimated that between 5 000 and 6 000 people use the centre every month.

Phase 1 of the project, which included the incorporation of an existing community hall, was taken over from the council on a long lease. Its renovation and refurbishment was completed last September at a cost of just under R1-million.

While the Mobil Foundation is assembling the funds and preparing for the start of Phase 2, it is re-

searching the needs of the community, especially educational and other self-help programs.

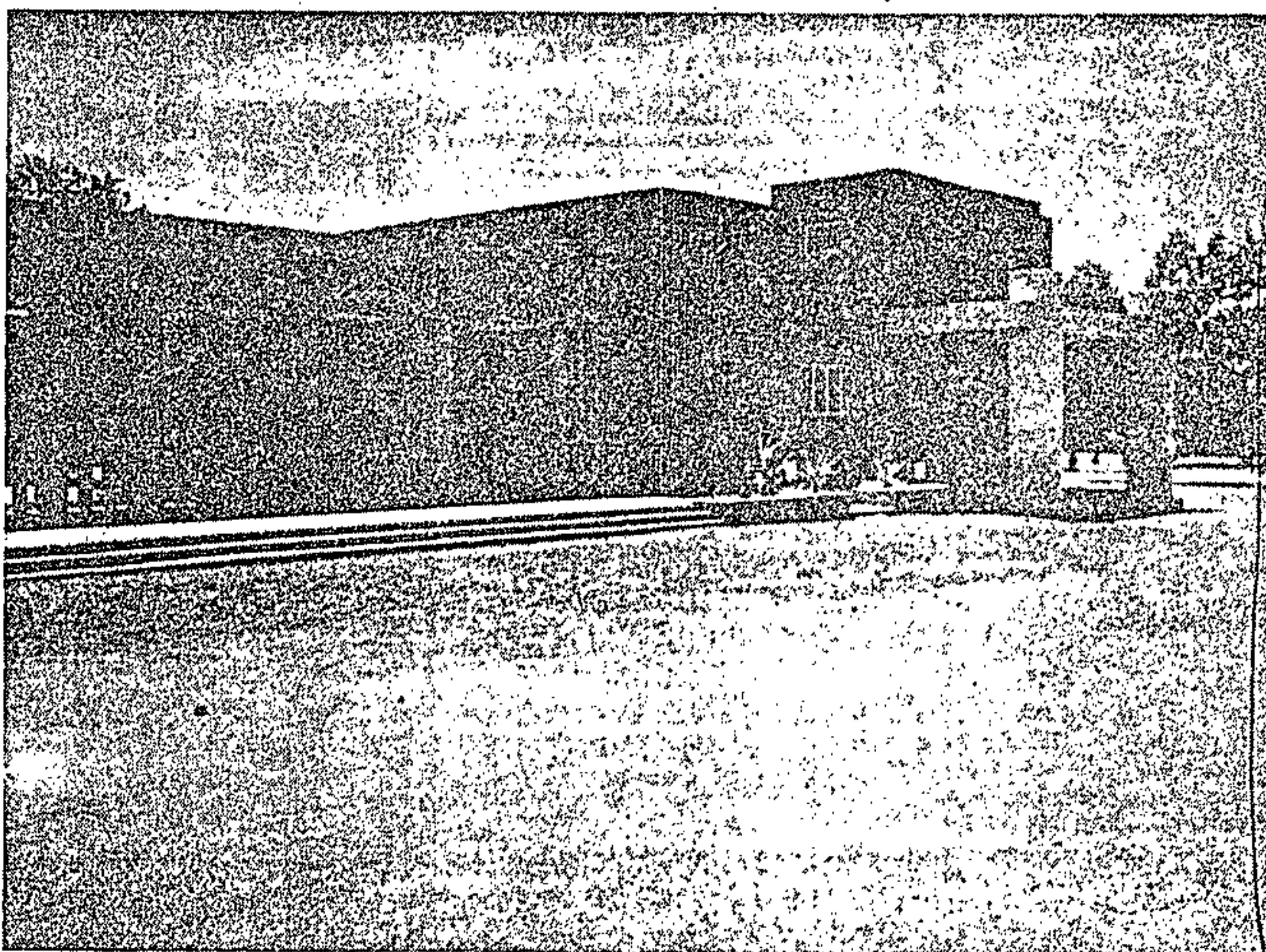
A wide range of activities already take place at the centre, involving 34 groups and organisations. A Legal Resources Group has set up an operation, and a Missing Persons Bureau has been established. Activities include gospel music, youth clubs, theatre and drama, many indoor sports, and activities for the disabled and aged.

The centre has become a haven for children who make extensive use of the play park. It is extensively used in the afternoons, evenings and weekends.

The surrounding area has been transformed into an attractive park and there is a netball field and covered walkways.

The second phase will include the construction of a hall seating 800 people, a large stage, dressing rooms, a restaurant and kitchen and a function room. A double-storey cottage will also be built for the accommodation of a permanent caretaker.

Though Mobil Foundation has adopted the maintenance of the project, it has insisted that it be run



Dobsonville residents named the new community centre Kopanong, which means "A Place To Meet".

by the community. A management committee under the chairmanship of M Tau, and a board of trustees, administer the centre

through a full-time manager, Eric Tonjeni, who controls a staff of seven.

The trustees include Dr DVA Mzamane, a medical

specialist at Baragwanath, Dr PP Mtangai, whose medical practice is in Pimville, PT Mzizi, the national co-ordinator of the

SA Council for the Aged, and two representatives of Mobil Oil, including Vic Butler, the Johannesburg public affairs manager.



## Thokoza council deposit 'used as security by firm'

SUSAN RUSSELL

THOKOZA mayor L Mamabolo and council employee D Thinane, alleged to have misappropriated about R1,3m, allowed a town council fixed deposit to be used as security by an Alberton company for a R375 700 building society loan.

This was alleged in papers before the Rand Supreme Court on Friday.

Thokoza Town Council was granted an order freezing the bank account of Incorporated Building Construction pending the outcome of action the council might take — within 30 days — to recover any money it might have lost.

Acting town clerk Hermanus Combrinck said in an affidavit that Mamabolo and Thinane's trial was set down for April 21-24.



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# New suburb just for councilors

A BRAND-NEW suburb has sprung up in Seboke - but it is for the exclusive use of the Lekoa councilors who have been living outside the township since the outbreak of the "rent war" in 1984.

The Lekoa councilors were forced to flee from the anger of township residents and unwittingly found themselves in the lap of luxury.

The same can be said for Soweto councilors who, after a long run from residents, found themselves a swanky suburb - Power Park - on the fringes of the township.

Since unrest erupted in the Vaal triangle on September 3, 1984, councilors and their families have been living like gypsies, moving from one area to another, away from the turbulent townships.

First, they moved to a hotel, then to the offices of the Orange-Vaal Development Board at Houtkop, and they are now finally settled at their own "Power Park" in Seboke, known as the "councilors' complex".

More than 80 people, including four councilors, died in the unrest. Several homes and businesses, mostly owned by councilors, were also destroyed during the disturbances.

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Most of the Lekoa councilors, who fled their homes at the height of the 1984 unrest, are housed at the luxury complex, which is heavily guarded by armed police who search every person and vehicle entering the area.

According to inside sources, councilors and their families living in the plush houses are supposed to pay monthly rentals of R62.16 for the six-roomed houses, which have fully furnished kitchens, in-door toilets, bathrooms, ceilings and carpets.

Ironically, when violence flared in the sprawling Vaal townships, it was because the residents felt that the council was demanding too much for rent - between R60 and R70 a month - for four-roomed matchboxes, and wanted it reduced.

There is growing dissatisfaction in the Vaal that, while residents are expected to pay high rents - a fact that they have been avoiding for almost three years through

boycotts - they claim that the councilors, "holed up" at Zone 10, are living rent-free. Residents are expected to pay R11.76 house rent, R4.27 refuse removal, R5.69 sewerage services, R8.30 fixed water services, R7.20 for fixed electricity supply, and R30.74 municipal services - a total of R62.96.

More than 3 000 residents have been served with summonses and statement accounts by the Lekoa council for not paying rents and service charges.

The statement accounts and summonses have been served to selected houses and cases were being prepared for court action. Hundreds of families have already been evicted from their homes.

On December 1985, the council released a 23-page anti-boycott strategy which provided for the orchestrated use of the courts, police, expanded community guards, extra-judicial law and order committees and trained youths to induce people to resume paying rents and service charges.

Four months later, on April 17 last year, the government was told that poor communication and lack of sensitivity and facilities contributed to the unrest in the Vaal triangle in September 1984.

These statements were contained in a document tabled in Parliament by the Vander Walt Inquiry, set up to look into the problems which caused the Vaal to flare up.

The report stated that even agitators were caught unaware by the start of the unrest and effectively blamed the government and local authorities for the conflict in the country.

"September 3, 1984 is a black day, not only in the history of the Vaal triangle, but in the history of SA. It should never have happened," said the report.

The inquiry, led by Potchefstroom University rector Prof. J. van der Walt was appointed in November 1984, to conduct a preliminary investigation into the unrest as far as it affected education.

ON SUNDAY: Read how the Lekoa council is spending your money.

## Council asks for help in saving township

By STAN MHLONGO

ADMINISTRATOR of the Transvaal Willem Kruger has been consulted to intervene on behalf of the Lekoa City Council to stop the excision of Zandela - a township in Sasolburg - from the jurisdiction of the council.

The three-year-old effort to excise Zandela, which fell flat when plans to hold a referendum were cancelled by the council in 1985, re-

sulted in councilors J. Tsol, Moses Tladi and Milton Cebane resigning in protest against the refusal of the council to excise Zandela.

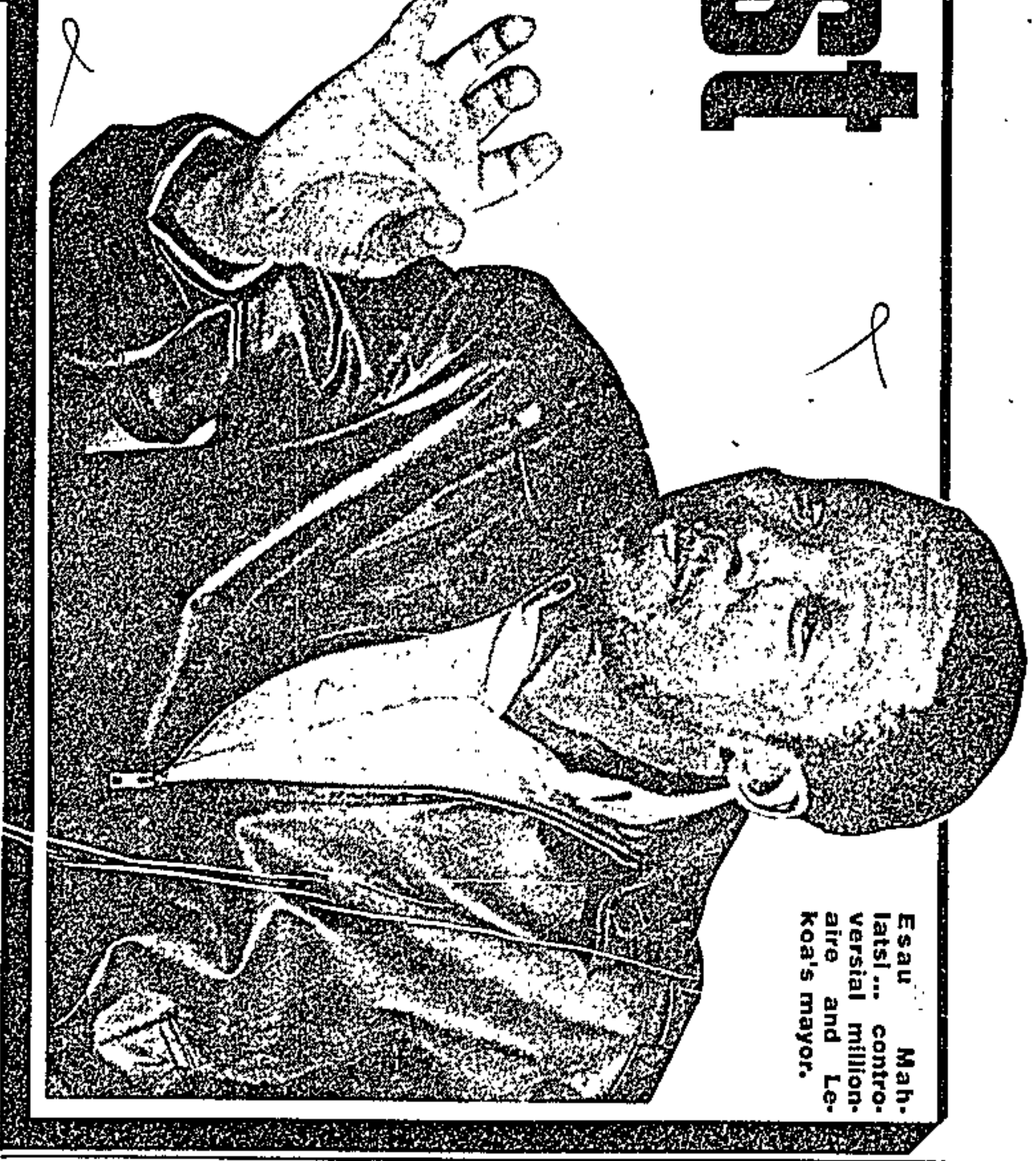
At a recent meeting, Lekoa mayor Esau Mahlasi was given a mandate by his council because it was felt that the Provincial Administration are clandestinely trying to see Zandela

excised. "We will leave no stone unturned to stop those who want to see Zandela falling away from the control of the council," said Mahlasi.

defunct Orange-Vaal Administration Board, Zandela, which fell under its jurisdiction, automatically fell under the control of the council.

Mahlasi alleges that "certain high-ranking officials of the OVS Provincial Administration are clandestinely trying to see Zandela excised."

"We will leave no stone unturned to stop those who want to see Zandela falling away from the control of the council," said Mahlasi.



Esau Mahlasi... controversial million-aire and Lekoa's mayor.

## Cosatu rejects Sats torture allegations

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COSATU rejected allegations of payment and no insinuation that Cosatu and its affiliate way workers had been tortured at its head offices in Johannesburg.

A statement released by Cosatu head office said the Sats allegations were made to justify Sats' refusal to negotiate with striking rail-

workers. "Cosatu flatly rejects Sats' allegations that Cosatu House is being used as a 'torture chamber' by the government that their

statement said.

"It is important to note that Sats do not even attempt to claim that they are willing to negotiate with elected worker leaders," the statement said.

"We have, together with Sarhwa, warned Sats and the government that their

intransigence and the involvement of police and seabs, could lead to unnecessary conflict and even violent clashes, but Sats refused to listen.

"They started off by blaming agitators and denying the legitimate grievances of workers. Then they used government media to label the strike a communist plot.

"Now they make their 'torture' allegations, which we read as an indication that they are moving further away from the idea of dealing with elected workers' representatives."

The statement said Sats had to accept responsibility for the "climate of violence" which it claimed to be so concerned about.

"Sarhwa and Sats' work-

## History the ANC way?

By STAN MHLONGO

A HISTORY teacher at a Mnguni school in Transkei denied in the Umtata Regional Court this week that, while teaching modern history, he told his pupils Nelson Mandela was the people's leader and the homelands were puppet states.

Lundi Mnguniwa is charged with furthering the aims of the banned ANC. He has pleaded not guilty.

Presenting the State's case, David Sanku said that during 1981 Mnguniwa told his Std 5 class that the ANC was a lawful

organisation and suggested that they join it.

The court heard that, during April 1981, he had led a group of youths to the sea for an outing, where they sang freedom songs. One of the pupils was given an ANC flag to hoist.

Mnguniwa denied the allegations and contended that he had often taught modern history, such as "who was the present Prime Minister or President of a certain national state and so on" and had not made any mention of Mandela and PW Botha.

## Move to stop eviction

By STAN MHLONGO

THE 800 squatters, threatened with eviction at Wiers Farm, north of Ekurhuleni, this week started legal action to stop plans to kick them out of the area.

Legal Resources Centre member Geoff Budender this week said negotiations have started with the government, appealing for intercommunal to stop the evictions.

The bid to stop the eviction comes in the wake of fresh allegations that troops raided the area April 2.

A spokesman for the SA Defence Force public relations department said inquiries were being made by his department about the allegations. He advised the victims to file charges at their nearest police station.

One squatter, Samuel Makhathini, claimed that he was made a strip naked by the troops, who threatened to take his car. The troops were given a mandate to monitor the squatter camp by the Walkerville Local Areas' Committee recently.







Onlookers examine the car wrecked in the explosion in Langlaagte, Johannesburg, yesterday as a foreign television news team films the scene.

## 64 injured in PAC grenade attack

Crime Reporter

The number of municipal policemen injured in yesterday's grenade attack on their Tladi training centre in Soweto has risen to 64, with six of the nine men still in hospital in a serious condition, the Bureau for Information said.

A spokesman said 55 slightly injured men were

treated at Baragwanath Hospital and discharged.

He said no one had yet been arrested in connection with the attack which was made from a moving white Toyota bakkie.

The outlawed Pan Africanist Congress has claimed responsibility for the attack.

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# Trial date is set for pair from Tokoza council

By MARTIN  
NTSOELENGOE

AT LAST a trial date has been set in the case involving Tokoza's mayor and town clerk for allegedly embezzling R1,3-million in council funds.

Lethebe Gerald Mamabolo, 43, of Tokoza and Doris Dikeledi Thinane, 40, of Soweto, were not asked to plead before VB Veldman, and their case was postponed to June 12.

Mamabolo's bail condition is that he reports at the offices of the Commercial Branch at John Vorster Square between 9-10am on Mondays and Fridays.

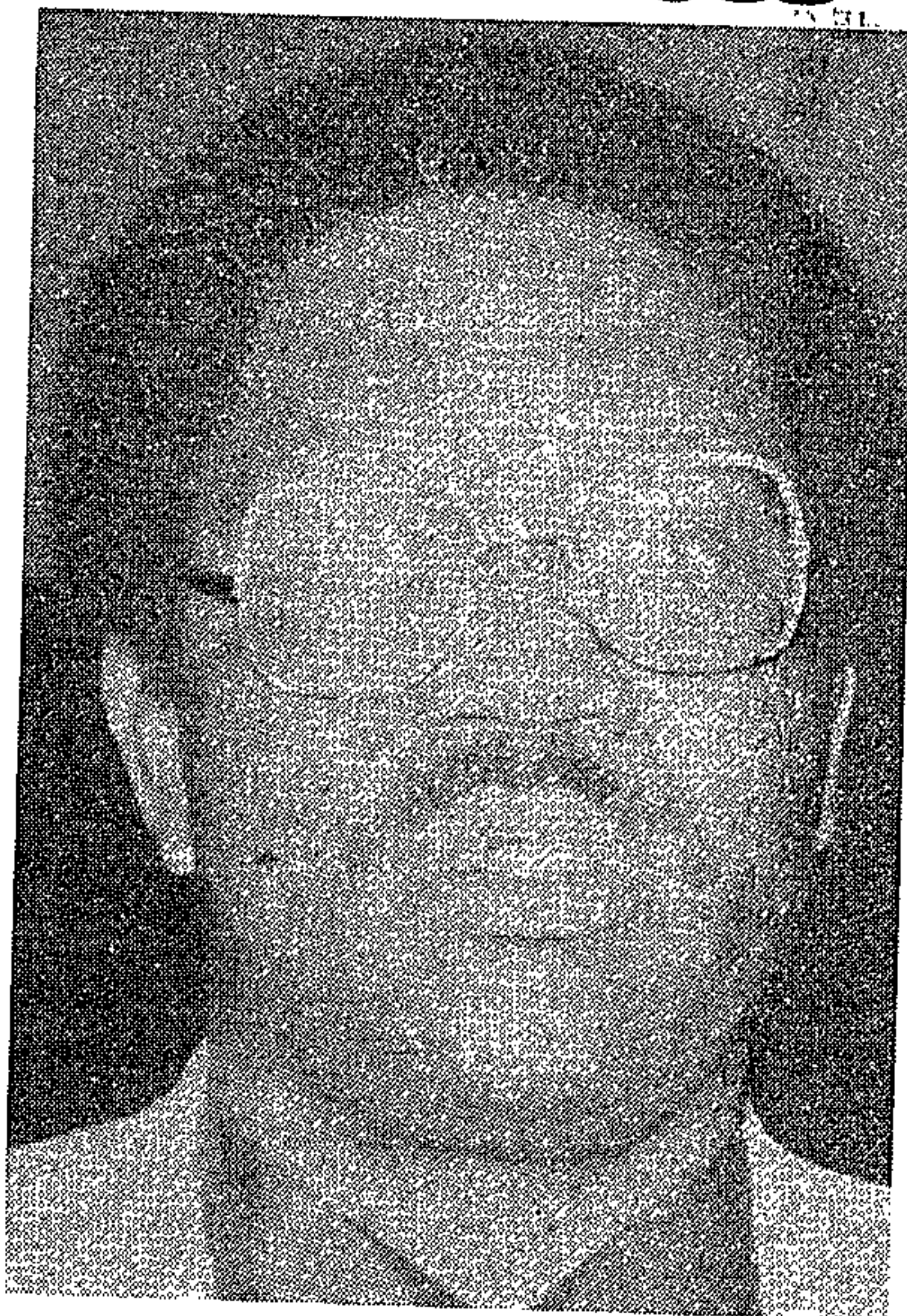
He also faces a charge of car theft. He was arrested last month while on bail after the disappearance of the expensive German mayoral car from the Tokoza Town Council offices.

A few days ago, the council made a successful bid in the Rand Supreme Court to freeze council funds on a loan made to Incorporated Building Construction.

Mamabolo and Thinane are alleged to have given a loan to IBC from monies out of the council's fixed deposit account.

Papers filed by lawyers acting for the council state that Mamabolo and Thinane are alleged to have embezzled R1,3-million of council monies.

The two made their third brief appearance in the Johannesburg Regional Court. They are out on bail of R1 000 and R500.



Mayor Mamabolo ... trial date set.

respectively.

The Tokoza Town Council has been shaken with a series of scandals since January.

A third councillor, Alfred Muntu "Tiger" Yende, is being sought by the Katlehong police on allegations of theft by false pretences.

Yende was at one stage the second biggest land owner in Tokoza, after the council. He housed more than 86 squatters in shacks

on land that he owned.

He recently ceded his rights to own property and the shacks to the council.

Yende is alleged to have taken money from homeless residents promising them houses.

Disgruntled residents later laid charges with the Katlehong police.

If Yende is arrested, he will be the second Tokoza councillor to face prosecution in less than three months.

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**70% discount on govt black housing**

**Own Correspondent**

introduced in all other black areas.

JOHANNESBURG. — Homes in Lekoa (Vaal Triangle) will be sold at reductions of up to 70% to boost the government's mass sale of black housing that started in 1983.

The discounts are also aimed at ending the rent boycott, by including rent arrears in the reduced purchase price, which is payable by the residents over five years.

Recommendations have also been made by the National Council of Local Authorities that the 70% discount be

The prices of all existing houses in the older Lekoa townships — Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bophelong — were reduced by 70% from April 1. In Sebokeng and Zamdela prices of newer houses were reduced by about 40%, with an extra discount for people who have electrified their homes.

Lekoa town clerk Mr N P Louw yesterday confirmed the reductions and said the council had decided on the reductions at the end of March.

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# Jouberton puts the clamps on officials

By DAN DHLAMINI

Shongwe in a Johannesburg daily newspaper.

"Everybody, including councillors, were given a three-month time limit to foot their rent bills, failing which they were handed over to the council lawyers," said Phele.

Shongwe and Mahlaka protest the suspension of

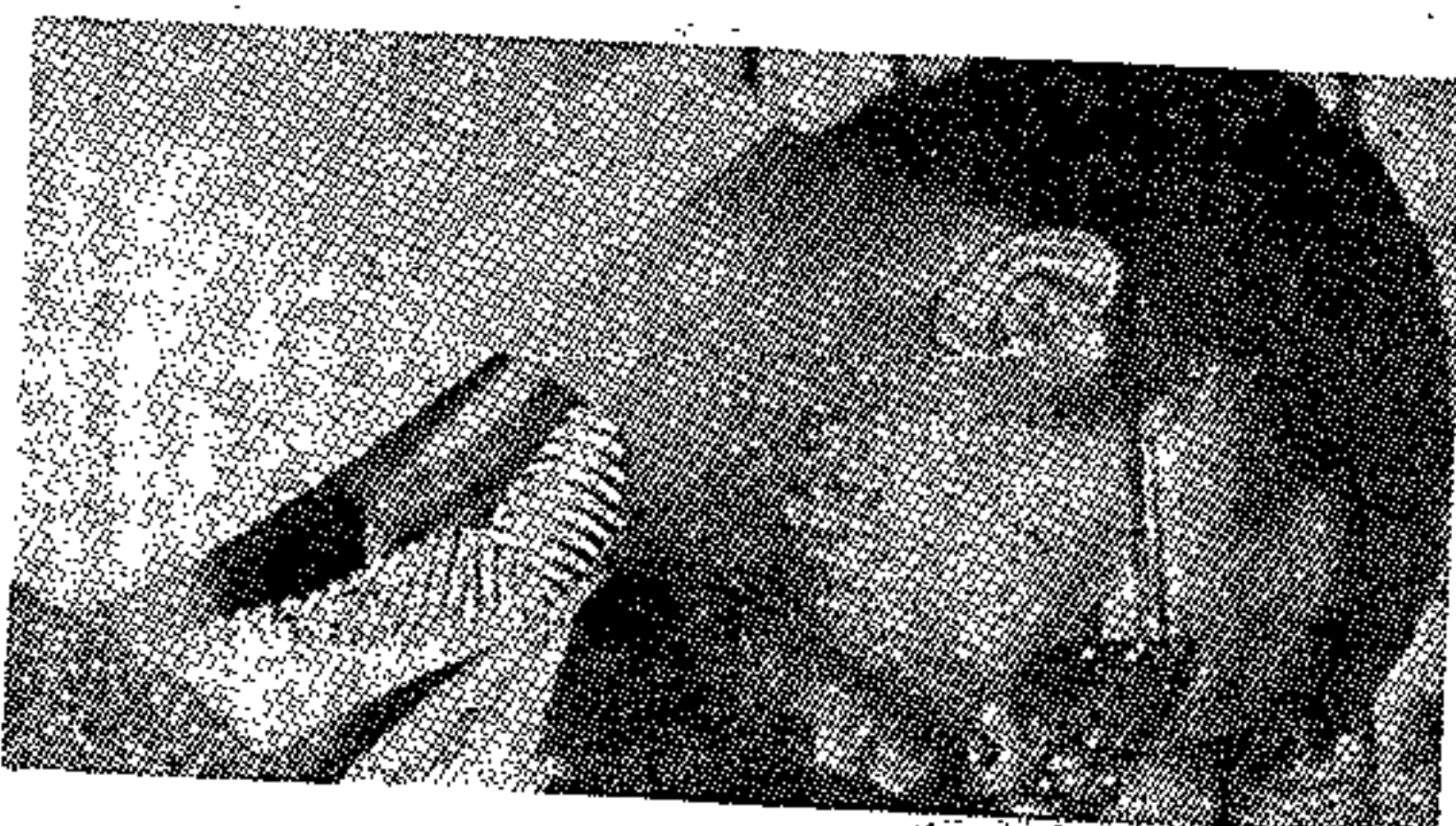
The source said the committee's memorandum and petition would be to request the expulsion of certain councillors and the immediate upliftment of the two officials' suspension.

The source said that the members of the committee wished to remain anonymous because they feared attacks.

"The committee also claimed that some councillors instigated the recent council workers' strike to further jeopardise the position of the two officials and to influence the outcome of the commission of inquiry," said the source.



Alloysius Shongwe



Paul Mahlaka

THE Jouberton Town Council has imposed an indefinite suspension on the town clerk and the town engineer.

The suspension of town clerk Alloysius Shongwe and town engineer Paul Mahlaka follows the recent strike by more than 200 council workers.

Jouberton mayor Spencer Phele said the council decided to suspend the two officials indefinitely with "pay" to avoid chaos in the already trouble-torn township.

He said the council committed by suspending the officials with pay and on the other hand seeing to it that the strikers' demands were met while the matter was under discussion.

Phele said the director of local government was informed about the matter and that they were waiting for the regional director in Potchefstroom to set a date where Shongwe's fate would be discussed.

He also said that the results of the Transvaal Provincial Administration's Wolmarans Commission of Inquiry over Jouberton's management have been made known.

Phele said the commis-

sion revealed that Shongwe was wrong to grant himself a loan to buy a car without the council's consent although he was entitled to a loan and was refunding them.

Phele confirmed that the council's decision to dismiss Shongwe for misconduct was reversed by the results of the Wolmarans Commission.

He also confirmed that there were some councillors who were in arrears with rent as claimed by

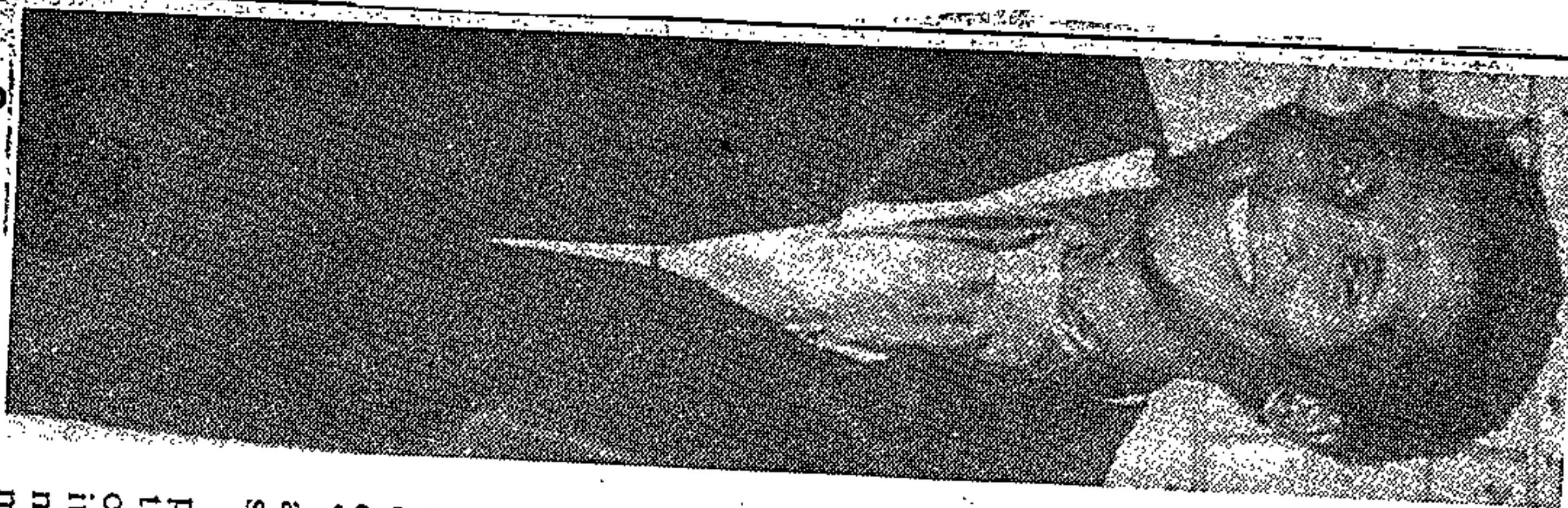
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# Huge council funds for 'unconventional' tactics

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THE Tokoza Town Council on the East Rand has been using large sums of funding — as much as R700 000 — to pay agents to fight campaigns such as stayaways, rent and school boycotts.

This information is contained in a confidential report written for the attention of the administrator of the Transvaal in Pretoria.

The report is also meant for the attention of Constitutional Development and Planning Minister, Chris Heunis.

The money was used to try to combat the influence of the ANC, UDF and other political bodies within the black community.

The report was compiled by Tokoza mayor Gerald Mamabolo and acting town clerk Doris Thinane, apparently in response to a December 17 request from the administrator asking the mayor to submit representations in connection with alleged maladministration in the Tokoza Town Council.

It also reveals the mayor's actions, reacting to a threatened rent boycott and stayaway, were taken pursuant to a meeting held in Pretoria. The meeting was attended by a special security council committee appointed by Urban Councils Assn of SA and former Cooperation and Development Minister Dr P Koornhof. At that meeting, local authorities were urged to take

By MONO BADELA

"appropriate steps" to counter the unrest situation by employing "extraordinary security measures".

"Security in Tokoza requires highly professional planning which can only be implemented by strategic and unconventional means," Mamabolo said.

He said it was imperative that the efforts of "dissidents and campaigners" be thwarted by trained personnel.

A sum of R210 000, plus registration fees amounting to R12 000, was used to purchase two houses in the name of the Tokoza Town Council and under a nominee. The houses were meant as venues to house senior police and security personnel whenever the need arose.

For the past six months, meetings have been held in these houses to plan strategies against groups fighting the council and allegedly creating unrest in the communities.

Large sums of money were spent to pay, accommodate, transport and feed personnel recruited to counteract any politically-motivated efforts allegedly aimed at causing the collapse

of the council.

In January police investigations revealed that, in fact, R1,3-million, almost double the original amount of R700 000, had allegedly gone astray. During that period, both the mayor and acting town clerk were picked up by Johannesburg Commercial Branch police and have been charged with theft. They subsequently appeared in the Johannesburg Regional Court charged in connection with the missing council funds. Both are out on bail.

Mamabolo said in the report that with regard to allegations of misappropriation of the R700 000, "we must advise that it is not possible to give detailed and accurate answers in this matter. We have, however, been trying to arrange an appointment with you (the administrator) to discuss this. At any time we are available to explain all payments and to furnish proof of such payments but this must be done personally and in confidence so as to ensure the safety of the persons involved."

He explained that the "unrest situation" had severely threatened national security in general and black township stability in particular.



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ATTERIDGEVILLE is a neglected township.

This is the opinion of the township's mayor, WK Mahlangu.

Compared to and area such as Mamelodi, Atteridgeville has very little, if anything, to show, he said.

Mahlangu pointed out that the pace of development in other areas outstrips that of Atteridgeville.

"One is forced to pose the question whether one must first ban one's own town or riot before receiving assistance from the government.

"Alternatively, one may ask whether one is to engage in rent boycotts before being placed on the priority list for State assistance. It is my view that the people of Atteridgeville and other neglected

# Township is 'neglected'

areas deserve better treatment," he said.

Mahlangu said despite countless memorandums motivating their request for more land, there has been no land forthcoming.

It was significant that the provision of new residential units in Atteridgeville was frozen in 1968 in accordance with what was then government policy.

"The implementation of this policy has had a profound impact on the social fabric of Atteridgeville, in that there has been an exodus of the

youth and there has now arisen a greater need for old-age homes."

At present there are 9 898 housing units, whereas the population is estimated at 120 000.

This means that an average of 15 people live in a every four-roomed house.

"Responding to this grave need in Atteridgeville, even in the absence of land, my council has for the past three years looked for tracts of land within the existing village, and in recent months the use of buffer zones has been considered in order to provide more houses," he said.



# Councillors 'ignorant'

By SOL MORATHI

**JEALOUSY**, short-sightedness and ignorance reign supreme among certain councillors of Mothotlung, a township near Brits.

These negative elements, according to a former mayor of Mothotlung, Jacob von Weilligh, have resulted in the maladministration of the township's affairs.

Von Weilligh, who is presently a council member of the township, also told *City Press* in an interview this week, how some councillors' incompetence and lack of interest in their duties have resulted in "Mabatho" denying them certain autonomy status.

He said there were some

councillors who lacked initiative, enjoying only the status of their titles.

Some, he said, just did not know what the duties of the councillors were, hence the township was not showing any signs of development.

Progress and development in the 18-year-old township was non-existent, he said.

Besides the 10km of tar road presently under construction in the township, no other significant project had been undertaken since the township was erected in 1969.

There are no post offices, sports, entertainment and health facilities to cater for the growing population of the township.

According to Von Weilligh, there was also a housing shortage.

There were about 500 families on the waiting list since 1979.

And it seemed they would still have to wait for some more years, because only a few councillors were prepared to negotiate with the government for the provision of more houses, he said.

The last houses were built in 1978.

Von Weilligh, who had been mayor from 1984 to December, 1986, claimed to have done "a lot" for Mothotlung's people. He contended that the area would not achieve the status of its neighbours - Garankuwa

and Mabopane - unless something was done immediately.

"Either the councillors pull up their socks, or a new council should be elected.

"I am not a rebel," Von Weilligh pointed out.

"People, especially some councillors, will point accusing fingers at me for saying this, but I am prepared to die for the truth," he said.

Von Weilligh's allegations come amid growing discontent among residents, who want to know why their township - unlike Garankuwa and Mabopane - is lagging behind with many projects.

Mothotlung was built in 1969. It was later incorporated into Bophuthatswana.





Mayors Mahlangu, Nkatlo and Boya at the official opening of a municipal park in Atteridgeville.

**Report:**  
**SOL MORATHI**  
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**EVANS MBOWENI**

## A shot in the arm

THE DEPARTMENT of Education and Training has donated R850 000 for the erection of a recreation resort on the outskirts of Atteridgeville.

The first phase of the recreation resort, which is expected to cost about R6-million upon completion, was opened last week by the mayor of Atteridgeville, WK Mahlangu, and the Minister of Education and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen.

The first phase consists of a take-away cafeteria, a roofed bar-

rier with concrete floor to accommodate about 200 patrons, braai stands and toilets.

The two subsequent phases, to be completed within three years, will include a lake with boating facilities, a BMX track, football field, tennis courts, swimming pool, a roller-skating area and group facilities. Work on the second phase will begin in August.

It is expected that

the resort will eventually consist of picnic areas and five ablution blocks.

A hotel - at this stage only a possibility - will be entrusted to a private entrepreneur.

A similar recreation resort will be opened in Vosloorus today.

The resort has also been divided into three phases and has received an initial boost of R850 000 from the DET.



# Schools for Alex

By NKOPANE  
MAKOBANE

HUNDREDS of Alexandra primary school pupils and their teachers yesterday attended a sod-turning ceremony to mark the start of the building of six new schools in the township.

Training. They are part of the masterplan to upgrade Alexandra Township.

## Sports

The schools — five primary and one secondary — are to be built at a total cost of R10,5 million by the Department of Education and

Addressing dignitaries before the ceremony, Mr Jaap Strydom, deputy director general of the

## Dr No's ideal

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — The Conservative Party stood for a lofty ideal — a free white nation with its own government in its own fatherland, the new leader of the opposition, Dr Andries Treurnicht, said yesterday.

Introducing a motion of censure of the Government, he said his party granted the same rights to other nations in South Africa.

"We reject the label of radicalism," Dr Treurnicht said.

"There is no radicalism in the striving of a people to survive in freedom on its own territory."

"We are right. We are conservative. We are against liberalism's levelling and the curbing of the individual."

DET, said his department cared about Alexandra.

The first two primary schools are to be completed at the end of the year and two more in the middle of next year. The fifth primary and the secondary school will be ready for occupation at the end of 1988.

Mr Strydom also announced that DET has allocated R800 000 to be spent on sports and recreational facilities on the eastern side of the township.

Two existing primary schools, he said, would be upgraded to double-storey schools. The Old Alexandra Junior High School and Ithute Primary School will also be upgraded, he said.



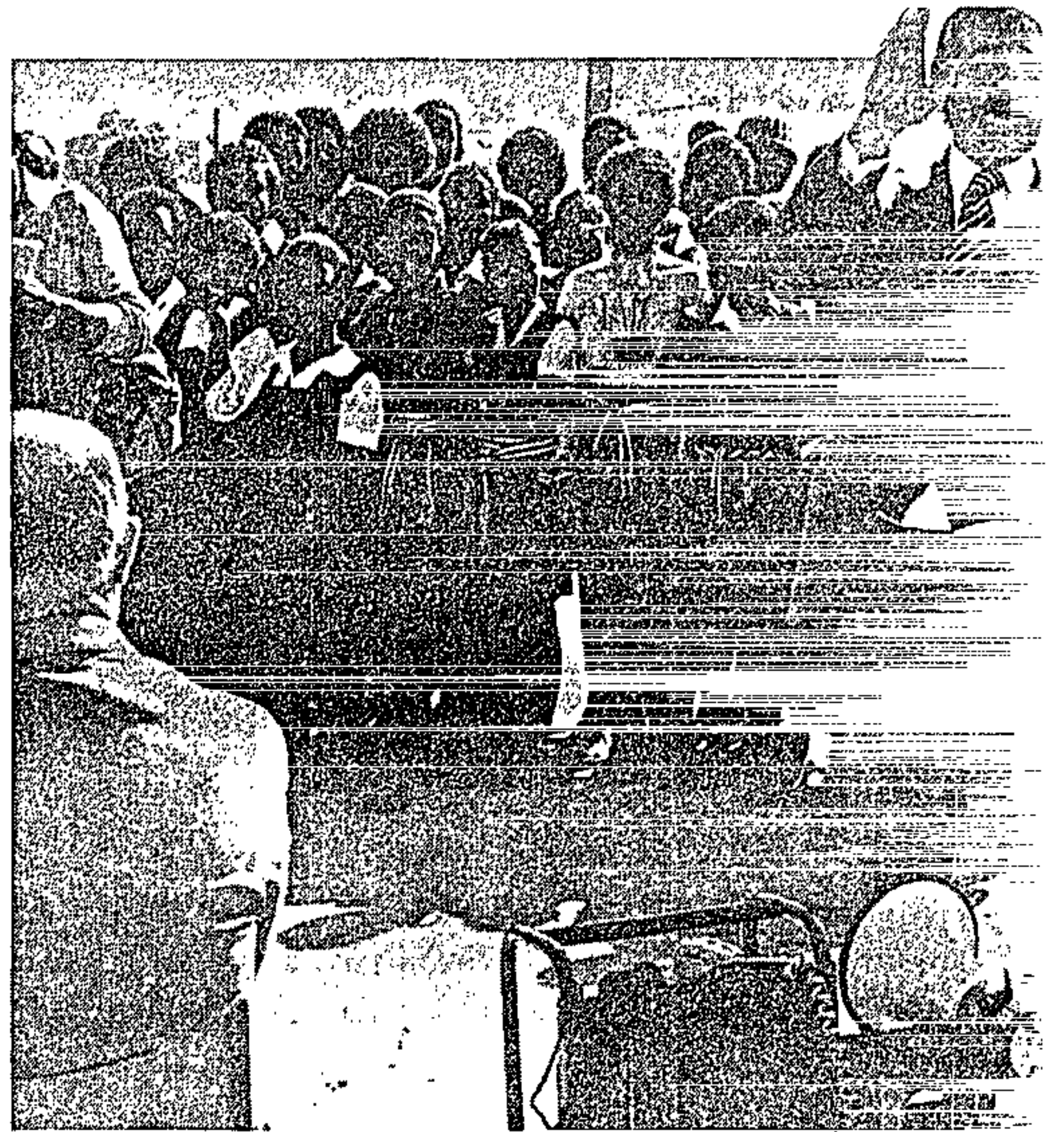
MR JAAP Strydom turning the sod at a ceremony in Alexandra yesterday to mark the start of building of six schools in the area. Looking on is Mr Edwin Baloyi, principal of Gordon Combini School, and some primary school pupils.



# DET uplifts Alex in bid to win over the youth

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Jaap Strydom tells the Alexandra pupils that the schools are for their use built in the area.



**SANDILE MEMELA**

THE GOVERNMENT'S declared intention to win the hearts and minds of the people of Alexandra township was transformed into action this week when the Department of Education and Training announced a R10,5-million project to build four new schools in the area.

Construction will begin immediately and the four primary schools are expected to be completed by the end of the year. An additional primary school and one secondary school will be completed before the end of next year.

The secondary school will be built at a cost of R3-million.

According to the deputy director of the DET, Jaap Strydom, each primary school would be built at a cost of R1,5-million.

Other plans aimed at upgrading facilities in the area include building a R800 000 recreational facility.

The announcement was made at a function held at the town council offices attended by councillors, top DET officials, headmasters and representatives of the private sector.

Hundreds of Alexandra children from the local lower and higher primary schools lined the dusty streets in a guard of honour as the visitors drove to the site of the schools to be built.

This was in strong contrast to the scenes of violence and unrest which gripped the area last year.

There were responsive shouts and screams from the pupils when Strydom told them that the schools to be built would belong to them.

"All that is done is for the benefit of you little children."

"It is part of the urban renewal for the interests of the young," said Strydom.

Strydom said the four schools would replace the dilapidated schools in the area.

"The pupils are literally being taught in shacks at the moment and the DET has resolved to change the situation," he added.

The schools are Ikage, Zenzeleni, Iphuteng and Carter lower primaries. The latter two will be completed by mid-year next year.

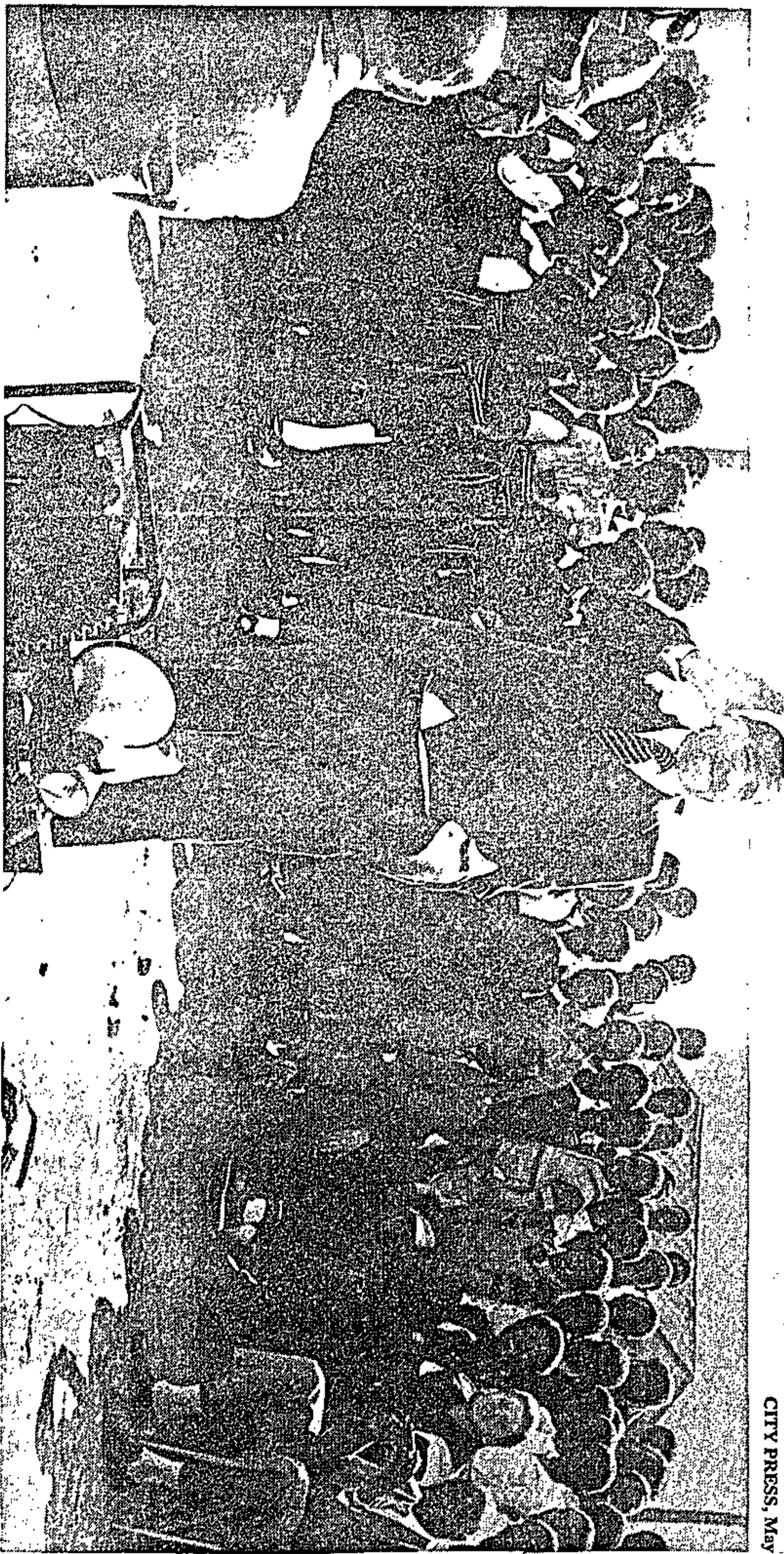


Alex pupils watch Jaap Strydom scooping the soil of their future school.



# DET uplifts Alex in bid to win over the youth

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Jaap Strydom tells the Alexandra pupils that the schools are for their use. Strydom said that four schools are to be built in the area.

## SANDILE MEMELA

THE GOVERNMENT'S declared intention to win the hearts and minds of the people of Alexandra township was transformed into action this week when the Department of Education and Training announced a R10,5-million project to build four new schools in the area.

Construction will begin immediately and the four primary schools are expected to be completed by the end of the year. An additional primary school and one secondary school will be completed before the end of next year.

The secondary school will be built at a cost of R3-million. According to the deputy director of the DET, Jaap Strydom, each primary school would be built at a cost of R1,5-million.

Other plans aimed at upgrading facilities in the area include building a R800 000 recreational facility.

The announcement was made at a function held at the town council offices attended by councillors, top DET officials, headmasters and representatives of the private sector.

Hundreds of Alexandra children from the local lower and higher primary schools lined the dusty streets in a guard of honour as the visitors drove to the site of the schools to be built.

This was in strong contrast to the scenes of violence and unrest which gripped the area last year.



Alex pupils watch Jaap Strydom scooping the soil of their future school.



# Mayor wanted sex for house - claim

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THE mayor of Dobsonville, Steve Nkatlo, offered to allocate a house in the township to a female resident on condition she give him "sex", the Roodepoort Regional Court heard this week.

Lily Sithebe was giving evidence in a case in which Nkatlo is charged with 62 counts of theft, alternatively corruption.

Sithebe said she had paid Nkatlo R600 at his home in an attempt to obtain a new house in the township.

After she paid, Nkatlo told her all new houses in the township were occupied.

Later he said he would find another house for her if she gave him "sex".

Another witness, Linda Morakile, 44, said Nkatlo had told a meeting of resi-

dents that a number of new houses were being built in Dobsonville and people who managed to obtain one of them would be like the winners of a jackpot.

"There were lot of people outside Nkatlo's office and we were called one by one. When it was my turn I went to the office and Nkatlo told me I would not get a house if I did not pay 'a bribe'.

"I then went to my place and fetched R500, which I paid to Nkatlo," she said.

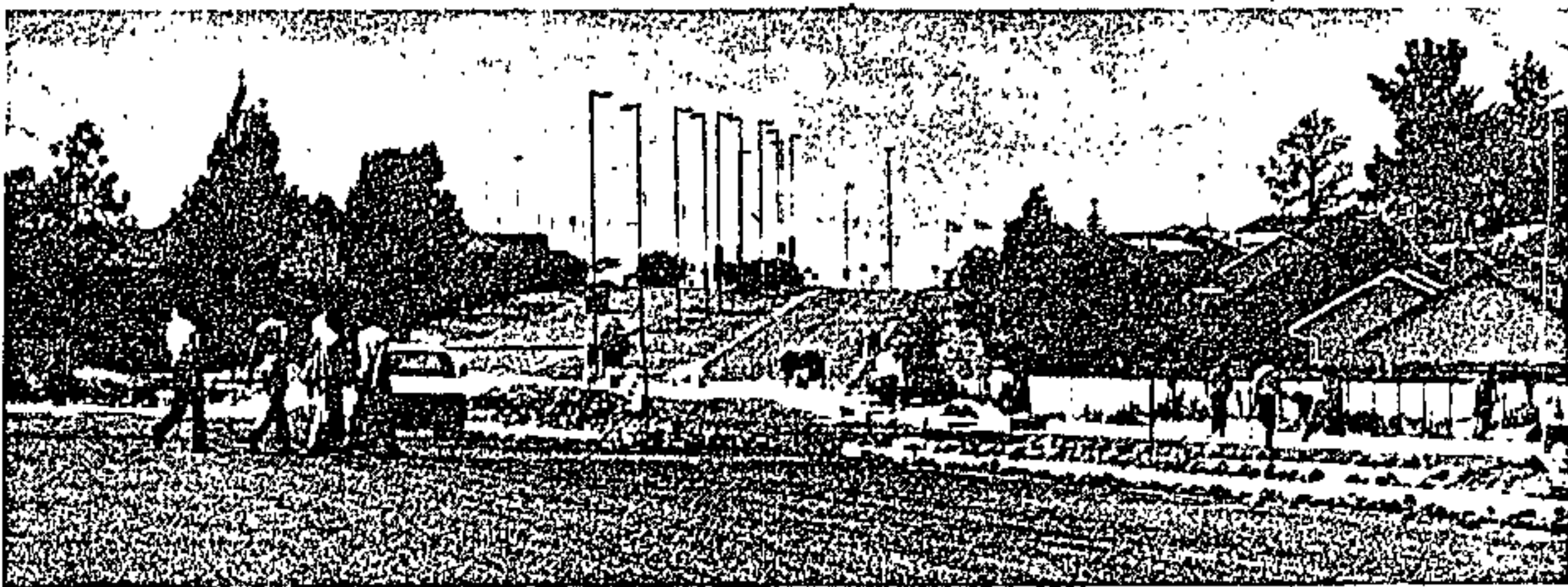
Earlier, Nkatlo's attorney submitted the Dobsonville Civic Association had influenced the residents to lay charges against the mayor in order to discredit him and other councillors. - Sapa.



Steve Nkatlo



# At Tutu's place of birth the road leads nowhere



The highway that goes nowhere but divides whites from the people of Munsieville

Pictures: ALF KUMALO

By SYLVIA VOLLENHOVEN

IN Krugersdorp an expensive two-kilometre highway has been built to nowhere.

The wide road only serves to separate the black township of Munsieville from the white part of Krugersdorp. It starts and ends abruptly.

The removal of Munsieville and its people recently became the centre of an election battle between the National Party and Conservative Party.

It is one of the oldest townships on the Reef where between 20 000 and 30 000 people have been threatened with removal for many years.

All was fine as Munsieville, west of Johannesburg, grew in the early 1930s. But years later as adjacent Krugersdorp developed, the new white arrivals felt that the township was too close to their neat, comfortable homes.

The CP's Clive Derby-Lewis is the main voice pushing for the move.

## NP compromise

Initially the government agreed but now the "New Nat" candidate in the area says removal will cost too much.

The NP-style compromise was to build the highway.

Before the election the Munsieville people thought a NP win would at last mean security of tenure for them.

But although NP candidate Leon Wessels gained victory with his "reformist" stance, it was cold comfort for the people of Munsieville.

The NP majority dropped from more than 3 000 in the 1981 general election to a mere 55 votes earlier this month.

His Munsieville stance cost verligte Wessels thousands of votes, and last week the CP's Derby-Lewis became a nominated member of Parliament.

He said soon after arrival in Cape Town: "The State President says no more forced removals but then they announce Oukasie (Brits) and Lawaakamp (George) will go.

"If we kick up enough fuss they will remove the place."

And there is no doubt that Derby-Lewis will not stop kicking up a fuss on this issue.



The Rev Qangule listens to the problems of residents



Sewage pours out into a back street in Munsieville

Meanwhile in Munsieville, the birth place of Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, very little money has been spent on upkeep and people are understandably reluctant to improve their homes.

The result is ramshackle buildings, very few tarred roads and virtually no community facilities.

There is no electricity or running water inside homes and people wait on the white officialdom to finally decide their fate.

"Ten thousand whites have signed a petition asking that we should be moved," said a Baptist priest, the Rev Sandisiwe Qangule.

Munsieville has no sewerage sys-

tem. Some homes do not even have a basic bucket in the outside toilet.

Sewage pours straight out of a hole in the back of the little outbuilding into a narrow alleyway where the stinking mess gathers.

The general neglect is one way of forcing residents to move.

"And, we were here long before

the whites started to build around us. My mother was a young girl when her family moved here," said Qangule.

## Buffer strip

Already many homes in Munsieville have been demolished and the people moved to nearby Kagiso.

Now there is a vacant buffer strip to "protect" the side of Krugersdorp that the highway cannot reach.

A Roman Catholic Church was demolished to make way for this unnecessary road, according to Qangule.

"We are surrounded by whites. Taking the government's attitude on Group Areas into account, we don't know what our future will be," he said referring to the post-election clampdown on black people living in white areas.

As in many black townships, Munsieville and Kagiso have formed strong residents' committees. The organisations strongly resist removal.

Qangule who is the Detainees Parents Support Committee (DPSC) representative in the area, said that since the start of the emergency about 500 people, mostly from these residents' committees had been detained.

## Brutal attacks

He described brutal attacks in the streets and claimed that one boy was beaten to death.

The emergency regulations make it impossible to describe these incidents fully.

According to Derby-Lewis, the main reason why Munsieville is not being bulldozed is because Archbishop Tutu was born there and the government fears the "international outcry".

But Wessels says: "Black people are in and around our cities to stay. With the tremendous shortage of houses in the black community, it is absolutely ridiculous to demolish houses."

Yet, the people of Munsieville have to see concrete results of this new Natspeak.



# Tension in Vaal over PW's Freedom

THERE is widespread tension, anger and discontent in the eight black Vaal Triangle townships of Lekoa since it has been disclosed that State President P W Botha is to visit, and be given Freedom of the area, next week.

The council is said to be furious about the news of Botha's visit reaching the media, as it had planned to make the announcement on Wednesday, a day before the actual ceremony.

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One of the major reasons for the controversy regarding Botha's visit is the R12 000 the cash-pressed council has set aside to entertain guests at a ceremony at Sebokeng's Mphahlalatsane Community Hall next Thursday.

A number of senior council workers claim they have been "blackmailed" into taking part in the ceremony and are

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fearing what might happen to them afterwards.

The general mood in the townships of Lekoa — including Sebokeng, Sharpeville and Boipatong — is one of discontent at Botha's visit.

The granting of the Freedom of the eight townships to him comes at a time when the area's residents owe thousands of rand in rent arrears because of the rent boycott which began in 1984.



ATTERIDGEVILLE township residents rounded up in raids were taken to Saulsville Arena and allegedly assaulted by council police.

Peter Mogalane, who was picked up during a raid on a beer promotion party at the weekend in the Pretoria township, said he was taken alone in a van to the arena.

There he encountered others he believed to have been rounded up in separate raids.

They were ordered by council police to march around the arena while being assaulted and insulted, he said.

The police are alleged to have assaulted guests when they raided the beer promotion party, breaking a woman's arm.

A number of guests have instituted civil proceedings against the Minister of Police.

According to affidavits from guests, South African Police and Atteridgeville Town Council police arrived in six vans at midnight at the Seloho Street home where Windhoek Laager was being promoted by a Gilbey's representative.

Guests said they were ordered to walk in pairs to the waiting vehicles, and in the process were kicked, punched with fists and beaten with rifle butts.

They said they were driven to the Saulsville Hostel charge office for processing, then to the Atteridgeville police station, where they were locked up in three cells.

Mogalane said he was taken alone in a van to the Saulsville Arena. He said when he was thrown into a pool of water he injured his elbow which had been fractured by "soldiers" last year.

Meanwhile, at the police station, money for the payment of R30 admission-of-guilt fines (for "illegal drinking") were refused, according to the affidavits, because the receipt book was full.

Three policemen stationed at the entrance of the police station confirmed this refusal to WM on Saturday night.

According to affidavits, people were invited to the promotional party, during which guests were quizzed and prizes awarded.

Florence Ratselane had just won a prize when police arrived. She was also ordered to march to the waiting vans.

# A bruising night in the arena

## Revellers tell of parties that ended in swoops, marches round an arena and beatings

By THAMI MKHWANAZI

She was permitted on request to urinate, she said, but while she was so engaged behind one of the vans, another policeman ordered her to leave immediately, telling her she was wasting their time.

As she stood up, one policeman "unleashed a vicious kick" against her left arm, she said, and when she fell she had to use the same arm to balance herself. She was picked up and pushed into a van.

Several people have said they were assaulted during or before this incident, kicked, punched and hit with "rifle butts", resulting in "visible and internal injuries".

In her affidavit, Ratselane said police refused on Saturday night to accept money for the payment of an admission-of-guilt fine from her cousin, saying the receipt book was full.

"I complained about my arm and one policeman told me I was drunk," said Ratselane. "I had to spend another night in the cells," she added.

She was released on Sunday morning when police accepted R30 from her parents — for which they issued a receipt. She was subsequently taken to Kalafong Hospital, where her arm was found to be fractured.



Florence Ratselane shows off her fractured arm

Picture: ANNA ZIEMINSKI, Atrapix

Petrus Chiggo Maliase said police punched and kicked him on the neck.

A Saulsville man, Zacharia "Mbuti" Ratsela, said police pulled him when he asked why he was being arrested.

"When I asked them to arrange for the safety of my car, they said I could consult my lawyers," he said. They

then beat him with a rifle butt which, he said, resulted in a scar on the side of his face.

"Other policemen held me while some kicked and punched me," he said, adding that they dumped him on the ground, picked him up and threw him into a van. He paid a fine the

next day "because my car was stranded".

On refusing to allow people to pay the fine, Johannes Sello Moeketsi argues in his affidavit that the police did allow others to go, by letting them "brbe their way through".

He said he was kicked on the spine, butted with rifles and his face had been trampled upon.

He said one of the people present at the police station asked a policeman why the others were released. The policeman answered in Sotho, saying, "Ba na le lesuwa" (they have said).

● A spokesman for the SAP, Lieutenant RW Olivier, said he had no knowledge of the allegations. He added that all the people offended by the conduct of the police may lay charges with the local police for investigation. Should they receive no co-operation from these, they may then refer such charges to police headquarters.

He also said those who have made affidavits for the purpose of civil proceedings may submit these to Private Bag X94, Pretoria. These would be sent to the station commander in Atteridgeville who would, in turn, appoint senior policemen to investigate the allegations.

Olivier further said prosecutions may follow if there was sufficient evidence or the charges would be withdrawn.

Asked whether it was illegal to attend a liquor promotion party, he said "No". He pointed out that there was a probability of a "disturbance of some sort" or that neighbours could have complained about excessive noise caused by the party.

Asked why the police could not first warn the organisers of the party about noise, he said the police were not obliged to do so once a complaint had been lodged.

On the alleged police refusal to accept money for payment of admission-of-guilt fines because of lack of receipt books, Olivier said it could have been possible the police had run out of receipt books and therefore found it impossible to accept the money.

He acknowledged the police had accepted admission-of-guilt fines with the express notion that the guests at the promotion party had committed an offence. But he said: "I cannot exactly say what their crime was."



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## Black resort centre a first

THE biggest and most modern recreation centre ever in a black township was opened this week in Tembisa, on the East Rand, by the Deputy Minister of Education, Sam De Beer.

The resort, known as Ebuhleni, is being erected at a cost of R3-million and will cover an area of more than 60 hectares. It includes a man-made lake.

"It is common cause that a change of scenery can rejuvenate a jaded spirit, even if it is only in the form of a picnic or a trip to a place that is different from or more attractive than one's home or place of employment," said De Beer.

The developer, Harry Gey van Pittius, said: "Recreation is a big problem in black townships. Developments such as these by the private sector are long overdue.

"The object of the centre is twofold, recreation and education with regard to the awareness of nature, as well as promoting fitness and physical well-being." - Sapa.

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A COMMUNICATIONS sub-station has been set up in Sebokeng as part of the security procedures for today's visit by President P.W. Botha.

# Sebokeng goes hi-tech for PW

SOPHIE TEMA

The sub-station manned by SADF members has been set up outside the Mphatlalatsane Hall where Botha is expected to address Vaal residents.

The ceremony is to mark Botha being given the freedom of Lekoa.

In preparation for the president's visit, members of the Lekoa council police and the SADF yesterday removed refuse from open spaces.

School pupils said they had received no instructions from their schools about taking part in today's ceremony and would therefore attend classes as usual.

The Vaal Civic Association (VCA) and many residents said they were opposed to Botha's visit.

A statement by the VCA yesterday said: "It is not in the interest of

the oppressed masses to grant the State President the freedom of Lekoa while South Africa has been implicated in attacks on Frontline States."

A VCA spokesman said as residents of the Vaal Triangle members of the organisation once more called on Botha to address the rent issue and to halt evictions arising from the rent boycott.

The VCA was also asking for:

☐ All banned organisations to be unbanned.

☐ The six people sentenced to death for the murder of a Sharpeville councillor to be pardoned.

☐ The Delmas treason trial to be dropped.



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# Soldiers clean ghetto for PW Botha's visit

JOHANNESBURG. — Soldiers on clean-up duty yesterday shovelled ghetto garbage in preparation for President P W Botha's visit today to the townships where unrest flared two years ago.

Residents of Sebokeng, about 65km south of Johannesburg, said locals were also ordered to help clean up and painting squads freshened up council offices.

Under heavy police and military guard, Mr Botha will receive "freedom of the city" of six adjoining townships — including Sharpeville and Sebokeng — in his first official visit to black townships since 1979.

Mr Botha has been invited by the Lekoa Town Council, which administers the townships south of Johannesburg.

But the visit has been criticized by community organizations.

"This is just propaganda aimed at the outside world, to make them think that all is normal in this country," said Mr Doc Mosesi, an official of the Sharpeville Civic Association.

"The freedom he is being given is ridiculous because he will never enjoy it ... unless under heavy armed guard," said association official Mr Killer Mabunda.

The Vaal Civic Association said it

was unreasonable to expect residents to support moves to honour Mr Botha while grievances which led to the loss of life had still not been addressed by the authorities.

Lekoa's town clerk, Mr Nicholas Louw, said Mr Botha was unlikely to address the rent protest. "These are domestic issues," he said.

A recent survey by the Sowetan newspaper showed that most residents believed Mr Botha should act to scrap or reduce rent payments and write off rent arrears.

The Mphatlhalatsane Hall in Sebokeng — where Mr Botha is to address Vaal residents — was yesterday turned into a conference centre when scores of top police officers and Lekoa Town Council officials met to prepare for the visit, the Sowetan reported.

As the day-long meeting continued inside the hall several uniformed police, including Lekoa Council policemen, kept guard at the hall.

Taxi owner and funeral undertaker Mr Moepi Modibedi, 54, said: "We can only be pleased about the State President's visit if he will resolve the issue of rent payments and sell houses to residents at reduced prices of R1 000 or even less for a four-roomed house."

— Sapa

Deal on sacked workers is possible

# Breakthrough in Sats-Cosatu row

LEGAL advisers for SA Transport Services (Sats) and the Congress of SA Trade Unions (Cosatu) were on the brink of solving the three-month-old labour dispute yesterday.

Cosatu spokesman Frank Meintjies said: "The possibility is high that an agreement will be reached."

He said lawyers for Sats and Cosatu were on the point of reaching agreement about reinstating the 17 000 dismissed workers.

A Press conference about a separate matter scheduled for yesterday afternoon was cancelled at the last minute as Cosatu general secretary Jay Naidoo was meeting the Sats legal team.

Meintjies said agreement on reinstatement and pay parity was close.

A strong sign of a thaw in relations between Sats and Cosatu was the withdrawal earlier this week of an application by Sats restraining Cosatu and the SA Railway and Harbour Workers' Union (Sarhwu) from assaulting employees.

The application was brought on April 30 and postponed until June 2.

PATRICK BULGER

Sats deputy director of public relations Tienie van der Berg said last night "the discussions are delicate at this stage".

He said discussions were taking place as a prelude to a court hearing later this month in which Sarhwu was applying for three workers to be reinstated. The case would test the principle of the dismissals.

It was not impossible for the two legal teams to reach an agreement before the case was heard.

He confirmed that Sats continued to recognise only the Black Trade Union (Blatu).

□ Cosatu announced yesterday it intended taking the SABC to the Media Council for its "biased reporting".

It said the SABC had given the wrong impression in two reports — one relating to Cosatu's withdrawal of a case against the Minister of Law and Order, and the other to an interdict restraining Cosatu from intimidating Sats workers.



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# Splendour amidst

THE normally dull and oppressive atmosphere that covers the Orange Vaal was transformed into a mixture of festivity, tension and hatred.

This followed the lavish party that was thrown for the State President, PW Botha, and his entourage during their visit to the area yesterday.

The calm and uneasy township climate was charged with anxiety and tension as feelings ran high in the area as last-minute preparations were made to give the freedom of Lekoa to Botha.

There were widespread complaints from residents in the Vaal complex as a result of reports that about R12 000 is believed to have been spent to entertain more than 1 000 guests at the ceremony held at Mphatlalatsane Hall from 10am yesterday.

Botha's itinerary in the

**By SANDILE MEMELA**

Vaal complex covered a large area, including Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Evaton, Boipatong and Bophelong which burst into

anger and violence in September 1984.

The council resolved to draw Botha's attention to, among other things:

- Developments made by the council after the unrest of 1984 in which many people, including four councillors were killed.

- The raging rent and service charges boycott

- by residents and strategies which have been designed to collect arrears.

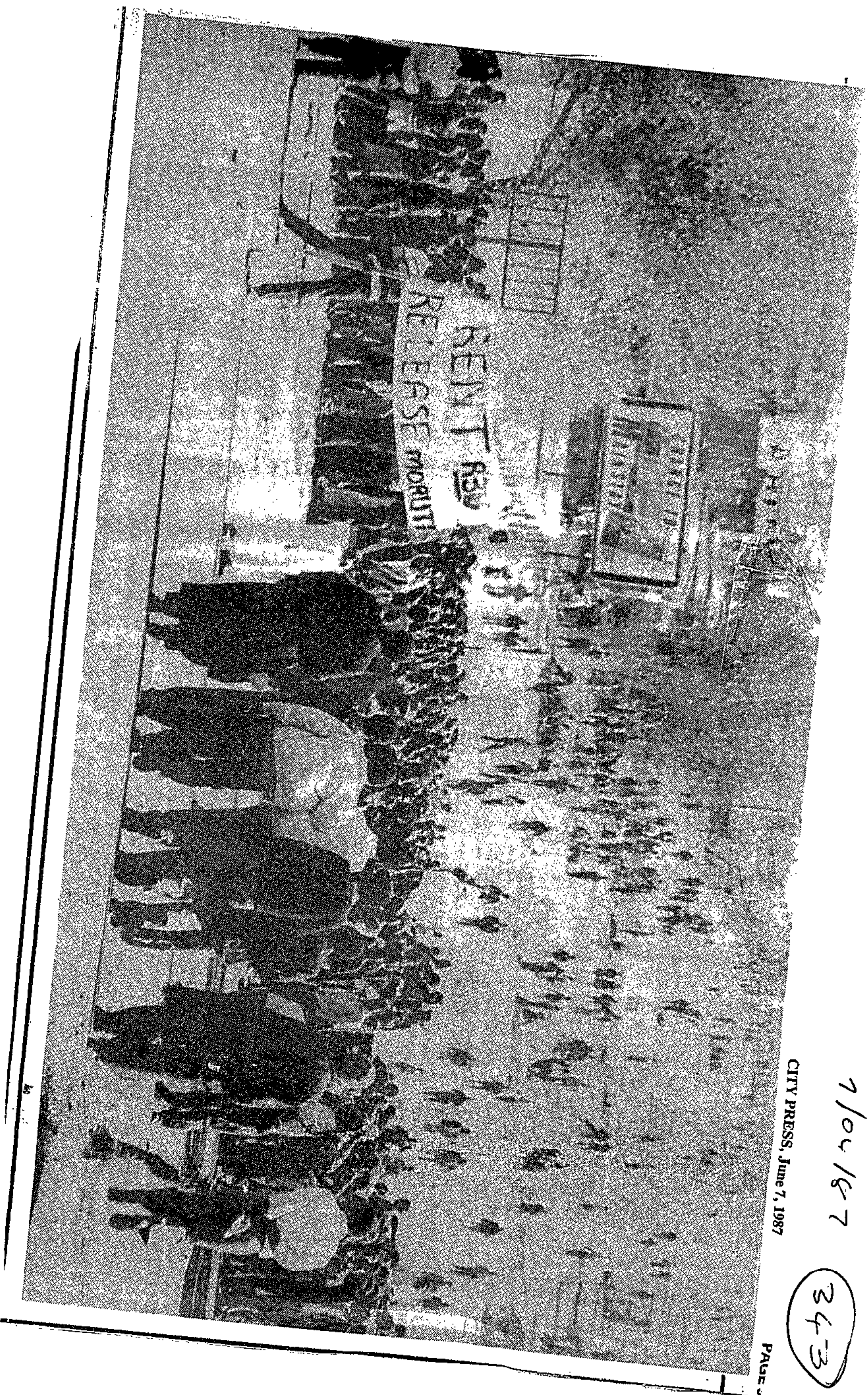
- Discussions held with various civic bodies in an attempt to break the rent boycott.

- Progress made by the



The rent riots in the Vaal complex took its toll.





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council in regard to the Regional Services Council. rounding townships still refusing to pay rent more than 32 months after the first protest.

● Also, the council will ask Botha to reintroduce a compulsory stop-order system to force rent defaulters to pay their tariffs.

Young activists and political circles have condemned the splendour, luxury and extravagance which was displayed at the mammoth party amidst the dull monotony of the countless rows of tiny bungalows in the area.

A spokesman for the Vaal Civic Association - many of whose members are in jail and facing charges of treason - said while the country was experiencing the worst repression in its history the Lekoa Council saw fit to "invite the same man who wields the repression stick" to honour him.

During the conflict between residents and the Lekoa Council an estimated 70 people lost their lives in the violence that quickly spread to more than 54 townships throughout the country.

According to figures released in Parliament, black councils nationwide have lost over R250-million in unpaid rent, water and electricity levies and other service charges.

Lamentably, the source which sparked off the violence remains unresolved, with a large majority of residents in the Vaal complex and sur-

rounding townships still refusing to pay rent more than 32 months after the first protest. Observers believe that Botha's visit to the area is part of his campaign to recruit leaders to participate in his proposed National Statutory Council and therefore win support for his reform program.

He was the guest speaker at the lavish function which saw the council frantically sending last-minute SOS letters to at least 50 companies in the Vaal Triangle for donations to supplement the council's meagre budget towards raising enough funds for the council.

Recently, Botha explicitly stated in Parliament and in newspaper adverts which appeared over last weekend that white voters have given him the mandate in the recent elections to accommodate blacks at the highest level of representation.

Opening Parliament, he said he would become more involved personally in entering into negotiations with blacks to seek solutions to the problems which bedevilled the country.

It is widely believed that yesterday's function provided the forum for Botha to directly recruit councillors from the proposed government.

United by scores of angry council members, the South Africa Councils' Association of employees that they have participated in the proposed

National Statutory Council. Ironically, it was in the Lekoa townships on September 3, 1984 - the day the Tricameral Parliament was inaugurated - that the countrywide unrest was ignited.

The festivities held yesterday were the first in almost 10 years which saw the State President trudge the dusty streets of any township in the country.

The last time he did something similar was in 1979 when he visited Soweto as Prime Minister.

That visit came three years after Soweto had burst into flames that soon spread to the rest of the country, leaving more than 500 people killed and thousands maimed.

Ironically, yesterday's visit happened almost three years after the Vaal exploded into violence - when residents marched to the office of the Lekoa Council to demand the reduction of rent to R30.

The invitation of the State President has elicited strong disapproval from township residents who contend that the council has no mandate to invite the people to invite Botha and grant him the freedom of the townships, especially Sharpeville.

It has also been alleged by scores of angry council employees that they have been ordered to participate in the festivities and

celebrations against their will.

However, this could not be confirmed by the council which was said to be too busy to comment to the Press as they were still busy with frantic preparations to make the gala event a success.

"We were told in no uncertain terms that our reluctance to participate would end in us losing our jobs," said an employee.

Across town is another Lekoa township whose freedom will also be given on Botha.

The council of the tiny township of Sharpeville where, 27 years ago in 1960, police shot dead 69 people who had protested over the dompas, is also to bestow the freedom of the township on Botha.

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**Flashback: The people of Lekoa on the march, demanding a reduction in rent in 1984.**

# Dust spoils council's reputation

By DAN DHLAMINI

IKAGENG residents are up in arms against the council for dirtying the township.

They claim that the recent resealing of the townships' dusty streets have brought more misery to the community.

Only six streets have been tarred in the whole of Ikageng.

The rest are made up of ordinary gravel roads that are causing a lot of dust and mud on rainy days.

The type of soil that has been used on the untarred streets creates more dust and the residents blame councillors for not consulting them when they make decisions affecting them.

Matsepe Matube, a local socialite, was the first to contact *City Press* about the unbearable conditions of the township streets.

"They should have asked us first before using that type of soil. I would have advised them to go to the nearby Stilfontein mines and ask the management for the crusher. They might have got it cheaper," said Matube.

Matube also slated the council for increasing service charges while no improvements were made in the township.

Housewife Nana Mere said there were problems whenever she did her washing because of the dust.

"Some motorists seem to be taking advantage of the situation by driving at high speed, fanning more dust and making clothes dirty even before they were worn" said Mere.

Motorists, on the other

hand, also complain that they cannot keep their cars clean because of the dust in the streets.

Some of the people claim that they cannot keep their doors open because dust infiltrates their houses, spreading dirt all over the house.

Some pupils and socialites who have had their hair permed said they were faced with some financial losses because they were forced to frequently visit the salons for a hair wash because of the dust.

Even those at shebeens and restaurants were complaining of the dust in the township.

Banzi Phokwane said: "We are caught in no-win dusty and muddy situations. When water is poured, the place becomes slippery and muddy, making our cars filthy."

Local tennis players also entered the verbal "war" against the council for not maintaining the tennis courts.

"We have no toilets, change rooms or water taps near the tennis court, but we are expected to pay for their servicing," said Julius Dipale.

Ikageng mayor Sam Nyokong said he experienced the same problems as the other residents in regard to the roads.

He said now that other councillors had decided to boycott future council meetings he would take the matter up personally with the town engineer and would suggest that they pour water on the streets to temporarily suppress the dust.



# Benoni might face boycott

any political party.

"We are talking about national interest. And if it is not in the national interest to be talking with the ANC as long as they refuse to forswear violence, then it is not in the interest of the white men fighting on the border, or their families who live in this town."

The bank's denial of the findings of the Munnik Commission also brought into question the judicial system, he said.

He withdrew the second part of his motion, calling on the town council to withdraw its funds from the bank, after discussion in the council. It was not correct to threaten the bank, he said.

The council was open to discussions with First National and, pending the outcome, further decisions would be taken, said Erasmus.

If councillors were not satisfied with the bank's explanation, the council would put its bank account out to tender.

Acting town clerk Chris Boshoff said the council would probably meet the bank for discussions soon, but no date had yet been set.

The council's budget for this year is about R150m.

The banking account has been held by First National Bank, formerly Barclays Bank, for about 80 years.

First National senior GM Jimmy McKenzie said the assurance by the office of the President that no further statements would be issued following the Munnik Commission's findings had been

kept. However, other NP institutions had continued to come out against the bank. It appeared the bank would continue to have to deal with the issue until the inquiry on the breach of parliamentary privilege by Dave Dalling (PFP Sandton) had been dealt with.

"We have dealt directly with clients who have made known to us any problem they had with dealing with the bank. We have chosen not to communicate with them through the media and it has proven successful," he said.

Reserve Bank Governor Gerhard de Kock said it was policy for the Reserve Bank to remain outside of politics and he had no reason to interfere, or make statements on behalf of First National.

He referred to a previous controversy regarding First National Bank and reiterated that Beeld newspaper had incorrectly interpreted BA9 report figures concerning the bank's current account deposits.

"To this very day we at the Reserve Bank have no reason for concern over FNB. It is basically sound and despite the problems they have had to deal with they are in a particularly strong position. We are happy with the way they are dealing with matters.

"I certainly have not seen any need for a Press statement to say just that," said De Kock.

BENONI town councillor Aubrey Ritz has sounded a warning that the town may be subjected to a black consumer boycott if it were to withdraw its municipal funds from First National Bank.

Ritz said yesterday he had received an anonymous telephone threat from a "black male" who said: "If you guys withdraw from First National Bank, we'll boycott you."

The National Party-dominated town council resolved to call on the bank to express before June 19 its "strongest disapproval" of MD Chris Ball's actions in

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lending R100 000 for an "urban the ANC" advertisement in several newspapers.

The second part of the motion, to withdraw funds from First National Bank if it failed to censure Ball, was withdrawn because it was considered improper to threaten the bank, the proposer, Dr P D C Erasmus, said yesterday.

However, should the bank fail to satisfy the council, withdrawal is likely to be discussed again.

Erasmus said a black consumer boy-

cott was "not relevant" to the issue.

"We have learned a lot about boycotts (since the boycotts in Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage, Johannesburg, Pretoria and other) and we know how to deal with them. It is clear the boycotters burn their own fingers."

Ritz and two other councillors opposed the motion on the grounds that local government should not concern itself with political matters or punitive actions.

Erasmus said the motivation for the motion was his own and did not come

from higher National Party officials. The bank was perceived not to have acted in the national interest by having dealings with the ANC, he said.

He denied there was any political badgering involved in the matter, despite the fact that there was no financial reason for taking action against First National.

Erasmus said he had expressed himself in the "national interest" and his motion didn't necessarily reflect the view of

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gating contraventions of the provisions of this Act?

\*The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Yes.

- (a) The Group Areas Branch, Johannesburg
- (b) The Divisional Commissioner of the Witwatersrand Division
- (c) September 1957
- (d) The Transvaal
- (e) 5 members of the South African Police.

Note: As far as the other provinces are concerned, alleged contraventions of the Group Areas Act, 1966, are investigated by members of the Criminal Investigation Department and the Uniform branch, depending on the circumstances.

#### Kabokweni magistrate's court

\*6. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Justice:

- (1) With reference to his reply to Question No 47 on 16 February 1987, what were the findings of the inquest into the deaths of persons at the Kabokweni magistrate's court near White River in the Eastern Transvaal on 11 March 1986;
- (2) whether any action is to be taken as a result of these findings; if so, (a) what action and (b) when;
- (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

\*The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

- (1) An inquest was held in the Magistrate's Court, White River, on 5 May 1987 into the death of one Mantlo Sabango. The Magistrate's finding is as follows:

"Die oorsaak van dood is 'n koeël-wond deur regterventrikel en regterkantste haemthoraks. Waar-skyflik opgedoen in polisie-opreides op 11 Maart 1986. Die dood is nie veroorsaak deur 'n handling of versuim wat 'n misdryf

aan die kant van iemand uitmaak of insluit nie."

I may add that the record of the inquest is a public document and the number allocated thereto is 37/86.

- (2) I arranged for enquiries to be made and it appears that the Attorney-General concerned has not yet made a final decision on the matter.
- (3) A statement is not necessary.

#### Central Energy Fund

\*7. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology: What total amount of money was held by the Central Energy Fund as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY (Mr G S Bartlett):

R3 126 549 788 as at 31 May 1987.

Mr D J N MALCOMESS: Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, does he not consider the amounts available to the fund to be such that it should be possible to reduce the levy on the price of petrol with immediate effect?

The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I would like to tell the hon member that I am not personally in possession of the facts in order to give him a correct reply at this stage. However, I will enquire into the matter and report back to the hon member.

#### Vaal Triangle: Black areas

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\*8. Mr J H VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

Whether consideration is being given at present to extending the Black areas in the Vaal Triangle; if so, (a) what extensions are being considered, (b) when are these extensions expected to take place and (c) what will be the total cost thereof?

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\*The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

Yes

- (a) North- and eastward extensions to Sebokeng and Evaton on land in respect of which approval was granted in 1983 for extending Sebokeng and Evaton.

A link area between Sharpeville and Boipatong, 405 ha in extent, of which approximately 135 ha is suitable for housing purposes.

In a press release dated 10 February 1987 I stated that a consortium of consultants will be appointed to investigate the possibility of identifying land for black township development in the PWV area and make recommendations thereon. The report of the consortium may result in further land for the extension of black townships (or land for new black townships) in the Vaal Triangle being considered.

- (b) As far as the approved northward extension to Sebokeng and Evaton is concerned, the Guide Plan for the Vaal River Complex will first have to be amended in respect of that portion of land north of provincial road P473. This applies also to the link area between Sharpeville and Boipatong. It is expected that certain of the proposed extensions will be commenced with within the next few months.

- (c) Unknown, mainly because it is expected that many of the extensions will be undertaken by private township developers.

#### Rust de Winter irrigation area

\*9. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

Whether it is the intention that the (a) Rust de Winter irrigation area and (b) any of the adjacent areas will be (i) purchased and (ii) incorporated into the territory of Kwa-Ndebele; if so, (aa) when in each case and (bb) how many hectares of land in total are involved?

\*The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(i) Yes.

(ii) Yes.

(aa) As soon as approval has been granted by Parliament to proclaim the area as a released area. The matter is presently under consideration by a Standing Committee of Parliament, which will present a recommendation, followed by a decision by Parliament. It is possible that approval may be granted during the present session. After approval has been granted, implementation will proceed by proclamation of the area as a released area, valuation of the properties, voting of the necessary funds, purchase of the land and incorporation of the area into the territory of KwaNdebele. The date of approval and the voting of funds by Parliament will thus determine when the purchase of the land and eventual incorporation can be initiated.

(bb) The total area of the land (13 farms) is approximately 34 300 hectares in extent. The Rust De Winter irrigation scheme, which forms part of this total area, covers an area of roughly 1 836 hectares.

#### Voters' roll

\*10. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (1) Whether changes of address for the purposes of the voters' roll may be

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affected (a) by persons other than, and (b) without the knowledge of, the voters concerned; if so, in terms of what statutory provisions; if not,

(2) whether any such changes were effected to the voters' roll recently; if so, what measures have been or are to be taken to prevent a recurrence?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

(1) (a) and (b) Yes. In terms of section 12 of the Identification Act, 1986 (Act No 72 of 1986) which lays down the procedure for the notification of change of addresses in the population register, a person must be advised in the prescribed manner of such change. Voters' lists are compiled from that register.

(2) Falls away

#### Ballot papers

\*11. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

What formula is used by his Department in deciding on the number of ballot papers to be printed and issued for each constituency?

\*The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

The number of ballot papers to be printed in respect of each electoral division, is determined by the number of registered voters in the relevant division, plus an additional number of ballot papers per polling station to make provision for the re-issue of ballot papers in case of spoilt ballot papers, and also to provide for declaration votes.

#### Voters' roll

\*12. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

Whether changes may be effected telephonically to particulars appearing in the voters' roll; if so, (a) why, (b) by whom and (c) in terms of what statutory provisions?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

No. (a), (b) and (c) Fall away.

#### Saldanha-Sishen railway line

\*13. Mr C D DE JAGER asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:†

Whether it is the intention to extend the Saldanha-Sishen railway line across Kuruman to Pudimo; if not, (a) why not and (b) what is envisaged in this connection; if so, when is it expected that construction work in this connection (i) will commence and (ii) will be completed?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

The need for such an extension was investigated during April 1986. Although it was decided in principle to build the extension a start has not been made as yet.

(a) It is not economically justified at present and a third party who is willing to bear the capital cost and operating losses has not been identified.

(b) If a party of financial standing would be prepared to provide the capital as well as to indemnify SA Transport Services against any losses which may be incurred in the exploitation of the desired railway line, the project could receive further consideration.

#### Riots: Schools damaged

\*14. Dr F HARTZENBERG asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:†

(a) To how many school and other buildings under the control of the Department of Education and Training that were damaged as a result of riots were repairs done in the latest specified 12-month period for which figures are available and (b) what was the total cost of such repairs?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

(a) 45 (1 May 1986 to 30 April 1987).

(b) R758 430. The repairs have mainly been undertaken for the prevention of further damage and the protection of Government property. I should like to add that a considerable part of the costs was borne by the parent com-

munities in a large number of these schools.

†Mr F J LE ROUX: Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, could he perhaps tell us what the amount is that is paid by the parents' associations?

†The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I do not have an indication of the total amount here. I can try and add it. It was not always in the short time available as an exact amount. I might mention that in the case of the Vereeniging area, there are for example six schools where the contributions of parents vary between R2 300 and R2 660. In the case of KwaNobuhle-Uitenhage, R116 000 was contributed from the school levy fund, which was established on local government level. In other cases the contributions vary from a few hundred rand to as much as R7 000 per school.

#### Riots: schools damaged

\*15. Dr F HARTZENBERG asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:†

(a) How many school and other buildings falling under the control of the Department of Education and Training have been damaged as a result of riots in the current calendar year, (b) what is the estimated cost of the damage and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

(a) 30.

(b) R267 390.

(c) 1 January to 30 April 1987.

Pietersburg/Louis Trichardt: passenger train

\*16. Mr T LANGLEY asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:†

Whether consideration is being given to changing the passenger train service from Pietersburg to Louis Trichardt; if so, (a) in what way, (b) with effect from what date and (c) why?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

Yes.

(a) and (b) As from 2 November 1987 the daily train will depart at 05h57 instead of 03h30 from Pietersburg and arrive at Louis Trichardt at 09h30 instead of 07h30. In the opposite direction the train will depart at 16h00 from Louis Trichardt instead of 18h20 and arrive at Pietersburg at 20h25 instead of 22h45. Additional stops will also be made.

(c) As part of an overall rationalisation scheme aimed at greater economic viability.

†Mr T LANGLEY: Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, is he able to tell at what time those trains will depart from Johannesburg and arrive there again?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Chairman, I would like to assist the hon member, but I do not have that specific times at my disposal. We can obtain it for him. [Interjections.]

#### Kruger National Park

\*17. Mr T LANGLEY asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

(1) Whether an explosion occurred at or near Skukuza in the Kruger National Park on or about 13 May 1987; if so, (a) on what date, (b) where and (c) what was the cause of the explosion;

(2) whether the South African Police has taken any action with regard to this explosion; if so, (a) what action, (b) when and (c) with what result?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) No. (a) to (c) Fall away.

(2) (a) to (c) Fall away.

#### Bophelong, Vanderbijlpark

\*18. Mr J H VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

(1) Whether consideration is being given to moving the Black residential area of Bophelong at Vanderbijlpark; if not, (a) why not and (b) what steps are



envisaged in respect of this residential area; if so, (i) when, (ii) where and (iii) in what way;

- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

**†THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

- (1) No.

(a) Due to the cost (estimated at nearly R40 million) to replace the existing facilities it cannot be afforded to do away with existing good housing and other facilities for blacks in an area where there is a considerable backlog in black housing. Bophelong is conveniently situated in respect of work opportunities for blacks.

(b) Upgrading of the existing improvements and infrastructure

(i), (ii) and (iii) Fall away.

- (2) No.

**Riots: buildings damaged**

\*19. Dr F HARTZENBERG asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:†

(a) How many buildings falling under the control of the Department of Development Aid have been damaged as a result of riots in the current calendar year, (b) what is the estimated cost of the damage and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

**†THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:**

- (a) 3.

(b) R30 700.

(c) 23 May 1987

**Onverwacht**

\*20. Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 22 on 17 February 1987, any further consultations and discussions have been held regarding the date for the incorporation of Onverwacht into Qwaqwa; if so, (a) with whom, (b) on what dates and (c) what was the outcome in each case;

(2) whether a referendum is to be held amongst the resident of Onverwacht on incorporation into Qwaqwa; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) how will it be conducted;

(3) whether the Government of Qwaqwa has made any representations to the South African Government regarding independence; if so, (a) when and (b) what was the (i) nature of these representations and (ii) response thereto?

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

- (1) No, no further consultations or discussions were held.

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away.

(2) No decision regarding a referendum has been taken.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

- (3) No. (a) and (b) Fall away.

**Group Areas Act**

\*21. Mr J J S Prinsloo asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

- (1) Whether a body or person falling under his Department issued a residence permit in terms of the provisions of the Group Areas Act to a White person who is living with his Coloured wife in a White group area at an address furnished to the Minister's Department for the purposes of his reply; if so, (a) when, (b) by whom and (c) on whose recommendation was the permit issued; if not,

(2) whether any steps have been taken or are contemplated against the above-mentioned persons; if so, what steps; if not, why not?

**†THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

- (1) No. (a), (b) and (c) Fall away.

(2) Yes, the person concerned was indicted on a criminal charge and convicted in a court of law.

**Benoni: illegal squatting**

\*22. Mr D G H NOLTE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

- (1) Whether any illegal squatting is taking place on a certain piece of land in the Benoni District situated next to the Benoni/Babsfontein/Pretoria thorough road and further particulars of which have been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purposes of his reply; if so, (a) how many persons are squatting on this piece of land and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

(2) whether any charges are being collected from the squatters; if not, why not; if so, (a) by whom, (b) for what purposes and (c) at what rate;

(3) whether his Department has investigated the consequences and possible consequences of this squatting; if not, why not; if so, (a) what consequences have been investigated and (b) what were the findings in each case;

(4) whether his Department has taken or is going to take any steps in respect of this squatting; if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps and (b) when?

**†THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

- (1) Yes.

(a) Approximately 1 500 people in approximately 250 structures.

(b) 15 May 1987.

- (2) Yes.

(a) Mr Giel Nieuwoudt.

(b) Unknown.

(c) According to information obtained from some of the squat-

ters, Mr Nieuwoudt is collecting R30 per structure per month.

- (3) No, because the administration of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, 1951, has been assigned to the Provincial Administrators.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

(4) No, But the Transvaal Provincial Administration intends to pursue the matter as soon as the criminal charges, brought by the South African Police against Mr Nieuwoudt and in respect of which he is to appear in the magistrate's court on 9 June 1987, have been disposed of.

(a) Possible action in terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, 1951, and/or the Group Areas Act, 1966.

(b) As soon as the criminal case has been determined.

**Cape Town: vagrants**

\*23. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:

- (1) Whether any facilities are available for the rehabilitation of vagrants of each race group from the central Cape Town area; if not, (a) why not and (b) what action is being taken in this regard; if so, (i) what facilities, (ii) (aa) where, (bb) when and (cc) by whom was each such facility provided and (iii) by whom are they financed;

(2) whether any additional facilities for the rehabilitation of such vagrants were provided during the past five years; if so, (a) what facilities, (b) (i) where, (ii) when and (iii) by whom were they provided, (c) by whom are they financed and (d) what total number of vagrants can be accommodated in these facilities?

**†THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT:**

- (1) Asians: None.

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## Ribeiro case starts

By SOL MORATHI

A 35-year old former Rhodesian appeared in the Pretoria North Magistrates' Court this week in connection with the killing last year of a Mamelodi medical practitioner, Dr Fabien Ribeiro, and his wife, Barbara.

Noel James Robey, of Schoemansville, near Brits, appeared before Magistrate JN Pretorius. He was not asked to plead and no evidence was led. The case was postponed to June 18 when Robey will undergo a preparatory examination before standing trial.

Evidence will be led and the magistrate will then decide whether he should be committed for trial on a murder charge.

Transvaal Attorney-General David Brunette decided to launch a preparatory examination in terms of the Criminal Procedure Act after studying the report of the case.

Ribeiro and his wife were shot as they entered the courtyard of their home on December 1 last year.

**By SANDILE MEMELA**  
THE MUCH anticipated splendour at Mphatlalatsane Hall in Sebokeng for State President PW Botha's visit turned into chilly disappointment when thousands of township residents apparently shunned the gala event.

Botha had been invited as the guest of honour by the Lekoa Town Council, who had accorded him the township's freedom and had spent more than R15 000 on a lavish party for him.

The ceremony was held in the open outside the hall. However, it was business as usual in the Vaal townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong, Boipatong and Zamdela yesterday morning while hundreds of policemen and members of the SADF, together with a handful of township residents, awaited Botha's arrival.

A handful of curious residents - mostly pensioners and children - gathered outside the hall, apparently to have a glimpse of Botha and his entourage.

Ironically, Mphatlalatsane Hall, which also houses the Lekoa Town Council offices, is only 100m from the Zone 14 shopping complex in Sebokeng which was one of the flash points of the unrest in September 1984 which quickly spread throughout the country.

Several shops in the nearby shopping complex, which belonged mostly to Lekoa councillors, were gutted by fire two years ago when unrest broke out in the country.

Policemen, municipal cops and the SADF yesterday monitored the situation and maintained tight security around the hall.

Several policemen and kits-konstabels were seen on the roof tops of a nearby buildings - apparently looking out for trouble-makers.

As early as 9 am the vicinity surrounding the hall was bustling with activity as scores of council employees made last-minute preparations for the function.

About 15m away a group of onlookers huddled together amid security force members armed with rifles and police dogs.

A temporary communication sub-station, monitoring the movements of the security personnel deployed around the area, had been set up behind the hall.

Security officers in plain clothes mingled casually with the crowd as they monitored the area.

Observations by City Press found kits-konstabels walking about in pairs with rifles hanging from their shoulders.

Police with dogs were posted at strategic points in the township. The area surrounding the hall was completely cordoned off and SAP officers searched incoming vehicles thoroughly.

A tour of the township found residents carrying on with their normal activities. As usual, taxis and buses cruised along dusty roads and tarred streets with potholes.

Taxis were filled with commuters and other passengers were seen lining the streets hiking lifts from passing motorists.

The township businesses, including government institutions like post offices and municipal offices, were bustling with activity and most garages, banks and supermarkets were also open.

A Hippo packed with security forces sped along the dusty township streets.

Student sources told City Press that they had been given half the day off, but this could not be confirmed as other pupils were seen inside school buildings.

He said the whole exercise was undertaken only after City Press had done its home work and had established that Sundowns was a sound club with good administration and discipline.

"If they maintain their form the club will make a profit this year and all we have done is to offer help. We have not offered a vast amount of money."

"It's wrong to suggest that we are just paying their salaries. The players earn their money from gate-takings. We regret the reaction from the Association of Democratic Journalists and the Media Workers' Association of South Africa, which seemed to be based on incomplete and incorrect facts," said Lister.

"The bank has said that if the situation is not resolved by the end of June another meeting would be held to make arrangements for July. As far as City Press is concerned, we have achieved everything we set out to do. We have helped the interim committee to keep the players and the fans happy."

"We have helped the interim committee to enter into negotiations with the bank and the trustees and by lending them money we have enabled the players to meet their commitments."

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running the club, which means that City Press would not pay the players' wages for June.

Lister said the bank has undertaken to consult with the interim committee and to give them an opportunity to buy the club.

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## New peace-maker

CP Correspondent

FORMER South African Police chief Gen Johan Coetzee has a new job - South Africa's representative on a "peace pact" commission involving two warring homelands.

Coetzee, who as Commissioner of Police gained an awesome array of powers through the emergency, resigned last week and joined the Department of Foreign Affairs.

The commission on which he will now serve was set up after a peace pact was signed between Transkei and Ciskei in April. The pact followed conflict between the two independent homelands.

Ciskei's representative will be the Director-General of Munpower, CM Kashe. Transkei has not yet announced a representative. - Elnews.



Gen Johan Coetzee

## MOVE TO MILDNESS





Shock at Benoni council attitude

# Drop resolution on First Bank, Tom Boya urges

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DIANNA GAMES

BENONI Town Council has been urged by one of the black mayors in its area to rescind its call on First National Bank to censure MD Chris Ball.

Daveyton mayor Tom Boya yesterday expressed shock and dismay at the council's attitude to First National Bank after Ball's granting of an overdraft used to fund an "unban the ANC" advertisement.

The bank has disputed the Munnik Commission's finding that Ball knew the purpose of the R100 000 overdraft.

Boya warned that a black consumer boycott of Benoni business, resulting from blacks' disapproval of the Benoni council's action, could have severe implications for businessmen there, and ultimately the council.

Boya said his organisation, United Municipalities of SA (Umsa), supported the unbanning of political organisations.

He advised the council to rescind its resolution, and added that the question of a black consumer boycott, threatened in an anonymous call to a Benoni councillor, had to be addressed, as boycotts had proved very effective.

About 150 000 people live in Benoni's two townships, Daveyton and Wattville.

The council passed a resolution calling on the bank to express before June 19 its "strongest disapproval" of Ball's granting of the overdraft.

The council is now awaiting the arrival of a First National Bank request, sent yesterday, for a meeting between its staff, including Ball, and the council

to end a situation that could lose First Bank the council's R150m account.

Benoni's deputy town clerk Chris Boshoff said the matter would be discussed at next week's management committee meeting, but if necessary a special meeting could be convened earlier.

First Bank senior GM Jimmy McKenzie said the bank wanted to put the whole affair in perspective and give its point of view. He said the bank had served the Benoni council for many years and should be judged only on its efficiency.

Edenvale town clerk S J Mulder said yesterday that from July 1 the council would, after 35 years with First National Bank, be moving its R33m to Trust Bank. He said this was an economic, not a political, decision.

He said the council had, in September 1985, decided to ask banks for proposals on their various services. After consideration of these, it was decided to move the account to Trust Bank.

The issue of withdrawing the Johannesburg City Council account from First National Bank had not been discussed by the council or its management committee, said management committee chairman Francois Oberholzer. "But disquiet has been expressed by some members of the council," he said.

Of 12 municipalities on the East and West Rand, three, including Benoni, bank with First National Bank, eight with Volkskas and one with Standard Bank.

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	Male	Female	Total
Transport .....	48	2	50
Financing and insurance .....	21	—	21
Domestic service .....	185	1	186
Other .....	104	2	106
Total .....	2 410	11	2 421
Zimbabwe			
Agriculture .....	704	1	705
Mining and quarrying .....	114	—	114
Manufacturing .....	355	1	356
Electricity .....	52	3	55
Construction .....	234	—	234
Wholesale and retail .....	622	3	625
Transport .....	695	4	699
Financing and insurance .....	269	—	269
Domestic service .....	3 655	15	3 670
Other .....	573	4	577
Total .....	7 273	31	7 304
Unclassifiable foreigners .....	74 747	683	75 430

#### Ibhayi/KwaNobuhle Town Councils

43. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) (a) How many town councillors were there on the (i) Ibhayi Town Council and (ii) KwaNobuhle Town Council on 1 January 1985, 1986 and 1987, respectively, and (b) what was the total remuneration package of each councillor received from the State or State bodies as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

#### THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) (a) (i) *Ibhayi Town Council*  
1 January 1985—21 Councillors.  
1 January 1986—12 Councillors.  
1 January 1987—11 Councillors.
- (ii) *KwaNobuhle Town Council*  
1 January 1985—16 Councillors.  
1 January 1986—0 Councillors.  
1 January 1987—0 Councillors.
- (2) whether these town councillors or mayors receive any housing or transport benefits; if so, (a) what benefits and (b) by what Departments or State bodies are these benefits financed;
- (3) whether these town councillors are being protected by guards; if so, (a) what total amount had been spent on this service as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) from what source is this service financed;

- (b) (i) *Ibhayi Town Council*:  
Mayor  
Deputy Mayor  
Members of the Executive Committee  
Councillors
- Remuneration package*  
R1 400,00 per month to date.  
R1 000,00 per month to date:  
R800,00 per month to date.  
R400,00 per month to date.

- (ii) *KwaNobuhle Town Council*:  
Mayor and Chairman of the Executive Committee  
Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee  
Members of the Executive Committee  
Councillors
- Remuneration package*  
R437,50 per month up to 28-2-85.  
R312,50 per month up to 28-2-85.  
R250,00 per month up to 28-2-85.  
R125,00 per month up to 28-2-85.

Councillors allowances are funded from the Council's annual budget.

- (2) (a) *Ibhayi Town Council*, None.  
*KwaNobuhle Town Council*, None.

- (b) Falls away.

- (3) (i) *Ibhayi Town Council*

- (a) Councillors are protected by guards. 30 Guards averaging R6 252 each per annum.

- (b) Financed by Government subsidy.

- (ii) *KwaNobuhle Town Council*

- (a) Councillors are protected by staff of the Council (Municipal Police). R70 606,86 per annum in total.

- (b) Financed out of Council's annual budget.

- (4) (i) *Ibhayi Town Council*

- (a) No loans are granted to Councillors for buying or building residences.

- (b) Falls away.

- (ii) *KwaNobuhle Town Council*

- (a) No loans are granted to Councillors for buying or building residences.

- (b) Falls away.

54. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether a minimum education qualification is required for recruitment for the municipal police; if so, what is that qualification;
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- than Std 10; if so, how many in each case?
- (1) Yes: Std 10, but a lower qualification in deserving cases is also acceptable.
- (2) (a) (i) (aa) 20  
(b) 10  
(cc) 80  
(dd) 118  
(ii) 0  
(b) (i) (aa) 0  
(bb) 63  
(cc) 152  
(dd) 33  
(ii) 0

employees are filled by temporary employees; if not, what arrangements are made regarding these posts; if so, (a) how many temporary employees had been engaged to fill such posts as at the above date and (b) what steps are taken in respect of such temporary employees when the detained employees are released by the Police?

The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS:

- (1) No.  
(2) Falls away.

Taxable earnings

93. Mr J J WALSH asked the Minister of Finance:

- (a) What were the total taxable earnings for Whites, Coloureds and Indians, respectively, in 1986 and (b) what was the (i) total taxable income earned in this year by each of these race groups and (ii) percentage increase or decrease for each such group over the previous year?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

- (a) No statistics are available in respect of total taxable earnings.

Whites

(b) (i)	26 839 355 454
(ii)	+4.8%

Coloureds

1 965 070 957	Indians
+4.4%	1 296 794 320
	+8.6%

Notes: (1) These statistics excludes taxpayers paying tax under the Final Deduction System, in respect of whom accurate statistics are not available.  
(2) These statistics are incomplete because approximately 20 per

cent of individual taxpayers have not yet been assessed for the 1986 year of assessment. The percentage growth has therefore been calculated on the average income per taxpayer.

State housing sale

Orange Free State 3 837

111. Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

How many houses had been sold to Blacks by his Department under the State housing sale announced by the then Minister of Community Development on 3 March 1983, as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

TOTAL 51 787

116. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Finance:

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:  
As at 30 April 1987:  
Transvaal 41 036  
Cape Province 6 352  
Natal 562

(a) What amounts were budgeted in respect of tax revenue from the mining sector for the 1980-81, 1985-86 and 1986-87 tax years, respectively, and (b) what were the actual amounts collected from this source in each of these tax years?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

Financial Year	Estimate		Collections	
	Mining Leases	Income Tax	Mining Leases	Income Tax
1980-81	R695 m	R2 090 m	R880.2 m	R3 006.4 m
Diamond Export Duty	R 31 m		R 24.8 m	
1985-86	R468 m	R2 275 m	R633.2 m	R2 938.1 m
Diamond Export Duty	R 37 m		R 56.7 m	
1986-87	R680 m	R2 730 m	R845.3 m	R3 450.2 m
Diamond Export Duty	R 35 m		R 48.4 m	

Nurses: salary scales

126. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister in the State President's office entrusted with Administration and Broadcasting Services:

- (1) What are the salary scales payable to (a) male and (b) female persons of each race group employed in institutions falling under the control of Government Departments as (i) student nurses, (ii) staff nurses, (iii) professional nurses, (iv) chief professional nurses, (v) chief nursing service managers;  
(2) whether salary parity has been achieved in respect of all nurses falling under the control of such Departments; if not, (a) why not, (b) when is it anticipated that salary parity will be achieved and (c) what is the estimated annual cost of bringing about parity by increasing the salaries of Black, Coloured and Asian nurses?

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	Male	Female	Total
Transport .....	48	2	50
Financing and insurance .....	21	—	21
Domestic service .....	185	1	186
Other .....	104	2	106
Total .....	2 410	11	2 421
Zimbabwe			
Agriculture .....	704	1	705
Mining and quarrying .....	114	—	114
Manufacturing .....	355	1	356
Electricity .....	52	3	55
Construction .....	234	—	234
Wholesale and retail .....	622	3	625
Transport .....	695	4	699
Financing and insurance .....	269	—	269
Domestic service .....	3 655	15	3 670
Other .....	573	4	577
Total .....	7 273	31	7 304
Unclassifiable foreigners .....	74 747	683	75 430

#### Ibhayi/KwaNobuhle Town Councils

43. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) (a) How many town councillors were there on the (i) Ibhayi Town Council and (ii) KwaNobuhle Town Council on 1 January 1985, 1986 and 1987, respectively, and (b) what was the total remuneration package of each councillor received from the State or State bodies as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (2) whether these town councillors or mayors receive any housing or transport benefits; if so, (a) what benefits and (b) by what Departments or State bodies are these benefits financed;

- (3) whether these town councillors are being protected by guards; if so, (a) what total amount had been spent on this service as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) from what source is this service financed;

- (4) whether town councillors receive any loans to build houses; if so, (a) from whom and (b) at what rate of interest;
- (5) (a) in respect of each of these councils, (i) how many councillors were (aa) elected and (bb) appointed and (ii) on what date was each such councillor elected and (b) what number of councillors forms a quorum?

#### The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) (a) (i) *Ibhayi Town Council*

1 January 1985—21 Councillors.  
1 January 1986—12 Councillors.  
1 January 1987—11 Councillors.

- (ii) *KwaNobuhle Town Council*

1 January 1985—16 Councillors.  
1 January 1986—0 Councillors.  
1 January 1987—0 Councillors.

- (b) (i) *Ibhayi Town Council:*
- Mayor  
Deputy Mayor  
Members of the Executive Committee  
Councillors
- Remuneration package*  
R1 400,00 per month to date.  
R1 000,00 per month to date.  
R800,00 per month to date.  
R400,00 per month to date.

- (ii) *KwaNobuhle Town Council:*
- Mayor and Chairman of the Executive Committee  
Deputy Mayor and Vice Chairman of the Executive Committee  
Members of the Executive Committee  
Councillors
- Remuneration package*  
R437,50 per month up to 28-2-85.  
R312,50 per month up to 28-2-85.  
R250,00 per month up to 28-2-85.  
R125,00 per month up to 28-2-85.

Councillors allowances are funded from the Council's annual budget.

- (2) (a) *Ibhayi Town Council, None. KwaNobuhle Town Council, None.*

- (b) Falls away.

- (3) (i) *Ibhayi Town Council*

- (a) Councillors are protected by guards. 30 Guards averaging R6 252 each per annum.

- (b) Financed by Government subsidy.

- (ii) *KwaNobuhle Town Council*

- (a) Councillors are protected by staff of the Council (Municipal Police). R70 606,86 per annum in total.

- (b) Financed out of Council's annual budget.

- (4) (i) *Ibhayi Town Council*

- (a) No loans are granted to Councillors for buying or building residences.

- (b) Falls away.

- (ii) *KwaNobuhle Town Council*

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# The men in the middle

When John Maseule invested his life's savings in zinc and erected a shack on open ground in Alexandra last year he never dreamt his house would challenge government's urbanisation policy. As "orderly urbanisation" policy prohibits illegal squatting, the Alex squatters present a test case for government's post-influx control strategy.

Like others in the burgeoning squatter settlement, the shack Maseule built is his first city home. After working in Johannesburg since the late Seventies and being a hostel dweller, his wife and children have joined him. Unless he is moved, there is little doubt he will become the foot in the city door for country cousins wanting to escape rural poverty and boredom.

Maseule felt free to build because at that time the alternative street committees were controlling Alex and the "comrades" had publicly announced that everyone could build shacks. According to Piet Genis, project co-ordinator of Alex's upgrading scheme, until mid-1986 the comrades were running their own local office, allocating sites and even accepting payment for them.

Squatting in Alex, however, began before the advent of the comrades. Development in the township was frozen for years, leaving a legacy of backyards crowded with informal dwellings. More recently, though, squatters have been setting up home in every available open space.

"Shacks spring up daily," says Genis — and they are hampering the upgrading.

Alex is one of a number of black townships earmarked for development. As a major attempt to regain the initiative in the townships, government is trying to address what it sees as the roots of the unrest — homelessness, unemployment and slums.

The National Security Council has made it clear that upliftment is part of its "hearts and minds" campaign. As Deputy Information Minister Stoffel van der Merwe put it: for a revolution you need the agitators and you need the grievances. The current State of Emergency is there partly to remove the agitators while government attempts to sort out the grievances — a massive task.

So today, while many of the leaders of the Alexandra Action Committee and the Alexandra Students' Organisation remain in detention, or face charges, a massive urban renewal project is under way.

Not that the majority of Alex residents care about strategies orchestrated in Pretoria offices. The general feeling is one of relief that after years of stinking bucket latrines, no running water, smelly street puddles and dark streets, these services along with new housing are finally to come.

People now fear the increasing number of squatters will block them from finally having what they believe is their inheritance. It is a simple equation. Already there are too many people to complete the development without

one third of the estimated 120 000 population having to move. The question is where?

Acting town clerk Irvine Florence says the squatters have been divided into three groups. The first are the "children of Alex" — the original Alex residents' children who built shacks because no other housing was available.

The second group comprises those who have been squatting for a decade or more, and the last group are those who have put up shacks since the abolition of influx control last July. It is this group that Florence says will have to go.

The council initially intended to evict the squatters. In March they arrested 35 and charged them with trespassing. This was followed by a spontaneous march on the council offices and an ultimatum from the council that the squatters were to move out by mid-April. That date came and went along with their plans to evict. Quite simply, despite hefty fines, people merely pay up and return to their shacks.

No local authority can solve this, says Florence. So they are referring the problem back to central government.

The question now is not only what will government do, but where will it make the land available? Unless urgent attention is given to allocating land for controlled squatting in the urban areas, the problem of squatting and illegal occupation of land can only increase.



Says the pensioner who became host to the President's surprise visit: 'I c



A stunned — and unshaven — Seabata Fokane with the Bothas and mayor Esau Mahlatsi during his minute of f

# In the footsteps of PW: The

By MONO BADELA

MOST citizens would be honoured by a surprise visit to their homes by a head of state.

But for 77-year-old Sharpeville pensioner Seabata Klaas Fokane, last week's visit by President PW Botha to his matchbox home was the start of a nightmare.

"I curse the day Botha set his foot on my doorstep — it has made my life a misery," Fokane told *Weekly Mail*.

Botha dropped in unexpectedly on the Fokane household after receiving the freedom of Lekoa, of which Sharpeville is a part, from Mayor Esau Mahlatsi and the town councillors of Lekoa on Thursday last week. The people of Sharpeville were not over-enthusiastic in their welcome.

Fokane says that since a beaming Botha unexpectedly walked into his "match-box" he has been having sleepless nights. "I now wake up three or four times a night and check around outside, thinking that some people may be around to come and



The councillors live in fear behind a high fence and coils of razor wire petrol-bomb my house."

He believes some residents of Sharpeville think the visit to his house had been a "fixed thing".

"I was really taken by surprise. I just saw a whole group of people pouring into my yard and led by Botha, whom I have only seen on televi-

sion in the past. He shook my hand and asked me how I was feeling, whether I was happy or not. He also asked me to buy the house which I have occupied since 1947. He did not offer to buy it for me. I told him I have no money. That was the end of his flying visit to us."

Fokane said he had not been formed by the mayor of Lekoa. Botha would stop at his home while on a 10-minute tour of Sharpeville. He was happy at the same time but gripped with fear. I am still mystified by his visit."

He said he had been afraid to w



the day. It has made my life a misery. I wake up and check for bombs ...'



Fokane comforted by neighbours, including Emily Ramatlakane (centre). On the wall, his wedding photograph

# Sharpeville Botha didn't see

come the state president into his home. "Even now I am living in fear."

He thinks some residents believe the visit was arranged by Mahlatsi.

"I do not know Mahlatsi from any other source other than that of him being a mayor. I did not even vote during elections in 1983. Like most Sharpeville residents, I do not support the town councillors."

We were joined by a group of four women, who said they were concerned about Fokane.

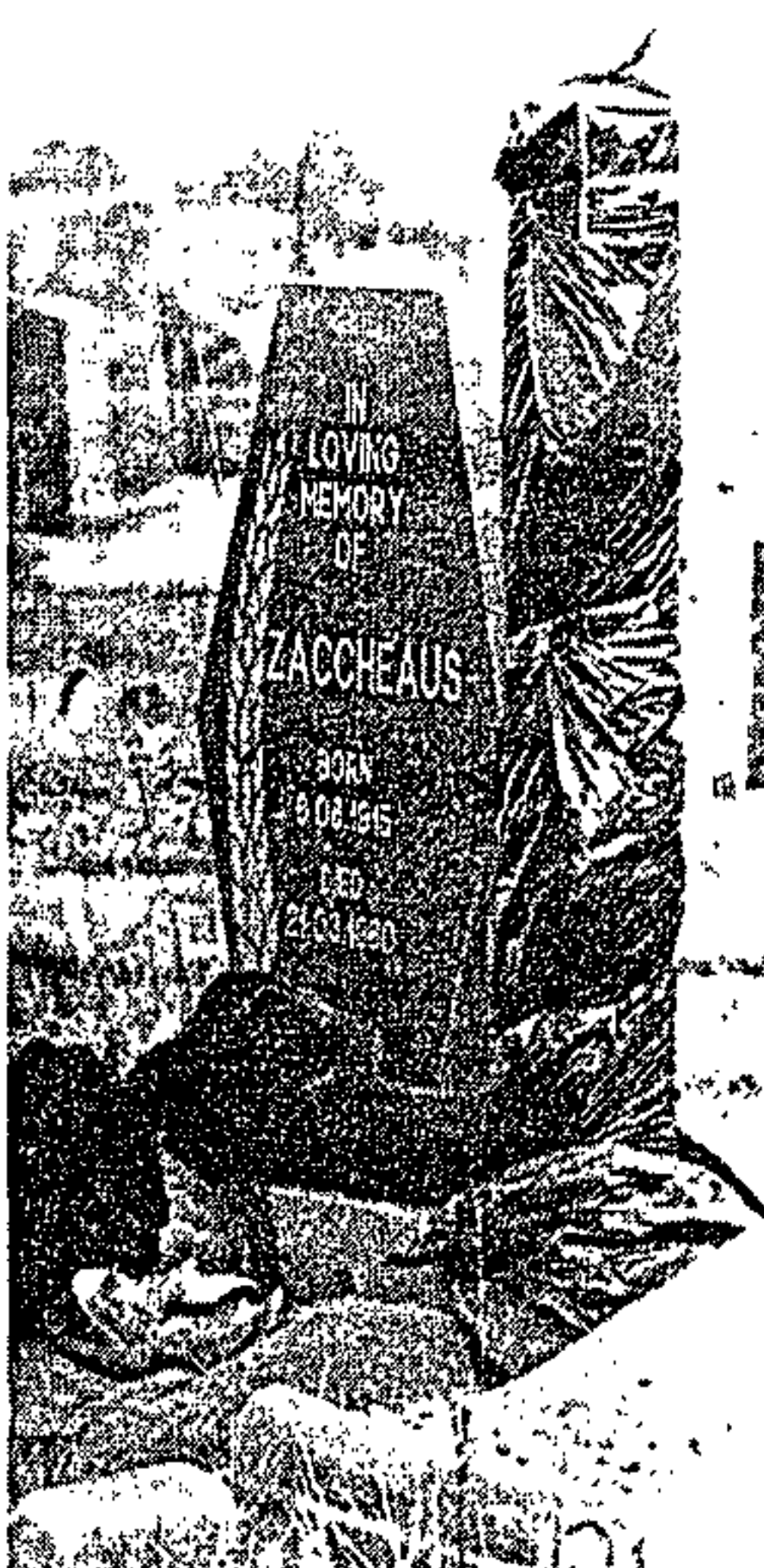
"I sincerely believe that Botha would have earned a lot of goodwill by visiting the Sharpeville graveyard and paying homage to the 69 men and women shot dead by police in 1960," noted Emily Ramatlakane, who said her only son was shot dead by police on the afternoon of September 3, 1984. She had discovered her son's body at the Vereeniging mortuary a week later.

"The deaths of the people in 1960 and those who died during the upheaval in 1984 seem to mean nothing to Botha," she said. "He does not care."

Fokane said he had been among the crowd at the square in front of the police station on March 21, 1960, when police opened fire on a group of anti-pass protestors, killing 69.

"I do not know what Botha was really doing in Sharpeville," he said. "As a president he should have gone to the cemetery as a gesture of goodwill."

Earlier, Mahlatsi denied that the



What the Bothas didn't see: Sharpeville's graves

Pictures: ERIC MILLER, Afrapix

stop at Fokane's home had been planned.

"It was a spontaneous gesture on the part of the state president," he said. "I did not even know that he was going to stop there. To me it was

a pleasant surprise." He said many residents thereafter asked the entourage to stop briefly at their homes.

Mahlatsi ruled out the idea that Botha's visit to Lekoa was intended to discuss the nearly three-year-old rent crisis in the area. He said his council had invited Botha "to see for himself the conditions under which blacks live because we felt that was very important for somebody who has influence, so that he can take appropriate decisions".

The council had also invited Botha because there had always been division between blacks and whites in South Africa. "That must come to a stop," he said. "There should be reconciliation. His gesture of coming here would be an indication of reconciliation." The councillors also wanted Botha to explain his envisaged reform process to the community.

Mahlatsi said he still believed Botha's proposed National Statutory Council was not the right solution to the country's problems. "I still seriously urge Botha to abandon the idea of operating this body," he said.

A representative of the Vaal Civic Association said: "We have not forgotten the gravestones in Sharpeville, the six people in death row, including the only woman so far to have been condemned to death, Theresa Ramashamole, for a political offence, and the trial in Delmas, where Vaal Triangle leaders face charges of treason."

He described Botha's visit to Lekoa

as a "miserable failure. The cheers by the lower primary school pupils were meaningless. The whole thing was orchestrated. Those who attended the reception were pensioners, unemployed people and others who went there because they were curious that something might happen."

He said it was "another Rubicon — nothing was said about rent. He did not touch the grievances of the people."

"This shows that the councillors are blind. Mahlatsi himself has got the freedom of Lekoa. He lives behind barbed wire in a special compound and is heavily guarded."



# 'Welkom' to the scandal, Thabong

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ANOTHER in the list of scandals concerning black township councils is threatening to wreck the Thabong council near Welkom.

Documentary evidence of councillors misappropriating public funds, supplying themselves with business sites and issuing themselves numerous trading licenses, have once again been placed in the hands of *City Press*.

Meanwhile, a tug-of-war between alleged "A-Team" members of the council and two other opposing councillors has ensued and is threatening to bring about the collapse of the body.

Sources close to the council claim the town-

ship's former mayor, Dr EB Tlali, was last month physically thrown out of the council's monthly meeting held at the Thabong council chambers.

He is said to have refused to heed warnings by angry A-Team members to leave the room or face violence from the councillors.

According to the documents, Town Clerk RJ Ngake, who is the executive official of the council, also features prominently in the in-fighting and alleged misadministration of council's funds.

The Thabong council hit the headlines in 1985 - at the height of the disturbances in the township - when it was claimed that the councillors had formed



REV NTOULA

themselves into a gang calling itself the A-Team.

They, assisted by vigilantes, it was claimed, went around assaulting and harassing all those known to be opposed to the council.

Several people, including school children, were seriously hurt during clashes with the alleged A-Team members and their supporters.

Last year, however, a storm began brewing within the council which resulted this year in the resignation of Tlali as mayor.

Tladi, a medical prac-

tioner, had earlier been accused by other councillors of trying to have the council dissolved because of financial irregularities, general inefficiency, and maladministration.

Responding to these allegations, six of the nine councillors, deputy mayor A Mokoena, A Phakathi, TJ Sefale, B Fixane, M Matima and L S Mbangula summoned Tladi to a special meeting last October at which they refuted the allegations.

Tlali subsequently resigned as mayor but re-

mained a councillor and member of the executive committee of the council.

On May 4, this year, however, a motion of no confidence in Tladi and Lesige was passed by the council.

Allegations against them were that they both owed the council large sums of money and that the town clerk was misusing the funds of the council and had accepted bribes from councillors.

The councillors also stated that Tlali, as mayor, had acquired four business sites while Lesige got 14.

The council then resolved that both councillors should cease to serve on any council committee, that their electricity power be cut if they did not pay up, and that their undeveloped business sites be confiscated.

Meanwhile, an initial document listing the names of Thabong residents facing eviction for non-payment of rent include Ngake and that of Mokoena.

According to the record prepared by the council's employees, by last January both had not been paying rent for 16 months.

Ngake, according to sources close to the council, had later deleted his name from the list claiming that it had incorrectly included him.

Although it could not be established documentarily this week as clerks were busy with a new list of rent defaulters, reliable information reaching *City Press* was that most of the councillors - in not all - had not paid rent for a period of at least 16 months.

Flashback: EB Tlali, when he was still mayor of Thabong, turning the first sod at the new technical career school.

## Inquiry into civic affairs is welcomed

By DAN DHLAMINI

THE envisaged commission of inquiry on the activities of the mayor of Ikageng will cover a vast spectrum of issues concerning the running of the township.

The mayor, councillor Nyokong said he welcomed the councillors' decision to boycott the monthly meeting, and seeking a commission of inquiry into his activities.

"An opportunity has presented itself and I am going to reveal everything. I have invited the Press and members of the community to attend this historic event, which has been kept under wraps for decades by those who are now accusing me," said Nyokong.

He said some councillors were waging a "war" against him, forgetting that they were also in the same mess. He said those who had been running the township have been hiding important things from the community.

Nyokong said he had vital information concerning other councillors' malpractices and that they were wrong if they thought he would be the only one to be crucified.

He said the Transvaal Provincial Administration will appoint an official who will conduct the inquiry. He said the inquiry will be held on June 18 at the council offices and everybody was welcome to attend because "I want to clear up my name".

TPA's Western Transvaal regional director, Art Peltzer was not available for comment on this matter.

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## Council declares holiday

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THE City Council of Atteridgeville, a member of the United Municipalities of South Africa, has declared May 1 and June 16 as paid holidays for their employees, the council said in a statement this week.

The announcement follows Umsa's decision adopted at its meeting held in Durban on May 2, that the two days be declared paid holidays for their member councils.

Atteridgeville's Mayor, SM Mahlangu, said: "due to the prevailing political climate, certain adjustments have to be made to



Mayor Mahlangu

meet the changing exigencies caused by political circumstances.

"Black local authorities operate in a highly politicised environment and as a result, they must at all times keep up pace with the needs and demands of the communities they serve, especially if those needs and demands can be met and be satisfied," he said. - Sapa



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question; if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) with what result and (c) what action has been taken by the Police in consequence of this visit?

\*The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) and (b) Yes.

(i) From two members of the public whose identity I am not prepared to reveal;

(ii) 25 May 1987;

(iii) In both instances that a low flying helicopter was distributing pamphlets;

(iv) Because the investigation is not yet completed, I am not prepared to reveal the identity of the owner;

(v) Investigation was instituted and is not yet completed;

(vi) Because the matter is still under investigation, I do not consider it feasible to reveal the information.

(2) Yes.

(a) 27 May 1987;

(b) It was ascertained that the address is false;

(c) The matter is still under investigation.

Helicopter: pamphlets dropped

\*8. Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Defence:

Whether a South African Defence Force helicopter was used on 23 May 1987 for dropping pamphlets over any Cape Town suburbs; if so, (a) what was the purport of these pamphlets and (b) (i) on whose instructions, (ii) over which suburbs and (iii) why were these pamphlets so dropped?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

No. (a) and (b) Fall away.

Helicopter: pamphlets dropped

\*9. Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Law and Order:

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\*The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

No. (a) and (b) Fall away.

Travel bureau: Mossel Bay/George

\*10. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether the South African Transport Services have opened a travel bureau in Mossel Bay; if so, (a) on what date and (b) why;

(2) whether this travel bureau has shown a profit; if so, (a) what is the nature of the profit and (b) in respect of what period is this information furnished; if not, (i) why not and (ii) what action is to be taken as a result;

(3) whether the Transport Services operate a travel bureau in George; if so, when was it opened;

(4) whether this travel bureau showed a profit during the latest specified year for which figures are available; if so, for which figures are available; if so, what was the nature of this profit; if not, in what specified year did this travel bureau last show a profit?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes.

(a) 2 January 1987.

(b) To provide an improved service to existing corporate account holders in the area and to generate new business.

(2) Not yet.

(a) and (b) Falls away.

(i) The bureau was only opened in January 1987 and is not yet fully established.

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(ii) Marketing in the area, especially the corporate sector, is receiving preference.

(3) Yes, since 17 November 1952.

(4) Yes. A profit of 3.5% on turnover during the 1986-87 financial year.

Mr D J N MALCOMESS: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him whether he does not consider the opening of this new bureau to be detrimental to the travel agencies already established there and whether this is not a case where the State is interfering with private enterprise?

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, this is a matter that can be fully discussed in debate.

Cape Town/London: non-stop flights

\*11. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

Whether direct non-stop flights between Cape Town and London are still taking place; if not, (a) why not and (b) when did these flights stop?

\*The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

No.

(a) In order to maximise commercial benefits for SA Airways, all services (including international sectors) are continuously rationalised.

(b) 27 March 1987.

Group Areas Act

\*12. Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

Whether applications for the issue of permits in terms of section 26 (3) of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, to couples who have entered into mixed marriages, to reside permanently in White areas notwithstanding the provisions of the said Act, are considered on the basis of certain criteria; if so, what criteria are used for this purpose?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

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Section 26 (3) of the Group Areas Act has no bearing on the issue of permits.

Kwatzadzuza

\*13. Mr C B SCHOEMAN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

Whether the planning of Kwatzadzuza on the East Rand is at present being reconsidered with a view to providing more suitable buffer strips; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is the proposed width of the buffer strips between Dunnottar, Sharon Park, Selcourt and the Black area of Kwathema and (b) what does the proposed Black extension next to the Nigel hospital, south of Dunnottar, comprise?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

No.

(a) The area proposed in the Draft Guide Plan for the East Rand-Far East Rand for Black township development, with an open area (which is up to a kilometre wide in places) between Sharon Park-Dunnottar and the Kwatzadzuza complex, has already been approved. Although parts of this land will (because of mining activities) not be available for township development in the short term, it can make a valuable contribution towards the provision in the demand for land for urbanisation in the medium to long term.

(b) Application has been received from a developer for the designation of a development area in terms of section 33 of Act 4 of 1984, on that part of Portion 51 of the farm Vlakfontein 161-IR which is situated to the southwest of proposed route K161. This land is part of the land which has been approved for Black township development in the Draft Guide Plan for the East Rand-Far East Rand and links logically to Duduza. Representatives of the Town Council of Nigel have undertaken to introduce a proposal for a suitable land-use for the area situated to the north-east of

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proposed route K161 and south of the Nigel hospital. In that manner the land which had been approved for Black township development can be fully utilised without detracting from the quality of life of the surrounding community.

#### Advertisements

\*14. Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Deputy Minister of Information:†

What was the total cost of the advertisements published by the State President in this capacity in publications (a) in the Republic of South Africa and (b) abroad from 4 September 1984 to 1 June 1987?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION:

(a) Since the inception of the Bureau for Information on 17 September 1985 an amount of R577 698,67 has been spent on advertisements which contained messages from the State President.

(b) The Bureau for Information has only an internal function and is not involved in advertisement campaigns overseas.

†Mr J H VAN DER MERWE: Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, does he not think it is fair that all political parties represented in Parliament should also get the opportunity to convey messages to the public at State expense?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Speaker, the standpoint on this has been put very often. As soon as a certain policy, whatever the origin might be, is accepted by the Government of the day as the policy of the State, the Bureau is enabled to convey it to the public as a service to the public because they should know what the Government of the day is doing. That of course excludes the policies of the other political parties who could not succeed in becoming the government of the day. [Interjections.]

#### East Rand: guide-plan boundaries

\*15. Mr C B SCHOEMAN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

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Whether it is envisaged further to extend the guide-plan boundaries of the East Rand/Far East Rand; if so, (a) what piece or pieces of land are being considered for this purpose and (b) what is the total extent of this land?

†The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

No. (a) and (b) Fall away.

#### Attorney struck off roll: prosecution

\*16. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 9 on 23 February 1987, the Attorney-General of the Transvaal has as yet taken a decision on whether to institute a prosecution against a certain attorney struck off the roll for allegedly misappropriating trust funds; if so, what is this decision; if not,

(2) whether there has been a delay in taking a decision on the matter; if so, what is causing the delay?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Justice):

(1) Yes, the Attorney-General concerned has decided to institute a prosecution.

(2) Falls away.

#### GST: pharmaceutical products

\*17. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Finance:

(1) Whether he has received any representations for pharmaceutical products to be exempted from general sales tax; if so, (a) from whom, (b) when and (c) what was his response in each case;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE:

(1) (a) Representations for exemption from sales tax in respect of the sale of pharmaceutical products (prescribed medicines) have been received from various individuals and organisations (including the

Pharmaceutical Society of South Africa). From available information such representations as have been received are in excess of 25 in number.

(b) Those representations were received over a period extending from June 1984 to date.

(c) It has unfortunately not been possible to provide for an exemption in respect of the sale of prescribed medicines. Mention should be made of the fact that medical expenses are, within certain limits, deductible for income tax purposes. These limits were substantially increased with effect from the 1986 tax year, namely:

(i) In the case of persons above the age of 60 years but under 65 years:

Married—from R3 000 to R4 000.

Unmarried—from R2 250 to R3 000.

(ii) In the case of persons under the age of 60 years:

Married—from R1 000 to R1 500.

Unmarried—from R750 to R1 000.

Persons above the age of 65 years are allowed to claim their total actual medical expenses as a deduction.

Any exemption relating to the sale of certain pharmaceutical products would inevitably give rise to serious administrative problems, the main problem being to identify clearly the products which would qualify for such an exemption.

It must be noted that any professional service provided by a registered medical practitioner in the ordinary course of his practice and any service rendered or facilities provided in any registered

hospital or nursing home or any clinic conducted by a local authority is not deemed to be a taxable service and therefore not subject to sales tax. It should also be borne in mind that many persons in the lower income groups are entitled to free/cheap medical treatment.

The report of the Commission of Enquiry into the Tax Structure of the Republic of South Africa (the Margo Commission) is now being considered by the Government. For this reason it would be undesirable to recommend any change to the present sales tax structure or rate at this stage.

(2) In view of the comprehensive reasons given in the reply to the question under (1) (c), no further statement appears to be necessary.

#### Major-General P H Groenewald

\*18. Mr J VAN ECK asked the Deputy Minister of Information:

(1) Whether, during May 1987, an official of the Bureau for Information addressed the congress of a certain organisation, the name of which has been furnished to the Bureau for the purpose of the Deputy Minister's reply; if so, (a) on what date and (b) what is the name of this (i) official and (ii) organisation;

(2) whether the official in question addressed this congress in his official capacity;

(3) whether this official made any comments regarding the South African press on that occasion; if so, what comments;

(4) whether he has received any complaints regarding this address; if so, (a) from whom and (b) what was the nature of the complaints in each case;

(5) whether he has taken any action in regard to this matter; if not, why not; if so, what action?

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By SOL MORATHI

THE R6-million agreement the Atteridgeville Town Council signed with the Family Housing Association this week for the development of 400 stands will alleviate the housing backlog in the township, according to Atteridgeville mayor SM Mahlangu.

The agreement for the extension of the Atteridge-

# Agreement will ease the backlog

ville western buffer zone was signed by Mahlangu and the general manager of the association, Matthew Nell, in Pretoria.

Mahlangu said there

were, at present, more than 5 000 people on the waiting list.

The allocation of 18 hectares of land for the building of low income houses, would help to reduce the figure, he added.

He said though the government had refused to give them more land or alternatively assist them in providing the residents with houses, the council would continue to strive towards the provision of adequate, decent and affordable housing for residents, especially the low income group.

The last time the government developed Atteridgeville, Mahlangu pointed out, was in 1969.

However, he added that the council's efforts to alleviate the problem had, in the past, been hamstrung by the government's refusal to grant additional land to

Atteridgeville.

He added that his council had made an application and was awaiting approval from the government to relax the original buffer strip on the western side of the township.

While he was confident that the approval would be forthcoming, Mahlangu expressed concern at delays being experienced for such approvals.

The houses earmarked to be built will range from R12 000 to R24 000. They will be serviced with water, waterborne sewerage, electricity, public lighting and graded roads.

Prices are intended to make housing accessible to Atteridgeville residents who have combined household incomes of R350 and above.

The houses may be secured by a deposit of R600.

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## Maokeng builds new elite suburb

NIS main aim was to make Maokeng more comfortable for all its residents, said mayor Caswell Koekoe at the official opening this week of a homes show held by Tshepang Homes in the township near Kroonstad.

Koekoe said Tshepang was making a valuable contribution towards this aim in its development of 267 houses in the suburb of Constantia Park.

Six furnished homes were on display at the five-day show and other attractions included a play park for children and a competition for prospective buyers.

Selling prices of the new homes are between R39 000 and R56 000.

It is envisaged that in future Tshepang will build smaller homes, ranging from R24 000 to R36 000, to cater for the lower income group.

An advantage of dealing with Tshepang homes is the one-stop service offered to buyers. Bond applications, connection of services and legal documentation are taken care of.

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## Duduza back to normal after convictions

THE turbulence of Nigel's Duduza township has waned and with it the anger of its residents.

Township people are beginning to go about without fear of bodily attack or of seeing their homes burnt down.

Earlier this week, three of nine people convicted of killing Maki Roseline Sikhosana in the East Rand township were jailed for life by the Pretoria Supreme Court.

The other six were jailed for five to 10 years.

Sikhosana was killed at a funeral by a mob who accused her of being an "informer".

### SOPHIE TEMA

Yesterday, most residents were sympathetic towards the nine. But one said the "gruesome death of Sikhosana was equally painful, and until now no one has produced reasonable proof that she was indeed an informer".

Sikhosana's family has left Duduza temporarily for Soweto.

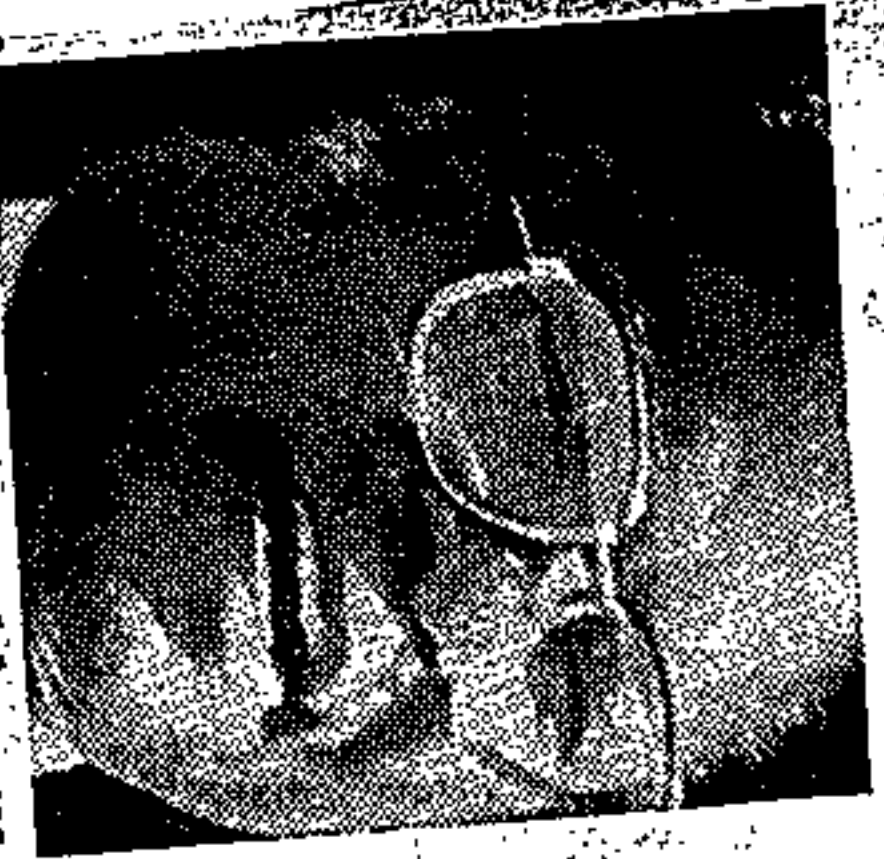
Rosy Twala, the mother of Sanna Twala, one of the three jailed for life, said she wanted to appeal against her daughter's sentence, but would first consult her lawyers.

Pensioner Sophie Motaung, mother of Elizabeth Motaung, who was jailed for 10 years, said: "The sentence passed on my daughter is heavy, and if I had the means I would appeal against it."

"My heart is full of grief and sorrow, but I cannot forget how painful it must have been for Sikhosana's mother — her child was so brutally killed by a mob, stoned and then set alight."

"We are both mothers and I feel sorry for her, too." Motaung said Sikhosana and her daughter Elizabeth had grown up together. Elizabeth, who is older, used to carry Sikhosana on her back.

# **No tariff increases for Atteridgeville**



Mayor Sam Mahlangu

**By SOL MORATHI**

**THERE** will be no tariff increases for the coming financial year - 1987/88 - in Atteridgeville.

This has been announced by Atteridgeville mayor Sam Mahlangu, who said the budget for the coming financial year did not propose any tariff increases.

According to figures provided by Atteridgeville Town Council treasurer TL

van Strip the budget of the council provides for an income of R21 802 893 and an expenditure of R26 196 121 for the coming financial year.

The capital budget, on the other hand, provides for an expenditure of R6 062 860.

Mahlangu said South Africa's economic problems were well known and that it sufficed to mention that black people

have been the hardest hit by the high rate of inflation and unemployment, and that the gloomy situation in black areas was such that residents could not be burdened with tariff increases.

Atteridgeville has never had a rent boycott. Residents have been co-operative and those who were not paying for the service and rental were mainly the unemployed.

It is for this reason that the council wanted to avoid losing the support of its community through tariff increases.

"We have successfully increased tariffs in February and we can therefore not burden our residents with another tariff increase so soon, despite the financial position of the council as well as the intended expensive capital works for the development of our township."



# Residents upset

BY MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

THE alleged theft of over R1,3-million by Tokoza's suspended mayor and town clerk, has worsened the already tense atmosphere among residents who realise that their contributions in the form of rent, taxes and other levies have been stolen by erstwhile prominent council officials.

This was stated in papers before Judge Flemming in the Rand Supreme Court for the sequestration of the estates of Lethebe Gerald Mamabolo and Doris Dikeledi Thinane.

The precise extent of the misappropriation by Mamabolo, Thinane and their collaborators of the Tokoza money is still the subject of extensive investigation, the papers added.

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They transferred council money to George in the Eastern Cape, to an agency of Saambou Building Society.

From October last year until November 27, the two misrepresented themselves as being authorised by a resolution taken by the Tokoza Council to apply to Saambou in George for short-term loans amounting to R1,2-million to be paid to Incorporated Building Construction.

According to the papers before court there was never such a resolution taken by the council.

The papers further state that IBC, the company which conspired with Mamabolo and Thinane, could not account for money amounting to R658 000 which was transferred from George to its account.

# 'Ucassa is taking the middle road'



MR STEVE Kgama,  
President of Ucasa.

IN THE struggle for power, legitimacy and credibility the Urban Councils Association of South Africa (Ucasa), has chosen a middle-of-the-road philosophy, Mr S I P (Steve) Kgama said in his presidential address to the annual meeting in Bloemfontein yesterday.

It believes the imperfect government institutions can be made perfect by participation and using options and the Government will have a "double-quick march in accepting those options" said Mr Kgama.

He warned the Government that the blacks were almost "at the end of their nerves." Any further delay in proper and meaningful scrapping of all discriminatory legislation will be disastrous for all.

Black local authorities had inherited a backlog of services that dated back from former advisory boards, urban Bantu councils and community councils — advisory bodies.

Mr Kgama said it was a known fact that the Administration and Development Boards "made a mess" in running black areas. Ucasa pressurised the Government to do away with them and this was done.

But the same board officials were carried over to the provinces to do the same jobs and problems were experienced.

"We are heading for another showdown — a serious one this time," Mr Kgama warned.

## Govt bodies can be made perfect - Kgama

It was necessary that the councils come together under one umbrella body and create a strong voice to be able to speak in unity and not form splinter groups because of position-mongering.

Referring to the breakaway and formation of the United Municipalities of South Africa (UMSA), which claimed that it had the majority of councils in South Africa, Mr Kgama said that only three councils had written to say that they wished to terminate the Ucasa membership.

Two of these, Katlehong and Daveyton (the cradle of UMSA), had paid their 1987 affiliation fees.

Mr Kgama said men make history but not in circumstances of their own choosing. Ucasa had indicated its willingness to participate in the National Statutory Council. It had make known that the people who served on that body should be elected and not appointed.

"To try and wait for perfect institutions before we can talk will be disastrous. By participation we can bring pressure for change," said Mr Kgama.



## Sebokeng clean-up before Botha visit

By ANTHONY JOHNSON  
Political Correspondent

FOURTEEN Defence Force tipper-trucks and front-end loaders worked for 10 days to remove "refuse and soil" from Sebokeng before President P W Botha's visit to the area last month, the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, said yesterday.

Mr Botha was given the freedom of the black townships of Lakoa, which includes Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong, Bophelong, Zamdela and Refengkgotso, when he visited the region.

General Malan said the services of SADF members were used to help in clearing-up work in Sebokeng because the town clerk requested such help, "as the town council did not have the necessary manpower to complete the task alone".

The clean-up operation had taken from May 25 to June 3, the day before Mr Botha's visit, General Malan said in reply to a written question from Mr Koos van der Merwe (CP Jeppe).

The total cost of the operation to the SADF was R2 646,90, he said.

□ Replying to another written question from Mr Peter Hendrickse (LP Addo), General Malan declined to disclose publicly how much SADF involvement in civil unrest since January last year had cost the South African taxpayer.

"It is not considered in the public interest to divulge this figure, but I am prepared to supply it to the honourable member on a confidential basis if he were to request it under this condition," he said.

□ More than three dozen parades, military tattoos or other special events were planned this year to commemorate the SADF's 75th anniversary, General Malan said in reply to another written question from Mr Tian van der Merwe (PFP Green Point).

He said the July 1 anniversary "is not being celebrated as a single event but forms the theme of activities at all levels from unit to full SA Defence Force participation".

# New resort in Atteridgeville

By SOL MORATHI

THE Atteridgeville Holiday Resort was officially opened to the public during an Atteridgeville Town Council meeting this week.

A grand opening of the first phase of this modern outdoor recreational resort was held on May 8 amid pomp and ceremony.

The Director of Community Services in Atteridgeville, DC Mouton, appealed to the community to make maximum use of the facility.

"The need for a recreation area such as this has long been identified by the council, as residents and visitors have had to cram into the trim park in Moroe Street, which lacks even the most basic facilities," he said.

The resort provides a picnic area with ablution blocks, a children's park, a braai zone, a restaurant and an open air multi-purpose centre where festivals can be held.

"We hope that the booking of the super stadium for music festivals, which have very often led to the damage of the pitch through braai fires, will be abandoned," said Mouton.

"Promoters now have an option to use the resort which has all the necessary facilities," he said.

## Pensione

CP Correspondent

A 69-year-old Emndeni Nort sioner collapsed and died after ing his pension on Monday at lani.

Moffat Ndlovu had been su from high blood pressure, ac to his daughter, Thandi Ndlovu. He first had an attack while

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# Province halts razing of shacks

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Provincial authorities intervened yesterday to prevent Soweto Council police demolishing squatter shacks — after police had destroyed two shacks and injured four people.

The last-minute intervention followed a telephone conversation between PFP MP Mr Rupert Lorimer and Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Mr Chris Heunis.

Mr Heunis's department is ultimately responsible for implementing the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, in terms of which 1 000 squatters were to be sent "back to where they came from".

Mr Heunis referred Mr Lorimer to the Provincial Director of Land Use Control, Mr J. J. van der Walt, who contacted Soweto town clerk Mr Nico Malan to urge him to impose a moratorium on the removal.

Mr Malan confirmed the intervention last night and said negotiations were continuing to provide an alternative squatting site.

# A first as street committees meet officials

REPRESENTATIVES of the Soweto street committees have had formal contact with the country's most senior white government official for the first time.

The two groups met face-to-face for three hours yesterday to discuss the year-long rent boycott.

Afterwards, Soweto Town Clerk Nico Malan told a small group of journalists including two television crews that the discussion was "frank and to the point" and they took place in a very "calm" atmosphere.

Nico Malan administers the country's largest urban black township with more than two million people falling under his administration.

However, despite the meeting, the first between an affiliate of the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) and the township authority, the rent crisis is

By MONO BADELA

still unresolved.

Wycliffe Tobo, 58, who led the delegation of four men and two mothers said: "We have agreed to meet again. It's a little breakthrough — but the rent boycott continues."

He promised that during the next round of talks the delegation would be augmented by the big guns of the mother body, the SCA.

There were pre-conditions set for the talks: "We told him that we would not be speaking to the black councillors. We do not recognise the councillors."

Malan in turn was blunt in telling the delegation that the council would continue with the eviction of rent defaulters. However he made quite clear that the council was evicting

first those people who have not been paying rent before June last year.

Malan was joined by the newly appointed director of Soweto housing, Estelle Bester, who took over from Del Kevan. Kevan resigned last year after a limpet mine exploded at her northern suburbs home.

Yesterday's Soweto delegation came from street and zone structures in White City Jabavu where 27 people were shot dead by the Soweto municipal police in what became known as the "Rent War" in August last year.

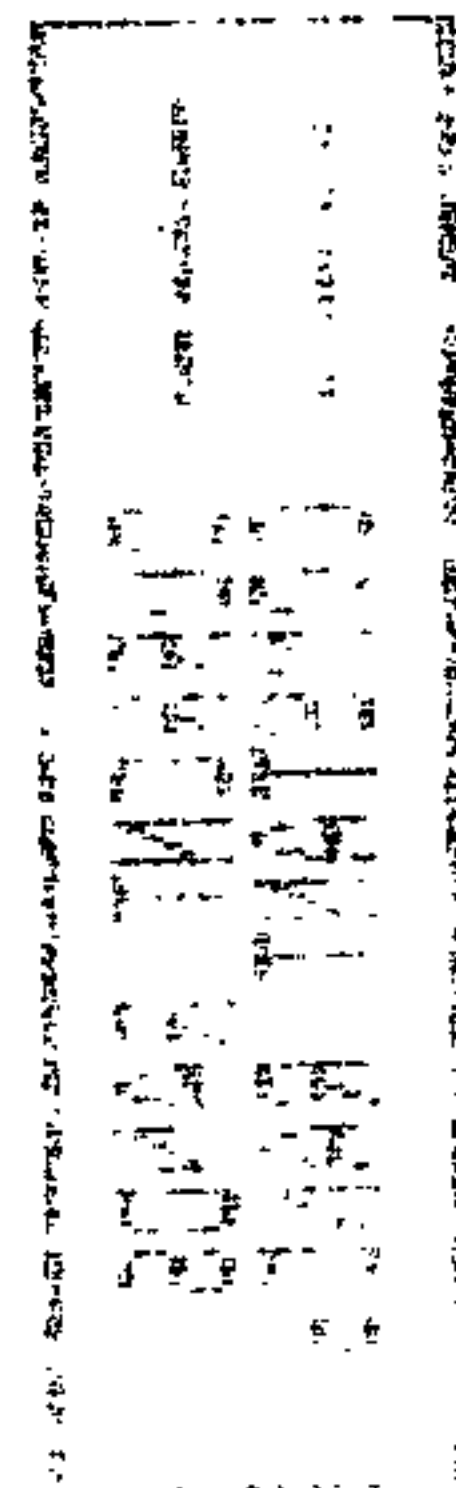
Malan said to date 128 families have been evicted and of this 126 "are back and only two have been physically been evicted". The furniture and other properties of house holders had been impounded by the messenger of the court, he added.

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# R100m development for Mamelodi

**LARGE-SCALE housing and other developments at Mamelodi, near Pretoria, have been prominently featured by SATV recently. Some residents of the black city have, as reported in the Cape Times, referred to a televised documentary on Mamelodi as "a pack of lies".**

**This week the Cape Times accepted an invitation from Brigadier Leon Mellet, liaison officer for the Minister of Law and Order, to see for itself — with no restrictions — what is happening there.**

**Chief Reporter Roger Williams spent an entire day touring the sprawling city, accompanied by Brigadier Mellet (in civilian dress and in an unmarked vehicle) and Mamelodi City Council's public relations officer, Mr. Veleleli Mshumi, a former reporter on the now-defunct Rand Daily Mail.**

**This is the first of two reports he has written on his visit.**

**By ROGER WILLIAMS**

**Chief Reporter**

**MAMELODI, the black city east of Pretoria where the "massacre of November 21, 1985" is still a vivid memory (at least 13 people died in a clash with security forces that day), is bursting with activity again.**

**But the Casspirs and riot police have made way for builders' lorries, road-making equipment and teams of workmen — whites as well as blacks.**

**They are to be seen all over the place now, in this dusty, bustling metropolis at the foot of the Magaliesberg, with its population of 320 000.**

**They are all taking part in Mamelodi City Council's R100-million development and upliftment scheme, in what in 1983 was started as a small township to house black workers — for decades regarded as temporary sojourners in terms of government labour policy — in red-brick matchbox "units".**

**Critics have questioned the timing and motivation of the upliftment scheme, which has been prominently featured by SATV.**

**On a visit to Mamelodi ("place of melodies") on Thursday I was allowed complete freedom of access to, and movement around, the sprawling city by the SA Police and the city council. I was also allowed access to whoever and whatever I wished to see, and the photographer, accompanied by me, was allowed complete freedom to take the pictures he wanted.**

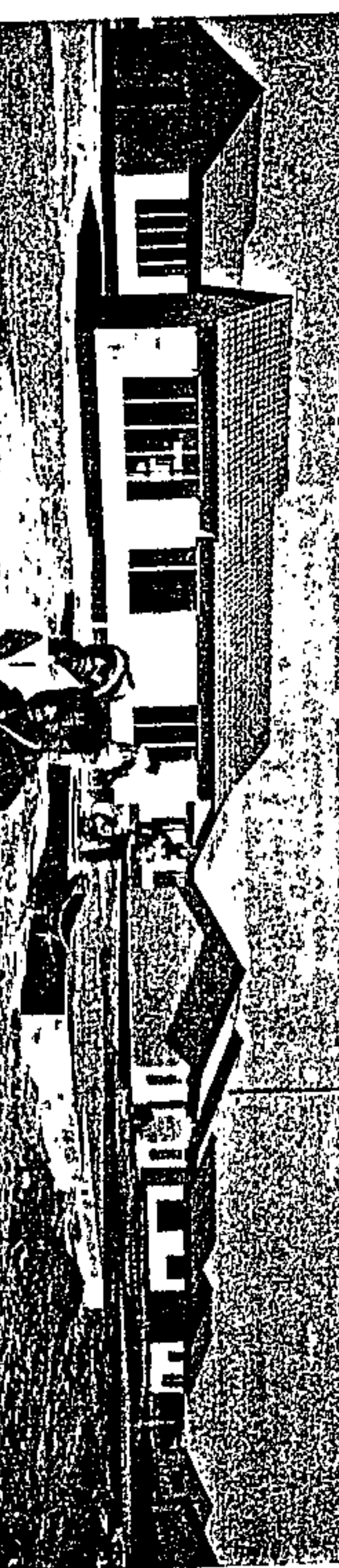
**There was little sign of the city's black police station — commander, Colonel K S Lekganyane, saw — parked at the police station — had a flat tyre. At no time, in travelling the length and breadth of Mamelodi, did I see or hear anything that made me fear for my safety.**

**Laughing, chattering children poured out of classrooms at break-time, at some of the many schools we passed, and life in the city appeared as busily normal as one could find it anywhere. The only police I saw in the streets were locally-recruited "kits-konstables" on foot patrol.**

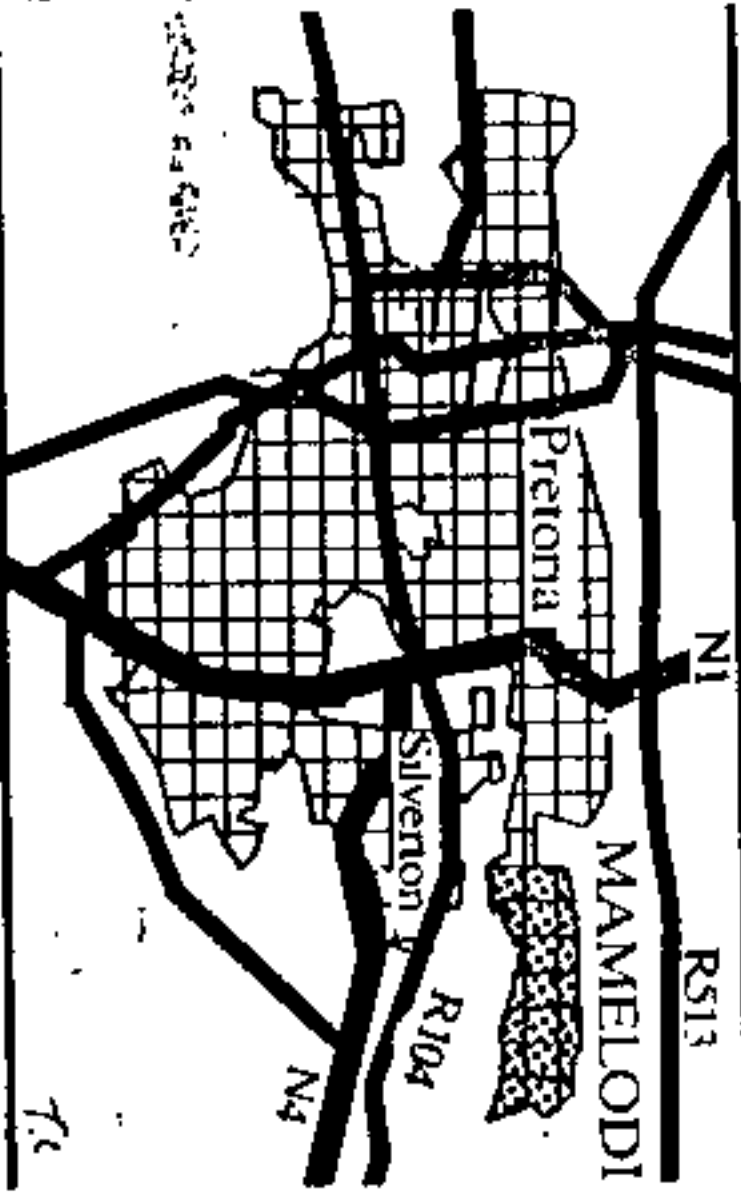
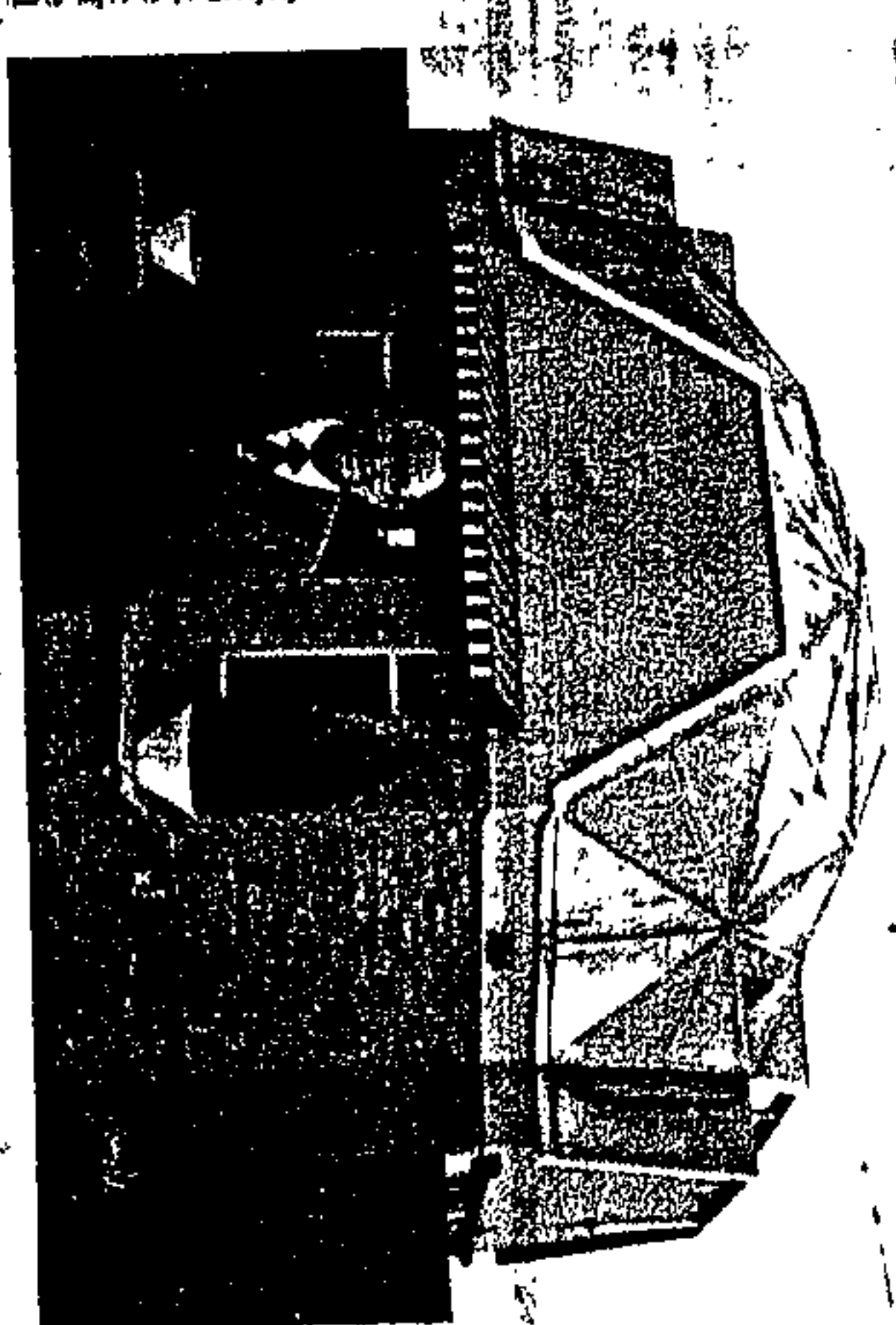
**My guides took me to see work in progress at housing schemes designed and developed by private enterprise which will provide for families at all income levels. Two lower-income show houses visited (each has three bedrooms) have price-tags of R11 800 and R13 000.**

**In Mamelodi Gardens, being developed on high ground as the "Beverly Hills" of the city, luxurious homes are going up, at costs comparable with those in any other city — many with double garages and some with pools.**

**A start has been made to conquer the dust problem, in a five-year, R42 million programme. To give or far the long, neglected thoroughfares of the city, with its 160 km of dirt roads, the city council has agreed to change their attitude.**



**CITY WITH ASPIRATIONS. . . New houses, erected by private developers, are changing the face of Mamelodi, near Pretoria, as an ambitious R100-million upliftment scheme gets under way. BELOW: Dr Nico Smith of the Ned Geref Kerk in Afrika outside the domed, hut-like house in which he and his wife, Professor Ellen Faul, live in the heart of the black city of Mamelodi.**





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# 'The Mamelodi Massacre'

Cape Times Chief Reporter ROGER WILLIAMS last week visited the sprawling city of Mamelodi east of Pretoria — scene of a violent clash between protesting marchers and security forces in November, 1985 — to see what is being done there in a R100 million upliftment scheme. This is a second article on his observations.



**STARK SYMBOLISM** ... The front entrance to the house in central Mamelodi in which Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife Florence were shot dead by unidentified killers last December. The living quarters on the upper floor of the house were gutted by petrol bombs before the killings.

Picture: PHILIP LITTLETON



**WE WANT PEACE** ... Colonel K S Lekganyane, police station commander of Mamelodi, told the Cape Times a survey of Mamelodi residents would show 98% see the police as protectors.

Picture: PHILIP LITTLETON

THE burnt-out shell of the double-storey home in central Mamelodi in which Dr Fabian Ribeiro and his wife Florence were murdered last December stands like some form of stark symbolism amid ambitious projects now under way to give the black city east of Pretoria a R100million facelift.

Dr Ribeiro, a prominent left-wing political leader, was known as "the people's doctor" in Mamelodi, and he was known to have kept detailed records, including photographs, of victims of clashes with the security forces.

I visited his home last week during an all-day tour of Mamelodi, to see some of the work being done to uplift this sprawling city of 320 000 people which came into sharp international focus in November 1985, in what is referred to now by townspeople as "the massacre of Mamelodi".

Dr Ribeiro's brass plate is still on the gate-post of his home, which was petrol-bombed before he and his wife were shot, on December 1, by two masked men, said by some to have been white and by others to have been black. The suspected killers were seen fleeing from the scene by car.

## Ribeiro's burnt-out home symbolic amid facelift

A white man, Mr Noel James Robey, who appeared at a preparatory hearing in a Pretoria North magistrate's court last month in connection with the murders, was acquitted on grounds that there was no direct evidence linking him with the killings.

There have been strong allegations of police complicity in the murders, but these have been emphatically denied by the SAP.

At an interview I had last Thursday with Colonel K S Lekganyane, station commander of Mamelodi, and Captain H F Boshoff of the SADF, who is in charge of the city's Joint Operations Centre, they said the Ribeiros had been killed by bullets from a .45-calibre firearm — a type of weapon no longer used by the police.

Asked why, in spite of ministerial assurances given at the time, no inquests had yet been held on the 13 known victims of the shootings in Mamelodi on November 21,

1985, when police and protest marchers clashed, Colonel Lekganyane said the first inquests would be held "in a matter of months".

A "tremendous amount" of investigation and paper-work had been involved, he added, and this had delayed the court hearings.

Colonel Lekganyane also denied allegations I had heard in Pretoria of "police harassment" of residents of Mamelodi and of police interference at funerals.

"We don't harass or provoke people; we want peace," he said. "And the last big funeral here was in January 1986."

"The troublemakers we have had to deal with in Mamelodi have come mostly from other areas."

The colonel said he had more than 300 policemen under his command and that since the beginning of the year, when he had been given additional men, the crime-rate had been relatively low.

The last "necklacing" had been in February 1988.

The trouble at Mamelodi had started, he added, at the end of 1985 with a rent-boycott, and with townspeople refusing to report criminal matters to the police. "People formed their own disciplinary structures, including two 'kangaroo courts', the president of one of which was 14 years old and the other members of which were all under 18."

"These illegal courts have since been dismantled."

When I put to him another allegation I had heard from residents of Mamelodi, that the SAP were no longer seen as the protectors of the people, (police are referred to by residents as "the system") he replied: "I'm sure that if you did a survey you'd find that 98 percent of the people would say they see us as their protectors."

Meanwhile, work is going apace on Mamelodi City Council's upliftment scheme,

in a municipal area that now rates third, after Pretoria and Verwoerdburg, in the regional services councils (RSC) set-up in the Northern Transvaal.

Mr Veleleni Mashumi, public relations officer for the city council (Mamelodi acquired city status last year), who acted as my guide on the tour, said the residents of Mamelodi were "a very conservative people".

"This is the most-cosmopolitan and apolitical area I have ever come across," he said. "In spite of the large number of ethnic groups here, the largest being North Sotho (with Nguni the dominant language-group), we have had no faction or tribal clashes."

"With the schemes the city council has embarked on, Mamelodi could become a model city for South Africa," he said.

One could see, on this tour of Mamelodi ("place of melodies"), that the basic elements for creating such a model city are all there.

And one was left hoping that, with the authorities striving to achieve this lofty goal, funds would also be made available for similar upliftment schemes and "model cities" in other parts of the Republic.



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financing of education, including education for the national and independent Black states, and (b) total expenditure of universities is expected to be contributed by the State from the Treasury, in each of these 10 years;

- (4) whether further legislation in regard to compulsory education is being drafted with due regard to the parity calculations in order to make provision for the accommodation in the South African education system of the additional Black pupils expected to be attending school over the next 10 years; if so, what provision is to be made in this regard;
- (5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

#### THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION:

- (1) Yes. Equal opportunities for education, including equal standards of education, are being strived after for every inhabitant of the Republic irrespective of race, colour, creed or sex. The period during which this object is to be achieved depends on the availability of funds.

- (2) Yes. Certain formulae have already been drafted. The formulae as well as a ten-year strategy for implementation will be announced as soon as the consultations have been completed. This does not imply that after ten years the object of equal educational opportunities for all population groups will have been fully achieved.

- (3) (a) The decisions have not been taken in terms of such a percentage. It has been decided that the real increase in expenditure on education during the next ten years will at least be 4,1% per annum.

- (b) The State is financing approximately 65% of the total expenditure of universities at present. It is not possible to supply estimates of this percentage for future years.

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tember 1984 as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

- (2) whether the posts of such detained employees are filled by temporary employees; if not, what arrangements are made regarding these posts; if so, (a) how many temporary employees had been engaged to fill such posts as at the above date and (b) what steps are taken in respect of such temporary employees when the detained employees are released by the Police?

#### THE MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND WELFARE:

- (1) No persons in the employ of the Department of Budgetary and Auxiliary Services have been detained in terms of the security regulations.
- (2) Not applicable.

#### Employees detained

#### 7. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of the Budget and Welfare:

- (1) Whether any persons employed by the Department of Welfare have been detained; if so, how many since 1 September 1984 as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether the posts of such detained employees are filled by temporary employees; if not, what arrangements are made regarding these posts; if so, (a) how many temporary employees had been engaged to fill such posts as at the above date and (b) what steps are taken in respect of such temporary employees when the detained employees are released by the Police?

#### THE MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND WELFARE:

- (1) No.
- (2) Falls away.

#### Employees detained

#### 8. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Agriculture and Water Supply:

- (1) Whether any persons employed by his Department have been detained; if so, how many since 1 September 1984 as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether the posts of such detained employees are filled by temporary employees; if not, what arrangements are made regarding these posts; if so, (a) how many temporary employees had been engaged to fill such posts as at the above date and (b) what steps are taken in respect of such temporary employees when the detained employees are released by the Police?

#### THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER SUPPLY:

- (1) No.
- (2) Falls away.

#### Employees detained

#### 9. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

- (1) Whether any persons employed by his Department have been detained; if so, how many since 1 September 1984 as at the latest specified date for which information is available;
- (2) whether the posts of such detained employees are filled by temporary employees; if not, what arrangements are made regarding these posts; if so, (a) how many temporary employees had been engaged to fill such posts as at the above date and (b) what steps are taken in respect of such temporary employees when the detained employees are released by the Police?

#### THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

- (1) Yes, four.
- (2) Yes, in one case.

- (a) One.

- (b) When the detained employee resumes duty, the temporary employee must vacate the post.



(a), (b) and (c) Fall away.

(3) (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(i) In July 1984 in terms of the aforementioned understanding an official of the Department of Foreign Affairs discussed the occupation of the premises by the representative concerned with the South African Police. The South African Police agreed to handle the matter in the best interests of South Africa.

(ii), (iii) and (iv) Fall away.

(4) (a) No, but a conversation on this matter was conducted with the then Member of Parliament for Germiston.

(b) No. This is not required.

(i) to (iii) Fall away.

(5) No.

Canada: SA ambassador

\*27. Mr D S PIENNAAR asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:†

(1) (a) Who is the South African ambassador to Canada at present and (b) for how long has this person been in the service of his Department;

(2) whether this person's service in his Department has been interrupted; if so, (a) when, (b) why and (c) for how long was his service so interrupted;

(3) whether he will furnish information on the posts occupied by this person during the interruption in his service; if not, why not; if so, (a) what posts and (b) for what specified periods in each case?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

(1) (a) Mr J H de Klerk.

(b) 14 years and 6 months.

(2) Yes, just as is the case with some other members of the Department.

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Board with comprehensive information regarding the relative resistance of several cultivars to the disease in question.

Bekkersdal, Westonaria

\*29. Mr P J PAULUS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

(1) What total amount was spent by the State on effecting improvements in the Black township of Bekkersdal, Westonaria, in the latest specified period of five years for which information is available;

(2) whether a long-term plan for improving and extending this Black township has been drawn up; if so, (a) when, (b) whom and (c) what are the particulars thereof?

†The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) Five-year period ended 30 December 1986 R2 018 447.

Total compiled as follows:

(a) water, sewer and storm-water services: R890 163.

(b) erection of 140 houses: R1 128 284.

(2) Yes.

(a) 1985.

(b) The defunct West Rand Administration Board.

(c) Approval of the project and advance of R17 667 407 was made on 20 February 1987 for upgrading of the town and the installation of water-borne sewerage network and engineering services to serve 2 200 new and existing erven.

A contract for R12 674 512,06 was approved on 12 June 1987 for installation of new and upgrading of existing services. This contract provides for surfaced roads, storm-water drainage, water-supply and water-borne sewer connections plus the con-

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version of existing houses using the bucket system to a water-borne sewer system. It will also provide electricity to every erf in Bekkersdal. The contract will be completed during 1988. An additional contract of R1,5 million will shortly be approved for the erection of a sewerage pump-station and sewer-mains to convey sewerage to the disposal works.

A contract for R1,5 million has also been approved for erection of a water-purification works.

Artificial fertilizer: import protection

\*30. Mr D G H NOLTE asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology:†

(1) Whether any applications for import protection were recently received from artificial fertilizer companies; if so, (a) from which companies, and (b) when, in each case;

(2) whether his Department intends taking any action in this connection; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) when?

†The MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY:

(1) Yes.

(a) AECIL Ltd

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Kynoch Fertilizer Ltd

Omnia Fertilizer Ltd

Sasol Fertilizers (Pty) Ltd

(b) During February 1987.

(2) Yes. (a) and (b) The Board of Trade and Industry published the application for increased tariff protection by the companies concerned in respect of urea, di-ammonium phosphate (DAP), mono-ammonium phosphate (MAP) and mixtures in *Government Gazette* No 10671 of 23 March 1987 for general information and possible comments by interested parties. As far as urea is concerned, the Board has completed its investigation and additional tariff protection on urea was published on 3 July 1987 in *Gov-*



- established for the staffing of this centre and (ii) how many persons have been employed in respect of each of these posts;
- (2) how are the functions divided between this curricular centre and the curriculum and/or syllabus division of provincial education departments;
- (3) whether any relationship exists between this curricular centre and the education departments of other race groups; if so, what is the nature of this relationship;
- (4) whether any functions are performed or are to be performed by this curricular centre on behalf of the education departments of other race groups; if so, (a) what specified functions and (b) why?
- THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:**
- (1) No, however there is a Directorate for curriculum development,
- (a) This Directorate was established on 1 June 1985,
- (b) it is situated in Pretoria but functions in conjunction with the provincial education departments,
- (c)
- | post                                     | (i) establishment | (ii) filled |
|--|-------------------|-------------|
| chief education specialist               | 1                 | 1           |
| senior deputy chief education specialist | 4                 | 3           |
| deputy chief education specialist        | 7                 | 1           |
- (2) the co-functioning referred to in (1) (b) occurs within a network for curriculum development which is managed by a network committee. The sections of provincial education departments responsible for curriculum development are each represented on the network committee. These sections undertake the research projects
- which have been jointly planned, while the Directorate formulates policy advice. The network committee has separate curriculum committees for the individual areas of curriculum development;
- (3) yes, other education departments may send observers to the curriculum committees;
- (4) the Department is prepared to render specialised services to other education departments on request in accordance with item 14 of Schedule 1 to the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 110 of 1983.
- (a) any related functions requested by the departments,
- (b) on the grounds of a tradition of mutual rendering of services which exists between the respective education departments.

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(c) post establishment

chief education specialist

senior deputy chief education specialist

deputy chief education specialist

education specialist

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†Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

Lethlabille Township

8. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

- (1) What is the total estimated cost of (a) building Lethlabille Township and (b) providing the (i) (aa) water, (bb) sewerage and (cc) electricity reticulation systems, (ii) bulk (aa) water and (bb) electricity supplies, (iii) water storage facilities, (iv) sewage outfall and treatment plant, (v) (aa) trunk and (bb) internal roads and (vi)

- storm water drainage in this township;
- (2) what types of roads are being provided in this township;
- (3) (a) what is the average cost of providing services per stand in the township and (b) how many serviced stands had been provided there as at the latest specified date for which information is available?
- (iv) R1,8 million.
- (v) (aa) Nil.
- (bb) R300 000.
- (vi) R500 000.
- (2) At the moment only gravel roads.
- (3) (a) R6 380 per stand, including bulk services.
- (b) 3 167 as at 31 May 1987.

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:**

- (1) (a) R20,2 million.

(b) (i) (aa) R3,4 million.

(bb) R2,5 million.

(cc) R0,6 million.

(ii) (aa) R5,8 million.

(bb) R0,3 million.

(iii) Enclosed in (ii) (aa).

National states

113. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

How many Blacks in each national state were employed in undertakings established (a) on an agency basis and (b) by development corporations for national states as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:**

KaNgwane	(a)	(b)
KwaNdebele	1 617	150
KwaZulu	4 800	236
Lebowa	35 764	3 024
Gazankulu	7 050	14 300
Qwaqwa	5 335	4 793
	20 160	1 391

**Shortage of housing**

129. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

- (1) What was the estimated shortage of housing for Blacks in each national state at the end of 1986;
- (2) how many (a) houses were built in terms of self-build schemes, and (b) serviced sites were provided by the South African Development Trust,
- (3) when is it expected that the shortage will be eliminated in each national state?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:**

(1) Although the functions relating to towns have been transferred to the

## SOWETO

### Cash squeeze

Soweto's financial position has deteriorated to such an extent that a rent increase of about R60 per house a month will be needed to get the black city out of the red.

Last year the council budgeted for a deficit of R29m, but eventually ran up a loss of R111m. This year, in his 1987-1988 budget speech, Soweto Mayor Nelson Botile provided for a deficit of R54,4m. He did so in the hope that income from rents, municipal service charges and other sources would increase by 28% to R165m. But this budgeted income is unlikely to be achieved while the rent boycott continues.

The Soweto budget also makes provision for capital projects worth R115,4m, of which R14,3m will go for housing. Soweto town clerk Nico Malan says Soweto has applied for R40m from the Central Witwatersrand regional services council (RSC) to help finance the housing programme.

RSC chairman Gerrit Bornman, however, says Soweto might not receive the full amount, as the RSC has received requests for projects to the value of about R74m from the different local authorities under its control — and the RSC has only R66m. (Bornman has subsequently set aside R1m to investigate the requested projects and will then have to decide on priorities).

Although all local authorities will benefit from the general services provided by the RSCs, Bornman says the Wits RSC will initially deal only with projects involving the provision of basic, essential services. For the first year, therefore, all available funds (less about R2,3m which will cover administrative costs) will go to Alexandra, Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto.

He says the provision of essential services like electricity, water and sewerage will be high on the list and the RSC, he believes, will help to relieve the great need for these services in black townships. In 1986 Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis noted that 86% of all urban African township houses did not have electricity.

Soweto has earmarked R65,7m for new

roads, stormwater drains, improved water and electricity supply and sewerage services. The ultimate goal, of course, is to change the Soweto City Council into an autonomous and workable local authority. But although things are moving in that direction — Soweto has just taken over traffic control services from Johannesburg City Council — it still has a long way to go.

A working group under the leadership of Simon Brand, chairman and chief executive of the Development Bank of Southern Africa, was established recently to investigate the financial position of the council. Its short-term objective is to investigate and recommend ways of bringing about substantial relief on current debt from capital projects entered into by the council. Brand be-

lieves Soweto and other townships can eventually become fully-fledged cities and towns, with their own business and commercial centres. Bornman says his RSC may also assist Soweto financially to help relieve its deficit. But it will await recommendations from the working group before taking a final decision.



# Del Kevan pops

## back ... to Alex

By MONO BADELA

FORMER Soweto housing director Del Kevan, who quit Soweto last year following a limpet mine blast at her Randburg home, is now working for the Alexandra Town Council.

*Weekly Mail* found Kevan at town council headquarters, occupying an administrative position — but not the post of housing director, which is held by a black official.

Kevan resigned as head of the Soweto housing division last September when a limpet mine exploded at her home.

"By staying in my job I would endanger my neighbours who face the risk of another bomb blast," she said at the time. "I cannot deal with a faceless terrorism."

The blast came soon after at least 27 people were killed in White City, Soweto when residents resisted attempts by municipal police to evict them for non-payment of rent. Rents had been recently raised.

Soweto leaders blamed Kevan for the massacre, quoting her as saying she was determined to crack down on rent defaulters.

Alexandra Town Clerk Piet Genis refused to comment on Kevan's appointment. "I was not here at the time," he said.

Last night Kevan confirmed she was working for the town council but declined to say in what capacity she had been appointed.

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# Last year, troops came to Alex

A crowd of mourners runs through the streets of Alexandra after a mass funeral last May, weeks before the declaration of the national State of Emergency. Picture: ANNA ZIEMINSKI, Afrapix



## Has Pretoria had a change of heart? Not really. This is t

The government announces that it will spend millions on upgrading a slum. The residents are not impressed. No one asked our opinion, they say. **MONO BADELA reports**

**OPERATION Alex Upgrade**, a R95-million urban renewal project, began with the construction of a brand-new highway, Selbourne Road.

That was a month ago. The surface is already cracking and potholes are appearing.

It's not only the tarred road that's showing cracks. So is the upgrade scheme as a whole, which despite its promise of improvements for all, has been greeted with deep suspicion by those it is intended to benefit.

Operation "Alex Upgrade" was officially announced by the township's white administrator, Steve Burger, at a meeting held in the town council's chambers in May.

Town Clerk Piet Genis told *Weekly Mail* this week that besides the R95-million government donation, hundreds of millions of rands will be poured into the township, which houses nearly 200 000 people.

According to Genis, the upgrading will involve the installation of western interceptor sewer connections which will be linked to the Johannesburg bulk sewer outfall.

"We are doing away with the ancient bucket system," he said, "replacing it with a modern sewerage system connected to inside and outside toilets."

Other major projects, he said, will include the building of new roads, the upgrading and tarring of existing ones and the installation of a storm water drainage system; many Alexandra roads are impassable after heavy rains.

"Existing houses which are strong enough will be retained and upgraded, while all mud houses and shacks will definitely be demolished," he said.

Township residents argue the scheme is aimed at undercutting government opponents, under the guise of social welfare.

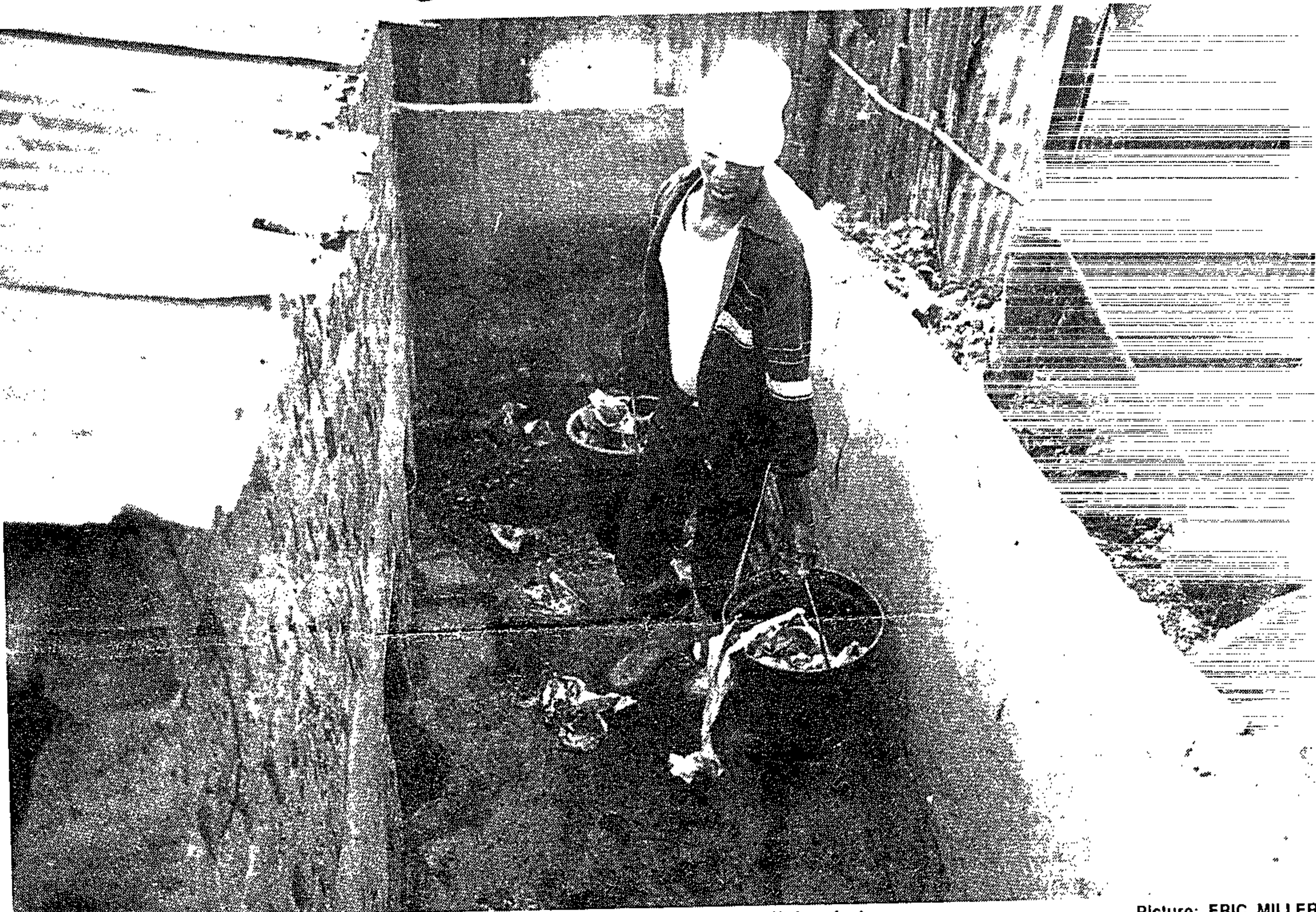
"R90-million rand is nothing. The idea is to drive a wedge into the middle of our people," said Mike Beca, chairman of the Alexandra Civic Association. Beca has spent eight months of the past year in solitary confinement under the Emergency regulations.

"We are trying to tell the government that until the people of Alex can elect their own representatives, we will not be out of this mess."

Alexandra Civic Association vice chairman, Mack Lekota, says the exercise is intended to lull residents, in the hope "they will forget about politics and their rightful demands".

Lekota, uncle of UDF national publicity secretary, Patrick "Terror" Lekota — whose treason trial resumes next week — was this week taken from his home by security police and questioned for a day at the Sandton police station.

He said there was a simmering of discontent because people's demands



The most essential worker in Alex: the man who clears the night soil buckets.

Picture: ERIC MILLER

## On trial for treason: Alexandra thirteen

By MONO BADELA

THE treason trial of Moses Mayekiso, Alexandra community leader and head of the 130 000-strong National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa, begins in the Rand Supreme Court on Monday.

Mayekiso is one of 13 Alexandra activists who are currently facing treason charges. He is to appear with four others, all prominent in the militant Alexandra Action Committee.

With Mayekiso in the dock are his brother Mzwanele, 22, Obed Bapela, 28, Paul Tshabalala, 38, and Richard Mdakane, 29.

The trial is likely to be postponed to a later date.

According to the charge sheet, the five are alleged to have tried to

had not been met in terms of housing, security and comfort.

And he said residents were not consulted. "All we hear is that Alex is being redeveloped."

"Another bait the authorities are using is telling people they will be allowed to buy back their properties. But it has never been clearly spelt out by the administrator publicly, even though certain residents are eager to buy back their properties."

"Surely this is tantamount to raping the people's minds."

Lekota said most of the properties had been bought by the authorities for "next to nothing". "Lots of people keep coming to us. We are going to arrange for a meeting with Mr Burger," he said.

The township suspicion that a ma-

"overthrow, usurp or endanger the authority of the state, with seditious intent to defy or subvert the authority of the state".

They are being accused of running people's courts, street, block and area committees, and of forming an action committee.

They are also being accused of plotting to seize control of Alexandra or to render the area "ungovernable" by the state.

In another treason trial, eight young Alexandra men, including a 17-year-old youth, are also due to appear in the Rand Supreme Court.

major goal of the project is to give the army a key role in running Alex is given substance by the role played by the Joint Management Centre.

According to Wits University political scientist Mark Swilling, the upgrading plan is part of the Joint Management Centres' "hearts and minds" strategy which emphasises the need for socio-economic upgrading of black townships.

"This strategy has arisen out of the SADF's view that the cause of the unrest was partly socio-economic, and therefore the solution lies in upgrading."

Swilling said the government was making a "fatal error", refusing to accept that no solution is possible until the question of political rights had been resolved.

The eight — Ashwin Zwane, 20, Vusi Ngwenya, 20, brothers Andrew and David Mafutha, 19, Arthur Vili-kazi, 24, Albert Sebola, 21, Piet Mogano, 28 and a 17-year-old youth who may not be named. The eight originally faced charges of sedition, but early in May their charge sheet was upgraded to treason.

The eight are alleged to have conspired with the ANC, the UDF and Cosatu to initiate "organs of people's power" to take over the functions of the government and township authorities in Alex.

Besides the 13 men, there are also hundreds of Alex activists who are inside under the Emergency regulations.

He noted that Alex leaders were detained and charged with treason before the government proceeded with the upgrading. "This is proof that the government continues to refuse to negotiate with the real leaders."

Swilling emphasised that "socio-economic upgrading is no solution without negotiation".

Instead of the block, street and zone committees which had established a homegrown administration in Alexandra before last year's Emergency was declared, a government-appointed Joint Management Centre has combined the military and police forces, municipal police and some civic bodies to try to make the "redevelopment" a reality.

The JMC's committees are ultimately answerable to the State Security

ty Council.

Genis refused to comment with pressed about the JMCs. "My pointment is not a political one," said. "I am merely an official in. Perhaps Steve Burger can help you."

For more than a year, the township has been sealed off by military block from the Alexandra Clinic, white homes and the factories surround it. Soldiers lean their on half-metre-high walls of bags.

Lekota said the SADF troops have occupied the township for past year and a half were an "eye" — but the people can do nothing about their presence.

Outbursts against the security have become a regular feature of Alexandra. Yet Genis boasted week he could walk the dirt track Alexandra "any time, day or without a revolver".

Genis said crime in the township has been cut to a bare minimum.

But Elina Serote, mother of the jailed author Wally Serote, township without a sense of "Life is not normal here. There is underlying fear," she said, noting young children had been "freed by detention".

The project of redevelopment long overdue, but she questioned the timing. "I sincerely hope that we be able to buy our plots as they

Government strategists have Alexandra to a drop of oil over the surface of water; its new image is expected, in the way, to spread to other townships. Alexandra is cited edly by the government as a



The Mogopa people are tired and desperate. The consequences are the government's responsibility. We have exhausted all legal avenues," Mogopa leader Lucas Kgatitsoe said this week on the community's decision to return to the farms from which they were removed at gunpoint in February 1984.

The near-suicidal nature of the decision reflects the community's hopelessness in the face of the extreme cynicism which lies behind their removal and their fruitless efforts to get their land back.

The last straw was the government's decision on July 7 to expropriate the farm Holgat where 323 families from Mogopa, Rooigrond, and local farm workers had for six months been planning their alternative resettlement.

"There is no human rights case in which I as a lawyer have been compelled to reflect with such despair,"

## Mogopa's last sad gesture of defiance: We're going home.

By PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

lawyer Nicholas Haysom, told a press conference this week.

"Despite statutory reform we are living with the cynical implementation of the old apartheid policy."

The saga of Mogopa began more than four years ago when the pastoral community of a "black spot" near Ventersdorp — surrounded by a sea of white farms in what is today Conservative Party country — were told they had to move to Pachsdraai, far in the north, near Zeerust.

They attempted to resist with all their might, disputing government claims that they were moving voluntarily, even in the face of the destruc-

tion of their schools and churches, the termination of their bus route and the constant presence of bulldozers.

In February 1984 soldiers and police surrounded the community and moved them to Pachsdraai on trucks in the dead of night.

Virtually the entire community immediately fled to their paramount chief, Mamogale, at Bethanie in Bophuthatswana where the once prosperous tribe was reduced to living in tin shanties in dust-bowl poverty.

The removal was effected in terms

of Section 5 of the Black Administration Act permitting the State President to order any black person, tribe or group of blacks to move from any area to any other area.

This law has since been repealed. Shortly after the Mogopa removal attracted massive international interest, the government announced that it was suspending forced removals.

And in September 1985 the Appeal Court declared the removal illegal. At last it seemed the tribe would be able to return home.

Instead, the government simply expropriated the land and the community were warned that if they returned

they would be guilty of trespass. Still, they were determined to return.

"We felt that if they returned it would be a suicide mission," said Aninka Claassens of the Black Sash Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac). "We were very scared that the people would at the very least be arrested. After lengthy negotiations, they agreed to participate in the Holgat/Botshabelo scheme."

The scheme — a unique form of constructive resettlement — was to purchase the land of the Lutheran Hermannsburg Mission in the Western Transvaal, which was "released" land, permitting black occupation.

According to Trac, the price of R2,8-million was raised, and planning the farm began: the cattle, the tractors, housing, water, allocation of work, the legal angles: It was to be farmed collectively and, said Trac, "a decent and independent life seemed within their grasp again".

However, white farmers clearly objected and a delegation — which allegedly was in cahoots with the Hermannsburg mission itself — went to see the government and protest.

On July 7, the farm was expropriated as a matter of urgency, before transfer could take place, and the Mogopa people — along with the Machaviestad people who have been at Rooigrond for 16 years — were back to square one.

Last-minute attempts last week to get the government to reconsider the expropriation met with no response.

Now a serious confrontation situation is looming when the community returns to Mogopa in the next two months.

"The expropriation of Holgat means our last place of refuge has been removed," said Kgatitsoe. "We had a peaceful community. We had our land taken away. We tried all legal avenues to resist this forced removal. It all come to nil."

"Now we have reached the point of no return. There is no way people can live under the present circumstances."

"Our people have no resources, no way to live. They can't live the life they lived previously as a pastoral nation. They have no rights. The parents have no pensions, the youngsters can't get jobs. There's just one fine mess been created."

"Home is the best place on earth. Therefore, we would rather all die."



Two faces of Crossroads security: vigilante leader Johnson Ngxobongwana and deputy minister Roelf Meyer during a tour of the conflict-ridden Cape Town squatter area this week. Ngxobongwana heads the *witdoeke*, the vigilante group that drove some 70 000 residents from the area last year. Meyer plays a key role in the National Security Management System, which has targetted Crossroads for attention.

Picture: GIDEON MENDEL

## Conflict looms between KwaNdebele's two key men

By PATRICK LAURENCE

A CONFLICT of will is looming between KwaNdebele's aging tribal patriarch, Ngwenyama David Mapoch, and its young Chief Minister, Majosi Mahlangu.

The outcome may well be critical to Mahlangu's bid to prove to President P W Botha that his quest for independence has broad support in KwaNdebele. Botha set that condition when he met Mahlangu in June.

Mahlangu has ordered the Ndundza tribal authority to nominate nine members to the KwaNdebele Legislative Assembly to fill vacancies there caused by deaths, resignations and expulsions. He has set August 7 as the deadline.

Seats which have to be filled include those occupied by Mapoch's two sons, Cornelius and James Mahlangu, who were expelled from the legislative assembly in May at the behest of Chief Minister Mahlangu and his lieutenants in what was seen as a bid to purge the assembly of opponents of independence.

The Ngwenyama, however, refuses to recognise the expulsions, insisting that his sons are still lawful members of the assembly. He holds the same view about another expelled member: Jolly Mahlangu, the former speaker of the assembly.

Two further vacancies which the Ndundza tribal authority — the biggest KwaNdebele — must fill are those caused by the deaths last year of the former Chief Minister, Simon Skosana, and his feared interior minister, Piet Ntuli. Both men were strong protagonists of independence.

Skosana, a sickly man, died last November. The iron-fisted Ntuli was killed when a bomb exploded in his

car a year ago.

One reason why their positions were not filled earlier was because pro-independence forces feared the Ndundza tribal authority might nominate anti-independence men to replace them. The Ngwenyama's son, James, is chairman of the Ndundza tribal authority. He is a staunch opponent of independence.

According to well-placed informants, Chief Minister Mahlangu has taken two steps in an attempt to ensure that the vacancies are filled by pro-independence men.

Anti-independence members of the tribal authority who are favoured by the Ngwenyama to serve on the legislative assembly have been detained.

*Weekly Mail* sources named them as Elias Masanga, a former inspector of schools, Lucas Mthunye, a former chairman of the public service com-

mission, Abraham Skosana, a prominent businessman and J M Mahlangu, a former magistrate.

At the same time there have been reported moves to pack the tribal authority with pro-independence men, many of them supporters of the dreaded pro-independence vigilante movement, Mbokotho.

Faced with these moves, the Ngwenyama has dug his heels in, refusing to convene a meeting of the tribal authority until he is granted permission to call a general meeting of his followers to seek a mandate from them.

Under the State of Emergency he cannot hold a general meeting without permission. A general meeting is likely to endorse his anti-independence stand and thus thwart Chief Minister Mahlangu's hopes of demonstrating his popular backing.

The conflict of will is complicated by a "Catch 22" situation. The chair-

man of the tribal authority is the Ngwenyama's son James. But he is barred from attending any meeting at which the action of any KwaNdebele cabinet minister is opposed or criticised. There is no way in which the Ndundza tribal authority can meet without opposition to the cabinet's quest for independence being discussed.

Meanwhile James's brother, Cornelius, has been freed from detention by the Supreme Court, which ruled that the KwaNdebele police had not shown how his detention was necessary to bring the Emergency to an end.

The Transvaal attorney general, Don Brunette, has meanwhile decided not to prosecute Cornelius for allegedly holding a unlawful meeting. Shortly after he was released from detention at the beginning of July, he was immediately re-detained for allegedly holding a meeting.

## Riot methods questioned at inquest

POLICE riot control methods came under scrutiny at the inquest into the death of three children at the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court this week.

Pakiso Seaka, 12, Ephraim Diholo, 12, and Clive Samson Nkosi, 11, died on July 17 1985 during an unrest situation in Diepkloof, Soweto.

A police officer heading a riot control unit testified that on July 17 he and three other policemen were travelling in a riot bus when they came across a crowd of people near the Vulamazibuko school in Diepkloof.

The crowd, which was singing and dancing and seemed aggressive, ad-

vanced towards them, according to the officer. He said their lives were in danger and they had no time to fire warning shots.

The crowd was armed with stones and was about 15 to 20 paces away when they became aware of it, the officer told the court. He gave the order to shoot and he and his two colleagues fired 10 bullets, three by him.

According to *post-mortem* reports two of the children had wounds on their sides while the third was shot in the back.

The reason for the position of the wounds, Kennedy suggested, was that the children "were either danc-

ing, according to your evidence, or running away".

Kennedy put to him that the police standing orders stated it was prohibited to shoot at a crowd because it would spur them on.

A 14-year-old scholar said he and Clive Nkosi were going to the shop on July 17. On the way they met a crowd of stone-throwing youths. When a "mellow yellow" (riot bus) appeared and police alighted from it, the crowd ran away.

"Clive and I also ran away," said the 14-year-old. "I heard several shots from behind and I saw Clive hit by one of them."

## Bid to free detainee after suicide attempt

By GAYE DAVIS  
in Cape Town

THE mother of a Section 29 detainee, who last saw her son in Groote Schuur Hospital recovering from an overdose of pills, is bringing an urgent application asking for a full psychiatric and medical assessment.

In papers filed in the Supreme Court, Cape Town, this week, Andrina Forbes asked that a district surgeon and a qualified psychiatrist thoroughly examine her son, Ashley, 22 and that a magistrate ask him whether he has been assaulted by police.

She is also seeking an interdict restraining police from interrogating her son without a psychiatrist's permission and wants Section 29 overruled to the extent that he can receive visits from his family.

In a supporting affidavit, the 62-year-old widow said she went to the hospital on July 14 in response to an anonymous telephone call, finding her son under police guard. After a sister intervened with the guards, she was allowed to see him.

He was lying on the bed "like a sack of salt", she said in the affidavit. On his chart she saw "OD" (overdose) yet said her son had always been happy, with no suicidal tendencies.

She believed his condition was a consequence of his detention and that he was being held contrary to gazetted provisions governing the treatment of detainees.

Forbes, a former University of the Western Cape physical education student, was detained on May 15. He is one of 10 people being held under Section 29 in Cape Town at present.



# Big victory for workers

By DAN DHLAMINI

BEKKERSDAL town committee employees who downed tools this week, protesting against the government's 12,5 percent general salary increase, have scored a major victory.

After a meeting between the African Miners and Allied Workers' Union general-secretary, Vuyani Madolo, and the township administrator, Jacob Modimoeng, it was agreed that most of the workers' grievances would be met except for the 80 percent salary increase they initially demanded.

Instead, both parties agreed that at least a 40 percent salary increase would be negotiable and the matter was adjourned to August 18.

Demands which would be met include:

- Better working conditions and protective clothing for workers.

- Permanent employment for casuals who have worked for more than a year.

- Attachment of pay slips to cheques.

- Equal treatment for all employees.

- Compensation for workers injured at work.

- Paid maternity leave.

Madolo said the administrator had recognised the plight of the workers and that he was confident that when they meet on August 18 the council would agree on the salary increase.

Modimoeng said the employees were justified to demand higher salaries because of the present economic climate.

Some of the workers claimed that the 12,5 percent salary increase was not included in their cheques this month, but that there were more deductions.



# Police launch investigation at Mhluzi township

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## R30 000 MISSING FROM COUNCIL'S COFFERS

EASTERN Transvaal police are investigating the disappearance of about R30 000 from the coffers of the Mhluzi Town Council in Middelburg.

The money disappeared from the council coffers between February and last month. It is alleged that some council officials misused it.

The mayor, Mr Phillip Nhlapo, has confirmed that R30 000 has disappeared from council funds.

"The matter is now in the hands of the police," Mr Nhlapo said.

He refused to disclose how the money disappeared. A council official, who asked not to be named, claimed that the money was taken by officials without the approval of the council.

A spokesman for the Eastern Transvaal police yesterday said investigations were still continuing.

He said no arrest has been made. Other allegations include:

### BY MZIKAYISE EDOM

- White businessmen granted sites in the township by the council while black businessmen are neglected;
  - White council employees are granted loans while black employees are denied the same privilege;
  - Twenty-five council policemen sacked without any reason;
  - A white council employee being used by the Urban Councils Association of South Africa as its national organiser while the council is still paying her salary every month; and
  - Families staying in the new flats pay a monthly rental of R60 and are not allowed to buy these flats like other families staying in four-roomed houses in the township.
- Mr Nhlapo denied all these allegations. "There is no truth in them," he said.



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# Council's books *Scriver* probed *4/8/87* *343*

GOVERNMENT auditors are investigating the financial records of the Mhluzi Town Council at Middelburg in the Eastern Transvaal, following the disappearance of about R30 000 from the council coffers.

The investigation was ordered by the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

A spokesman for the TPA yesterday confirmed that they were investigating the financial records of the council.

He refused to elaborate, saying that the matter was still *sub judice*.

The money disappeared from council coffers between February and last month.

The mayor of Mhluzi, Mr Philip Nhlapo, has confirmed that about R30 000 has disappeared from council funds. He added that the matter has been reported to the police.



ABOUT 500 employees — including township managers and senior administrative staff — at the Diepmeadow City Council yesterday downed tools against the transfer of 12 workers to a private company and "poor working conditions".

The workers also demanded the dismissal of the town clerk, Mr Noel Gaum, who informed the 12 meter readers that they would be transferred to a private company, Messrs Oxers (Pty) Limited with effect from August 1.

They said Mr Gaum only informed the workers of the decision on July 31, a day before they would be transferred, instead of consulting them in due time.

The workers were informed by letter that should they refuse to be transferred they were "at liberty to find other employment".

At a meeting held at the council's Central Camp in Diepkloof-the

# Council 'transfer' sparks staff strike

By THEMBA MOLEFE

workers said they did not want to be transferred because they feared losing pension, medical and other benefits they enjoyed at the Diepmeadow Council.

They said had they been informed in time they could have looked for alternative employment rather than go to the private company.

They said Mr Gaum told them that they were actually dismissed if they still refused to transfer.

The workers also resolved to:

- Demand the dismissal of white employees recently acquired to fill certain posts;

- Urge the council to

reinstate the 12 meter readers;

- Fight for the improvement of conditions of work for employees in the cleansing department;

- Demand the council to allow formal staff representative structures; and

- Ask the council to give them housing and study loans, study leave and introduce an off-day structure.

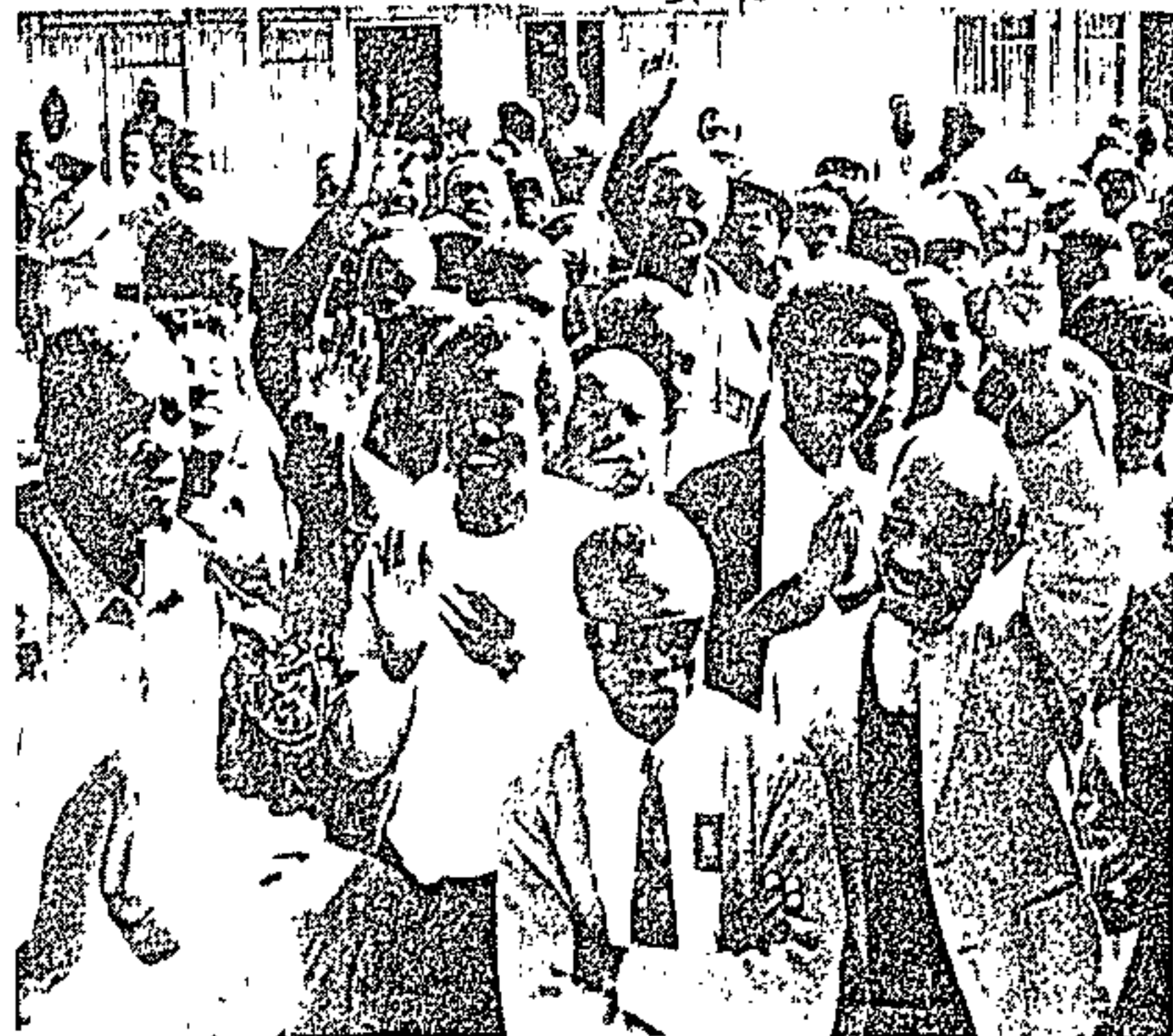
They elected 10 representatives who will begin negotiations with the council today.

Mr Gaum is a former town clerk of the Tumahole and Lekoa town councils, and was

described by workers as an "insensitive" person who did not consider their decisions as vital.

- Meanwhile drivers in the water branch, cleansing and electrical departments at the Soweto City Council stopped work yesterday in protest against the Mayor, Mr Nelson Botile's decision that they would in future pay R2 500 in case of accidents involving the council's vehicles.

According to the Municipal Workers' Union, the mayor had scrapped the council's insurance scheme which covered the vehicles and now shifted expenses to the drivers.



SOME of the 500 employees of the Diepmeadow City Council at yesterday's meeting after downing tools in protest against the "dismissal" of 12 colleagues.

## LABOUR BRIEFS

### Iscor ultimatum

ISCOR yesterday gave an ultimatum to the National Union of Metal Workers of SA (Numsa), that unless the union's striking workers at the corporation's Vanderbijlpark plant returned to work this Thursday, they will be regarded to have terminated their employment.

The ultimatum — contained in a message Iscor sent to the union yesterday — said workers who are involved in the two-week-old wage strike who did not return to work on that day "will therefore have to be dismissed."

Iscor said in its message that the wage offer it had made to the union was a "reasonable one" and appealed to the union to withdraw its dispute and urge its members to return to work on Thursday.

### Worker campaign

THE Textile Workers Industrial Union launches a "Restoration of the Dignity of the Worker" campaign at the weekend.

A launch meeting will be held at the Funda Centre, Soweto, at 10am on August 9.

The TWIU began its campaign in Port Elizabeth and has decided to make it a national project.

The campaign is for the right to work, the right to a living wage, decent housing, fair treatment and justice, proper health and safety protection at the workplace, human dignity and the prohibition of racial remarks by white officials at the workplace.

### Strike continues

ABOUT 1 000 black postal workers on the Witwatersrand and the Vaal Triangle yesterday continued a work stoppage that started on Monday, apparently in support of 1 700 striking Eastern Cape postal workers.

Services were not unduly affected, according to a Post Office spokesman.

The striking Eastern Cape workers demanded that pay parity adjustments be made, and that about 60 employees who had been dismissed over the past 4 years be reinstated.

- Meanwhile, it is understood that a Post Office application to the Supreme Court that the Post and Telecommunication Workers' Association be restrained from inducing workers to strike is still "pending." — Sapa.



# A year later, Govt still pays them for doing nothing

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By Martin Challenor

About 40 former West Rand Administration Board officials are sitting idle in their Alberts Street offices, growing increasingly despondent about their futures.

While the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) insists all the former administration board staff are gainfully employed, one man trapped in Alberts Street said: "You go home dead tired from doing nothing all day, and take it out on your family."

The officials were caught up by the Government's restructuring last year which saw the 13 development boards, previously known as administration boards, abolished at the end of June. The 20 000 employees around the country were mainly transferred to the provincial administrations.

The Star reported on July 22 1987 that R15 million in wages had been paid out by the TPA to 1 000 former officials sitting in their offices reading, studying, or simply doing nothing.

The TPA said then the 1 000 people were fully employed, but if specific cases were brought to its attention, they would be investigated. The Star informed them of the position of the Alberts Street officials.

One of the Alberts Street officials said today: "We have been sitting around for a year. We were told last July that we would be placed by November. Then June this year."

"Many of the guys have been posted out, but about 40 of us have been sitting here with

nothing to do."

Some of the official's former colleagues are working in Soweto and Bekkersdal on a temporary basis.

The official said some of the 40 were offered jobs in the middle of Soweto, but would have to use their own cars to get there. They were told that if they did not like those jobs, they would be offered worse posts until they resigned.



# Council relents *Sowetan*

ABOUT 1 000 employees of the Diepmeadow City Council who stopped work for the last two days over the transfer of 12 meter readers to a private company returned to their posts today after the council rescinded its decision.

The stoppage initially began with 500 workers who included township managers and senior administrative staff. Yesterday employees in all other departments, including refuse removal workers, downed tools.

The dispute began on July 31 when the town clerk, Mr Noel Gaum, told the 12 meter readers that they would be transferred to Messrs Oxen (Pty) Limited the next day.

The workers objected on the grounds that they were not informed in time because they would have looked for alternative employment. They said they feared losing benefits they enjoyed under the council's employ.

Workers met at the council's Central Camp

By **THEMBA MOLEFE**

in Diepkloof where they listed demands which included the dismissal of Mr Gaum and the reinstatement of the meter readers.

They described Mr Gaum as an insensitive person who disregarded

their decisions. Mr Gaum is a former town clerk of the Tumahole and Lekoa town councils and began work at the Diepmeadow Council six months ago. 6/8/87

He was not available for comment yesterday as he was in a meeting with the council's executive committee.

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Coffers of Sofasonke Party swelling every day

# TAKEN 'FOR RIDE'

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THE coffers of the Sofasonke Party, under former Soweto mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, are swelling daily as desperate residents pay to join the organisation in the belief that they will not be evicted from their homes for not paying rent, writes ALI MPHAKI.

Residents, who form long queues at the Tshabalala Dry Cleaners in Mofolo Central, Soweto, take at least R55 in cash, which when broken down, amounts to R15 for water, electricity and refuse removal, R35 for lawyers fees in case of eviction, and a R15 joining fee for the party.



MR EPHRAIM Tshabalala . . . Sofasonke party leader.

**Residents  
pay R55  
to avoid  
being  
evicted**

Sources who have been monitoring events at the dry cleaners say an average of 2000 people daily go to Mr Tshabalala's office. This means his party has been handling about R110000 a day, R80000 of which goes into the party's coffers.

The R15 is said to be handed over to the Soweto City Council for electricity, water and the collection of refuse.

## Warn

Residents are given the party's receipts after paying, and subsequently receive receipts from the council.

But town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, could not confirm whether the council has received any money from Mr Tshabalala.

He said: "We do not have collection agents, and we would like to warn all those paying through Mr Tshabalala that they are doing so at their own risk. The R15 for so-called service charges is a pipe dream."

Mr Malan added that they would accept any amount of money from residents but that does not mean the council cannot sue for the difference owed to it by the residents.

## Denied

He has written a letter to Mr Tshabalala's lawyers advising them to warn Mr Tshabalala to stop collecting money from residents. They have not yet received a reply.

A spokesman for Sofasonke, Mr Ambition Brown, said his party has arranged with the council and the residents for services to be paid through the party. This was denied by Mr Malan.



BASIL "Kaapse Dans" Steenkamp, Orlando Pirates' main hope. See inside.

## Iron Lady is confident

By FANYANA SHIBURI

MISS Moipone Mogorosi, Orlando Pirates' "Iron Lady" and number one fan, believes "Mighty Bucs" will seize the JPS Knockout Cup at Ellis Park tomorrow to help celebrate its 50th anniversary.

Miss Mogorosi believes the two-goal lead Pirates take onto the field against Bush Bucks has virtually sealed the game for Bucs.

She boasted yesterday: "This trophy means a lot to all of us at Pirates."

"Firstly, it marks the 50th anniversary of the team. Secondly, our late PRO, Mzwandile Malgas, predicted that we would win it. He'll not only turn in his grave tomorrow. He'll smile and join in the celebrations."



MISS Moipone Mogorosi . . . already celebrating.

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Rothmans King Size Special Mild

World in South Africa, also in Great Britain, Canada, Holland, Malaysia, Malta, Pakistan and Switzerland.



# Soweto stoppage

By DERRICK LUTHAYI

MORE than 5 000 Soweto Council workers downed tools this week in protest over what they described as "sickly remarks" allegedly made by Mayor Nelson Botile to their representatives who had met him to discuss their grievances.

Botile was not available yesterday for a comment, because he was in a meeting with worker representatives and members of his council.

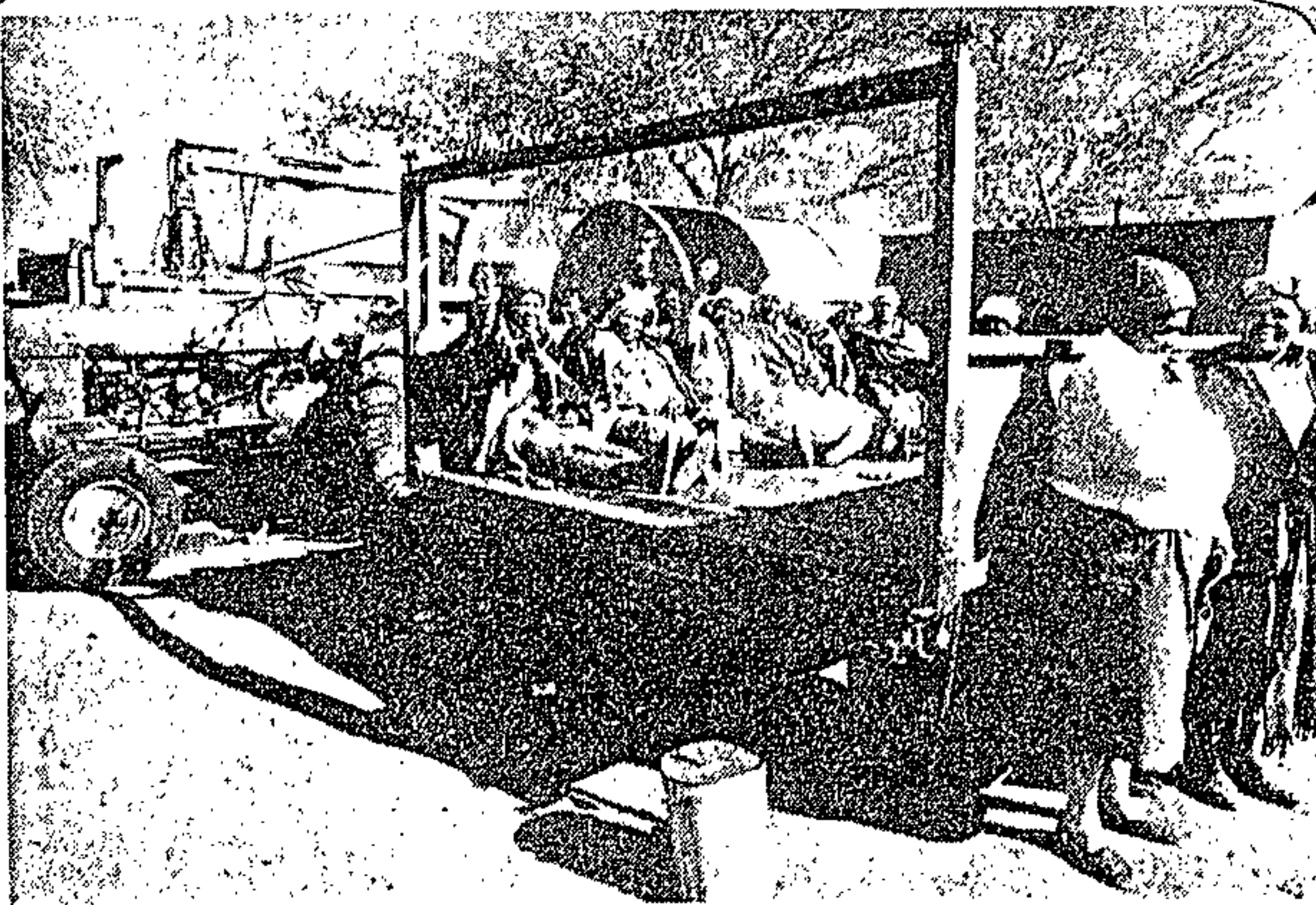
The three-day-old strike may disrupt the township's essential services such as electricity, water reticulation, sewerage, refuse removal and the digging of graves.

The strike involves sports organisers, clerks, drivers, cleaners and electricians.

Workers yesterday told *City Press* that the strike was sparked by a council circular notifying drivers who were involved in accidents while in council vehicles that they would have to pay R2 000 if they were at fault.

They claimed that, following this notice, they met with Botile at the council chambers on Tuesday to discuss the problem, and Botile then allegedly used derogatory terms against the representatives, who stormed out of the meeting and called for a stoppage.

Botile was called to a public meeting on Wednesday at the Zondi stores, where it is alleged he apologised for his remarks. The workers, however, refused to accept his apology unless other matters affecting them were solved.



Soweto council workers wait for the outcome of the talks with the mayor and their representatives.

Pic: EVANS MBOWENI

## THE EMERGENCY

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A 10-member delegation yesterday met council officials at the Jabulani Civic Centre, while thousands of workers stood around in groups at Zondi, awaiting the outcome of the talks.

Other worker grievances include:

- Disparity of pay between black and white staff. A senior black administration clerk with at least 10 years' service earns R1 000 a month, while whites with a few months' service earned R1 917,25.

- Artisans and labourers

were used as drivers, but were not paid for driving council vehicles.

- Black workers were given a 12,5 percent increment at the beginning of July, while whites got 32,5 percent, retrospective to April.

The effect of the strike would mean that, if there is a power failure or burst water pipes, there would be nobody to effect repairs, and very few people will be buried at the weekend because there are not enough open graves in the cemeteries.



Nelson Botile

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This scene of Bucs fans' jubilation during last week's first leg of the JPS final in Durban is likely to be...

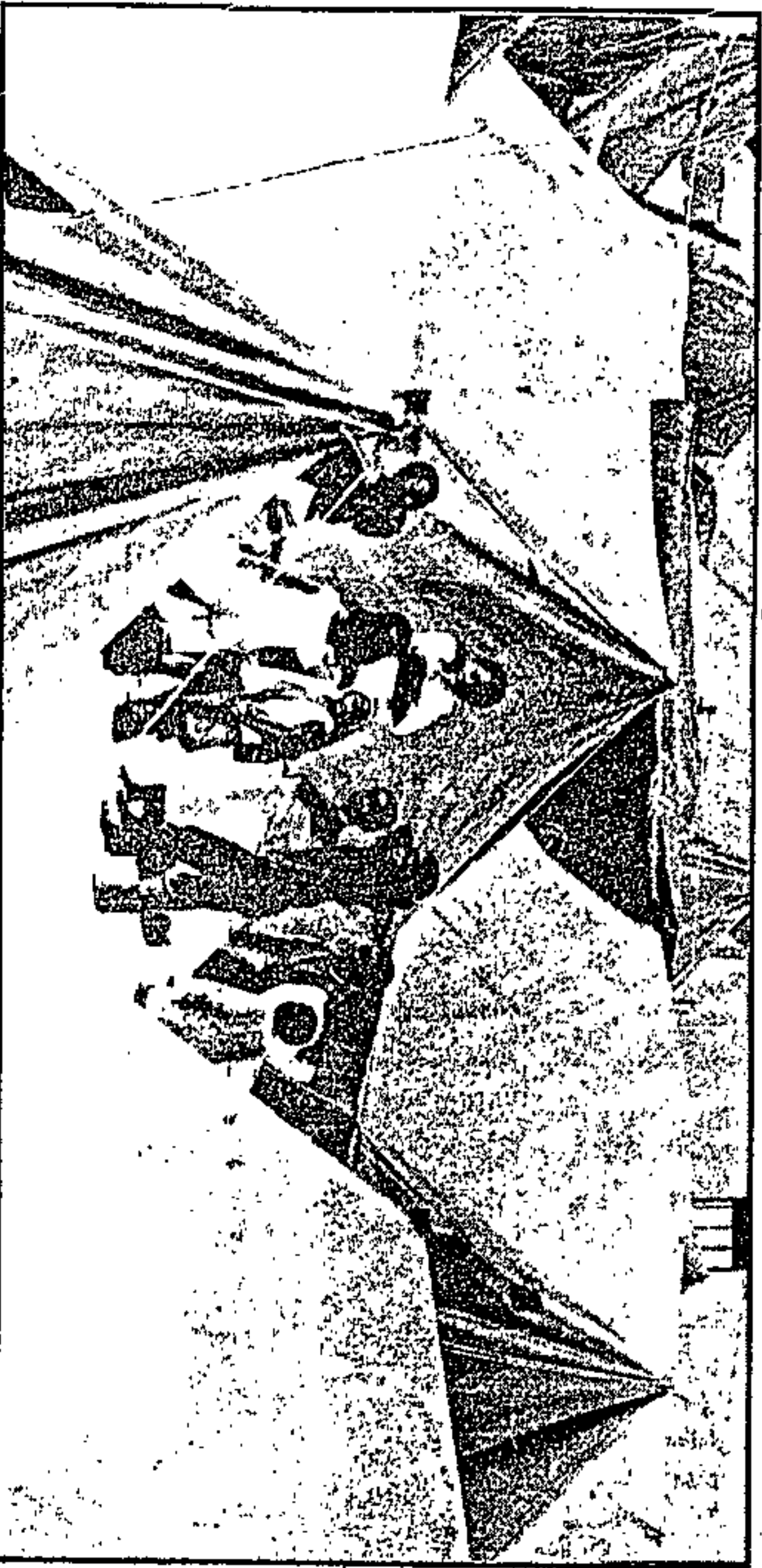
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# The REAL Khayelitsha

# The UNREAL Soweto

● Reports by ELSABE WESSELS, CAS ST LEGER and SAMKELO KUMALO ● CHRIS ROBIN and HETTY ZANTMAN took the pictures



Khayelitsha, a nomadic home for scores of homeless blacks in the Western Cape which is becoming a major health hazard

## Crossroads victims in a battle for survival

SOARING unemployment is causing a major health hazard in Khayelitsha — Cape Town's biggest black township.

The vast Cape Flats township is bursting at the seams but the resettlement of refugees is continuing regardless of the already critical unemployment rate in the area. Maintaining tuberculosis and kwashiorkor are rife among the estimated 120 000-strong communities of Khayelitsha's Site B and Site C squatter areas.

Refugees, thousands of them victims of the Crossroads and KTC attacks last year, are locked in a lone and pitiful fight for survival. But the spiral of poverty cannot be stopped. Flanked by a military base, a motorway and a rubbish dump, residents of the "model city" are battling to make ends meet in the continuing expanding human landscape.

The rate of unemployment is estimated at 80 percent and poverty is taking its toll among the fast growing community. Official figures quote 120 000 but service organisations at Khayelitsha estimate

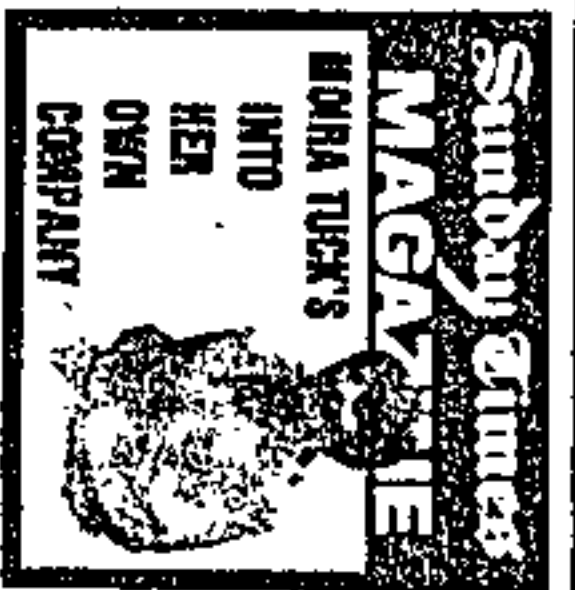
### Horror

Malnourished children and destitute mothers are aided by some service organisations but their dire economic position has made life impossible.

Tuberculosis infection, caused by overcrowding, malnutrition and gastric influenza are spreading fast among shanty and tent-dwellers.

"People are starving here. And starvation is causing other illnesses," says Mrs Prunrose Nyoke, a community worker at Philani nutrition clinic in Site C. Scores of mothers and starving infants turn up at the centre for help.

"Unemployment is the problem. We can tell the mothers what to do. But if



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they don't have money to buy food they cannot help themselves," she added. Sacia (The South African Christian Leadership Assembly) is one of the organisations working among the residents. And in an attempt to improve community life, Sacia has trained 15 health workers to deal with grassroots health care.

### Apartheid

On paper the Khayelitsha offers unprecedented living conditions for blacks in South Africa but the sprawling tin shanty and tent metropolis is far from being the ultimate solution for Africans in the Cape Flats as projected by government officials.

The government's creation looks impressive on the drawing board — but the magic masterplan lacks a heart — the human side was buried under the grand apartheid scheme.

In 1983 the township mushroomed overnight on the government-owned farm Durr-land — an adequate description for the shifting sand dunes upon which the township mushroomed.

Within days the first portion of the 3 100ha of Port Jackson-clad dunes were cleared and within three weeks the first refugees were resettled.

The first refugees to Khayelitsha began settling there three years ago, and in

THE Third World begins a few kilometres over the mine dumps south of the Golden City.

Soweto, crowded home to two million South Africans, this week had its best party-face forwards for a tour organised in the interests of better communications.

Its workaday appearance is pretty homely. The town is remarkably unmarred by stone-throwing and fire, but is still an unattractive ghetto. Except for journalists who live there, black townships have been largely no-go areas for the media since the state of emergency.

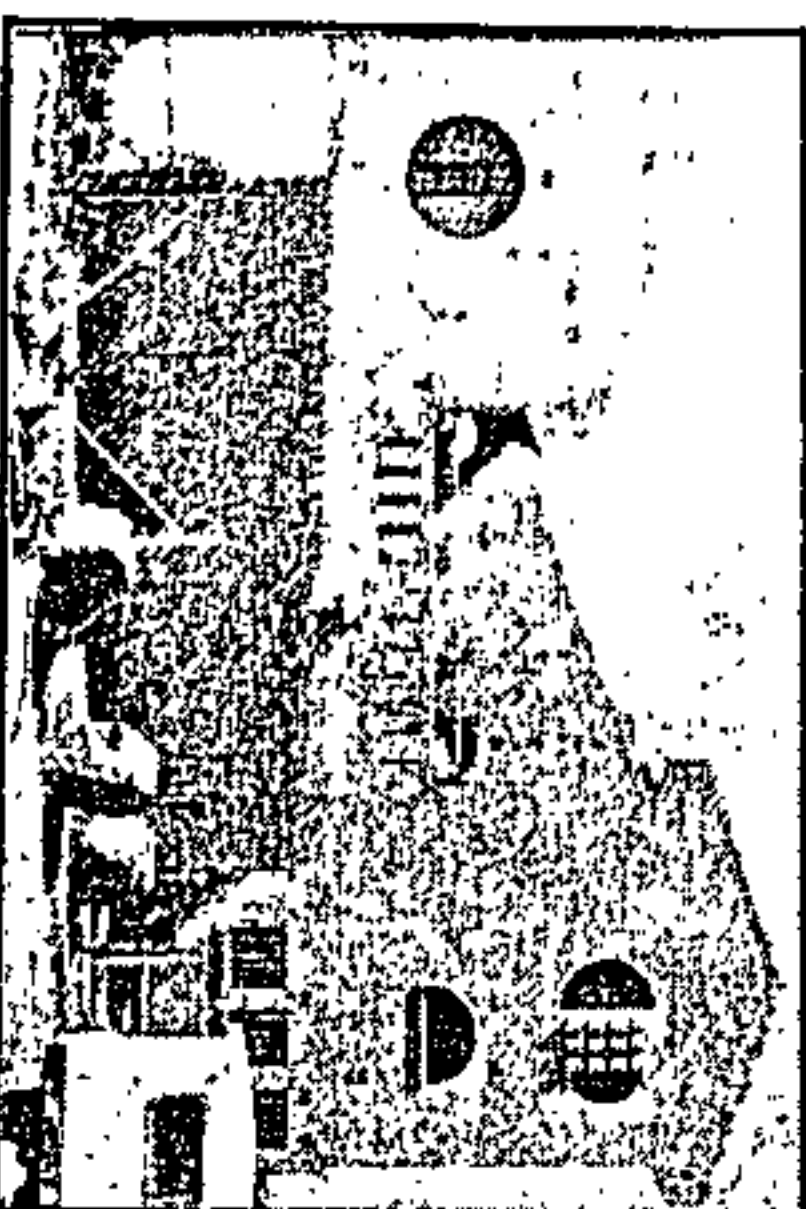
### Detached

It is simple to be detached about the real Soweto — its untidy piles of rubbish attacked by skinny dogs, its boring rows of little boxes, its schools with broken windows — when seen through the tinted windows of an air-conditioned luxury tourist coach, complete with Muzak playing "Peace and Joy". Perhaps a Putco bus would have been more appropriate.

Most residents see their hometown from dusty road, train or one of 4 000 taxis serving the area. Our route took us past billboards reading "Together we'll build a brighter future" and over broad farmland.

But the winding far around Mrs Winnie Mandela's almost-complete mansion on Maseli Street, Orlando West, was so narrow it caused our coach to shudder.

"My name is Bamba Goba, Zulu for killing a child to sleep," our Soweto Council guide introduced himself, explaining that the 100sq km township was born as a public health measure in 1905 after bubonic plague had broken out the year before. "You'll be able to buy a T.



TWO FACES OF SOWETO: Luxury three-storey homes and one-roomed squatter shanties

## Where millionaires rub shoulders with paupers

shirt saying on the back "I'm back from Soweto: to prove you're not going to be eaten by cannibals in Soweto," he joked.

The New Canada Road took us through Noordegasig, a coloured area.

### Extensions

Then on to Orlando East, the oldest of the 26 townships that make up South Western Townships — Soweto.

Mooki Street, a major road, is distinguished by neat corrugated iron extensions — one solution to overcrowding which ensures that garages house humans, not cars.

"Every house in Soweto has a toilet with a water-borne system and every house a tap with running water," we were relieved to hear from Mr Goba, with the additional information that 85 percent of homes have electricity.

We passed Orlando High School. The windows were broken by the children themselves," we were told.

The Muzak changed to black soul. The first port of call was the almost-deserted Orlando Sheltered Workshop, a non-profit organisation employing 85 handicapped people. We braked to make way

for a Merc driven by millionaire Kaiser Motlangu's wife. He is one of Soweto's seven millionaires. We saw most of their princely homes, rearing above their neighbours. We skirted past ruins of the 1976 riots. Scrawled on a wall was "Welcome to Russia". Opposite the home of Mr Richard Mapeanya, another millionaire, a children's park rocking horse bore the legend "Let's join the ANC".

On to White City, where three families share one property. "Wherever there is a door, there is a family living there," Mr Goba said. Still, the Soweto humour pops up. "Welcome to Slumberland," reads the graffiti in posh Selection Park, official home of the mayor.

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# MAYOR'S WARNING

THE row that is raging between the Soweto City Council and the Sofasonke Party, headed by former mayor, Mr E T Tshabalala, came to a head yesterday when mayor, Mr Nelson Botile, warned residents not to pay any fees to civic bodies as the council has stopped evictions for rent.

Yesterday a Sofasonke party official showed the Sowetan receipts of money, running into several thousands of rands, which the party has collected from residents in the recent past reportedly for payment of electricity, water and refuse removal tariffs.

By LANGA SKOSANA

no agents to collect monies on its behalf.

He said people who paid their tariff charges to the Sofasonke party did so at their own risk.

Mr Tshabalala confirmed yesterday that the party was collecting funds at the rate of R25 for each household wanting representation.

Broken down it is R5 joining fee, R15 for water, electricity and refuse removal and R5 for legal fees, in case of evictions.

The R5 joining fee is paid once a while, the

## Clash with ET's party

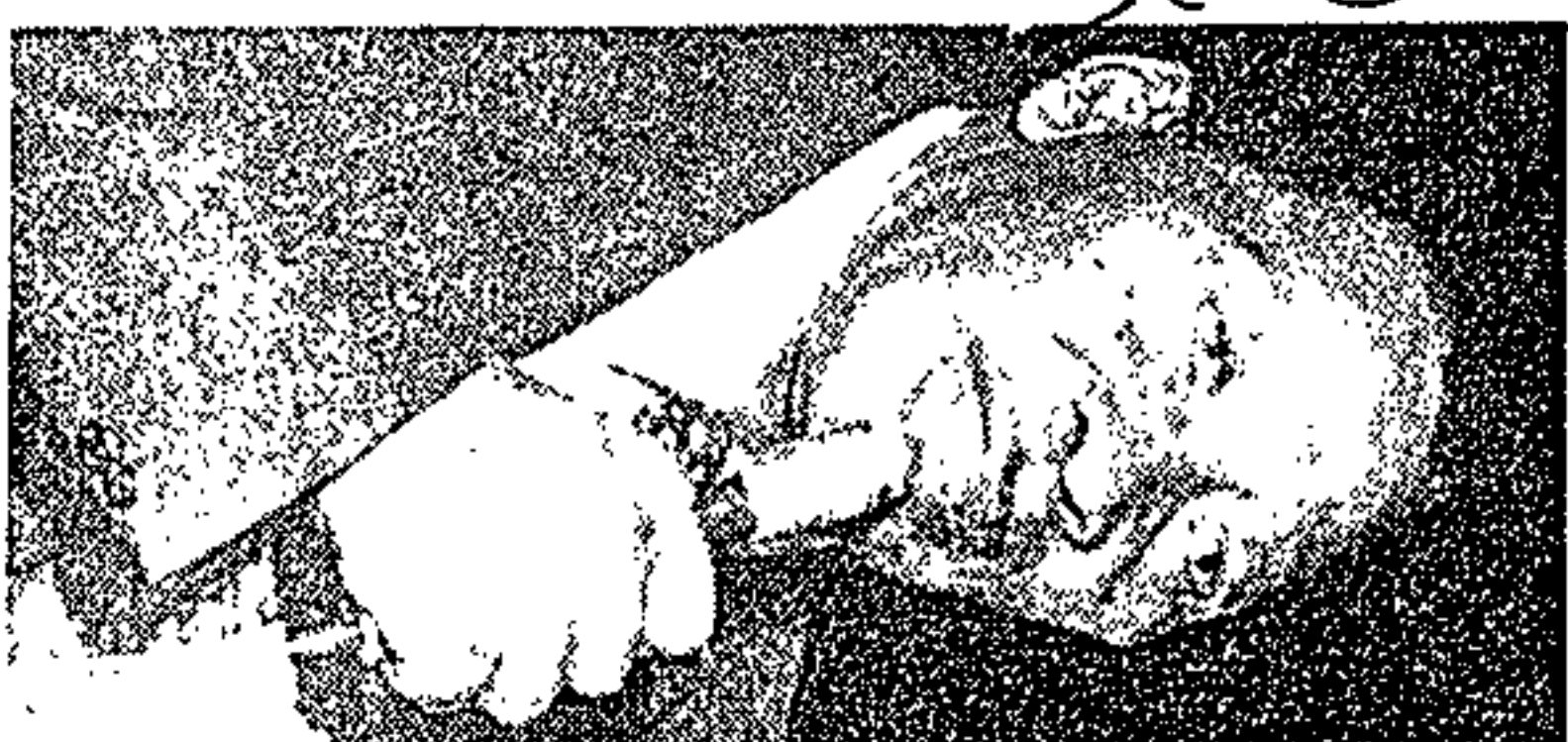
other R20 is paid on a monthly basis.

He said the R20 will be paid for as long as there was the threat of eviction.

He said the R20 will be paid for as long as the threat of eviction holds and until rents were reduced to R5 a month in the entire complex.

### Article

He criticised the Sowetan's article last week which said Soweto residents were being taken for a ride. His party he said collected the money in the interests



E T TSHABALALA

of the people who were afraid to be seen paying at municipal offices.

A memorandum spelling out the problems residents faced and why his party decided to collect money from residents was handed to Mr Malan on June 25. Mr Tshabalala said the council replied to say it will accept money from the Sofasonke party although it has not appointed agents to collect for it.

Mr Botile said he addressed a meeting attended by about 3 000 people at the Soweto amphitheatre yesterday where he said the council has now stopped evicting residents.



MAYOR BOTILE

"People would be foolish to go and pay their tariffs at a party office when they know where the official places

of payment are," he said. He said the evictions have been stopped because more people were coming forward to pay and were prepared to negotiate about their rent problems.

He said his council has sent a memorandum to the Government to reduce rents and he was hopeful that they may be cut by up to 65 percent.

The council, he said, is at present negotiating for the reduction of the price of houses sold to residents wishing to hold freehold rights to their properties.

"People can have freehold rights of their properties and if they wish to convert the 99-year-leasehold scheme to freehold they can do so," Mr Botile said.

## A call to pensioners

PENSIONERS were yesterday urged to come together and take action on their plight.

Addressing more than 2 000 people at the National Women's Day rally at Wits University, in Johannesburg, Mrs Franchinah Baard, former member of the banned African National Congress, appealed to the aged to be involved in negotiating for the freedom of the blacks.

The rally was organised by the Federation of Transvaal Women. "People between the ages of 72 and

110 will be involved in the negotiations," Mrs Baard said. Mrs Baard also condemned the state of emergency and the detention of young children.

Other speakers included Mrs Albertinah Sisulu, wife of jailed ANC leader, Walter Sisulu, and a Congress of South African Trade Unions representative.

Freedom songs were sung and slogans chanted at the rally. The rally was attended by people from all walks of life.

# HOW MANY ARE WE GETTING





# he REAL Soweto not seen by whites

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SOWETO, a conglomeration of sprawling, dusty black townships south-west of Johannesburg, is a tale of two cities — the one that is seen through the eyes of officialdom and the one known by the residents themselves.

This became clear when the Soweto City Council took a group of local and foreign journalists on a sight-seeing tour of one of the world's focal points.

The predominantly white group was gripped with anxiety, fear and excitement when the luxurious South African Transport Services' bus left the Carlton Hotel for Soweto. However our tour guide, Mr Bambatha Goba, assured everyone that there were no cannibals who would eat them up in the townships.

The bus cruised through Main Reef Road via New Canada railway station where some of us noticed members of the South African Defence Force on foot and others on army trucks. As the bus was trundling past the former pass office, Mr Goba did not mention the security forces presence in the townships we were about to enter.

Had the "tourists" not been travelling in a luxurious bus, they would also have been greeted with a choking, nauseating smell of human refuse in Noordgesicht — a coloured township that borders Orlando East, Soweto's oldest township.

There were also rivulets of dirty water and heaps of uncollected garbage in Orlando East. Mr Goba highlighted the overcrowding problem and said that was why many Orlando East residents erected corrugated-iron shacks in the yards of their homes.

By SY  
MAKARINGE

The tour went sour for the organisers when the "tourists" arrived at the Orlando Sheltered Workshop — probably the Soweto Council's biggest tourist attraction — where workers, who are all handicapped, were on strike over a pay dispute.

Clearly embarrassed, manager of the workshop Mr Roy Webber showed the journalists around the workshop. But with his staff on strike, there was little to see.

## Posh

Many people in Soweto believe that the true picture of the disabled community would be incomplete if the name of Mr Friday Mavuso is not mentioned. Mr Goba did not highlight Mr Mavuso's brainchild — the Soweto Self-Help Association of Paraplegics (SHAP). It is not clear yet why this was not done.

Beverly Hills in Orlando West is one of Soweto's success stories and it was only logical that a visit be paid to this illustrious and posh suburb, which is regarded by many as a symbol of black achievement.

The journalists were given a close-up view of the new Mandela residence and other houses owned by prominent Soweto personalities, including those of the Most Reverend Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town; Kaizer Motaung, managing director of Iwisa Kaizer Chiefs Football Club; and Mr Ratha Mokgoatheng, a well-known Soweto lawyer.

As the jittery and nervous driver tried to steer the big bus through the narrow streets, Mr Goba said: "These are the houses you'll never see

on your TV screens. What you mainly see is shanties and shacks... This is Ratha's house, a very successful lawyer.

"He is the only person in Soweto who drives a Maserati. Now, coming up on your left is a school. As you can see, all the windows are smashed.

"The children here are very militant. Unofficially the name of the school is Mandela High (School) because Winnie Mandela lives nearby."

## Scandal

After driving through Dube, the journalists were taken to Mshenguville where they saw the squalid conditions under which more than 10 000 people live. The tour of Mshenguville was not unexpected as its omission could have clearly caused a scandal.

After the bus simply went past the Nancefield Men's Hostel, the journalists were taken to the elite townships of Pimville (Selection Park) and

Protea North where they were also given a chance to take photographs.

After four hours of touring, many journalists went back to Johannesburg with a feeling that they, at long last, knew Soweto.

But there is another side to the story.

There are stories of untold misery, anger and frustrations under the roofs of every house they saw in the sprawling townships. If the Soweto council had not temporarily suspended rent evictions in Zola and Emdeni townships the day before, they would probably have seen municipal police in action.

The journalists also don't know whether effective education is going on inside Soweto's schools.

The tour also did an injustice to the white journalists. The tour guide, deliberately or not, omitted vital points of interest.

They are still to be shown the real Soweto.



# Gaum suspended

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By THEMBA  
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THE Transport and General Workers' Union says that the town clerk of the Diepmeadow Council has been suspended following a dispute over the dismissal of 12 meter readers.

Mr Noel Gaum, the town clerk, was last week in the centre of a controversy which led to the downing of tools by

about 1000 workers who included township managers and senior administrative staff.

The workers demanded that Mr Gaum be dismissed and were yesterday saying that they would not resume duty if he were not discharged.

Mr Gaum is a former town clerk of the Tumahole and Lekoa councils. He joined Diepmeadow six months ago.

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## No haven at Holgat

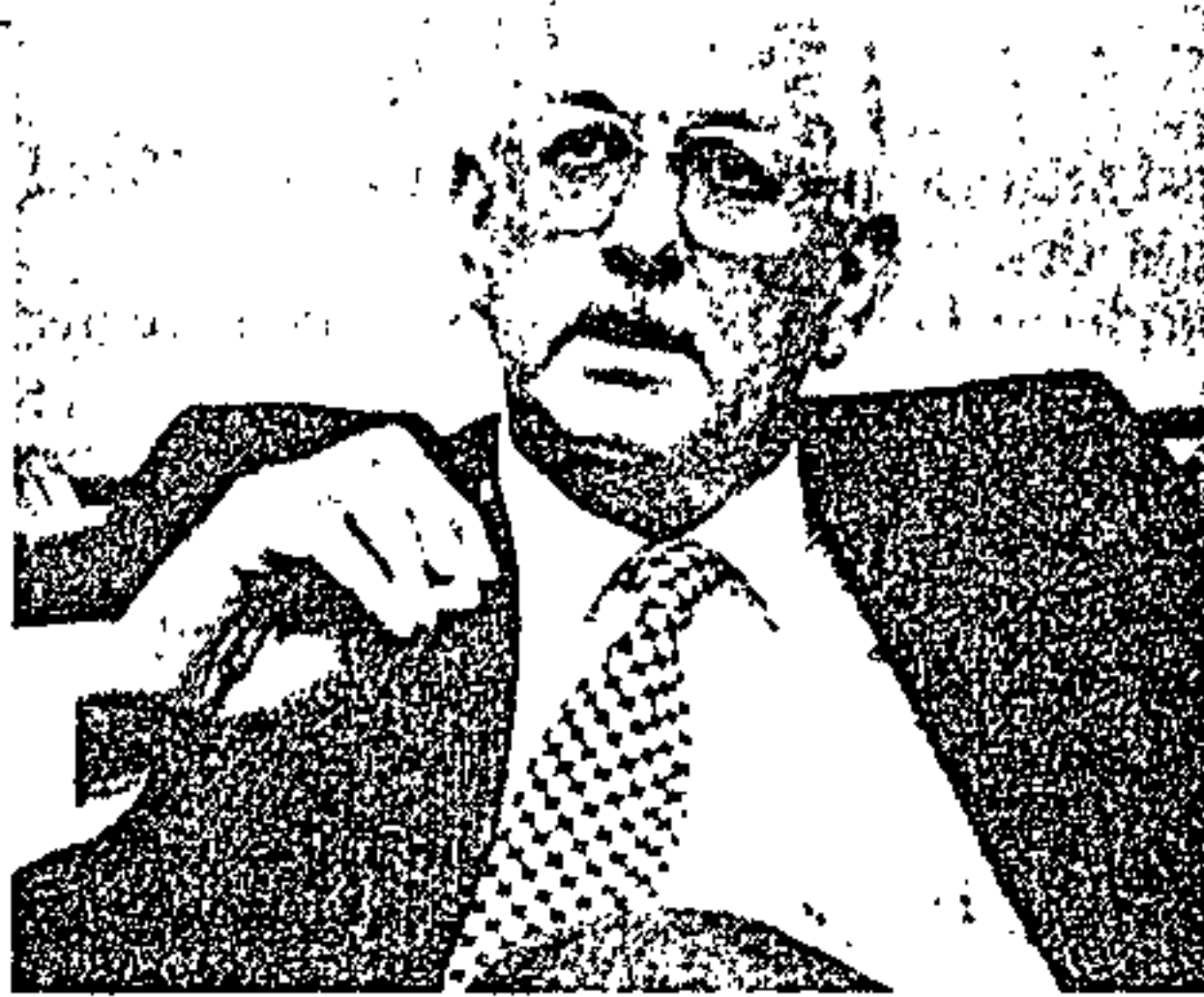
In 1984 the forced removal of about 350 Mogopa families caused an international outcry, resulting in a government vow that there would be no more forced removals. But Pretoria seems set for further embarrassment with the expropriation of Holgat — the very western Transvaal farm planned as a refuge for some 300 Mogopa families.

Now the victims are threatening to defy government and trek back to Mogopa.

Holgat, which is classified for occupation by blacks, was to have been bought by the Botshabelo Trust. All that remained was for the title deeds to be registered. At that point, however, it was expropriated by the government for "public purposes."

The Department of Development Aid now says the Department of Education and Training needs the farm to develop Bethel Secondary School at Holgat into a fullblown agricultural college.

But Aninka Claassens of the Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac) vehemently rejects this. She tells the *FM* the school was not included in the sale to the trust, and adds that the farm has been on the market for



Gerrit Viljoen ... no Holgat for them

three years. "If government wanted to extend the school, it had ample opportunity to buy the farm."

The real reason for the expropriation, she says, seems to lie in government's next statement: "The government is not in favour of the establishment of a black community in an area which has not been earmarked for this purpose and does not form part of the consolidation programme."

Claassens says this exposes "the insubstantial nature of government's reform policy." On the one hand government reprieves "black spots" in the white platteland and on the other says it cannot allow such black

settlements to exist, she says.

It is believed that white farmers objected to having an agricultural project involving 300 black families in their midst. Holgat is in the Lichtenburg constituency, whose MP is Conservative Ferdi Hartzenberg.

The Mogopa families were forcibly removed in February 1984 to Pachsdraai, a resettlement camp near Botswana. They challenged the legality of the move in the Appeal Court, and won in September 1985. But they could not return to Mogopa, as government had meanwhile expropriated their farms.

Government says it is now offering an alternative settlement area for dissatisfied Mogopa people and that negotiations continue.

But according to Claassens a precondition of accepting the ground offered, called Kaf-firskraal, will be to accept incorporation into Bophuthatswana — and people will not get title deeds to the land.

People fear they'll be evicted when the land is incorporated into Bophuthatswana as President Mangope has promised that he'll ultimately move them to Pachsdraai.

Claassens believes government has not negotiated in good faith — the parties have met only once, in December, and government stopped correspondence in May. Mogopa leader Lucas Kgatitsoe says though his people know returning "could be a suicide mission," they are desperate. ■



# Atteridgeville to expand

By SOL MORATHI

THE Constitutional Development and Planning Minister, Chris Heunis, has approved requests for the expansion of the Atteridgeville western buffer zone.

Atteridgeville mayor SM Mahlangu announced this week that the township would be expanded westward by 1 500 hectares.

Mahlangu, said the area was bounded on the east by the existing township, and he felt that it would help alleviate the

existing housing shortage in Atteridgeville.

There were presently more than 3 500 people on the waiting list and, according to Mahlangu, preference would be given to local residents when land and houses were available.

Meanwhile, construction has begun for the development of 242 houses in Atteridgeville.

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**Local teacher Oompie Modise had to buy new shock absorbers for his bakkie after going over a ramp constructed by residents to slow down motorists.**

By DAN DHLAMINI

WHILE Potchefstroom is gearing itself up for its 150th anniversary next year - scrubbing newly constructed tarred streets and renovating the whole area - it's black township, Ikageng, is choking under a cloud of dust.

Ikageng residents have, on many occasions, complained about the dust because of the layer of soil which has been spread on the streets.

The soil was placed on the roads by the Ikageng Town Council, which has recently increased service charges.

Residents said that they could not open their windows or hang their washing in the sun because of the dust.

## While Potch celebrates, blacks choke

Although South African National Tuberculosis Association officials said that the dust in Ikageng could not cause TB outright, they agreed that the dust could cause it in the long term because, if a TB sufferer spit in the shade, the germs did not die instantly and could be carried off by the wind and infect other people.

Santa's health advisor, M Ngxola, and TB test conductor, H

Buttler, were this week busy checking TB cases in Ikageng.

Potchefstroom's health inspector, J van Rooyen, said there were about 360 TB cases in Ikageng and 100 serious cases were undergoing treatment at the local clinic.

He said the local death rate fluctuated from 12 to 16 a year. He urged residents who suspected their health to come forward for tests, and that all those who

have been given treatment must complete the whole cause.

Ikageng town engineer Zigfrieht Pieterse said it would cost Ikageng R4,5-million to tar all the streets.

He said the council had taken out a loan to this effect and that it was possible that the work would start within two months.

Residents have built humps in the streets to force motorists to reduce speed in a bid to avoid stirring the dust.

Meanwhile, residents have posed many unanswered questions, such as: Is the 150th anniversary only for whites? Are we not living in Potchefstroom too? Why is our area not improved, like the whites suburbs?

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# COURT <sup>343</sup>STOPS STRIKE

A STRIKE planned from today by nearly 400 employees of the City Council of Atteridgeville was declared illegal by the Pretoria Supreme Court at the weekend.

On Saturday Mr Justice de Klerk granted an interdict against the workers and restrained them from organising, propagating or encouraging a strike. The judge also restrained them from distributing ballot papers propagating a sit-down strike.

The council brought an urgent application against the employees — all members of the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authority — following threats that about 60 percent of the workers had agreed to stage a sit-down strike from today.

The application was not opposed.

Mr Justice de Klerk called upon the union to

show cause by next Tuesday why a final order should not be granted against the workers.

The planned strike followed various grievances expressed by the workers. They include failure by the council to sign a recognition agreement with their union. In papers before the court the council submitted that it had at all times been willing to negotiate with the union.

The council also submitted that the planned strike would lead to the disruption of essential services which could result in unrest in Atteridgeville which is at present "reasonably stable".





EVATON mayor Mr Sam Rabotapi.

## R10-m revamp for Evaton

THE Evaton Town Council is to spend over R10-million to renovate the township.

Mayor Mr Sam Rabotapi yesterday said the projects would be implemented in 10 phases. It was hoped that they would be completed in 1992.

He said the first four phases, which included installing storm water drainage, high mast lights, water reticulation and improving the Adams Road, will cost the council over R6-million.

He said: "The purpose of replanning the township is to accommodate as many people as possible in properly built homes."

He added: "It is envisaged that with the building of more homes, electricity will be installed in the township."

Mr Rabotapi did not rule out the

possibility that tariffs would be increased when these projects were completed.

The increase of rents and service charges has been a sore point in black areas countrywide. Mr Rabotapi said: "Families have to understand that once the Rand Water Board and Escom increase rates we are forced to do likewise."

He said stand-owners with freehold rights were encouraged to build eight to 16 homes for occupation by tenants on their plots.

Various title-deed restrictions will be lifted to allow stand-owners to build these homes, and the council was prepared to help residents in this regard, he said.

"We are trying all we can to re-develop Evaton to make it one of the most modern townships in the country," he said.

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## Labour Update

BY JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE Diepmeadow Council has granted its town clerk, Mr Noel Gaum, an indefinite "special leave" from work pending an investigation into allegations that he sparked a strike by council workers last week.

This was confirmed to the *Sowetan* yesterday by councilor Mr M J Khumalo, who said most of the striking workers who demanded the dismissal of the town clerk, have returned to work.

Workers from various council departments presented a memorandum containing about 37 grievances against Mr Gaum to the mayor before downing tools last week.

Among the allegations

against Mr Gaum were that he is racist; that he refuses to sign or delays the signing of requisitions for the maintenance of traffic department vehicles, thereby endangering the lives of the staff; and that he uses abusive language.

Mr Khumalo has acknowledged that the council has received a copy of the memorandum and that they were still studying it before resolving the issue.

He said the council met with the workers' representatives yesterday.

The meeting agreed that Mr Gaum should be granted leave pending an investigation into the allegations.

"We are hoping to meet the workers' representatives again tomorrow in an attempt to resolve the problems."

We hope to come out with reasonable answers," Mr Khumalo said.

A spokesman for the workers' representatives yesterday said the council has presented to them a replying affidavit in which Mr Gaum gave answers to some of the

allegations.

The spokesman said they did not want the answers to be known because the matter was *sub judice*.

"The workers have resolved to return to work after the council gave us an undertaking that Mr Gaum would not be present at work until the matter has been settled," the spokesman said.

The meeting between the council and workers' representatives takes place tomorrow at 10am.

# Diepmeadow strike: man on 'special leave'

## LABOUR BRIEFS

ABOUT 300 members of the Building Construction and Allied Workers' Union have spent five days in the veld in Seshego, Pietersburg, after being kicked out of a police station where they took refuge in a labour dispute.

BCAWU's general secretary, Mr Narius Moloto, said the Murray and Roberts employees were dismissed on August 8, after a two-week stoppage over retrenchments in Seshego.

The workers were in the middle of building a new hospital when the dispute began.

The company called in the Lebowa Police who evicted the workers, who in turn took refuge at the Seshego police station on August 12, but were thrown out the next day. They are presently sleeping in tents on a veld in the township.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions said yesterday that 85 000 workers at about 250 factories have pledged solidarity with the 340 000 National Union of Mineworkers members presently engaged in a wage strike.

It said the Chamber of Mines should be aware that its "obstinacy" was creating a volatile situation.

About 200 members of the Chemical Workers' Union at Matthey Rustenburg Refineries downed tools yesterday in protest against the company's relocation to Bophuthatswana, the union has said.

The CWIU said the protest was sparked off by the closing down of the Wadeville Refinery which was followed by the building of the new one in the homeland.

The union said that in spite of a year-long discussion of the issue, management remained adamant and carried out its decision.

About 2000 workers at six Corobrik and Corocret factories in Durban have gone on strike.

According to the managing director of Corobrik, Mr Ray Andrew, the strike, which began on Friday, was an "illegal stoppage" but to date had been peaceful. They were currently negotiating with the Brick and Allied Workers' Union which represented the workers.

The reasons for the strike, according to management, are still unclear but believed to be over wage demands.



## R66-m to be spent on 4 townships

The Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) is to spend R66 million to improve essential services in Soweto, Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Alexandra.

The improvements will include water supply, sewerage, electricity and roads.

The chairman of the CWRSC, Mr Gerrit Bornman, said about R364 million was needed during the next five years to upgrade services in the townships.

He said R74 million would be required to complete the first phase of the project.

"We have at present R66 million in our coffers and all this money will be spent in the four townships because they are the most needy," he said.

He added that the current infrastructure in the townships was in many cases below acceptable standards.

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Mr STEVE Nkatlo.

# Nkatlo verdict today

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**JUDGMENT** in the corruption case involving the mayor of Dobsonville, Mr Steve Nkatlo, will be handed down in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court today.

Mr Nkatlo is alleged to have unlawfully received a total of R11 800 from 62 Dobsonville residents between October 1985 and May 1986.

He has pleaded not guilty and is out on warning.

Mr Nkatlo's lawyer submitted to court that the Dobsonville Civic Association influenced the residents to lay charges against his client to discredit Mr Nkatlo and other councillors.

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**Council to  
spend R66-m**

# 4 TOWNSHIPS GET A FACELIFT

THE Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council is to spend R66-million to improve essential services in four black townships.

The areas are Soweto, Diepsloot, Dobsonville and Alexandra.

The services to be improved include water supply, sewerage, electricity and roads.

The chairman of the CWRSC, Mr Gerrit Borman, said they needed about R74-million to complete the first phase of the project, which would take five years.

We have at present R66-million in our coffers and all this money will be spent in the four black townships because they are the most needy.

"We will have to look for more funds to complete our projects for the current financial year (1987/88)," Mr Borman said.

## Loans

About R364-million was needed during the next five years to upgrade services in the townships.

Mr Borman said the current infrastructure in these areas was in many cases below acceptable standards.

"We started in Soweto last month and we will be moving to the other townships very soon," he said.

They intended applying for loans from the Government and the private sector to speed up their planned projects in the black townships.



MR GERRIT Borman.



## Soweto council workers released without charges

By Montshiwa Moroke

A group of 31 people who were arrested by police after about 4 000 protesting Soweto Council workers had marched on the council chambers on Tuesday were released yesterday without appearing in court.

And at the Lutheran Church in White City, Jabavu, more than 1 000 workers agreed at a meeting not to return to work unless staff grievances were addressed by authorities.

Workers launched a protest after negotiations about a pay dispute with the council broke down on Monday.

In another development yesterday, workers from the City Engineering Department, who were on strike a fortnight ago,

have been threatened with a no-work, no-pay rule unless they returned to work.

A speaker at the church meeting, who was among those arrested said 33 people were arrested originally. Five were non-council employees aged between 14 and 18 years.

She said they spent the night at Jabulani police station where they were given black tea and porridge for supper and slept in smelly blankets.

Yesterday they were taken to the Soweto Magistrate's Court and kept there until about 11 am before being released.

A spokesman for the SAP in Pretoria told The Star yesterday that 29 people were arrested in Jabulani for attending an illegal gathering.



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- (1) (a) Cape Metropolitan area ..... 88 houses  
 Durban Metropolitan area ..... 75 houses and welfare housing for 10 persons  
 Pietermaritzburg ..... 21 houses  
 Pretoria Metropolitan area ..... 385 houses and welfare housing for 20 persons  
 Port Elizabeth Metropolitan area ..... welfare housing for 40 persons  
 Kimberley ..... welfare housing for 152 persons  
 East London ..... 142 houses  
 Bloemfontein ..... none  
 Witwatersrand Metropolitan area ..... 203 houses and welfare housing for 80 persons
- (b) The hon member is referred to my reply to question 3.

(2) (a) and (b) The computerised waiting-list programme was launched on 21 April 1986 and 215 000 application forms were despatched to all the local authorities in the Republic. Good co-operation was received and as at 31 May 1987 the needs of 23 414 cases in respect of Whites were registered, of which the particulars are as follows:

8 528 ..... married persons  
 2 464 ..... divorced persons  
 10 198 ..... widows or widowers  
 2 224 ..... single persons

The Department is, however, aware of a considerable number of cases where particulars of needs have not been supplied, especially in regard to recently married or aged persons. These cases are followed up and new needs are received daily at a constant rate for registration.

The survey of housing needs is not only in respect of the lower income group and it is endeavoured to involve persons of all income groups who have a housing need. Persons with an income higher than the present income limit to qualify for state assistance are apparently not adequately involved and an effort is being made to accomplish this.

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Bosfontein/Machakaneng

229. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether Bosfontein (Registration No 200 JQ), formerly known as Machakaneng and situated on the border between the Republic and Bophuthatswana, is to be incorporated into Bophuthatswana; if so, (a) when, (b) why, (c) who took the decision in this regard and (d) what area of land is involved;

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- (2) whether all persons living on the land to be incorporated are Tswanas; if not, how many persons of each specified race or ethnic group are living on this land; if so, how many Tswanas will be affected;
- (3) whether the residents of this area will be allowed to retain their South African citizenship; if not, (a) why not and (b) what will be the position of (i) non-Tswana and (ii) White persons in this area subsequent to incorporation;
- (4) whether the residents of this area were consulted regarding the decision to incorporate Bosfontein into Bophuthatswana; if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) in what manner and (c) what was their response;
- (5) whether the Government of Bophuthatswana was consulted concerning incorporation; if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) in what manner and (c) what was its response;
- (6) who is responsible at present for the rendering of local government services to the communities of Bosfontein?
- (d) ±1 072 ha (Portion 4 of Boschfontein 458-JQ).
- (2) At present there are 92 blacks (91 Tswanas and 1 Swazi) who are entitled to be registered as joint owners of the relative land.
- (3) Yes.
- (s) Falls away.
- (b) (i) and (ii) Retains RSA citizenship as far as RSA legislation is concerned.
- (4) No, because 92 of the possible 98 owners of the relevant farm portions are already blacks and the Government of Bophuthatswana requested the incorporation. (a), (b) and (c) Fall away.
- (5) Yes.
- (a) In August 1985.
- (b) By way of formal discussions between the Government of the RSA and Bophuthatswana.
- (c) The Government of Bophuthatswana was in favour of incorporation.
- (6) No local authority services are rendered at present.

# THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) Yes.

- (a) In respect of Portion 4 of Boschfontein 458-JQ, as soon as the South African Development Trust Corporation (SADT) bought out the relative white owners (6).

- (b) Incorporation was requested by the Republic of Bophuthatswana and recommended by the Commission for Co-operation and Development.

- (c) The Parliament of the Republic of South Africa.

Own Affairs:

Universities

59. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture:†

- (1) (a) Which universities fall under the control of his Department, (b) by what total amount were these universities subsidised during the latest specified period for which information is available and (c) in which vote



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# R5m plan to upgrade KTC area imminent

By CHRIS BATEMAN

UPGRADING of the KTC squatter camp at a cost of about R5 million is imminent — 14 months after fighting between conservative "witdoek" vigilantes and left-wing "comrades" left scores dead.

Mr J C "Koos" Theron, MEC in charge of Hospital, Health and Community Services, said yesterday that tenders to provide roads, water, sewerage facilities and building sites would go out "within the next few weeks".

He estimated that the upgrading, which he described as a "priority project", would take nine months to a year.

Meanwhile, plans to erect army tents for the estimated 30 KTC families whose shacks have been flooded by recent rains are expected to be carried out early next week. More than 100 army tents have been in use in the Old Crossroads territory for the past two months.

The temporary housing plan for KTC is the result of representations by the Independent MP for Claremont, Mr Jan van Eck, on behalf of the KTC Masincedane Committee, and breaks a long-standing impasse between the

left-wing Masincedane Committee and the government-recognized Cape Town Town Committee, CTTC.

The Masincedane Committee, which claims majority support in KTC, refuses to negotiate with the CTTC who they say were "not democratically elected".

Mr Theron said he and Mr Graham Lawrence, Deputy Director of Community Services, flew over the area by helicopter on Thursday after representations by Mr Van Eck.

Mr Lawrence said he was awaiting a list of affected families from Mr Van Eck which he would forward to the Divisional Commissioner of Police for the Western Cape, Brigadier Ronnie van der Westhuizen. Earlier this year Brigadier Van der Westhuizen declared land cleared after the fighting in Old Crossroads and KTC as "no-go" areas.

Mr Van Eck said Brigadier Van der Westhuizen had told him he could issue one-month renewable permits as he had done in Old Crossroads. He expressed "delight" at the official response, adding that "sanity has prevailed at last".

● A spokesman for Brigadier Van der Westhuizen said the brigadier had had "no official request up till now".



the country - including its largest firms - there were no incidents.

ed to the police.

# Strikers want apology

By SELLO SERIPE

STRIKING Soweto Council workers vowed this week not to resume their duties unless councillor Letsatsi Radebe - who allegedly referred to them as "radicals and siyayinyovas" - apologised.

Radebe allegedly made the remark on Monday during a meeting between worker representatives and the council.

According to a spokesman for the council workers' union, the Municipal Workers' Union of SA, Radebe's remarks, coupled with Soweto mayor Nelson Botile's alleged overturning of a previous agreement that drivers would not be forced to pay when they were involved in accidents, resulted in the meeting ending in a deadlock.

"On Monday, when we were supposed to continue with the talks, the mayor declared the agreement null and void, with Radebe adding fuel to the fire when he said they would not talk to radicals and siyayinyovas," said the spokesman.

At a meeting on Wednesday, attended by some 400 workers, the workers unanimously resolved that, once Radebe had apologised, they would go to work but would not do any work until the council met their demands.

They decided that, after the strike had been resolved, they would call for the resignation of Radebe, Rasmeni and Johnson Mokoena - who are also councillors.

Meanwhile, 23 workers

arrested on Tuesday by council police were released on Wednesday. No charges were brought against them.

They were arrested near the council chambers in Jabulani after they had gone to seek a meeting with town clerk Nico Malan.

There was ululation when two of them, Baxter Mbuthoma and Dorothy Motobatsi, the union regional organiser and chairman respectively, arrived at the meeting.

Mbuthoma said police had arrested them after issuing a three-minute warning to disperse.

"Before the workers could move council police pounced and charged at them with sjamboks," he said.



Baxter Mbuthoma

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## Soweto impasse

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THE chairman of Soweto's executive committee, Mr Letsatsi Radebe, said yesterday striking council workers had brought Soweto to a virtual standstill.

Employees claimed grievances had been ignored and that they had telexed the Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, "to help solve the crisis by forcing the council to negotiate and save Soweto from becoming a health hazard".

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A spokesman at the Minister's Cape Town office said the workers should redirect their appeal to the Administrator of the Transvaal.

Workers vowed to stay out until Mr Radebe apologised for calling them "renegades co-operating with rent boycotters and comrades".



# Evaton gets a R5-m facelift

By JOSHUA  
RABOROKO

actually benefit because tenants will pay rent to them," he said.

He urged those without finance to build homes to approach the council or to negotiate loans with building societies or banks.



MR SAM Rabotapi.

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THE Evaton Town Council is to spend R5,6-million during the 1987/88 financial year for the redevelopment of the township.

The mayor, Mr Sam Rabotapi, said the council would provide electricity, a water-borne sewerage system and recreation facilities for the community.

Mr Rabotapi said: "It is our desire to redevelop the township — often referred to as the dark city because of the absence of electricity — because it is one of the old areas that still have freehold rights," he said.

He said the redevelopment should not be misconstrued to mean that the council intended depriving residents of their freehold rights.

Mr Rabotapi said many critics of the council have been telling residents that the council was aiming at "selling Evaton to whites" to make profits.

The council would allow every stand-owner in the township to build eight to sixteen homes on every plot to help alleviate the housing

shortage in the area.

"This does not mean that the stand-owner will lose his freehold rights. Owners will still have these rights and will



## Council ultimatum

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TODAY is D-Day for thousands of striking Soweto Council employees who have been given an ultimatum to start work this morning or face dismissal. Soweto

Council employees have received letters from the town clerk Mr Nico Malan informing them that they will be deemed to have terminated their services of their own accord if they do not report for duty. 243

The strike, which is widespread, involves workers across a wide spectrum of council services. Garbage workers, meter readers, clerks, electricians and others are involved. The council's policemen are not on strike.



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# Daggakraal still says

## 'no'

By SY  
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HUNDREDS of Daggakraal residents in the Eastern Transvaal reaffirmed their opposition to the Government's proposal to acquire their land and resell it to them.

The residents, who recently submitted a memorandum to the Government in an effort to stop it from implementing the proposal, resolved at the meeting held on Saturday to appear before the Commission of Co-operation and Development at Wakkerstroom on Friday where they will give oral evidence and make representations.

Buses have been laid to ferry plot owners who want to give evidence.

The offer to purchase the land occupied by more than 45 000 people and to develop it into a rural regional town was part of the consolidation proposals for the homeland of KaNgwane, announced by Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, in June this year.

Residents said at the meeting that they were dependent on subsistence farming for their livelihood. They said if Daggakraal was developed into a town, many residents would be forced to move as rent and service charges were likely to be high.

Another reason why the proposals were viewed with suspicion was that Daggakraal was more than 28 km away from the nearest town of Amersfoort, which, they said, could not support a large workforce.

"We are strongly attached to Daggakraal as our home. Not only is it our ancestral home, it has provided us with the good life," one resident said.

A report back meeting will be held at Daggakraal on September 5.



these declarations; if so, (a) what action, (b) in how many cases and (c) why?

# THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

- (1) (a) and (b) 68 373 persons have automatically acquired South African citizenship. Separate statistics for males and females are not kept.
- (2) (a) and (b) 1 414 persons have made declarations not to become South African citizens. Separate statistics for males and females are not kept.
- (3) Yes.

(a) The persons concerned were advised that they are deemed to be aliens who, for the purposes of the Aliens Act, 1937 (Act 1 of 1937), are not in possession of permits for permanent or temporary residence. They were requested to apply for temporary permits to legalise their residence in the Republic of South Africa.

- (b) 1 414.
- (c) To enable them to legalise their stay in the Republic of South Africa.

## Lethlabille Township

318. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Development Aids:†

- (1) (a) How many stands in Lethlabille Township have been developed, (b) what is the average size of the stands, (c) what services are provided in respect of the stands, (d) at what prices are the stands made available to Blacks and (e) in respect of what date is this information furnished;

(2) whether the development of further stands in this township is contemplated; if so, (a) how many and (b) when?

# THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

- (1) (a) 3 200.
- (b) 300-400 square metres.
- (c) Sanitation, water, electricity and gravel roads.
- (d) The stands are offered for sale. The price is R4,40 per unit of 25 square metres or portion thereof.

(e) 31 July 1987.

(2) Yes.

- (a) 800.
- (b) The 1988/89 financial year. A sufficient number of stands are available to provide for the expected demand during the current financial year.

## Publication committees

329. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Home Affairs:†

(a) How many members of each population group are serving on publications committees at present, (b) what (i) is the name, (ii) is the race and (iii) are the relevant qualifications of each of these persons and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

# THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

- (a) White..... 120
- Indian..... 26
- Coloured..... 7
- Black..... 7
- (b) As per attached schedule.
- (c) 30 June 1987.

## SCHEDULE

Name	Race	Qualifications
Mr K E Abendroth	White	Journalism
Dr M S Applegyn	White	DLitt et Phil
Mrs C E Aquadro	White	BSoc Sc

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Name	Race	Qualifications
Mr A I Bassa	Indian	BA-Hons
Dr J C Becker	White	LLD
Dr B D Beyers	White	DLitt et Phil
Mr A M Bhorat	Indian	NTD
Rev P W Bingle	White	BA, ThM
Mrs M E Bosman	White	MA
Dr A H Botha	White	BD, DD
Mr H Botha	White	Matric
Dr W J Botha	White	DD
Dr H E Brand	White	DPhil
Mrs M Brugman	White	BA, BProc
Prof P W Buys	White	ThD
Mrs T E Cairness	White	BA, HED
Rev B D Cameron	White	MTh
Mr A B Chavda	Indian	Business experience
Prof J Cilliers	White	DPhil, Dipl Theol
Mr J C Claassen	White	BA-Hons, MED
Mr R C Cope	White	MED, STD
Dr J S Coulton	White	PhD
Mr C J Crous	White	MED, STD
Mr K D Dannon	Coloured	BA, HTD
Miss P D Dannhauser	White	BA-Hons (Drama)
Dr P J de Bruyn	White	ThD
Mr J R Devar	Indian	BA
Dr G de Villiers	White	MB ChB
Prof P G R de Villiers	White	DTh
Prof M J H du Plessis	White	Doct, es L
Mr P Durgapersadh	Indian	Matric
Dr F J du Toit	White	DTh
Prof J B du Toit	White	DPhil
Mrs S du Toit	White	BA, HTD
Prof J M Els	White	DLitt
Mr H C Engelbrecht	White	BSc
Mr M C Erasmus	White	BProc, LLB
Mr P G Erasmus	White	Dipl AICOS
Dr J B Espach	White	DÉd
Prof F C Fensham	White	DD, PhD
Prof J S A Fourie	White	LLD
Dr L C H Fourie	White	Drs Th
Mr S P K Fredericks	Coloured	BMus, HTD, MED
Mrs G E Giannelos	White	BDrama
Mr J P Gillam	White	BSc
Mrs N Goddard	White	Dipl Sp & Drama
Mr D Gokool	Indian	BEd, NTD
Mr S P Goshier	White	MED, HTD
Prof A Gouws	White	DEd
Mr M Govender	Indian	Dipl Indian Music
Dr S Govender	Indian	PhD
Mr C I Gregory	White	BA-Hons
Dr J Greyvensteijn	White	DD
Ms H J Griffiths	White	STD (Art)
Mr T A Hargay	Coloured	BSc
Mr D Hellinger	White	BCom, LLB

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## **Soweto strike called off after salary announcement**

SOPHIE TEMA

**THE Soweto city council employees' strike, involving thousands of workers across a wide spectrum of services, ended yesterday after workers were told their salaries had been increased by 32,5%.**

The workers downed tools on Tuesday last week after handing a list of grievances — including a demand for a 20% salary increase — to mayor Nelson Botile.

Yesterday thousands of council employees — including clerks, electricians, meter readers, garbage removers and grave diggers — agreed to return to work today.

The decision to call off the strike was taken at a meeting at Regina Mundi Catholic Church after the council executive committee and a workers' committee met to discuss the matter.

Soweto town clerk Nico Malan said salaries were increased by 12,5% on July 1. In addition, a 20% increase, effective from April 1, would be paid retrospectively from September 1. This meant salaries increased 32,5% this year, he said.

# THE BOOZE TRAIN

THE mayor of Mamelodi, Mr Zikhali Ndlaazi has been

appointed as the first black in the country to serve on the Liquor Board, the deputy director, Mr M B Avery announced yesterday.

Addressing the fifth annual conference of Ukhamba Liquor Association, Mr Avery said the appointment marked an important milestone in the history of black liquor traders in the country.

The announcement that Mr Ndlaazi was to serve on the Liquor Board was greeted with

## Mayor Ndlaazi on Board

hisses and murmurs by the majority of delegates who expressed fears that the Government was putting community councillors on the Liquor Board to ensure that the Black Local Authorities' Act was a success.

One delegate said blacks had always rejected the Black Local Authorities' Act and called on councillors to resign from their posts.

"This appointment is suspicious," he said.

In his address Mr Avery said the Liquor Board's decisions embraced urban, rural and so-called homeland areas.

He said the board wanted to identify and solve problems relating to occupation rights including the avoidance of the cumbersome red tape in applications for liquor licenses.

The department had compiled a manual containing information useful to the businessmen wishing to enter the liquor trade in black

residential areas.

He said when the administration boards relinquished their liquor outlets and tenders were called for, some black businessmen were hampered by lack of finance and managerial expertise.

"In an endeavour to overcome these difficulties, the Government promoted the so-called 51 to 49 percent partnership concept between black and white subject to the former at all times retaining the controlling interest.

● See Page 15.



MAYOR ZIKHALI NDLAZI



# Why Daggakraal folk want to stay put

**T**HOUSANDS of residents of the Eastern Transvaal farm of Daggakraal can be excused for being suspicious of the recent Government proposals to acquire their land and develop it into a rural regional town.

The remote farm is surrounded by a sea of white-owned farms and there does not seem to be any justification for creating a black township on it on the basis that it will service the neighbouring towns.

It is situated about 25 km from the nearest town, Volksrust, and about 28 km from Amersfoort. The two towns are so small that they cannot support a large workforce if the Government goes ahead with its proposals to turn the farm into a rural regional town.

There are no industrial areas in the vicinity of Daggakraal to justify the need for the development of a township. Already a black township in the vicinity of Volksrust is plagued by a high rate of unemployment.

The Daggakraal community, which swelled to more than 45 000 people since the land was bought in 1912 — a year before the Land Act of 1913 was passed — is dependent on subsistence farming for its livelihood. More than 95 percent of those residents who are employed work in and around Johannesburg, about 350 km away.

What makes the

residents more suspicious is that the Government's offer to buy the land and re-sell it to them at "a nominal price" is part of the consolidation plans for the homeland of KaNgwane.

The consolidation plans, announced by Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, in June this year, have opened old wounds: only a few months ago the Government wanted to incorporate the farm into KaNgwane.

The plot owners have described the proposals as a "back door way" of trying to force them to move to an unknown place following its reprieve from incorporation into the homeland. Daggakraal was reprieved when the Government announced that it would no longer force people to move.

The residents fear that if the Government carries out its proposals to develop the farm into a township, plot owners will not afford the cost of land and the service charges and they give Ekangala as an example.

"If the South African

Development Trust takes it on itself to re-plan the area without close and continuing community involvement, it may well end up with a scheme as inappropriate as Ekangala/EkaIndustria, where wage levels are so low that they cannot even begin to cover the substantial cost of land, housing and services in the area," residents said in a memorandum submitted to the Government recently.

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The memorandum also states that because of the earlier attempts to force people of Daggakraal from their land, the community is suspicious of the proposals.

"It is stated Government policy that no additional land will be made available to African people within the borders of the Republic of South Africa other than the existing 'black spots'. The people therefore fear that if they lose their land they will become homeless as no other land will become available to them."

It says that the clear implication is that expropriation was contemplated by the proposals.

"The people of Daggakraal have peacefully occupied their land for 75 years. They wish their descendants to

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inherit this land from them. This is the land they have owned and occupied for generations, and where their forefathers were buried.

"Residents are strongly attached to Daggakraal as their home. Not only is it ancestral land, but it has provided a relatively good life for them... The plot owners pride themselves as independent land owners."

This Friday, Mr G D Twala, chairman of the Daggakraal Joint Executive Committee, and Chief Popo Moloi will lead hundreds of residents to Wakkerstroom where they will give evidence before the Commission of Cooperation and Development in another attempt to save their land.

Opposition to the proposals is so considerable that hundreds of residents attended a meeting held at an open veld at the farm at the weekend.

The issue has also brought warring factions in the area together.

Saturday's meeting, unlike the previous rally, went on smoothly with residents speaking in one voice. The previous meeting was disrupted when hecklers shouted down members of the executive committee and threatened reporters with violence.

A report-back meeting will be held at the farm on September 5.



CHIEF Popo Moloi.

## 'Over my dead body'

Mr WILLIE Moloi (77), who was born two years before his parents and others bought the farm in 1912, said in an interview that he would sell his plot over his dead body.

"No one, even Heunis, will deprive me of the land that I inherited from my parents. I will die and be buried here and this land will be inherited by no one else but my children," Mr Mokoena said.

He said he loves Daggakraal and that no money in the world would make him allow influence from outside.

Mrs Jane Tshabalala (69) said Daggakraal was a symbol of racial harassment. Her father and other people had suffered at the hands of white farmers in the Free State.

"The whole thing started in the Orange Free State where our fathers were living on the farms. There was a horse race and my father's horse won. The white farmers were not happy about it. Our parents were insulted and told there was no place for blacks in the Free State," Mrs Tshabalala said.

She said they then walked from the Free State searching for a place to live happily with their families. They settled in Daggakraal.

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# COUNCIL PREMISES

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## BARRED TO UNION

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THE Atteridgeville City Council has barred the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities from holding meetings on council premises, it was announced yesterday.

The decision was taken at a full council meeting this week. The council said that there were communication problems with TAEBLA.

The workers' representative body has also been told to apply to hold meetings and to submit an agenda.

The council said that a recognition agreement was to be signed soon to normalise relations with the organisation. It

BY ALINAH  
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warned TAEBLA not to interfere with the normal duties of the council and that it confines its administration to its newly acquired office.

"If no solution is reached, legal action will have to be taken," said the council.

Reacting to the council's announcement, Mr Simon Moropa,

secretary of the Atteridgeville branch of TAEBLA, said the council was denying workers their right to voice grievances.

Mr Moropa said that TAEBLA members were unhappy about irregularities in the council. These included favouritism and lack of discipline among council officials, he said.

He said his organisation would meet council officials to discuss the matter today.



## REFUSE REMOVAL TO GO PUBLIC

TENDERS for the privatisation of the Soweto City Council's services closed this week after more than 30 applications had been received.

Soweto town clerk Nico Malan says the applications will now be put to the council, with recommendations, for its consideration.

He says the first essential service to be privatised will be refuse removal.

"We decided to allocate the refuse removal contract to the private sector on a trial basis because it is profit-

oriented, Malan says.

"For a start, we will privatise only certain parts of Soweto, and if the scheme works out well, then we will extend privatisation to other areas."

The council called for applications from the black community last month, after it had received government's approval to involve the private sector in rendering municipal services.

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# Vaal news blackout

By STAN MHLONGO

**CITY Press** was this week banned from attending meetings of the the Lekoa City Council.

The banning follows a recent article about the activities of the council and its mayor, Esau Mahlatsi.

Councillor Solly Mofokeng said **City Press** would not be allowed to attend council meetings "unless you apologise for the things you wrote about this council recently".

The council was apparently incensed by an article which appeared on April 12

claiming that while the council was plunged in debt following the three-year-long rent boycott, "it is understood that Mayor Mahlatsi has acquired enough wealth to qualify as a multi-millionaire".

It was also claimed that Mahlatsi had enormous powers over council police.

The investigation further revealed that Mahlatsi, who owns the Lenthana company, with his family, controlled at least 20 bottle stores spread throughout the Vaal.

Another Johannesburg-based daily has also been banned.



**Esau Mahlatsi**

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# 'We are going home'

By SELLO SERIPE

RESETTLED Mogopa residents, now living in Bethanie - this week vowed that they would return to their birthplace and "we do not fear any encounter with the law because the land belong to us and no one can claim it beside us".

This unanimous declaration emerged at a meeting held at Wits University on Tuesday.

However, the date set for the big trek back to Mogopa, in the Western Transvaal, was withheld.

Mogopa community leader Lucas Kgatitsoe said that the date would be announced soon.

"We are going back home empty-handed and if we are stopped at road-blocks, we shall erect shacks along the road. We shall stay there until the authorities get off our backs so that we can proceed to our land," said Kgatitsoe.

The meeting, attended by about 300 Mogopa residents, including Johannesburg's white community, was also addressed by Transvaal Rural Action Community field worker Aninka Claassens.

Claassens said the Mogopa residents have absolute rights to return to their land because the Appellate Board had also ruled in

their favour in August 1985.

The community was forcibly removed from their land in February 1984. The authorities had declared the land as "black spot" and expropriated it.

The then Department of Cooperation and Development provided them with an alternative home, Pachsdraai, but the offer was rejected.

This resulted in the authorities using the "strong arm", forcibly loading the community and their furni-

ture on trucks and delivered them at Pachsdraai.

Soon residents moved to Bethanie, on the outskirts of Bophuthatswana, where they thought life would be better than living at barren Pachsdraai.

In Bethanie, residents feared they would be incorporated into the homeland.

Lawyer Nicholas Haysom said the government might charge residents with trespassing if they returned to Mogopa because it had expropriated the land.

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# Daggakraal: 'Govt shelves its plans'

THE Government's plans to acquire and develop the Eastern Transvaal farm of Daggakraal into a regional town have been withdrawn, according to Mr G D Twala, chairman of the Daggakraal Joint Executive Committee.

Mr Twala, who is also president of the Daggakraal Youth Creative Cultural Organisation (Dycco), said yesterday the decision to withdraw the plans was taken at Wakkerstroom on Friday after residents gave oral evidence before a Commission of Co-operation and Development.

Mr Twala said the Government had instead promised to purchase additional land to accommodate hundreds of people who are living on the farm as sub-tenants.

He said it appeared that when the

By SY MAKARINGE

Government made the proposals to purchase Daggakraal and develop it into a rural regional town, it was not aware that the residents possessed freehold title deeds for the land.

Lawyers representing the residents are, together with leaders of the Daggakraal community, presently studying the implications of the withdrawal and will report back to the residents on Saturday, September 12.

Mr Twala said he told the commission that it was not enterprise that saw their forefathers buying the land in Daggakraal. Instead, he said, it was a result of continuous harassment by white farmers in the Free

State and other parts of the Transvaal.

He said the chairman of the commission was satisfied with the evidence and promised to continue communicating with the community.

The consolidation plans were announced in June by Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning. The plans were part of the consolidation proposals for the KaNgwane homeland.

The Government had proposed to buy the land from the residents, develop it into a town and re-sell the stands to them at "a normal price."

This was viewed with suspicion. Residents felt it was a "back door way" of uprooting them as they would not likely to be in a position to afford expected high service charges.



- security forces and public vehicles;
- setting alight of vehicles including those of the security forces;
  - erection of road barricades;
  - throwing of petrolbombs at security forces;
  - illegal gatherings;
  - damaging of buildings with stones and bottles;
  - attempted hijacking of public vehicles;
  - possession of dagga;
  - possession of unlicensed arms and ammunition;
  - murder where a scholar's throat was cut after he had been removed from a classroom;
  - burning of houses;
  - threatening the lives of members of the security forces, their families and their property;
  - attempted murder.
- (2) (a) Yes.
- (i) 2 persons.
  - (ii) 2 persons.
- (b) No.
- (i) and (ii) Fall away.
- (3) No.

#### Juvenile offenders: detention

\*24. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Justice:

- (a) How many Black juvenile offenders were sent or transferred by the courts to (i) prisons and (ii) other specified places of detention during the latest specified period of three years for which information is available and (b) where are each of these (i) prisons and (ii) other specified places of detention located?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

The question covers offenders sentenced

to imprisonment or detention in some institution or other as well as to those remanded in custody over a period of three years by all South African courts. Such information is not readily available and can only be obtained by the examination of case records at the seats of all courts country-wide. The information supplied earlier this year in reply to Written Questions Nos 146, 551 and 560 (Hansard, 23 February 1987, columns 267, 514 and 521 respectively) may, however, be of assistance to the hon member.

Mr K M ANDREW: Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Minister's reply in respect of paragraph (a) (i), is he informing us that his department does not keep statistics on the number of juveniles sent to prison?

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, the hon member did himself foresee that such information might not be available because he put it rather conditionally in his question, namely: "... sent to other specified places of detention ... for which information is available". Therefore he does foresee that such information may not be readily available. That is what I am telling him.

Mr K M ANDREW: Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, may I first of all point out to him that the period for which information is available relates to the latest period for which information is available and not to whether the information is available at all. It relates to the latest specified period of three years for which information is available. Therefore the period may vary because there might only be figures available till the end of December or the end of June or whatever period. However, the fact that there should be figures is important and I am asking the hon the Minister directly if he is telling me that his department does not keep figures of how many juveniles are sent to prison in this country.

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, we do not keep statistics of categories at the moment! We do not keep statistics in the form that the hon member has asked for and I am telling him that that is the situation. Furthermore, the situation is that we may require many more staff members to carry out the research for which he has called. When

one bears in mind the load of work that has to be carried by the courts I want to ask the hon member to use his influence—if he has any—to help quell the unrest so that we can do our job.

Mr K M ANDREW: Mr Chairman, further arising from the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him how they know how many prisons to maintain for juveniles or how many other centres for juvenile offenders to build if they do not keep those statistics?

The MINISTER: Mr Chairman, we do supply statistics readily and that is why the hon member was referred to *Hansard* of 23 February, 1987, col 268. I would recommend to the hon member to study his *Hansard* before he voices the opinion that we do not keep statistics at all. We supply those statistics which are available.

#### Galeshewe: mayor/deputy mayor

\*25. Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether any official falling under the control of his Department has received any correspondence from members of the Galeshewe Town Council concerning a motion of no-confidence in the mayor and deputy mayor of Galeshewe passed by members of this council on or about 8 June 1987; if so, (a) (i) what is the name of this official or (ii) in what capacity is he employed, (b) (i) when did he receive the correspondence and (ii) what was the purport thereof and (c) what was his response to the members of the council;
- (2) whether any action has been taken as a result of this correspondence; if not, why not; if so, (a) what action and (b) when?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

- (1) Yes.

- (a) (i) Mr L J Schmahl.  
(ii) Assistant Administrative Secretary of the Minister of

#### Constitutional Development and Planning.

- (b) (i) 3 July 1987.

- (ii) That a motion of no-confidence in the mayor and deputy-mayor of Galeshewe was passed on 8 June 1987 by members of that town council.

- (c) That the matter falls under the jurisdiction of the Administrator of the Cape Province and was therefore referred to him.

- (2) A senior official of the Cape Provincial Administration attended a meeting of the Town Council of Galeshewe and informed the councillors that the decision of the council could legally not be taken any further.

#### Boschfontein 458-JQ

\*26. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 229 on 21 August 1987, the six White owners of Portion 4 of Boschfontein 458-JQ have been bought out by the South African Development Trust Corporation; if not, when is it anticipated that the matter will be finalised; if so, when was the sale concluded;

- (2) whether this land will be made available for sale to the 92 Black persons living on the land to be incorporated into Bophuthatswana; if not, (a) why not and (b) to whom will this land be sold;

- (3) whether, prior to this land being incorporated into Bophuthatswana, these Black persons will be consulted regarding their views on incorporation; if not, (a) why not and (b) who took the decision not to consult them; if so, (i) when, (ii) who will consult with these persons and (iii) what options will be offered to them in regard to the proposed incorporation?



**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID: Own Affairs:**

**Text-books**

- (1) No. Negotiations with some of the owners have not been completed as yet.
- (2) (a) and (b) No decision has so far been taken about the future disposal of the undivided shares that will be acquired by the South African Development Trust.

\*1. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

- (a) What text-books in respect of Std 10 History on the higher and standard grades were submitted to the evaluation panel or panels referred to in his reply to Question No 1 on 23 June 1987, for approval for use in the 1987 academic year in schools under the control of his Department, (b) when was each submitted, (c) which of these text-books were approved in respect of each provincial education department and (d) who were the authors of each of the text-books submitted?

The hon member is referred to paragraph 4 of the reply by the hon Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning to Question No 229 on 21 August 1987. A decision on the incorporation of the area concerned was taken by Parliament of the Republic of South Africa by passing Act 112 of 1986.

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE** [Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House:]

(a) and (b)

Geskiedenis St 10, Hoër Graad en Standaardgraad	C J Joubert & J J Britz	Aug. 1985
History Std 10, Higher Grade and Standard Grade	C J Joubert & J J Britz	Aug. 1985
History Alive Std 10	Callaway (Shuter & Shooter)	Aug. 1985
Tydkringe St. 10	Lintvelt, et al (Maskew Miller Longman)	Sept. 1987
Timelines Std. 10	Lintvelt, et al (Maskew Miller Longman)	Sept. 1987
Geskiedenis St. 10	Lambrechts, Bennisson et al (NASOU)	Aug. 1987
History Std. 10	Lambrechts, Bennisson et al (NASOU)	Aug. 1987
History for Today	Graves, Eksteen et al (JUTA)	Aug. 1987
History Std. 10	Breytenbach (Shuter & Shooter)	1977

(c) and (d)

**Transvaal**

Geskiedenis St 10, Hoër Graad en Standaardgraad	C J Joubert & J J Britz
History Std 10, Higher Grade and Standard Grade	C J Joubert & J J Britz

Arrangements have also been made for the submission of further manuscripts and text-books. Two manuscripts and two textbooks are presently being considered for inclusion in the quota of approved textbooks.

**Natal**

History Alive St 10	Callaway (Shuter & Shooter)
Times Lines Std 10	Lintvelt et al (Maskew Miller Longman)
History Std 10	Lambrechts, Bennisson et al (NASOU)
Geskiedenis St 10	Lambrechts, Bennisson et al (NASOU)
History for Today	Graves, Eksteen et al (JUTA)
History Std 10	Breytenbach (Shuter & Shooter)

**Cape**

History Std 10	Lambrechts, Bennisson et al (NASOU)
Geskiedenis St 10	Lambrechts, Bennisson et al (NASOU)
Timelines Std 10	Lintvelt, et al (Maskew Miller Longman)
Tydkringe St 10	Lintvelt, et al (Maskew Miller Longman)
History Alive Std 10	Callaway et al (Shuter & Shooter)

**Orange Free State**

History Std 10	Lambrechts, Bennisson et al (NASOU)
Geskiedenis St 10	Lambrechts, Bennisson et al (NASOU)

**The Child and Family Care Society, Vereeniging**

\*2. Mr J H VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of the Budget and Welfare:†

- (1) Whether the State has in the past rendered financial and/or other assistance to a certain body in Vereeniging, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purposes of his reply; if so, (a) what assistance, (b) when and (c) what is the name of this body;
- (2) whether this assistance has since been (a) reduced and/or (b) discontinued; if so, why, in each case?

**THE MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND WELFARE:**

- (1) Yes.
- (a) Subsidies are paid to the National Council for Child and Family Care in respect of 2 approved social work posts at Vereeniging.
- (b) The subsidies concerned are paid monthly and a continuous basis.
- (c) The Child and Family Care Society, Vereeniging.

- (2) (a) No.
- (b) No.

**African language as subject**

\*3. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Culture: How many (a) schools falling under his Department were offering, and (b) pupils

were taking, an African language as a subject as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

**THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:**

- (a) 1 510.
- (b) 288 702—(31 August 1987).

**Black teachers: African languages**

\*4. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

- (1) Whether State schools falling under his Department are permitted to employ Black teachers to teach African languages in (a) primary and (b) secondary schools; if so, (i) since when and (ii) what total number of Black teachers was so employed as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, why not;
- (2) whether any investigations are being conducted into the teaching of African languages at White schools; if so, (a) what investigations and (b) what progress has been made;
- (3) whether there is any shortage of teachers available to teach African languages at White schools; if so, (a) what is the extent of the shortage and (b) what action is being taken in this regard;
- (4) whether any surveys have been conducted to determine whether there are schools wishing to offer an African language as a subject but are unable to do so; if not, why not; if so,



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were produced in 1986 by the Department of Welfare and/or statutory bodies falling under this Department and (ii) in respect of what bodies were these reports produced, (b) what was the cost of producing each such report (c) how many copies of each report were printed and (d) who undertook the printing of each report;

- (2) whether the printing of these reports was put out to tender; if not, why not; if so, (a) what was the (i) lowest and (ii) highest tender submitted, and (b) what was the amount of the successful tender, in each case;
- (3) whether any copies of these reports were sold; if so, (a) how many, (b) to whom, and (c) at what price, in respect of each report;
- (4) in respect of each of the latest specified five years for which information is available, (a) what was the total cost to this Department of these annual reports, (b) how many copies were printed, (c) how many of these reports contained (i) full colour and (ii) black and white pictures, (d) on what quality paper were the annual reports printed and (e) (i) how many of these reports contained a photograph or drawing of the (aa) political head and (bb) top official of this Department and/or the statutory bodies in question and (ii) how many of these pictures were in (aa) colour and (bb) black and white in each case?

### The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET AND WELFARE:

- (1) (a) (i) One.  
(ii) The Department of Health Services and Welfare, Administration: House of Assembly.
- (b) R11 592.14.
- (c) 1 000.
- (d) Cape and Transvaal Printers (Pty) Ltd, Cape Town.
- (2) Yes. Existing tender with the Gov-

ernment Printer for annual reports—SDK1.

- (a) (i) None. Existing tender.  
(ii) None. Existing tender.
- (b) R11 592.14.
- (3) No.
- (a), (b) and (c) Falls away.
- (4) (a) R11 592.14.  
(b) 1 000.  
(c) (i) One.  
(ii) None.
- (d) Cover: 150 gm art paper matt. Inside pages: 100 gm art paper matt.
- (e) (i) (aa) None.  
(bb) None.  
(ii) (aa) One annual report with six colour illustrations depicting financial expenditure.  
(bb) None.

The hon member's attention is drawn to the fact that although the Department of Health Services and Welfare serves two Ministers, only one annual report is produced. Kindly refer to the similar reply to Question No 73.

### Annual reports

73. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Health Services:

- (1) (a) (i) How many annual reports were produced in 1986 by his Department and/or statutory bodies falling under his Department and (ii) in respect of what bodies were these reports produced, (b) what was the cost of producing each such report, (c) how many copies of each report were printed and (d) who undertook the printing of each report;
- (2) whether the printing of these reports was put out to tender; if not, why not; if so, (a) what was the (i) lowest and (ii) highest tender submitted, and

(b) what was the amount of the successful tender, in each case;

(3) whether any copies of these reports were sold; if so, (a) how many, (b) to whom, and (c) at what price, in respect of each report;

- (4) in respect of each of the latest specified five years for which information is available, (a) what was the total cost to his Department of these annual reports, (b) how many copies were printed, (c) how many of these reports contained (i) full colour and (ii) black and white pictures, (d) on what quality paper were the annual reports printed and (e) (i) how many of these reports contained a photograph or drawing of the (aa) political head and (bb) top official of his Department and/or the statutory bodies in question and (ii) how many of these pictures were in (aa) colour and (bb) black and white in each case?

### The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES:

- (1) (a) (i) One.  
(ii) The Department of Health Services and Welfare, Administration: House of Assembly.
- (b) R11 592.14.
- (c) 1000.
- (d) Cape and Transvaal Printers (Pty) Ltd, Cape Town.
- (2) Yes. Existing tender with the Government Printer for annual reports—SDK1.
- (a) (i) None. Existing tender.  
(ii) None. Existing tender.
- (b) R11 592.14.
- (3) No.
- (a) Falls away.  
(b) Falls away.  
(c) Falls away.
- (4) (a) R11 592.14.  
(b) 1000.

The honourable member's attention is drawn to the fact that although the Department of Health Services and Welfare serves two Ministers, only one annual report is produced. Kindly refer to the similar reply to Question No. 70.

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†Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

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### Britis Community Council

261. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether an election was held for members of the Britis Community Council in November 1983; if so, (a) on what date, (b) what total number of persons (i) were registered to vote and (ii) cast votes in this election and (c) how many wards were (i) represented and (ii) not represented on this council as at the above date;
- (2) whether any members of this council were elected unopposed; if so, how many?

### The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) Yes.  
(a) 22 November 1983.

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- (b) (i) 2 634.  
(ii) 390.  
(c) (i) 6.  
(ii) None.
- (2) Yes, 4.

## Provincial public libraries

326. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether any provincial public libraries have been identified as (a) Coloured and (b) Indian own affairs; if so, (i) which libraries, and (ii) when were they transferred or are they to be transferred, in each case;
- (2) who is responsible for provincial public libraries which have not been classified as own affairs;
- (3) who will be responsible for (a) ordering and (b) buying books for each type of provincial public library?

## The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- Transvaal*
- (1) (a). (b). (i) and (ii) Public library services are a function of local authorities and therefore rests exclusively in the hands of those authorities. The Transvaal Provincial Administration provides library material and other services but does not in any way interfere with the rendering of library services to the different population groups.
- (2) Falls away.
- (3) (a) and (b) The Transvaal Provincial Administration.

## Natal

- (1) (a) and (b) There are no provincial public libraries in Natal. No public libraries which are affiliated to the Natal Provincial Library Service have been identified as a Coloured or an Indian own affair.

- (i) and (ii) Fall away.

- (2) All public libraries in Natal which are affiliated to the Natal Provincial Li-

brary Service, are controlled and managed by the relevant local authority.

(3) (a) and (b) The Natal Provincial Library Service.

## Cape Province

(1) (a) and (b) The Provincial Administration does not itself conduct public libraries. The establishment, control and management of public libraries are the express responsibility of local authorities.

- (i) and (ii) Fall away.

- (2) Falls away.

- (3) (a) and (b) The Cape Provincial Administration.

## Orange Free State

- (1) (a) Yes.

(i) Heidedal, Bloemfontein  
Bronville, Welkom  
Brenpark, Kroonstad  
Bakenpark, Bethlehem  
Sandersville, Heilbron

- (ii) Date of transfer still to be determined.

- (b) No.

- (i) and (ii) Fall away.

- (2) Orange Free State Provincial Administration.

- (3) (a) White—OFS Provincial Administration  
Coloured—OFS Provincial Administration  
General (Black)—OFS Provincial Administration

- (b) White—OFS Provincial Administration  
Coloured—OFS Provincial Administration  
General (Black)—OFS Provincial Administration

## Own Affairs:

## Director/deputy director

81. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

How many posts of (a) director and (b) deputy director are there in (i) his Department and (ii) each of the provincial departments falling under his control?

## The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

It is accepted that the designations of director and deputy director refer to the rank designations of Director of Education and Deputy Director of Education respectively. The equivalent rank designations in the Department are Executive Director and Chief Director respectively.

- (a) (i) 1.

- (ii) Transvaal ..... 1  
Cape ..... 1  
Natal ..... 1  
Orange Free State ..... 1

- (b) (i) 5.

- (ii) Transvaal ..... 2  
Cape ..... 2  
Natal ..... 1  
Orange Free State ..... 1

## Director/deputy director

82. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Health Services:

How many posts of (a) director and (b) deputy director are there in (i) his Department and (ii) each of the provincial departments falling under his control?

## The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES:

- (i) (a) 6.

- (ii) 15.

- (ii) Staff of the provincial departments fall under the control of the different Administrators.

## Expenditure

83. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Culture:†

Whether the education departments under the control of his Department were recently requested to cut their expenditure; if so, (a) in respect of what items was each education department so requested and

(b) (i) by what percentage, and (ii) when, in each case?

## The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

Yes, provincial education departments were requested to cut their expenditure as far as possible in view of the existing economic situation. Due to the fact that priorities differ from province to province, it is not possible to reply to Question (a) and (b) (i) and (ii).

†Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

## Amounts for Black education

183. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:†

Whether in 1986 any amounts were received for Black education in South Africa from (a) foreign governments, (b) foreign companies and (c) South African companies; if so, (i) what total amount, in each case, and (ii) (aa) from what South African companies were such amounts received and (bb) what amount, in each case?

## The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

- (a) No.

- (b) No.

- (c) Yes.

- (i) R1 814 413.83.

- (ii) (aa)

Sasol Three ..... R1 500 000.00  
Anglo American  
of SA ..... R28 461.00  
Rand Mines ..... R285 952.83

Grants received in kind in the form of school accommodation and equipment were not taken into account.



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and (ii) gem diamonds exported in each of these years?

The MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY:

(a) (i) and (ii) Classified information.

(b) (i) and (ii):

Year	Million rand
1982	276,3
1983	429,2
1984	440,3
1985	512,9
1986	578,1

The SA Diamond Board does not keep separate statistics in respect of industrial and gem diamonds.

the loans concerned; if so, (a) in what manner and (b) from what sources?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) R224 500 000.

(2) Yes.

(a) Falls away.

(b) (i) (aa) Postmaster-General:

R80 000 000;  
Bank Consortium:  
R126 000 000;  
Loans Fund for Local Authorities:  
R18 500 000.

(bb) City Councils of Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville (Greater Soweto).

(cc) Loans were taken up during the period from 1979 to 1987.

(dd) R80 000 000: 8,0% per annum;

R20 000 000: 10,0% per annum;

R40 000 000: 12,9% per annum;

R10 000 000: 12,9% per annum;

R56 000 000: 13,44% per annum;

R18 500 000: 10,02% per annum.

(ee) Against State guarantee.

(ii) For electrification and upgrading of electricity network.

(iii) (aa) The annual interest payable on all loans collectively with the exception of the loan for R18 500 000 amounts to R22 106 600. Interest and redemption on the loan for R18 500 000 amounts to R703 422 per annum.

(bb) With the exception of

(4) whether the State intends repaying

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the annually loan for R18 500 000 only interest is being paid on the loans.

(iv) (aa) R80 000 000: 10 years;

R20 000 000: 15 years;

R40 000 000: 10 years;

R10 000 000: 10 years;

R56 000 000: 10 years;

R18 500 000: 25 years.

(bb) R80 000 000: 15-9-1997;

R20 000 000: 1-10-1999;

R40 000 000: 30-6-1996;

R10 000 000: 30-6-1996;

R56 000 000: 30-6-1996;

R18 500 000: 30-6-1988.

(3) Yes.

(a) From own revenue and other sources still being investigated.

(b) (i) Soweto:

30 June 1985: R144 200 000;

30 June 1986: R144 200 000;

30 June 1987: R144 200 000;

(ii) Dobsonville:

30 June 1985: R12 360 000;

30 June 1986: R12 360 000;

30 June 1987: R12 360 000.

(iii) Diepsmeadow:

30 June 1985: R49 440 000;

30 June 1986: R49 440 000;

30 June 1987: R49 440 000.

(4) Not applicable.

Greater Soweto: upgrading project

397. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

(1) What is the estimated cost of the upgrading project for Greater Soweto;

(2) whether this project is financed by means of loans; if not, (a) in what way is the project financed and (b) what are the relevant particulars; if so, (i) (aa) with whom, (bb) by whom, (cc) when, (dd) at what rates of interest and (ee) against what securities were these loans negotiated,

(ii) what is the purport of the loan agreements, (iii) what amounts are to be paid annually in (aa) interest and (bb) capital redemption and (iv) (aa) what is the repayment period of each loan and (bb) with effect from what date must the repayment commence;

(3) whether the Black city councils concerned must repay these loans; if so, (a) from what sources and (b) what total amount was owing in this connection by the city councils of (i) Soweto, (ii) Dobsonville and (iii) Diepsmeadow as at 30 June 1985, 30 June 1986 and 30 June 1987, respectively; if not,

(4) whether the State intends repaying the loans concerned; if so, (a) in what manner and (b) from what sources?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) R172 972 972.

(2) Yes.

(a) Falls away.

(b) (i) (aa) Loan from overseas Bank Consortium.

(bb) The City Councils of Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville via Volkskas Merchant Bank.

(cc) May 1982.

(dd) Interest free for the first 4 years (1982-1986) 2,5% for the next 5 years (1986-1990) 5,0% for the next 5 years (1990-1995) 7,5% for the next 5 years (1995-2000) Thereafter at the standard rate of interest applicable to State Loans and Advances.

(ee) Against State guarantee.

(ii) For the upgrading of infrastructure—i.e. roads, storm-water drainage, sewer network and water reticulation.

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and (ii) gem diamonds exported in each of these years?

The MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY:

(a) (i) and (ii) Classified information.

(b) (i) and (ii):

Year	Million rand
1982	276,3
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The SA Diamond Board does not keep separate statistics in respect of industrial and gem diamonds.

the loans concerned; if so, (a) in what manner and (b) from what sources?

(1) R224 500 000.

(2) Yes.

(a) Falls away.

(b) (i) (aa) Postmaster-General:

R80 000 000;

Bank Consortium:

R126 000 000;

Loans Fund for Local

Authorities:

R18 500 000.

#### Greater Soweto: electrification project

396. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

(1) What is the estimated cost of the electrification project for Greater Soweto;

(2) whether this project is financed by means of loans; if not, (a) in what way is the project financed and (b) what are the relevant particulars; if so, (i) (aa) with whom, (bb) by whom, (cc) when, (dd) at what rates of interest and (ee) against what securities were these loans negotiated, (ii) what is the purport of the loan agreements, (iii) what amounts are to be paid annually in (aa) interest and (bb) capital redemption and (iv) (aa) what is the repayment period of each loan and (bb) with effect from what date must the repayment commence;

(3) whether the Black city councils concerned must repay these loans; if so, (a) from what sources and (b) what total amount was owing in this connection by the city councils of (i) Soweto, (ii) Dobsonville and (iii) Diepmeadow as at 30 June 1985, 30 June 1986 and 30 June 1987, respectively; if not,

(4) whether the State intends repaying

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the annually loan for R18 500 000 only interest is being paid on the loans.

(iv) (aa) R80 000 000: 10 years;

R20 000 000: 15 years;

R40 000 000: 10 years;

R10 000 000: 10 years;

R56 000 000: 10 years;

R18 500 000: 25 years.

(bb) R80 000 000: 15-9-1997;

R20 000 000: 1-10-1999;

R40 000 000: 30-6-1996;

R10 000 000: 30-6-1996;

R56 000 000: 30-6-1996;

R18 500 000: 30-6-1988.

(3) Yes.

(a) From own revenue and other sources still being investigated.

(b) (i) Soweto:

30 June 1985: R144 200 000;

30 June 1986: R144 200 000;

30 June 1987: R144 200 000;

(ii) Dobsonville:

30 June 1985: R12 360 000;

30 June 1986: R12 360 000;

30 June 1987: R12 360 000.

(iii) Diepmeadow:

30 June 1985: R49 440 000;

30 June 1986: R49 440 000;

30 June 1987: R49 440 000.

(4) Not applicable.

#### Greater Soweto: upgrading project

397. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

(1) What is the estimated cost of the upgrading project for Greater Soweto;

(2) whether this project is financed by means of loans; if not, (a) in what way is the project financed and (b) what are the relevant particulars; if so, (i) (aa) with whom, (bb) by whom, (cc) when, (dd) at what rates of interest and (ee) against what securities were these loans negotiated,

(ii) what is the purport of the loan agreements, (iii) what amounts are to be paid annually in (aa) interest and (bb) capital redemption and (iv) (aa) what is the repayment period of each loan and (bb) with effect from what date must the repayment commence;

#### The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) R172 972 972.

(2) Yes.

(a) Falls away.

(b) (i) (aa) Loan from overseas Bank Consortium.

(bb) The City Councils of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville via Volkskas Merchant Bank.

(cc) May 1982.

(dd) Interest free for the first 4 years (1982-1986) 2,5% for the next 5 years (1986-1990) 5,0% for the next 5 years (1990-1995) 7,5% for the next 5 years (1995-2000) Thereafter at the standard rate of interest applicable to State Loans and Advances.

(ee) Against State guarantee.

(ii) For the upgrading of infrastructure—i.e. roads, storm-water drainage, sewer network and water reticulation.



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- (iii) (aa) Interest is payable on reducing balance and will vary over the period of the loan. The initial amount in interest payable is R4 324 325 during November 1986.
- (b) (i) Soweto
- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| 30 June 1985 | R114 525 405 |
| 30 June 1986 | R114 525 405 |
| 30 June 1987 | R125 977 945 |
- (ii) Dobsonville
- |             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| R 9 288 648 | Diepmeadow  |
| R 9 288 648 | R49 158 919 |
| R10 217 513 | R49 158 919 |
|             | R54 074 811 |
- (4) Not applicable.

### Botswana/Swaziland/Lesotho: customs revenue

411. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Finance:†

- (a) What percentage of the Republic's customs revenue was paid over to (i) Botswana, (ii) Swaziland and (iii) Lesotho as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) what amount of customs revenue was paid over to each of these countries in 1984, 1985 and 1986, respectively?

### The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

- (a) 1986-87
- |                |        |
|----------------|--------|
| (i) Botswana   | 5,529% |
| (ii) Swaziland | 2,846% |
| (iii) Lesotho  | 3,426% |

Note: The percentages have been calculated on the combined income of customs duty, excise duty, surcharge and miscellaneous for the financial year 1986-87.

(b) 1984-85

Botswana	R180 544 000
Swaziland	R130 409 000
Lesotho	R151 498 000
Botswana	1985-86
Swaziland	R174 429 000
Lesotho	R136 576 000
Lesotho	R161 086 000

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### Newsprint imported

412. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Finance:†

- (a) How many tons of newsprint were imported in each of the latest specified five years for which information is available and (b) what was the rand value of these imports in each such year?

### The MINISTER OF FINANCE:

(a) and (b)	Ton	R (value)
1982	284,8	184 183
1983	150,2	54 384
1984	441,0	202 829
1985	110,6	171 694
1986	590,9	451 697

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†Indicates translated version.

For written reply:

General Affairs:

[Reply bound in Annexures of House of Assembly see M1119-1987]

219. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister

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of National Health and Population Development:

- (1) (a) How many community health centres were there in each province as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) what (i) was the staff complement of each such centre and (ii) were the functions performed by the staff of these centres as at that date;
- (2) whether any further community health centres are planned; if so, (a) how many in each province and (b) when are they due to be completed in each case?

### Detainee: nature/cause of injuries

238. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- With reference to his reply to Question No 70 on 23 February 1987, (a) what was the (i) nature and (ii) cause of the injuries of each detainee which required treatment in hospital and (b) which of these injuries were sustained (i) prior and (ii) subsequent to the detention of these persons?

### The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (a) (i) A variety of injuries, *inter alia* broken limbs, arm and hand injuries, head injuries, groin injuries, eye injuries, gunshot wounds, jaw injuries and dog bite wounds.

- (ii) Because these injuries are unrest-related, it is, with the exception of gunshot and dog-bite wounds, difficult to ascertain what caused these specific wounds.

- (b) (i) As far as could be ascertained, all the injuries were sustained before or during arrest.
- (ii) Falls away.

### Group Areas Act

310. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (a) How many notices were served in

terms of section 41 of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available and (b) (i) on what dates, (ii) in which towns or areas and (iii) in respect of what specified properties was each such notice served?

### The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (a) Since 1 September 1986 notices have been issued in respect of 41 premises and forwarded to the relative offices of the SA Police to be served. Confirmation has not yet been received in respect of all notices and it is therefore not known how many have already been served.

- (b) (i) to (iii) Fall away.

### Annual reports

384. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:

- (1) (a) (i) How many annual reports were produced in 1986 by his Department and/or statutory bodies falling under his Department and (ii) in respect of what bodies were these reports produced, (b) what was the cost of producing each such report, (c) how many copies of each report were printed and (d) who undertook the printing of each report;

- (2) whether the printing of these reports was put out to tender; if not, why not; if so, (a) what was the (i) lowest and (ii) highest tender submitted, and (b) what was the amount of the successful tender, in each case;

- (3) whether any copies of these reports were sold; if so, (a) how many, (b) to whom, and (c) at what price, in respect of each report;

- (4) in respect of each of the latest specified five years for which information is available, (a) what was the total cost to his Department of these annual reports, (b) how many copies were printed, (c) how many of these reports contained (i) full colour and

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# R28-m voted for upgrading of townships

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

The Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (Wits RSC) last night made its first allocations from the R66 million expected from turnover and payroll levies to be paid before September 20.

A total of about R28 million was voted for the upgrading of black townships.

This included R1,6 million for the reconstruction of the Old Potchefstroom Road (a Soweto main route), R9,46 million for roads, water reticulation and fencing in Diepmeadow, R3,2 million for projects in Dobsonville and R13,7 million for water, roads and electrical projects in Soweto.

A further R9,5 million was requested for electricity in Diepmeadow and R1,5 million for projects in Dobsonville, bringing the total expected expenditure so far to R39,65 million.

## APPEAL FOR MORE LAND

The financing of the second phase of the upgrading of Alexandra at a cost of R10,6 million in 1987/88 was referred back for further investigation. Mr Ricky Valente (Sandton) said the 80 ha given to Alexandra by Johannesburg was a drop in the ocean and he appealed for more land to be made available.

Mr Lionel Keenan (Johannesburg) called for the extension of London Road to the N3 to accommodate traffic which would be generated by the sports stadium, technikon and other facilities at "East Bank".

RSC chairman Mr Gerrit Bornman said accommodation for nearly 5 000 people in high-class housing was envisaged for the new extension.

Mr Valente, supported by Mr Y Makda (Marlboro), opposed the allocation of R270 000 for the fencing of refuse dumps in Diepmeadow because this defeated the RSC intention of upgrading basic infrastructure.



# New plan to develop townships

By McKeed Kotlolo,  
Pretoria Bureau

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The Department of Development Planning has appointed a consortium of five private companies to investigate plans to develop black towns in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal Triangle (PWV) area.

The companies, which have been appointed to serve on the Working Group for Urbanisation in the PWV area, have begun an investigation which is estimated to last six months.

The appointment of the firms — all experts from the private sector — follows a request by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, in April this year.

Contributions by interested parties may be sent to the Director-General, Department of Development Planning, Private Bag X644 Pretoria 0001.

# Study follows Norweto row

By Shirley Woodgate,  
Municipal Reporter

Almost exactly a year after the Norweto row erupted over the establishment of a black township north of Randburg, the Government has appointed a consortium of private companies to investigate black urbanisation in the PWV area.

One of the nominees to the working group is the Greenbelt Action Group (GAG), made up of residents of the area whose unrelenting pressure on the Government was one of the reasons the

body was appointed by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.

GAG's nominee was the firm Haacke, Belling and Mostert which played a prominent part in opposing the development and drawing up the GAG response document — one of many presented to the department.

According to GAG chairman Mr Eric Fletcher, their nominee will advise the working group of GAG's views on the suitability or otherwise of land in areas north of Randburg and Sandton for black township development.

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	(a) Quantity	(b) To whom sold	(c) Selling price	
			Local R	Other countries R
East Rand Area Development Board ...	8	General public and booksellers	1,00	1,20
Eastern Transvaal Area Development Board ...	5	General public and booksellers	0,80	0,95
Orange Vaal Area Development Board ...	7	General public and booksellers	0,80	1,00
Central Transvaal Area Development Board ...	2	General public and booksellers	0,80	0,95
Southern Orange Free State Area Development Board ...	2	General public and booksellers	0,80	0,90
Western Cape Area Development Board ...	4	General public and booksellers	1,15	1,35
West Rand Area Development Board ...	3	General public and booksellers	1,00	1,20
Western Transvaal Area Development Board ...	8	General public and booksellers	0,85	1,00
Gazankulu Government ...	2	Bookseller	8,00	10,00
KaNgwane Government ...	2	Bookseller	8,00	10,00
KwaNdebele Government ...	2	Bookseller	8,00	10,00
KwaZulu Government ...	2	Bookseller	8,00	10,00
Lebowa Government ...	2	Bookseller	8,00	10,00
Owagwa Government ...	2	Bookseller	8,00	10,00
(4)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
	Total cost	Copies printed	Pictures	Quality paper
1986	R134 651,08	31 491	None	GP wove
1985	R137 472,89	30 716	None	GP wove
1984	R136 465,64	30 891	None	GP wove
1983	R168 082,69	30 876	None	GP wove
1982	R164 770,11	29 332	None	GP wove

#### Dobsonville/Diepmeadow/Soweto: electricity meters

403. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (a) How many dwelling units in (i) Dobsonville, (ii) Diepmeadow and (iii) Soweto have been provided with

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electricity meters, (b) how often are these meters read and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

- (a) (i) 5 133 meters

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- (b) (i) (Dobsonville) Every month.
- (ii) (Diepmeadow) Meter reading in this area almost came to a halt in August 1987. A private company has now been appointed to read all meters as from 1 September 1987 on a monthly basis.
- (iii) (Soweto) Due to intimidation the meter readings in this particular area almost came to a halt in January 1987. A new strategy is now applied and all meters have been read for the past six months. The goal is to read all meters every second month with provisional consumer figures for the alternative months.
- (c) 27 August 1987.

#### Bridging finance

408. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- What total amount was paid in respect of bridging finance to (a) the community councils in Natal and (b) each such council up to 30 June 1985?

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- (a) R10 815 979,32
- (b) Colenso Community Council 182 140,90
- Dundee Community Council 424 147,00
- Mooi River Community Council 295 403,00
- Ladysmith Community Council 749 298,00
- Glencoe Community Council 385 308,00
- Vryheid Community Council 563 107,00
- Paulpietersburg Community Council 107 844,00
- Sabantu Community Council 1 452 086,42
- Matatiele Community Council 678 42,00

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Kokstad Community Council	418 003,00
Greytown Community Council	651 126,00
Ningizimu Community Council	4 688 808,00
Hambanani Community Council	830 866,00
	10 815 979,32

Westdene: exemptions from Group Areas Act

426. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- Whether, since 1 January 1986, his Department has received any applications for exemptions from the provisions of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, in respect of residential premises in the Westdene constituency; if so, (a) how many such applications had been (i) granted and (ii) refused as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) what were the reasons for (i) granting and (ii) refusing each application?

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Statistics regarding applications for permits in terms of the Group Areas Act, 1966, is not maintained according to parliamentary constituencies. The question, therefore, cannot be answered in its present form.

#### Johannesburg West: exemptions from Group Areas Act

427. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- Whether, since 1 January 1986, his Department has received any applications for exemptions from the provisions of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, in respect of residential premises in the Johannesburg West constituency; if so, (a) how many such applications had been (i) granted and (ii) refused as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) what were the reasons for (i)



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- (2) management or executive committees of Black local authorities in (aa) Mamelodi, (bb) Atteridgeville, (cc) Soweto, (dd) Tembisa, (ee) the Bloemfontein area and (ff) the Cape Peninsula; if so,
- (2) what were the relevant rates of remuneration paid to such (a) members and (b) chairmen in respect of each of the above categories during 1984, 1985, 1986 and the period 1 January 1987 up to the latest specified date for which information is available, respectively?

(c) No, no other emoluments or fringe benefits are payable.

(2) (aa) Mamelodi	(i) Members	(ii) Chairmen
Year	Annual allowances	
1984	R2 640-3 168	R3 960-4 752
1985	R3 168-4 176	R4 752-6 264
1986	R4 176	R6 264
1987	R4 176-7 200	R6 264-21 600
(bb) Atteridgeville	(i) Members	(ii) Chairmen
Year	Annual allowances	
1984	R2 100	R3 150
1985	R2 100-2 520	R3 150-3 780
1986	R3 024	R4 536
1987	R3 024-6 000	R4 536-18 000
(cc) Soweto	(i) Members	(ii) Chairmen
Year	Annual allowances	
1984	R5 544-6 648	R19 404-23 280
1985	R6 648-7 977,60	R23 280-27 936
1986	R7 977,60	R27 936
1987	R7 977,60	R27 936
(dd) Tembisa	(i) Members	(ii) Chairmen
Year	Annual allowances	
1984	R2 904-3 480	R7 260-8 700
1985	R3 480-4 176	R8 700-10 440
1986	R4 176	R10 440
1987	R4 176-7 200	R10 440-28 800
(ee) Bloemfontein	(i) Members	(ii) Chairmen
Year	Annual allowances	
1984	R4 200-5 040	R5 250-7 560
1985	R5 040	R7 560
1986	R5 040-6 048	R7 560-9 072
1987	R6 048-16 920	R9 072-22 560

**Munsieville (243)**

424. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

What was the (a) actual or (b) estimated population of the Black township of Munsieville, near Krugersdorp, as at (i) 1 January 1986 and (ii) the latest specified date for which information is available?

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- (a) (i) and (ii) Not available.
- (b) (i) 25 700
- (ii) 29 600 as at 1 July 1987

**Ministers: motor-car schemes**

428. Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister in the State President's Office entrusted with Administration and Broadcasting Services:

- (1) Whether he will furnish information on motor-car schemes for Ministers; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether Ministers of the Cabinet or of the Ministers' Councils have switched over from the motor-car scheme for Ministers to the motor-car purchasing scheme for public servants in the past five years; if so, (a) which Ministers and (b) what was the (i) make, (ii) year and (iii) model of the vehicles concerned in each case;
- (3) whether this switch-over was subject to conditions and other provisions; if so, what (a) conditions and (b) other provisions;
- (4) whether (a) general sales tax and (b) customs and excise duties were paid in respect of the vehicles concerned; if not, why not; if so, (i) by whom, and (ii) what amount, in each case?

**THE MINISTER IN THE STATE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE ENTRUSTED WITH ADMINISTRATION AND BROADCASTING SERVICES:**

- (1) Yes. The honourable member is referred to my answer to question 16

for oral reply on Thursday, 15 September 1987.

- (2) No.
- (3) and (4) Fall away.

**Blind persons: switchboards**

429. Mr K M ANDREW asked the State President:

- (1) Whether his Office makes use of any telephone switchboards that have been adapted for use by blind persons; if so, how many switchboards (a) have and (b) have not been so adapted; if not, (i) why not and (ii) how many switchboards are in use by his Office;
- (2) whether it is the intention to adapt any switchboards in use by his Office; if not, why not; if so, when;
- (3) whether any blind persons are employed by his Office; if so, (a) how many and (b) in what capacities; if not, why not;
- (4) whether his Office intends creating posts for blind persons; if not, why not; if so, (a) what posts and (b) when?

**THE STATE PRESIDENT:**

- (1) No, but the facility exists on one for adaptation.
- (i) There has never been a need.
- (ii) 7.
- (2) Yes, if there is a need.
- (3) No. Attempts were actually made to recruit a blind person for a specific switchboard, but a suitable candidate could not be recruited.
- (4) No. It is not necessary to create posts for this purpose as blind persons can be appointed in existing posts.

**Blind persons: switchboards**

430. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister in the State President's Office entrusted with Administration and Broadcasting Services:



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## Black local authorities: bridging finance

405. Mr W J D V.AN WYK asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(a) To which Black local authorities in the Republic was bridging finance provided in the latest specified financial year for which information is available, (b) (i) with what object was this finance provided and (ii) on what basis was it calculated, (c) from what sources were the amounts concerned financed and (d) what amounts were made available to each of these local authorities?

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(a)	(d)
Black local authorities	Rand
Ibhayi	7 444 931
Rini	991 725
Kwanobuhle	5 334 399
Lingelihle	478 204
Thembalisizwe	83 658
Lingeletu	352 772
kwaNongubela	109 770
kwaNonswakazi	123 505
Dukathole	554 901
Nkululeko	110 192
Mzomomhle	135 914
Katikati	145 198
Sinakho	162 771
Masibambane	133 135
Kwatinidubu	225 369
Umasizakhe	830 002
Umzomomhle	48 828
Luxolweni	101 082
kwaNomzamo	71 047
Mavuya	105 838
Masakhane	62 022
kwaZamukuoinga	79 661
Ginsberg	156 959
Nomathamsanga	96 052
Wongalethu	55 604
Oumrha	30 050
Khwesinaledi	76 282
Sonwabile	78 309
kwaNonzame	686 242
Nomonde	228 826
Gompo Town	1 287 660
Khanyiso	41 369
Nkwenkwezi	492 855
Mlungisi	679 209

(a)	(d)
Black local authorities	Rand
kwaNqoli	585 827
Masakhe	80 730
Khayamandi	223 323
Vuyolwethu	57 905
Cumakala	92 895
Zola	152 287
Dyoki	60 369
Nozizwe	39 487
Galeshewe	1 500 000
Paballelo	500 000
Nonzwakazi	480 000
Mataleng	30 558
Mziwabantu	12 352
Thakatlathu	21 136
Tidimalo	12 810
Bongani	20 174
Matomola	19 512
Valspan	28 629
Ditlong	12 434
Thembiakosi	20 749
Lukhayiyisweni	14 346
Boichoko	47 367
eThembeni	25 585
Boipelo	21 015
Motswedimosa	25 675
Huhudi	108 969
Ikhuseng	33 872
Kutlwano	8 714
Sabelo	56 038
Nonpumelelo	127 471
kwaZamuxolo	101 264
Kuyasa	342 021
Mfuleni	244 058
Zolani	756 282
Nduli	160 151
Zwelihle	524 353
Kaapstad	33 464 495
Mbekweni	745 300
Nkqubela	72 939
Kayamandi	160 522
Zweletemba	369 499
kwaNonqaba	116 620
Sidesaviwa	118 258
Masinyusane	137 705
Bongolethu	80 000
Lwandle	132 074

(b) (i) To reimburse Black local authorities for shortages on their Revenue Accounts.

(ii) Actual shortages on the Revenue Account.

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## (c) State Revenue Fund.

(d) The amounts paid to each individual town appears behind its name in (a).

## Unrest-related incidents: persons killed/injured

417. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Whether the South African Police keep statistics on the number of persons killed and injured in unrest-related incidents in each region of South Africa; if not, why not; if so, how many persons were (a) killed and (b) injured in such incidents in Chesterville, Lamontville, Clermont and KwaDabeka, respectively, in (i) 1984, (ii) 1985, (iii) 1986 and (iv) 1987 as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

## The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

Because the work involved in compiling this information would be voluminous and time-consuming, it is not practically feasible to furnish this information.

In addition, it is a fact that although unrest country-wide, as well as in the 4 regions mentioned, has decreased, the revolutionary climate nevertheless remains unacceptably high and unrest-related incidents still occur.

Because the publication and distribution of this type of information can, amongst other things, certainly contribute to further increasing the revolutionary climate, I also do not consider it in the public interest or the interest of the country to be party to such actions.

## Black Communities Development Act

420. Prof N J J OLIVIER asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) (a) How many areas have been designated as development areas by notice in the *Government Gazette* in terms of section 33 of the Black Communities Development Act No 4 of 1984, since 15 September 1986, (b) where is

each area situated and (c) how many hectares does each area comprise;

(2) (a) how many applications have been received by his Department since 15 September 1986 from (i) private sector developers, (ii) Black local authorities and (iii) other interested parties or competent persons for the (aa) inclusion of new land into existing Black local authority areas for development purposes and (bb) proclamation of new land for development purposes where no Black local authorities exist and (b) how many of these applications were not approved in each case;

(3) (a) how many applications for development areas were received by the authorized officer in (i) the Transvaal, (ii) Natal, (iii) the Cape Province and (iv) the Orange Free State provincial administrations since 15 September 1986 and (b) how many of these applications were not recommended by the authorized officers, concerned;

(4) what was the average time, taken in days, from the date of application to the date of approval by him for the (a) incorporation of new development areas into existing Black local authority areas and (b) establishment of new development areas where no Black local authorities exist?

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(1) (a) 44.

(b) and (c)

Situated at (nearest town)	Surface (ha)
<i>Cape Province</i>	
Cape Town (Philippi)	30,1724
Cape Town (Cape Flats)	21,0858
Walvis Bay	442,4719
Fort Beaufort	114,9430
Kenton-on-Sea	237,8657
Despatch/Littenhage	12,5021
Victoria West	24,6241



Lethabo (Vereeniging) .....	MM (50)	L.I.R. (600)	LHM (300)	LDM (100)
Makulo (Sasolburg) .....	13,9	466	153	29,6
Three Rivers (Vereeniging) ..	8,08	106	66,9	13,4
Coaldale (Sasolburg) .....	4,82	110	50,8	11,3
	3,87	106	59,7	11,3

MM — monthly mean

LI — Largest Instantaneous

Reading

LHM — Largest hourly mean

LDM — Largest Daily mean

(ii) During combustion processes and certain chemical processes such as the manufacture of nitric acid, nitrogen oxides, known collectively as NOX, are released. The following concentrations, expressed as parts per billion, were measured at Vaalpark-Sasolburg during the month of May 1987.

The acceptance levels are indicated in brackets.

**Vaalpark NOX Concentrations**

Monthly mean	27,5(300)
Largest instantaneous reading	190(1400)
Largest hourly mean	92,8(800)
Largest daily mean	39,4(400)

(iii) **Ozone**

Ozone is formed as a secondary pollutant under the influence of sunlight in the presence of hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides.

The following concentrations expressed, as part per billion, were measured at Vaalpark-Sasolburg, during the month of May 1987. The acceptable levels are indicated in brackets.

**Vaalpark—ozone Concentrations**

Monthly mean	27,8(30)
Largest instantaneous reading	166(250)
Largest hourly mean	70,3(120)
Largest daily mean	38,2(50)

(iv) **Organic Pollutants**

A survey of organic pollutants was undertaken in and around Sasolburg during February and March 1985.

Measurements were done at 24 different sites and 14 different organic compounds were quantified.

The following table presents some of the major compounds, with the highest concentrations found for each. The results are given in micrograms per cubic metre and the acceptable levels indicated in brackets.

Compound	Concentration
Benzene	150,4(600)
Heptane	30,7(32000)
Octane	24,6(29000)
Nonane	8850(21000)

A further monitoring programme was conducted inside the Sasol I factory during August 1985. The levels measured were found to be within acceptable limits, for example, the highest benzene concentration found was 2,4 parts per million and the acceptable level is 5 parts per million.

(b)

(i) The main sources of air pollution in the area are firstly smoke emitted from Black residential townships and secondly emissions from major metallurgical and chemical industries. Many minor sources, associated with a densely populated and highly industrialised area such as the Vaal Tri-

angle, are also contributing to the pollution budget.

(b) (ii) In practice it is very difficult to uniquely identify the source of a specific pollutant. Hydrocarbons for example, can be emitted from petrochemical industries as well as from motor vehicle exhausts. It is therefore not practically possible to ascribe a certain percentage to each potential source.

From observations it is however clear that smoke emitted from coal stoves in Black townships in the area, is a main contributor to the visible pollution. A number of industries which have not been equipped with approved air cleaning installations, are also contributing to the smoke burden. These industries are however committed to ongoing programmes for improving emissions to acceptable levels.

Although the measured pollution concentrations confirm that conditions are still acceptable as far as health considerations are concerned, the fact remains that severe smog episodes do occur in winter and every effort will have to be made to reduce levels of air pollution in the area.

(2) As was previously explained, it is not practically possible to categorize the total pollution levels and to ascribe a percentage to each source.

If it were feasible to establish monitoring networks inside the Black townships, it would be possible to have an indication of the total pollution emitted from these areas, and draw some conclusion from the results.

Previous attempts to establish such monitoring sites have however proved unsuccessful, because of factors such as security of personnel and equipment.

Visual observations do however confirm that the amount of pollution emitted from the Black townships is extremely high, and ways to reduce it, are currently under consideration.

**Dobsonville/Diepmeadow: electric power-**

402. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:—

Whether electric power-units in (a) Dobsonville and (b) Diepmeadow are sold at lower prices than those at which they are purchased; if so, (i) why, (ii) at which prices were such power-units (aa) purchased and (bb) sold in each of these Black townships as at 30 June 1985 and 30 June 1987, respectively, and (iii) how are these price differences financed?

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(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(i) Councils are afraid to increase tariffs due to the possibility of renewed unrest.

	Dobsonville	Diepmeadow
(ii) 30 June 1985		
(aa) purchased .....	8,319c per unit	5,28c per unit
(bb) sold .....	5,5c per unit	4,7c per unit
30 June 1987		
(aa) purchased .....	9,103c per unit	8,995c per unit
(bb) sold .....	5,5c per unit	5,2c per unit
(iii) From bridging finance.		

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Printer by Cape and Transvaal Printers (Pty) Ltd;

B. Profund Print;

C. Perishable Products Export Control Board; and

D. The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research for the Civil Engineering Advisory Council.

- (2) A. No. The procedure is in the discretion of the Government Printer. (a) and (b) Fall away;
- B. Yes.

(a) (i) R 7 080,00

(ii) R12 397,00

(b) R7 080,00;

C. No. The printing of these reports was done by the Perishable Products Export Control Board. (a) and (b) Fall away; and

- (3) A. Yes.

(a) 148;

(b) The general public; and

(c) R26,70 Local (excluding GST).

B. No. (a), (b) and (c) Fall away;

C. No. (a), (b) and (c) Fall away; and

D. No. (a), (b) and (c) Fall away.

	A	*B	**C	D
1982:	17 477,00	4 900,00	875,00	3 500,00
1983:	17 000,00	5 000,00	875,00	5 350,00
1984:	15 270,00	8 530,00	1 200,00	4 500,00
1985:	25 295,00	7 080,00	6 000,00	4 700,00
1986:	32 287,00	8 789,00	1 350,00	6 900,00

\* The amounts given in B are for the cost of the National Road Safety Council.

\*\* The amounts given in C are for the cost of the Perishable Products Export Control Board.

	A.	B	C	D
1982:	610	2 000	350	1 000
1983:	615	2 000	350	1 500
1984:	625	2 000	400	1 200
1985:	900	2 000	1 000	1 200
1986:	1 100	2 000	450	1 000

- (c) (i) A. Five;
- B. Five;

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C. Nil; and

D. Four.

(ii) A. Five;

B. Five;

C. Nil; and

D. Three.

(d) A. GP wove, 60 g/m<sup>2</sup>;B. Lord Ariston classic white, 100 g/m<sup>2</sup>;C. Rank Xerox, 80 g/m<sup>2</sup> and Panasonic, 80 g/m<sup>2</sup>; andD. Lord Ariston high white, 80 g/m<sup>2</sup> and Dukuzza semi gloss, 15 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

(e) (i) (aa) Four; and

(bb) Six.

(ii) (aa) Two; and

(bb) Eight.

Annual reports

385. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) (a) (i) How many annual reports

were produced in 1986 by the South African Police and/or statutory bodies falling under the Police and (ii) in respect of what bodies were these reports produced, (b) what was the cost of producing each such report, (c) how many copies of each report were printed and (d) who undertook the printing of each report;

(2) whether the printing of these reports

was put out to tender; if not, why not; if so, (a) what was the (i) lowest and (ii) highest tender submitted, and (b) what was the amount of the successful tender, in each case;

(3) whether any copies of these reports were sold; if so, (a) how many, (b) to whom, and (c) at what price, in respect of each report;

(4) in respect of each of the latest specified five years for which information is available, (a) what was the

\* total cost to the Police of these annual reports, (b) how many copies were printed, (c) how many of these reports contained (i) full colour and (ii) black and white pictures, (d) on what quality paper were the annual reports printed and (e) (i) how many of these reports contained a photograph or drawing of the (aa) political head and (bb) top official of the Police and/or the statutory bodies in question and (ii) how many of these pictures were in (aa) colour and (bb) black and white in each case?

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(1) (a) (i) One.

(ii) The South African Police.

(b) R12 971,51.

(c) 1 000 copies.

(d) Cape and Transvaal Printers on instructions of the Government Printer, Pretoria.

(2) No, because the Government Printer gave it to Cape and Transvaal Printers on standing contract.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

(3) No.

(a) to (c) Fall away.

(4) (a) 1981/82 R2 842,75

1982/83 4 053,33

1983/84 5 209,76

1984/85 7 851,12

1985/86 12 971,51

(b)

Africans

English

1981/82 480

450

1981/83 530

500

1983/84 600

580

1984/85 825

782

1985/86 1 000

Bilingual Annual Reports.

Diepmadow: bridging finance

398. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(2) 2



- (1) (a) What was the amount of the bridging finance provided to the city council of Diepmeadow in the financial years ended 30 June 1985, 30 June 1986 and 30 June 1987, respectively, (b) (i) what loans were outstanding at the end of each of these financial years, (ii) what total amounts were in arrears in respect of each financial year and (ii) what action has been or is being taken to collect these amounts and (c) (i) what amount was owing to creditors at the end of each such financial year and (ii) out of which funds have these amounts been paid or will they be paid;
- (2) (a) (i) what were the accumulated deficits in respect of each of these financial years and (ii) out of which sources were the deficits financed and (b) what were the (i) estimated and (ii) actual deficits for each of these financial years;
- (3) what were the amounts received from each specified source of revenue in respect of each of these financial years?

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- (1) (a) Year ended 30 June 1985 R—  
Year ended 30 June 1986—  
R486 619.  
Year ended 30 June 1987—  
R33 486 098.

(ii) From bridging finance.

(b)	(i)	(ii)
	Actual deficit	Estimated deficit
As at 30 June 1985	R 4 825 895	R 7 334 700
As at 30 June 1986	R13 786 598	R 5 185 900
As at 30 June 1987	Not yet available	R26 429 100

(3)	1985	1986	1987
Electricity	R4 123 414	R5 838 020	R 501 204
Water	R5 512 513	R5 516 266	R 542 971
Service charges	R1 909 612	R1 861 377	R 652 581
Health services	R 559 870	R 694 575	R 628 275
Assessment rates	R 337 517	R 388 531	R 417 650
Remaining services	R 426 375	R 615 711	R3 286 948
Site rental	R5 070 140	R5 587 700	R 600 295
House rental	R 520 481	R 457 653	R 112 069
Other	R1 160 860	R2 098 554	R5 763 339

Diepmeadow: water/electricity supply

399. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

- (1) What total amount was owing to the city council of Diepmeadow in respect of (a) water and (b) electricity supply as at 30 June 1985, 30 June 1986 and 30 June 1987, respectively;
- (2) whether the outstanding amounts were checked and certified as correct by the auditors; if not, (a) why not and (b) what was the purpose of the (i) report and (ii) recommendations of the auditors in this regard?

# The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) These figures unfortunately cannot be furnished separately as only one account is kept for water and electricity supply. The collective figures are as follows:

30 June 1985	R2 564 332
30 June 1986	R5 726 134
30 June 1987	R12 330 354

- (2) Yes.
- (a) Falls away.
- (b) (i) The auditors expressed their concern over the matter and;
- (ii) requested that urgent attention be given to the matter by the Council.

## Vaal Triangle: air pollution

400. Mr J H VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:†

- (1) (a) What was the level of air pollution in the Vaal Triangle as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) (i) what were the main causes thereof and (ii) what percentage of the air pollution is ascribed to each cause;
- (2) what percentage of the air pollution in the Vaal Triangle was caused by the Black townships of (a) Bophelong, (b) Boipatong, (c) Sebokeng, (d) Evaton and (e) Sharpeville as at the abovementioned date?

# The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT:

(1) (a) The level of pollution cannot be expressed in a single unit. There are two main categories of pollutants, namely particulates and gases. Gaseous pollution in turn consists of various components.

Measurements of various pollutants have been carried out and are still being continued at a number of sites in the Vaal Triangle. The following are the latest results available from continuous monitoring as well as from special short term investigations that were carried out at specific sites.

## (A) Particulates:

The following averages are expressed in microgram per cubic metre and were obtained at continuous monitoring sites in (i) Vanderbijlpark and (ii) Meyerton for the time periods Summer: October 1986 to March 1987, Winter: April 1986 to September 1986.

(i) Vanderbijlpark:	Municipal Laboratory	Municipal Workshop	Municipal Licence office	Municipal Test site
Summer average	15	35	20	20
Winter average	45	95	55	70
Annual average	30	45	35	45



terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act, 1951, has been assigned to the Provincial Administrators and their Administrations. The following information was therefore furnished by the Provincial Administrations:

- (a) ±786 200 squatters as on 30 June 1987;
- (b) ±40 000 families as on 30 September 1987 (It includes families in the back yards of Black towns);
- (c) ±37 249 families as on 30 September 1987 (It includes families in the back yards of Black towns);
- (d) ±3 003 families as on 30 September 1987.

(2) Yes.

- (a) PWV area..... unknown
- Western Cape ..... nil
- Eastern Cape ..... nil
- Durban/Pinetown area ... 3 003

(b) Illegal squatting is an offence and it can not be accepted that each and every squatter family qualifies for housing in a relevant area. Sites will be provided for those who qualify on a priority basis and if circumstances so dictate, assistance in the form of material loans will be provided.

#### Upgrading of roads

564. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

What total amount was budgeted for the upgrading of roads in Black areas falling under his Department for the 1986-87 and 1987-88 financial years, respectively?

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

Projects which include the construction of roads/streets normally form part of township development and are submitted by local authorities for approval by Regional

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Committees of the National Housing Commission. The information as requested by the hon member is therefore not readily available and an extensive survey will be required to ensure a meaningful reply.

#### Objections to establishment of townships

565. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether any local authorities have raised objections to the establishment of Black townships since 15 September 1986, if so, (a) which local authorities, (b) in respect of which Black townships, (c) when in each case and (d) on what grounds did each of these local authorities raise these objections;
- (2) whether plans for any of these townships were cancelled in consequence of these objections; if so, for which townships?

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

- (1) Yes. As township development vests in the provincial administrations, the following information has been obtained from the various provincial administrations:
    - (a) Town Councils of Midrand and Ventersdorp;
    - (b) Ivory Park (previously Park Ridge) at Tembisa (Kempton Park) and Tshing (Ventersdorp);
    - (c) 3 July 1987 and 7 September 1987 respectively;
    - (d) The structure Plan for Tembisa, drawn up by the Town Council of Tembisa, is, as far as external roads and access points are concerned, not acceptable to the Town Council of Midrand;
- The Town Council of Ventersdorp objected because of the security situation which may arise as a result of the locality of a

road adjacent to the new extension.

(2) No.

#### Women permitted to buy houses

566. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether (a) single and (b) married Black women are permitted to buy houses in urban Black areas; if not, why not; if so,
- (2) whether any conditions are imposed on Black women wishing to buy houses in such areas; if so, (a) what conditions and (b) why?

**THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:**

- (1) (a) and (b) Yes.
- (2) (a) No conditions are imposed in instances where black women are competent persons who are unmarried or who are married out of community of property. In instances where black women are competent persons who are married in community of property or in instances where customary unions prevail, the conditions are laid down by regulation 16 of the Regulations promulgated by Government Notice R2451 of 1 November 1985.
- (b) To ensure maximum uniformity between the various population groups irrespective of cultural differences.

#### Privatization of SATS

567. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

- (1) Whether any consideration has been given to the privatization of the South African Transport Services; if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) what was the decision reached in this regard and (c) what factors were taken into consideration in reaching this decision;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

**THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:**

- (1) Dr Wim de Villiers addressed the question of privatisation in his investigation into the South African Transport Services and his report is currently being considered by the Minister.
- (2) No.

#### Subsidies to bus operators

568. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

Whether the National Transport Commission grants subsidies to bus operators; if so, what criteria are applied in (a) granting and (b) determining the extent of these subsidies?

**THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:**

No, not as such. The function of the National Transport Commission in the relevant regard is to consider applications submitted by the Department of Transport and on the strength thereof to make recommendations to the Minister.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

For the sake of completeness I wish to point out that the following criteria are taken into account by the Department of Transport when the subsidisation of commuters is considered—

whether the need exists for workers to be transported from their place of residence to their place of employment;

the unemployment situation prevailing in the area where employment opportunities exist;

whether the place where workers are to be transported from is a resettlement area, township or squatter camp;

whether rail facilities exist for commuting purposes and, if not what the

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# Soweto Families Out on the Street again

By HAPPY ZONDI

THE Soweto Council is continuing with evictions of families - and on Wednesday council police pounced on more than 10 Motolo South families.

The families are all rent defaulters.

The evictions come barely three weeks after a row between the Soweto authorities and Jabulani residents in a dispute which ended in the Supreme Court.

The Soweto Council had planned to sell several houses in Jabulani whose occupants had been evicted for owing rent. However, judgment delivered by Judge Goldstone in the Rand Supreme Court prevented the controversial sale of the Jabulani houses.

Many hoped that evictions would be stopped for some time being, but on Wednesday council cops showed up again.

We were told to pay whatever we have so that we may not be evicted.

Some residents received receipts and some didn't," said a spokesperson for the residents.

"No notice was given before the evictions and some of our things have been taken," he added.

Most of the people evicted are members of the Sofofasonke Party. Others were evicted because they had not paid their rent since 1984. Although some did produce receipts they were still evicted.

Vice-chairman of the Sofofasonke Party Sam Mkhwanazi said: "We felt that the people should at least pay R15 in order to fill up the rates and R5 for the lawyers."

Sofofasonke members have reacted angrily to the evictions, but only if they have been paying through the Sofofasonke Party," said Mkhwanazi.

Soweto town clerk Nico Malan was unavailable for comment.

## Power struggle flares up in Lebowa

By SOL MORATHI

THE power struggle in Lebowa after the death of Chief Minister Dr Cedric Phahudi has begun in earnest.

Phahudi, 75, died of diabetes and cancer at a Pretoria hospital on Wednesday morning, leaving a leadership vacuum in Lebowa.

He had been on sick leave since April this year after being admitted to the white section of the Pietersburg Hospital.



Young paraplegic and mentally retarded Vukani Phakathi (foreground) does not understand what has happened as he became one of the weekly victims of evictions in Soweto. Pic: EVANS MBOVENI

# Troubled Tembisa getting on the boil

By REVELATION NTOLU

ELEVEN Tembisa families were this week evicted from their homes by the town's administration for failing to keep up with their rent payments - and more evictions are expected next week.

Meanwhile, residents have reacted angrily to the administration's actions and are planning to stage a mass stayaway in protest against the evictions if these are not halted immediately.

Several evicted families have been sleeping in the open and are hoping for a miracle in order to go back to their homes which are under heavy municipal police guard.

"We appeal to the people to either come to a specially created office or to arrange with our lawyers for payment," said Harnese.

He said residents had been told that they could pay their rent arrears over six months if they entered into an agreement with the administration.

Reacting to the tough line now adopted by the administration, Town Clerk PL Harnese said Tembisa residents had been given ample time to make representations to the administration, but had failed to do so.

The association said the administration had failed to meet residents' demands, including those of a general upgrading of the township, the removal of the outdated bucket system, tarring of roads and electrification of the houses.

The TRAs pointed out that virtually no improvements had been done in the township since it was built some 30 years ago.

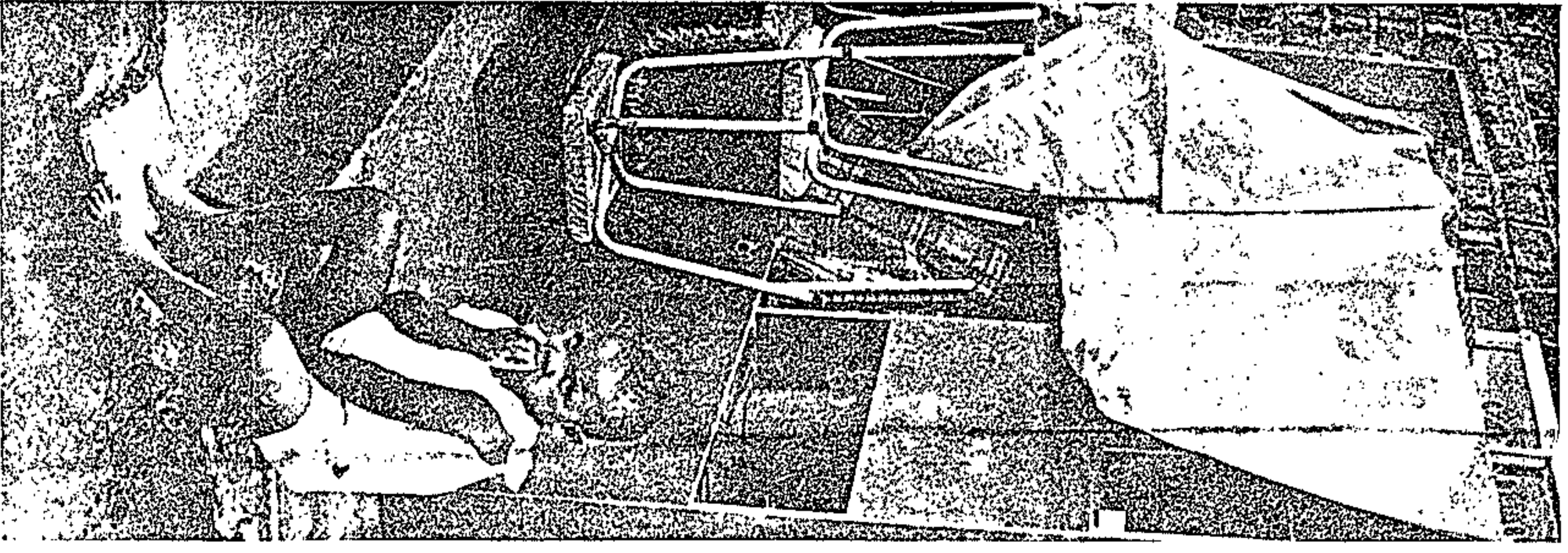
"Residents' monies have been used to modernise places like Lebowakgomo in the Lebowa homeland, and Enkangala in KwaNdebele," said the statement.

It warned that evictions could provoke another wave of violence in the otherwise calm township.

"The administration can intimidate residents with evictions, detentions and shooting, but residents will not bow down to such pressures unless their demands are met," said the TRA.

The association is also blaming the administration for the death of a resident, Josephine Mduli, of house No216 Exumeni section, who last week died of natural causes at Tembisa Hospital.

According to the TRA, she died on hearing that her family had been evicted and that the family's belongings had been thrown outside.



A little child keeps guard over her family's belongings after their eviction. Pic: MIKE MZILENI

## Court favours main ass

By EDITH BULBRING

A PORT Elizabeth civil court ruled in favour of a "Little Soweto" resident who was suing the Jabulani Town Council for over R4 500 after being assaulted by three municipal policemen on November 8 last year.

The court heard just month before the funeral of four unroofed victims.

James Michael Tsamen were forced to pay R4 500 after being assaulted by three municipal policemen on November 8 last year.



BLACK BUSINESS

# Big township boost

Black business in urban townships will receive a major boost over the next two months with the opening of a series of new shop and office complexes costing more than R9m.

The four centres at Vosloorus near Boksburg, Jabulani and Moletsane, Soweto, and Mohlakeng near Randfontein will offer space to 96 emergent businesses and should help arrest the "leakage factor" which channels 90%-95% of black spending out of the townships to businesses in the cities.

As there is a dearth of shopping in black urban areas, blacks have been forced to do most of their shopping in "white" areas. The new move to provide quality shopping within their townships could reverse the trend.

Clearly, with a city like Soweto boasting a population of around 2m, the market is vast. And with the wage gap visibly narrowing, black affluence is growing.

The R5,6m, 6 950 m<sup>2</sup> "one-stop" Lesedi City complex at Vosloorus (population 90 000 and growing) is situated next to a busy taxi terminal and features one of the "largest supermarkets in SA" with a floor area of 2 400 m<sup>2</sup>. As with all 53 businesses in the complex, the supermarket will be black owned and managed by Gray Thathane, a local Vosloorus businessman.

Finance is being provided by the Small Business Development Corporation (SBDC). Lesedi, the biggest shopping centre in any black metropolitan area to date, will be officially opened on November 28 and is expected to create jobs for about 1 000 blacks. The centre is already fully let.

SBDC GM James Scott says it is a showcase of the SBDC's policy of acting as a catalyst for entrepreneurial development.

But while Lesedi is financed by the SBDC, other township centres are being jointly funded by the SBDC and the private sector. This is a new development which could presage major private sector support for black business. In the past, private sector financiers either shied away from the perceived risk, took equity in the SBDC, or backed organisations like the Urban Foundation.

The Ra-Ikagela Mall at Mohlakeng near Randfontein is 100% black owned and jointly funded by private developers, the SBDC and JCI. Herbert Maribi and Edward Peliso were the prime movers. They sold shares to 25 black shareholders, registered a property development company and contributed R150 000 towards costs.

"Ra-Ikagela motivated the project and raised funds through the SBDC and JCI. It was JCI, in fact, who made the whole project possible, with the SBDC acting as project coordinator. With JCI blazing the trail, hopefully we will soon see other groups following

suit," says Scott.

Peliso says the trend today is towards independent operations. "Black people hate handouts. In the past there was a ceiling for black development in business. Now we find that the financing avenues are opening up and that there is money for business development and job creation. The employees of yesterday are now becoming employers and developers," he says.

Soweto's new 1 900 m<sup>2</sup> Jabulani and 2 700 m<sup>2</sup> Tsele shopping centres are much smaller than Lesedi City, but tenant interest is high. At Jabulani, one fast-food shop drew 50 applications.

At the Pennyville "industrial hive" on the outskirts of Soweto about 200 small business tenants already provide 600 jobs. Essential equipment can be rented, while the SBDC's *Contactmaker* magazine offers a shopwindow to big business of what these small entrepreneurs can offer.

In another example of joint SBDC/private sector financing of black business, Sanlam will fund 50% of a new R2m, three-storey office complex in Dube, Soweto. The nearby Dube industrial park — the first in a black urban area — is fully let and expanding.

The R1,8m Tsele shopping centre in Moletsane, Soweto — to be opened on December 5 — is the brainchild of local businessman Peter Tsele and is jointly funded by the SBDC and Southern Life. It is ideally situated adjacent to the busy Merafe station, a ready catchment for the 22 businesses in the centre.

But while these investments could be pointers to a new dawn for black business, obtaining land from the local town councils remains a problem. As the black townships were originally designed as "dormitory towns," little or no provision was made for commercial and industrial zonings.

## BUILDING MATERIALS ON THE RISE AGAIN

Increases in the price of basic building materials and labour costs could add as much as 30% to the cost of an average newly built house by next July.

The latest hike is for cement, which is to rise 7,5%-8,8% from November 1. Effectively, the price is to rise 37c/50 kg on bulk or mini-bulk cement and 48c/50 kg for bagged cement.

National Association of Home Builders executive director Johan Grotius estimates the increase will add R150 to the cost of a R50 000 house.

But cement makes up only 3% of the cost. Bricks account for 11% and are expected to go up again in January, following average increases of 9,5% in April and 8,5% in July. This is despite the fact that Corobrik has no plans to re-open its mothballed plants and is running at an average 60% capacity in the Transvaal.

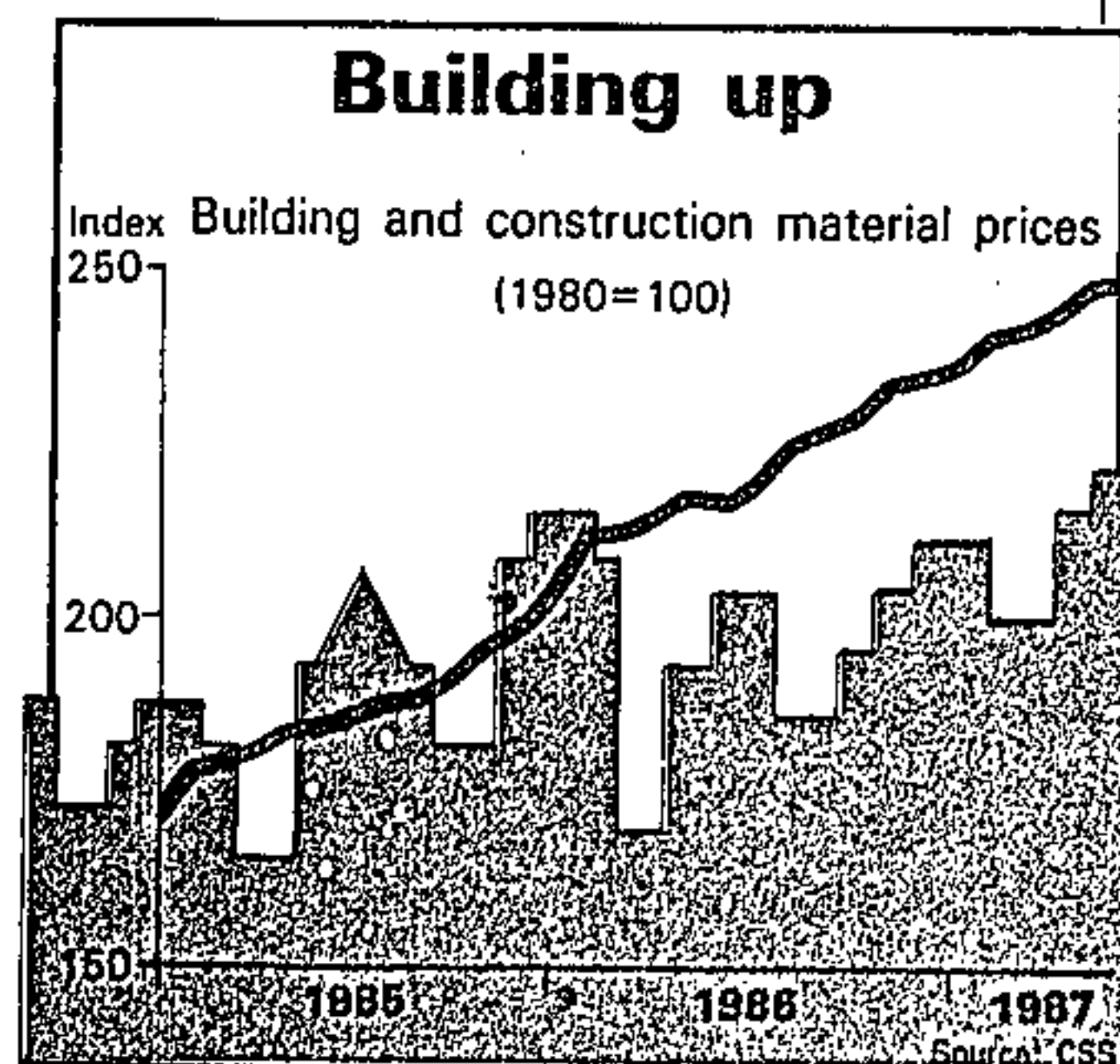
Bricks now cost between R122/1 000 and R320/1 000, depending on type.

Another major structural component of a house is timber (3% of cost). Merchants have been advised that timber is to rise by 15% in January. Also set to rise, probably by between 10% and 12%, is the price of paint, which constitutes 3% of the cost of a house.

Other price increases passed on to the building industry in the past few months have been steel, up by 11% and 8,5% in July and September respectively, and la-

bour costs which went up by 15% in July.

Steel is used in window and door frames and roofing tiles, which together make up 6,5% of the cost of a house. Sub-contract labour accounts for 21,5% of the cost, while specialist labour such as plumbers and electricians comes to 9%.



Interior finishes and fittings account for a large chunk of the costs, but the price of many of these also looks set to rise.

Some of the increases might be inevitable. Others could be put down to opportunistic suppliers and merchants reading the signals of an upturn in the building industry and getting in ahead of the game.



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## 'Troops have helped In Govt schemes'

THE state of emergency and the presence of security forces in many black townships had enabled the Government to continue its upgrading schemes after unrest, the deputy Minister of Law and Order, Mr Roelf Meyer, said this week.

Addressing a Press conference after a tour of Alexandra township, Mr Meyer said the Government would not uplift the state of emergency or withdraw the troops from the township in the near future.

The tour of the "Dark City," was undertaken by the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan and several officials from the Transvaal Provincial Administration as well as members of the Regional Services Council.



DEPUTY Minister of Law and Order, Mr Roelf Meyer.

The government is to spend more than R116-million towards the development and upgrading of Alexandra Township. The project involves the building of homes, installation of electricity, stormwater drainage and a sewerage system.

Mr Meyer said the security forces have played a "supportive role" towards the development of Alexandra after the large scale unrest in the area in 1986.

He said the Government would need the security forces as long as they continued to play their supportive role towards development.

"We will consider lifting the emergency and the troops from the townships in future," Mr Meyer added.

"Housing remains one of the major problems in the townships. The bad conditions squatters live in create exploitable situations for radicals. In the PWV area alone more than one million people are still in need of accommodation."

He urged the private sector to help provide accommodation for the homeless, especially blacks in Crossroads and other areas.

He said the black local authorities have been a success.



ALEXANDRA residents were conspicuous by their absence from a party this week to celebrate the end of the first year of government's R116m plan to upgrade the township.

At first it may have appeared odd that the people who stand to benefit from the programme were not there to raise their glasses to tarred roads and basic services. But their absence was a logical continuation of their exclusion from the upgrading process itself.

So it was left to the bureaucrats, the policemen and the soldiers to celebrate the end of the first year of the inception of the Alexandra Mini-Joint Management System.

Much is at stake in government's attempt to restore "normality" to Alexandra. The township has become a showcase for government's "reform from above" option — a policy that combines restricting political actors while the security forces oversee improvements in living conditions.

The policy arose out of the township unrest of the past two years. Alexandra displayed the classic symptoms of the urban malaise — a breakdown in civilian government as the "comrades" replaced local authorities, a shortage of land and housing and chronic levels of poverty and unemployment.

Against this background the Alexandra Mini-Joint Management System has planned three stages of

# Locals shun a party for Alex's upgrading

## PATRICK BULGER

upgrading in which 6 000 houses will be provided with basic services. Other improvements include the building of 700 new flats at a cost of R17m, the tarring of roads and introducing sports facilities.

The overall aim, according to Deputy Minister of Law and Order Roelf Meyer, is to restore "normality" to the township. The people themselves are religiously excluded from the programme.

## Involvement

This in itself is new for Alexandra, where community involvement in political campaigns stretches back to the turn of the century when the early residents moved on to what was previously a farm.

Alexandra's earlier brushes with government took the form of black attempts to retain urban property rights in what had evolved as a freehold township. Over the years Alexandra acquired a reputation

for political militancy and community involvement that has earned it a revered place in African nationalist mythology.

The other aspect of "normality" in the then Alexandra was the lack of policing which led to the proliferation of gang warfare and levels of deprivation that fed militancy. In the Fifties, for example, malnutrition led to the deaths of one in four children in their first year.

The planners are hoping to bring about a qualitative change in earlier aspects of what had become "normality" in Alexandra.

A "Newsletter to the people of Alexandra" draws attention to "hope for Alexandra's disabled," to "Alex changes its face" and "New road bridge for Alex". Residents are told "the Township Upgrade Scheme involves upgrading of existing and retainable houses and the destruction of those not built in terms of building regulations or made out of mud".

At this stage a quarter of the first phase of upgrading, worth a total of R36m, has been implemented. The planners will be hoping to build on these early successes.

# Evictions continue 343

By Michael Tisong

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More evictions will take place in Soweto, director of housing Miss Estelle Bester said today.

Residents in various parts of the township have been evicted in terms of a court order for not paying rent.

Miss Bester said she met a delegation of residents from the Dlamini-Senaoane residents' committee yesterday to discuss evictions which are due to take place this week.

She said as an official of the council, she had no authority to stop evictions. She said only councillors could authorise such a step and she would arrange a meeting between the councillors and residents.

Residents of Dlamini and Senaoane were visited by council clerks and policemen on Monday and told to pay their rent or face eviction.

Earlier this month, town clerk Mr Nico Malan said the council sent clerks and policemen to ask people in arrears to pay up. The visits were conducted at 4 am to find the people before they left for work.



# Details of shooting at the Ribeiros

Mampuru was testifying against a South African Defence Force member, Graham William Cook, 28, who is facing a charge of attempted murder after a shooting incident at Ribeiro's home in Mamelodi.

Cook, of Halaris Flats in Verwoerdburgstad, has pleaded not guilty to firing a shot from a 9mm pistol which wounded Mampuru on December 11 last year.

The hearing was postponed to November 5.

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# Arrest Order for Thinsie

her arrest, and said he had no proof that Thiane was in hospital.

Thinane and Mambobo, are charged with two counts of theft of council funds allegedly committed between April 19 and June 9 last year.

The prosecutor, O Erasmus, asked Magistrate JJ Luther to issue a warrant for her arrest.

Her defence advocate, IAM Semena, instructed by Tshabalala and Ramotshoeba, told the court that his client was admitted at Baragwanath Hospital on Wednesday.

But he did not object to the issuing of the warrant for

11. According to the charge sheet the cheque of R\$13 083

The first amount relates to a cheque of R513 083 which was issued in favour of the council, the second charge involves a cheque for R164 243.

It is alleged that, without authorisation from the Tokoza Town Council, the two accused opened two banking accounts – an investment account and a current account.

sheet the cheque of R513 083 was deposited into the investment account. The other cheque went into the current account.

On various occasions the two allegedly withdrew money from the investment account into the current account.

**They would then withdraw the money from the current account for personal use.**

The State alleges that there were seven cash cheques on the current account for amounts varying from R39 454 to R90 000.

On May last year, they allegedly withdrew two cheques from the current account.

The cheques were written by the accused in favour of an estate agency for R39 454 and R95 000.

Bail for Marmabolo was extended and the case was postponed to November 13.

**Mamabolo (left) and a friend leaving the Regional Court yesterday.**

**Mamabolo takes cover from our cameraman.**

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**SOUTH** Africa was behind the plot to kidnap African National Congress members in London, the *Independent* newspaper in London claimed this week.

The newspaper said it had obtained a copy of the notes made on the kidnap plan, which "show how the South Africans were to fund the kidnap team and



# 300 go on new strike

By SIMPIWE NGWANA

MORE than 300 Dobsonville Town Council workers again went out on strike this week.

A month ago the same workers, were on strike over a pay dispute.

This week they again went out on strike when they discovered that there were "deductions in their wages".

This is in spite of the fact that the workers initial demands have not been met.

South African Workers Municipality Union official, Siphilwe Thusi said:

"When we met with the Dobsonville councillors they promised that the workers will be fully paid, irrespective of the seven days they were on strike.

In a meeting held at Kopanong Hall in Dobsonville, the workers resolved not to resume their duties until they get their money back or get a satisfactory explanation from the councillors.

The councillors on Wednesday held their own meeting to discuss the "deductions issue".

Council officials were not available to comment on the latest strike.

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# Squatter families get serviced sites

THE Daveyton Town Council on the East Rand is to spend R6 m to provide 3 000 squatter families with serviced sites.

Addressing a Press conference yesterday, Mr Tom Boya said 3 000 stands will be developed with the money. He said the first 350 families will be accommodated tomorrow.

The families are presently staying at Varkfontein Farm near Daveyton.

## Loan

A R6 m loan from the Transvaal Provincial Administration was allocated to the council last week Friday. Mr Boya said it was expected that a further 16 000 stands would be developed in the near future to accommodate all the homeless families in the area.



MAYOR Tom Boya.

There are 6 000 families on the housing waiting list in the township.

Mr Boya said that his council would apply for more funds from the National Housing

Commission to provide these families with funds to build proper houses.

Mr Boya said the R6 m will be mainly used to provide the families with serviced sites that will include sewerage and water facilities. Part of the money will be used to provide roads in the area.

## Water

Mr Boya said the council was hoping to have finished accommodating the 3 000 families by the end of the year.

Meanwhile about 350 families staying at Varkfontein have been without water since Sunday. They told the *Sowetan* that the owner of the farm had threatened to demolish all their shacks and had stopped providing them with water after ordering them out of his farm.

# Siamese twins improving

THE Mathibela Siamese twins, Mpho and Mphon-yana, were yesterday described to be improving and doctors have been unable to assess any brain damage.

A spokesperson for the Baragwanath hospital said the twins were still under serious attention in the intensive care unit of the hospital.

The spokesperson said psychologists and psychiatrist will be able to examine the twins once they have been separated to assess the possibility of any more brain damage.

Meanwhile their mother, Miss Sophie Mathibela, is still in isolation and doing well, according to the spokesperson.

Doctors have been working hard to establish whether the twins suffered brain damage when they bled profusely on the operation table last Tuesday. Results might be ready later this week.

However, the hospital has so far been optimistic that they did not suffer any permanent damage because of the bleeding.





Squatters from Varkfontein at their new settlement in Daveyton.

Picture: Susan

# Daveyton bid for houses for squatters

SOPHIE TEMA

THE Daveyton City Council has submitted an application to the National Housing Commission for finance to build houses for 350 families squatting on a white farm in Varkfontein.

Yesterday more than 50 families of the Varkfontein squatting community were resettled on sites provided by the council near Daveyton.

The council plans 3 000 sites in the area where the families have been resettled for people on Daveyton's housing waiting-list.

Daveyton mayor Tom Boya yesterday said the Transvaal Provincial Administration had given the council permission to provide the squatters with chemical toilets.

Pipes were also to be laid on to supply the community in the area with water.

Boya told the families roads would also be built within the next two months.

In the meantime TPA would be sending tankers into the area to provide the families with water every day.

Boya said the R6m set aside by the council would immediately be used for housing and the needs of the squatters and the homeless residents of Daveyton.

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# Power supply is hampered

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The main problems delaying the supply of electrification services to black areas is the general unwillingness of white local authorities to supply the funds, and the inability of black local authorities to provide the money.

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The latest *Social and Economic Update* report of the South African Institute of Race Relations says R74 million is needed to clear the electrification backlog in the central Witwatersrand alone.

Studies by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) estimate that by the year 2000 about half the black homes in urban areas will still be without electricity.

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Another answer to the backlog in energy for black communities could be the use of simpler energy sources. One expert feels solar energy seems to have the greatest potential in the short to medium term.

Authorities appear to regard the electrification of black areas as a priority, the CSIR report says. Another priority is the installation of water points.

Only a third of houses in Soweto and Diepmeadow have running water inside. The rest must rely on an outside water supply.

A costly upgrading programme has been initiated in Alexandra township just outside Johannesburg, with the supply of drinking water the first priority, and water-borne sewage the second.

The Development Bank is promoting the introduction of water kiosks, which sell purified water.



# THE BACKYARD BUSINESSES OF TEMBISA GET A HUGE BOOST

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**By GILLO SERIBE**  
TEMBISA'S R1.3-million industrial park in Muanetsa Section was officially opened recently and the community was treated to a glittering party also attended by local businessmen.

The entrepreneurs of the park are local businessmen who are members of the Tembisa Industrial Shareblock Company while the Standard Bank provided the loan. The park already houses 32 small businesses run by people who formerly operated in their backyards.

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There are different kinds of businesses one would expect to be found in the central business districts and big industrial areas, such as glass fitters, mechanics, welders, tailors and clothes designers.

The park's chairman, Linoch Sibozza, said studies were made before business people were booked. "Most of the people are poor and have shown a spirit of determination in developing," said Sibozza.

Among the speakers at the ceremony was Standard Bank's general manager of the commercial ser-

vices division, Chris Lombard, who said for the past five years in which the bank has been committed to the development of small business, it had identified a need for formal business premises to be made available to informal backyard operators.

"A careful study revealed, at the time, that a real and urgent need existed in Tembisa. "After identifying this need, the bank entered prolonged negotiations with local industrialists and it was from these beginnings that the idea to build this

park was born," said Lombard.

Guest speaker and senior consultant at Job Creation SA, Martin Manela, appealed to the community to support the small businessmen at the park.

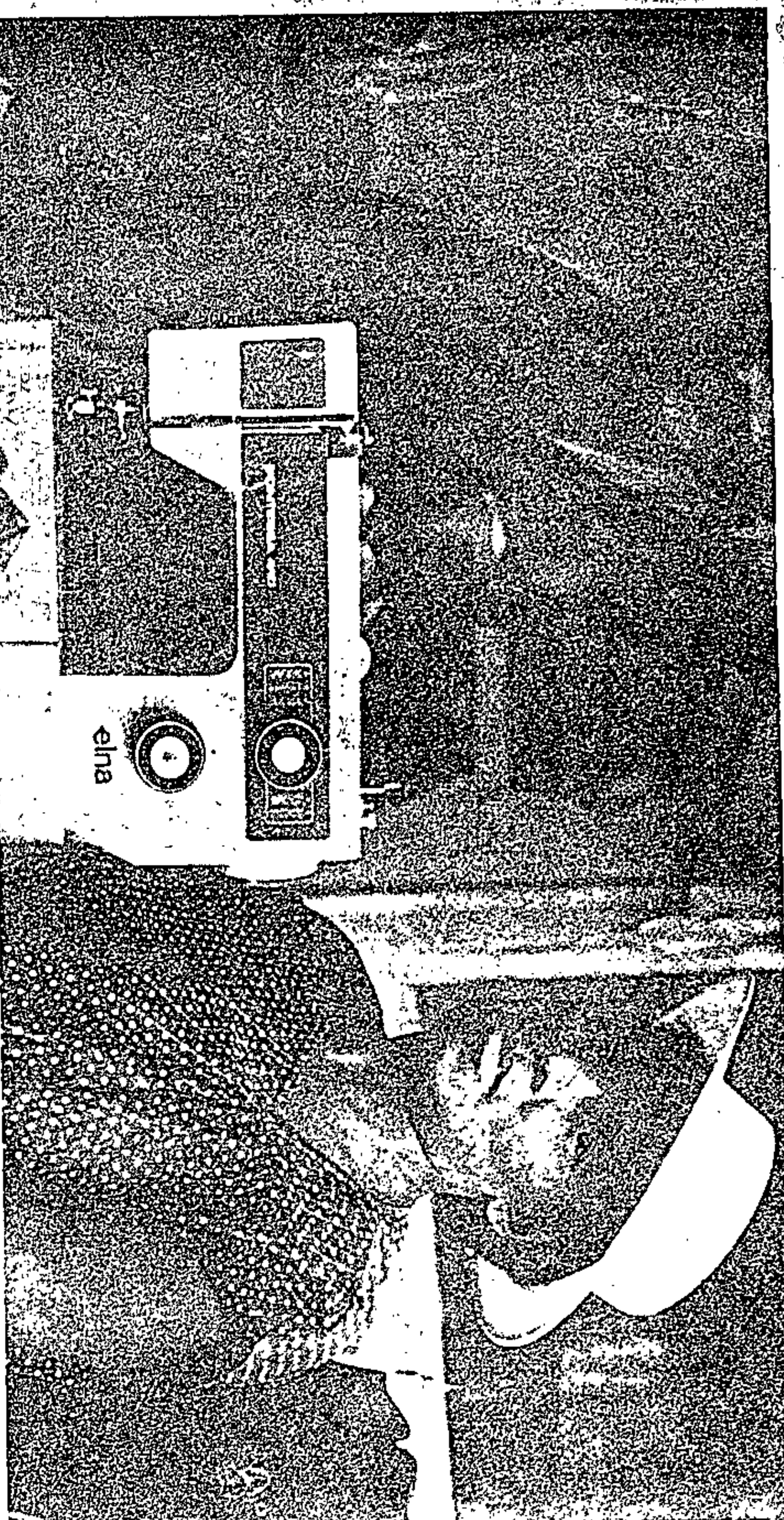
Manela said it would be a gross contradiction and a very serious irony if the community and the Tembisa local authority were to buy some of the things they required from outside suppliers without first challenging the local entrepreneurs to provide them.

"Price, quality and delivery being competitive, local entrepreneurs should, of necessity, be given first choice to do business with the community and the local authority," he said.

For clothing, the community is looked after by Maureen Ncholo, who is a tailor and designer. Ncholo, 34, also designs and produces wedding and evening garments.

She recently won a trophy for designing "Arabic style" clothing for ladies which rocked the townships.

Sheet-metal products are available at Buda Metal Works and Engineering under management of Lucas Mabena.



Maureen Ncholo is the resident clothes designer and tailor at Tembisa's newly opened industrial park.



Buda Metalworks and Engineering is working hard to cater for all Tembisa's sheet metal requirements.



# Four SA soldiers die in Angola

FOUR SADF members were killed in the latest fighting in Southern Angola, it was announced yesterday. In a statement in Pretoria in which the first details of the fighting against Russian and Cuban forces were given, Defence headquarters said the four had died on Monday, November 9, in "an action" in South-East Angola. Their next of kin had been informed. "All four soldiers died after ele-

- ments of the Defence Force involved in limited support to Unita acted in operations against Cuban and other communist surrogate forces in the Cuando-Cubango province.
- Those killed were:
- Sergeant Pierre Jame Digue, 25, who is survived by his parents, Mr and Mrs LJ Digue, of 10 Watlle Street, Tygerberg Hills, Bellville.
- Corporal Theunis Anthonie Duvenhage, 19, who is survived by his wife, Mrs E Duvenhage, of 17 Rooibosch Street, Witbank.
- Rifleman Anthony Steward, 19, who is survived by his mother, Mrs GMD Lantsoght, of 17 Essenhout Street, Ottery, Cape Town, and his father, Mr S Steward, of 25 Ryan Street, Parow.
- Rifleman Pieter Gerrit Claassen, 19, who is survived by his parents, Mr and Mrs NAJ Claassen, of 81 Raven Street, Els Park. — Sapa.



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THE KAIZER Chiefs-Orlaed in a deadlock last weekend at Ellis Park Stadium to believe that Chiefs really equalise in the last three minutes talking point of the match.

# Historic moment for landowners

BY DERRICK LUTHAY  
TWO blacks — one a Soweto councillor — were yesterday granted full property freehold title at the Registrar of Deeds offices in Johannesburg.

granting of freehold title rights to blacks in South Africa happened in the 18th Century, it would have averted bloodshed and many lives would have been saved.

which he does not occupy because he stays in the posh councillor suburb of Power Park, outside the township, Manthatha was not present at yesterday's event.

Councillor Siegfried Manthatha and David Mkhabela, of Spruitview, Katlehong, made history by becoming the first blacks in the country to be granted freehold rights. Mkhabela said had the

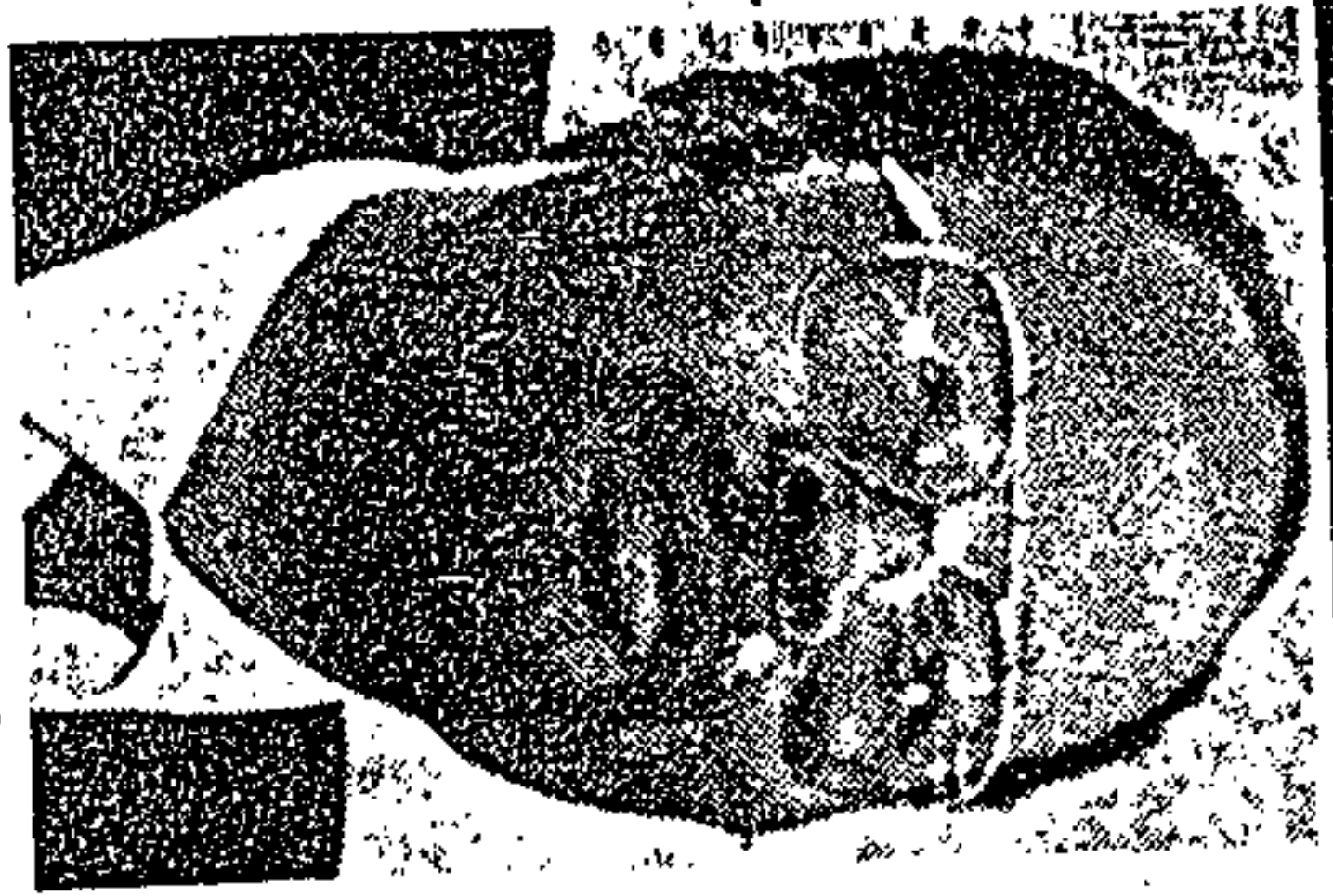
Mkhabela is building a R85 000 house in Spruitview, Katlehong. The other recipient was Soweto councillor and housing committee chairman Siegfried Manthatha, for his property in Naledi,

Registrar of Deeds Cor Wolfardt presented the title deeds to the mayor of Soweto, Nelson Botile, and Katlehong mayor Thami Siluma who, in turn, passed them on to the two residents.

Mkhabela, a garage supervisor and brother of former Azapo president Ismael, said he was delighted with the opportunity, which was announced on such a special day. — No more stands in the township 5 — when ANC leader Govan Mbeki was released from prison.

Botile remarked that history had been made in South Africa. "It was the same National Party which cancelled our title deeds in

Sophiatown, Alexandra and other areas and again it's them giving back to us our deeds. It was also disclosed that more stands in the township will be available for registration for freehold rights and Sowetans hope to lead the way with many stands. It is hoped that by next February, all 87 464 housing units in Soweto would be available for freehold title.



David Mkhabela

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THE National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa is against attempts to exempt employers in Kew, Johannesburg, from a number of laws and by-laws.

Numsa, which organises in the metal and allied industries, has submitted a memorandum to the Standing Committee of Parliament criticising the proposed deregulation in the area.

The application for the deregulation of the industrial area has been made by "Job Creation South Africa", which has submitted its plans to the Government for approval.

### Memo

The memo said the company had asked that small businessmen be exempted from laws such as the Machinery and Occupational Safety, Wage Determination, Labour Relations and Basic Conditions of Employment Acts.

Numsa has rejected the proposal, saying it would:

- result in the reduction of employment in the area, at least in the metal industry;
- It would in the long term lead to a reduction in the standards of remuneration, health and safety and working conditions of employees;
- Adversely affect collective bargaining structures in the metal industry; and
- It would adversely affect the freedom of association and collective bargaining rights of employees in the industry.

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Numsa argues Job Creation has not made a detailed study of the possible effects on employment, on employees and on competitors.

Outside mining the metal industry is the largest employer in South Africa and it is believed to be the largest employer in the industrial areas — among them Kew — surrounding Alexandra Township.

"It is notable that the company failed to discuss the proposed project with democratically chosen leaders of the Alexandra community, presumably the people intended to benefit from the 500 jobs which Job Creations expects to create," says the memo.

The union has asked the authorities to reject the plan.

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# Vosloorus gets millions for new projects

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THE City Council of Vosloorus has negotiated a loan for R19,3-million from the Development Bank of Southern Africa for infrastructural development projects, the bank announced yesterday.

This is the second major urban development project for a black city council in the Transvaal for which the bank has provided loan finance.

Last week the bank concluded a similar loan arrangement with the City Council of Daveyton for R7-million. Agreement with five councils in Natal were concluded earlier this year.

The bank said in a statement that most of

the funds made available to Vosloorus would be used to provide infrastructure for a comprehensive housing programme. It added that private sector resources estimated at R350-million would also be mobilised for the provision of residential infrastructure and housing.

## Statement

"During the preparation of this development programme special attention was given to the stimulation and support of small builders, the provision of jobs for local labourers and cost recovery for services provided by the City Council of Vosloorus," the statement said. Sapa.



# TOURISTS SEE UGLY SIDE OF SOWETO

By SY MAKARINGE

THE Soweto City Council has apparently, at long last, come to the realisation that giving overseas tourists a biased picture of the situation in the sprawling townships is a self-defeating exercise.

The council has, for some time, been conducting tours of Soweto with the aim of giving curious overseas visitors a "balanced picture" of the most talked-about township in the world. But these tours have always depicted Soweto as one of the best places to live in as the tour guides, who are employees of the council, deliberately avoided places and issues which could have been of paramount interest to the tourists.

The guides concentrated mainly on the fast growing housing developments in the so-called affluent suburbs.

All that seemed to have changed this week when I joined a group of 13 journalists from West Germany on another tour of the dusty townships of Soweto.

The tour guide, Ms Bushy Mohlatsi, seemed to have made an in-depth research into issues and places which make Soweto tick. Her eloquence and knowledge of the townships made the tour very interesting and informative.

oldest townships in Soweto, Ms Mohlatsi highlighted the critical housing shortage in Soweto which forced many families to erect corrugated-iron shacks in their back yards.

To illustrate how acute the housing shortage was, Ms Mohlatsi showed the journalists a disused and dilapidated windowless electrical sub-station which was being used as a home by a desperate and homeless family.

She gave the tourists an idea of the discriminatory practices in the country's judiciary system. She told them that although the Orlando Magistrate's Court was in a black area, all the magistrates were white. She said this was because Soweto was technically in a white area.

The tour became more interesting when the tourists were shown the scene where Hector Peterson was shot dead during confrontations between the police and Soweto schoolchildren who were protesting against the use of Afri-

and said conditions in those houses were unbearable and appalling.

White City Jabavu where 27 people were shot dead by municipal police for resisting eviction in October last year. She said residents here were living in overcrowded conditions.

Morris Isaacson High School where the 1976 Soweto riots were triggered.

Jabulani Fire Station: She said it was the only fire fighting station in Soweto. She said the service was inadequate as there were only two fire engines for a population of 2.5-million.

Protea North and Prestige Park: Ms Mohlatsi said these elite areas did not give the true picture of the situation in Soweto.

The unpopularity of Soweto councillors was highlighted when Ms Mohlatsi took the tourists to Power Park. She said the councillors fled their homes to take refuge at Power Park after they were threatened with the "necklace" murder. She said their taking refuge at the park was contrary to the Black

Local Authorities Act which stated that councillors must live amongst the people they represented.

Although she is an employee of the Soweto Council, Ms Mohlatsi did not allow that to intimidate her into depicting only the "positive" side of Soweto.

Instead, she put more emphasis on the pressing needs of the Soweto populace, which the Soweto Council had failed to address. Soweto is a city of contrasts, and this is exactly what she

tried to project when she led the German journalists into the townships. Now that the council has allowed the outside world to see what is happening in the townships, it must now start putting its house in order by providing decent houses for the poor, treat the residents with respect, stop pre-dawn raids, restrain municipal police from harassing people and negotiate with recognised leaders in a bid to end the rent boycott.

# BUYING BUILDINGS LOANING SAVING



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## NEWS FOCUS

# R24m homes boost

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has given R24m to the Daveyton City Council for the development of Etwatwa, which houses 2 600 families who have been living in shacks in the township and on the white farm Varkfontein.

The first R6m was allocated to the council as a loan by the TPA for rudimentary services and a further R18m was given to the council recently for upgrading the living conditions of the residents of Etwatwa.

The council also received a grant of R1,5m from the East Rand Regional Services Council for the construction of roads in the area.

Daveyton mayor Tom Boya said this week that the shack families were being moved to the

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new area at the rate of 50 families a day.

Boya said housing has always been the prime priority of every community, especially the low income groups. "Because the Daveyton City Council is aware that very little is being done for people who earn between R300 and R500 a month and who cannot afford to buy their own houses, we agreed that the first 12 houses be built in Vergenoeg and sold at a cost of R15 000 to try to alleviate the housing problems of the low income groups."

Boya said the council hoped to build 16 000 more houses within

the next five years at a cost of at least R18m for the expansion of Daveyton, which presently has a housing backlog of at least 6 000 units.

He said his council will negotiate with central government to finance the project.

In the council's annual report on housing, Boya said Daveyton has had a high influx of people which has fuelled the housing waiting-list.

He said that last year the township had a population of 107 455, which had increased by about 4 000 residents this year.

Between January and October this year, 664 houses were built in the area, bringing the total number of houses in Daveyton to 15 271.



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### DEPARTEMENT VAN ONTWIKKELINGS- HULP

No. R. 2647

1 Desember 1987

#### AFSONDERING VAN GROND AS 'N DORP BEKEND AS EKANGALA, DISTRIK BRONKHORSTSPRUIT

Kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 30 (1) van die Swart Administrasie Wet, 1927 (Wet 38 van 1927), sonder ek, Gerrit van Niekerk Viljoen, Minister van Onderwys en Ontwikkelingshulp, hierby die grond omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, af as 'n dorp vir bewoning deur of vir die nywerheids- of besigheidsdoeleindes van Swart persone.

G. VAN N. VILJOEN,  
Minister van Onderwys en Ontwikkelingshulp.

(Lêer GA6/2/4)

## GOVERNMENT NOTICES

### DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AID

No. R. 2647

1 December 1987

#### SETTING APART OF LAND AS A TOWN KNOWN AS EKANGALA, DISTRICT OF BRONKHORSTSPRUIT

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 30 (1) of the Black Administration Act, 1927 (Act 38 of 1927), I, Gerrit van Niekerk Viljoen, Minister of Education and Development Aid, hereby set apart the land defined in the Schedule hereto as a town for occupation by or for the industrial or business purposes of Black persons.

G. VAN N. VILJOEN,  
Minister of Education and Development Aid.

(File GA6/2/4)

#### BYLAE

Gebied	Omskrywing	Kaart	Opmerkings
Ekgangala .....	'n Gebied, groot 409,1584 hektaar, bestaande uit Gedeeltes 1 tot 15 van die plaas Ekgangala 610 JR, distrik Bronkhorstspuit, provinsie Transvaal	Gedeelte 1: LG A8920/86; Gedeelte 2: LG A8921/86; Gedeelte 3: LG A8922/86; Gedeelte 4: LG A8923/86; Gedeelte 5: LG A8924/86; Gedeelte 6: LG A8925/86; Gedeelte 7: LG A8926/86; Gedeelte 8: LG A8927/86; Gedeelte 9: LG A8928/86; Gedeelte 10: LG A8929/86; Gedeelte 11: LG A8930/86; Gedeelte 12: LG A8931/86; Gedeelte 13: LG A8932/86; Gedeelte 14: LG A8933/86; Gedeelte 15: LG A8934/86	Die kaarte is ter insae beskikbaar by die Departement van Ontwikkelingshulp, asook by die kantoor van die Dorpsbestuurder van Ekgangala.

#### SCHEDULE

Area	Description	Map	Remarks
Ekgangala .....	An area, in extent 409,1584 hectares, comprising Portions 1 to 15 of the farm Ekgangala 610 JR, District of Bronkhorstspuit, Province of the Transvaal	Portion 1: LG A8920/86; Portion 2: LG A8921/86; Portion 3: LG A8922/86; Portion 4: LG A8923/86; Portion 5: LG A8924/86; Portion 6: LG A8925/86; Portion 7: LG A8926/86; Portion 8: LG A8927/86; Portion 9: LG A8928/86; Portion 10: LG A8929/86; Portion 11: LG A8930/86; Portion 12: LG A8931/86; Portion 13: LG A8932/86; Portion 14: LG A8933/86; Portion 15: LG A8934/86	The maps are available for inspection at the Department of Development Aid, and at the office of the Town manager of Ekgangala.



No. R. 2648

1 Desember 1987

**VERKOOPPRYSE, AFLOSPAAIEMENTE, HUUR- EN DIENSTEVORDERINGS TEN OPSIGTE VAN DIE DORPEKANGALA**

Kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by regulasie 46 (1), (2) en (3) van Hoofstuk 2 van die Regulasies vir die Administrasie en Bestuur van Dorpe in Swart Gebiede, afgekondig by Proklamasie R. 293 van 1962, skryf ek, Gerrit van Niekerk Viljoen, Minister van Onderwys en Ontwikkelingshulp, die gelde vermeld in Bylae A voor vir die gebied wat as 'n dorp bekend as Ekangala en omskryf in Bylae B, vir bewoning deur of vir die nywerheids- of besigheidsdoelendes van Swart persone afgesonder is kragtens artikel 30 (1) van die Swart Administrasie Wet, 1927 (Wet 38 van 1927), ten opsigte van verkooppryse, huur en aflospaaielemente van enige perseel, asook vorderings vir beligtings-, water-, sanitêre, gesondheids-, mediese en ander dienste wat deur die Suid-Afrikaanse Ontwikkelingstrust of die betrokke dorpsraad gelewer word.

G. VAN N. VILJOEN,

Minister van Onderwys en Ontwikkelingshulp.

(Lêer GA6/2/4)

No. R. 2648

1 December 1987

**SELLING PRICES, REDEMPTION INSTALMENTS, RENT AND SERVICE CHARGES IN RESPECT OF THE TOWN EKANGALA**

By virtue of the powers vested in me by regulation 46 (1), (2) and (3) of Chapter 2 of the Regulations for the Administration and Control of Towns in Black Areas, promulgated by Proclamation R. 293 of 1962, I, Gerrit van Niekerk Viljoen, Minister of Education and Development Aid, prescribe the fees referred to in Schedule A for the area known as Ekangala and described in Schedule B, set aside as a town for occupation by or for the industrial and business purposes of Black persons under section 30 (1) of the Black Administration Act, 1927 (Act 38 of 1927), in respect of selling prices, redemption instalments of any site, rent, and in addition thereto charges for lighting, water, sanitary, health, medical and other services rendered by the South African Development Trust or the town council concerned.

G. VAN N. VILJOEN,

Minister of Education and Development Aid.

(File GA6/2/4)

**BYLAE A****1. VERKOOPPRYSE VAN PERSELE.****1.1 Gedienspersele vir woondoeleindes:**

1.1.1 Die verkoopprys word bereken deur die prys per vierkante meter te vermenigvuldig met die perseeloppervlakte, plus die Fasiliteitsfondsheffing en administrasiekoste.

1.1.2 Die volle bedrag is betaalbaar by toekenning van die perseel.

1.1.3 Prys per vierkante meter of gedeelte daarvan: R3,75.

1.1.4 Fasiliteitsfondsheffing per perseel: R3,50.

1.1.5 Administrasiekoste per perseel: R7,00.

**1.2 Ongedienspersele vir woondoeleindes:**

1.2.1 Die verkoopprys word bereken deur die prys per vierkante meter te vermenigvuldig met die perseeloppervlakte, plus die Fasiliteitsfondsheffing en administrasiekoste.

1.2.2 Die volle bedrag is betaalbaar by toekenning van die perseel.

1.2.3 Toekenning geskied slegs op 'n blokbasis aan werkgewers of dorpsontwikkelaars, mits persele beskikbaar is.

1.2.4 Prys per vierkante meter of gedeelte daarvan: R2,75.

1.2.5 Fasiliteitsfondsheffing per perseel: R3,50.

1.2.6 Administrasiekoste per perseel: R7,00.

**1.3 Besigheidspersele (gediens of ongediens):**

1.3.1 Die verkoopprys word bereken deur die prys per vierkante meter te vermenigvuldig met die perseeloppervlakte, plus die Fasiliteitsfondsheffing en administrasiekoste.

1.3.2 Die volle bedrag is betaalbaar by toekenning van die perseel.

1.3.3 Prys per vierkante meter of gedeelte daarvan: R11,10.

1.3.4 Fasiliteitsfondsheffing per perseel: R3,50.

1.3.5 Administrasiekoste per perseel: R7,00.

**1.4 Nywerheidspersele:**

Hierdie persele is slegs in die gesoneerde nywerheidsgebied beskikbaar.

**2. VERKOOPPRYSE VAN HUISE:**

Tipe huis	Verkoopprys
A1/2.....	R13 062
A3/4.....	R16 756
B1/2.....	R14 456
C1/2.....	R12 227
C3/2.....	R15 791
D1/2.....	R11 845
D3/4.....	R15 926
E1/2.....	R12 964
E3/4.....	R16 469
F1/2.....	R13 855



## 1.2 Unserviced sites for residential purposes:

1.2.1 The selling price shall be calculated by multiplying the price per square metre by the site surface area, plus the Facility Fund Levy and the administration fee.

1.2.2 The full amount is payable on allocation of the site.

1.2.3 Allocation shall take place only on a block basis to employers or township developers, provided sites are available.

1.2.4 Price per square metre or portion thereof: R2,75.

1.2.5 Facility Fund Levy per site: R3,50.

1.2.6 Administration fee per site: R7,00.

## 1.3 Business sites (served or unserved):

1.3.1 The selling price shall be calculated by multiplying the price per square metre by the site surface area, plus the Facility Fund Levy and the administration fee.

1.3.2 The full amount is payable on allocation of the site.

1.3.3 Price per square metre or portion thereof: R11,10.

1.3.4 Facility Fund Levy per site: R3,50.

1.3.5 Administration fee per site: R7,00.

## 1.4 Industrial site:

These sites shall be available only in the zoned industrial area.

## 2. SELLING PRICES OF HOUSES:

Type of house	Selling price
A1/2.....	R13 062
A3/4.....	R16 756
B1/2.....	R14 456
C1/2.....	R12 227
C3/2.....	R15 791
D1/2.....	R11 845
D3/4.....	R15 926
E1/2.....	R12 964
E3/4.....	R16 469
F1/2.....	R13 855
F3/4.....	R17 698
G1/2.....	R15 834
G3/4.....	R17 614
H1/2.....	R17 319
J1/2.....	R12 486
J3/4.....	R16 487
K1/2.....	R14 918
K3/4.....	R16 621
L1/2.....	R14 693
M1/2.....	R14 404
M3/4.....	R18 794
M3/4R.....	R17 733
N1/2.....	R13 419
N3/4.....	R20 617
N3/4R.....	R20 300

## 3. RENT AND REDEMPTION INSTALMENTS.

3.1 The rent and redemption instalments shall be calculated on the basis of repayment of the erection cost over a set period, as well as on the gross monthly income of the head of the family.

## 3.2 Rent and redemption instalments:

Type of house	Percentage of gross monthly income payable				
	3% 150/250	5% 251/350	7% 351/450	9% 451/650	11,25% 651 and above
	R	R	R	R	R
A1/2.....	42,70	52,30	62,99	74,52	88,31
A3/4.....	61,12	75,08	90,59	107,37	127,39
B1/2.....	49,69	60,95	73,47	87,00	103,16
C1/2.....	38,62	47,26	56,87	67,26	79,66
C3/2.....	56,33	69,15	83,41	98,82	117,23
D1/2.....	36,51	44,70	53,81	63,66	75,42
D3/4.....	57,00	70,00	84,43	100,00	118,65
E1/2.....	42,28	51,79	62,36	73,79	87,43
E3/4.....	59,69	73,32	88,48	104,83	124,38
F1/2.....	46,71	57,26	69,00	81,68	96,82
F3/4.....	65,80	80,86	97,62	115,71	137,33
G1/2.....	56,54	69,42	83,13	99,21	117,69
G3/4.....	65,38	80,35	96,59	114,97	136,44



Type of house	Percentage of gross monthly income payable				
	3% 150/250	5% 251/350	7% 351/450	9% 451/650	11,25% 651 and above
	R	R	R	R	R
H1/2.....	63,91	78,52	94,78	112,35	133,33
J1/2.....	39,90	48,85	58,80	70,54	82,39
J3/4.....	59,79	73,43	88,60	104,99	124,57
K1/2.....	51,99	62,98	76,91	91,10	108,03
K3/4.....	60,44	74,25	89,58	106,17	125,97
L1/2.....	50,87	62,41	75,23	89,10	105,66
M1/2.....	49,43	60,63	73,08	86,54	102,60
M3/4.....	71,25	87,59	105,77	136,42	148,88
M3/4R.....	65,97	81,07	97,86	116,02	137,70
N1/2.....	44,54	54,57	67,75	77,82	92,23
N3/4.....	80,30	98,79	119,34	141,56	168,11
N3/4R.....	78,76	96,82	117,04	138,80	164,83

## 4. RENT RATES 209 SCHEME.

4.1 The rent rates shall be calculated on the basis of repayment of the erection cost over a set period, as well as on the gross monthly income of the head of the family.

## 4.2 Rent rates:

Percentage of gross monthly income payable				
3% 150/250	5% 251/350	7% 351/450	9% 451/650	11,25% 651 and over
R49,90	R69,16	R82,95	R97,87	R114,59

## 5. SERVICE FEES.

## 5.1 Residential sites:

5.1.1 Service fees shall be payable in respect of each site in the town irrespective of whether the house concerned is sold or has been leased.

5.1.2 Rates in respect of water and electricity have not been included in the service fees and shall be levied separately.

5.1.3 Service fees payable per month: R25,00.

## 5.2 Business sites:

5.2.1 Service fees are payable in respect of each business in the town irrespective of whether the business is situated on its own site or forms part of a larger complex.

5.2.2 Rates in respect of water and electricity have not been included in the service fees and shall be levied separately.

5.2.3 Basic tariff payable per month: R25,00.

5.2.4 Additional levy payable for each separate wash-basin or toilet facility: R10,00.

## 6. BUILDING PERMITS.

6.1 Approval of plans for houses: R20,00.

6.2 Approval of plans for additions to houses: R10,00.

6.3 Approval of plans for flats and other communal residential schemes: 1% of erection costs.

6.4 Approval of plans for business purposes: 1% of erection costs.

## 7. CONNECTION FEES.

7.1 A single payment on application for the rendering of the service is payable.

7.2 A single payment of 50% of the prescribed tariff is payable when additions are effected requiring an extension of the existing service.

## 7.3 Residential and business sites:

7.3.1 Water: R180,00.

7.3.2 Water phase 3: R255,00.

7.3.3 Sewerage: R200,00.

7.3.4 Electricity: R350,00.

## 8. DEPOSIT FOR WATER AND ELECTRICITY.

8.1 A single amount shall be payable on application for the service concerned.

8.2 Water: R10,00.

8.3 Electricity: R10,00.

8.4 Water and electricity simultaneously: R15,00.

## 9. WATER CONSUMPTION.

## 9.1 Residential and business sites:

9.1.1 Meters shall be supplied on account of the South African Development Trust, provided that meters which have been damaged shall be replaced on the basis of the cost of replacement of the meter plus labour.

9.1.2 Tariff per site: R0,30 per kilolitre.



# Priest fights to clean up streets of sewage

## The bad, ugly side of town

WINNIE GRAHAM

"Will it take an epidemic of cholera or typhoid spreading into the white suburbs of Johannesburg to finally get something done about the dreadful conditions under which people live here?"

It was a cry from the heart of Father Dermot Mills, the priest in charge of St Joseph's Catholic Church in Meadowlands, Soweto, who has spent months trying to get local councils to do something about the sewage effluent flowing through the streets of the town.

After months of frustration and repeated requests to the health authorities, Father Mills invited The Saturday Star to see for itself the conditions in the township.

They were every bit as bad as he had depicted in the dossier he has compiled. And the sewer he had seen spilling over in Zone 10 was still flowing.

Residents claimed they had reported it to the Dobsonville council offices but had been told the council would not unblock it because "the residents are not paying rent".

The effluent flowed across the street, through the yards of two small houses, over a sidewalk and into the street again. The people in the houses had built little walls of mud to contain the spread of the sewage across their yards.

But the problem did not end there. As we left the scene, we saw more effluent running along Somkele Street, Zone 4, Meadowlands.

We traced it to a manhole which

was literally "bubbling" with overflowing sewage. The effluent ran down the street, to be joined by yet two other streams — from a second and a third manhole. People in the vicinity claimed the spillage had started between 5 am and 6 am that day.

Around the corner in Hlala Street another manhole was overflowing. Residents said it had been flowing for several days.

The problem of getting the sewers unblocked has remained a continuous frustration for Father Mills. His records show that he reported the first overflowing manhole on Palm Sunday in April.

He recorded then: "The manhole cover had been forced open by the pressure of the flow. I reported the matter to a man introduced to me as the township manager".

"Workmen arrived at about 11 am on the Wednesday. They spent a short while there. At noon one was still there, sleeping on the grass. The sewer continued to overflow. A 'lake' of solid sewage was in the garden and overflowing into the streets.

"On the Thursday, the workmen stopped the flow at 1 pm.

"Easter Monday (four days later): It flows again but ceases after a few hours."

Father Mills said the flow started again on May 27. He reported it to a local councillor. Workmen arrived in the afternoon and unblocked it but they did not clean away the sewage.

He records show: "On Saturday morning the sewage is still there ... solidifying.



HELPING HAND: Father Dermot Mills lifts a toddler over flowing effluent in a Meadowlands street.

"An elderly parishioner, a woman in her late 70s, tries to rake up the mess. I ask her not to as there is a health danger."

Father Mills reported again to the councillor but found her to be out. He told her husband but nothing was done.

That evening he telephoned a doctor who agreed that the effluent was a major health hazard. He said the ground would be contaminated for years, with worms being a major problem.

So the saga continued. In June the priest reported an overflowing

sewer in Ngema Street. Excrement in the grounds of the church was covered with ash. He expected a health inspector but no one called and he heard nothing.

He spoke to a contact about the sewer in Ngema Street, Zone 5, and an inspector and two others arrived. They gave him a telephone number and told him: "If only people would report the overflowing manholes, they would be unblocked."

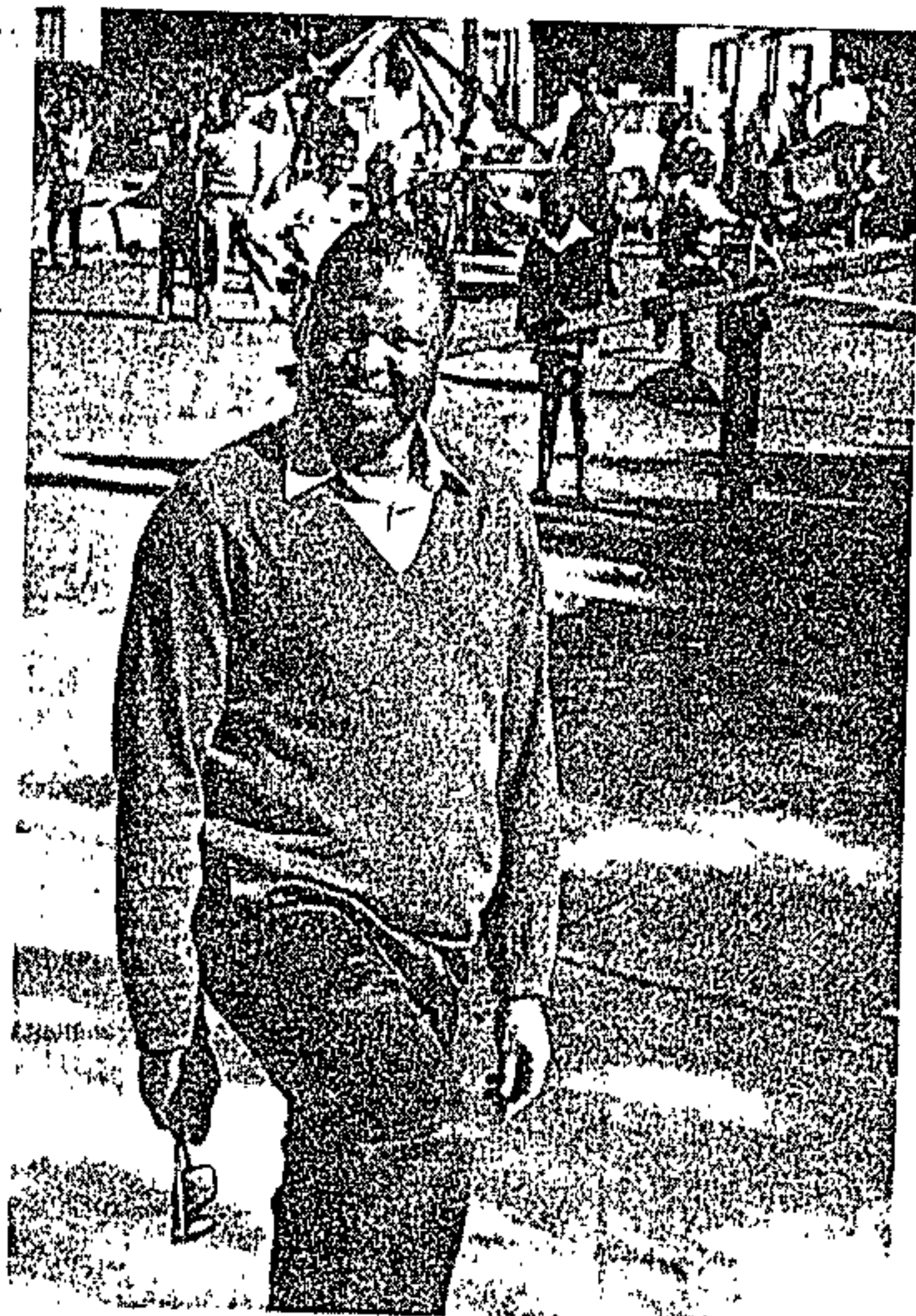
The inspector assured Father Mills that blocked sewers would be unblocked at any time, including weekends and public holidays. He

continued to report blocked sewers in July, August and September.

Father Mills believes the people of Meadowlands are left to live in filth because they are black.

"That can be the only reason for the careless attitude which allows people to live in these disease-producing conditions," he added.

The chairman of the regional services council, Mr Gerrit Bornman, said this week that the reconstruction of sewerage facilities in the townships was only the "second priority".



MR CLEAN ... to him dirt is Public Enemy No 1. Mr Japhtha Lekgetho has dedicated 10 years to cleaning up townships.

## Mr Clean learns to fight dirty — and win

MAOKENG KGWETE

When he talks rubbish, Mr Japhtha Lekgetho, becomes the most eloquent person I have met.

To him, dirt is "Public Enemy No 1" and in areas served by his cleaning projects, dirt is becoming a thing of the past. The only trail he leaves behind him is cleanliness.

He fights dirty, too — giving litter no chance if he can help it.

In the bleak days of 1977, after the outbreak of the pupils' revolt, he waged a monumental one-man revolution against the squalor in the townships. It was not a complete success, but it certainly was worth an effort.

Mr Lekgetho, dubbed "Mr Clean", gave up his job as a geography teacher. He put his elegant suits away, rolled his shirt sleeves and dedicated himself to cleaner ghettos.

At the time it seemed a long, lonely and seemingly insurmountable struggle.

Today, 10 years later, rubbish mountains which used to be part of the landscape in the townships, are on the decline.

He can now afford a satisfied grin: "The struggle against squalor has been worth it, bearing in mind the awareness of cleanliness that it has instilled in our people. But I am not totally happy yet, because the problem of litter is still with us."

Mr Clean has spread his message far beyond Soweto — to Pretoria and the East Rand. He says that, to date, his National Environmental Awareness Campaign (Neac) has planted more than 30 000 trees in township schools, public places and the parks that he has personally built.

Mr Lekgetho blames township planners for the mess many black residential areas are in. "Nothing in the townships was ever planned for our recreation, or with human dignity in mind," he says.

On Kruger Day — when crowds went wild, assaulting many whites and killing two after revelry in city parks — there were 5 000 fun seekers at the park near the Dobsonville bird sanctuary. Mr Lekgetho says the people behaved very well and there was "absolutely no trouble".

If well-equipped and serviced facilities could be built right inside the townships there would not be a migration to facilities in the city on public holidays.

"People would save on transport fares, and at the same time the problem of congestion would be solved," Mr Lekgetho says.

He complains that some amenities are now being considered for

the townships, but are being built on the peripheries of black areas.

He asks: "What sense of ownership does this instil in us, when facilities are being built for us outside our areas? Why can't the people who provide them bring them inside?"

Mr Lekgetho would like to develop river trails in Soweto and other townships.

He is heartened by the fact that in the townships are hundreds of trees which daily get the attention of their "owners".

He has instilled in children a sense of pride in the trees they individually planted, so much so, that every day after school many township youngsters make it their duty to water and nurse the saplings.

Commenting on the Johannesburg municipality's move to fence public parks, he said: "The shortage of recreational facilities in black residential area cannot be judged in isolation from our political structure. Many restrictive laws of this country deny blacks the access to facilities. In almost all black residential areas facilities are inadequate."

He said a place as big as Soweto — with more than 2 million people — hardly has a park the size of Zoo Lake.

He says the solution is the total scrapping of the Group Areas Act.



## SOWETO ELECTRIFICATION

### Power to the people

The electrification of Soweto was the biggest single urban electrification project in the world, says Guill Marais, chairman of the engineering concern which acted as consultants on the project and led the consortium of other professionals for ancillary services in the project.

Speaking at an international conference in Abidjan organised by the US Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, Marais said the project was completed in the record time of four and a half years from the time contractors first moved on site in August 1980 till completion in February 1985.

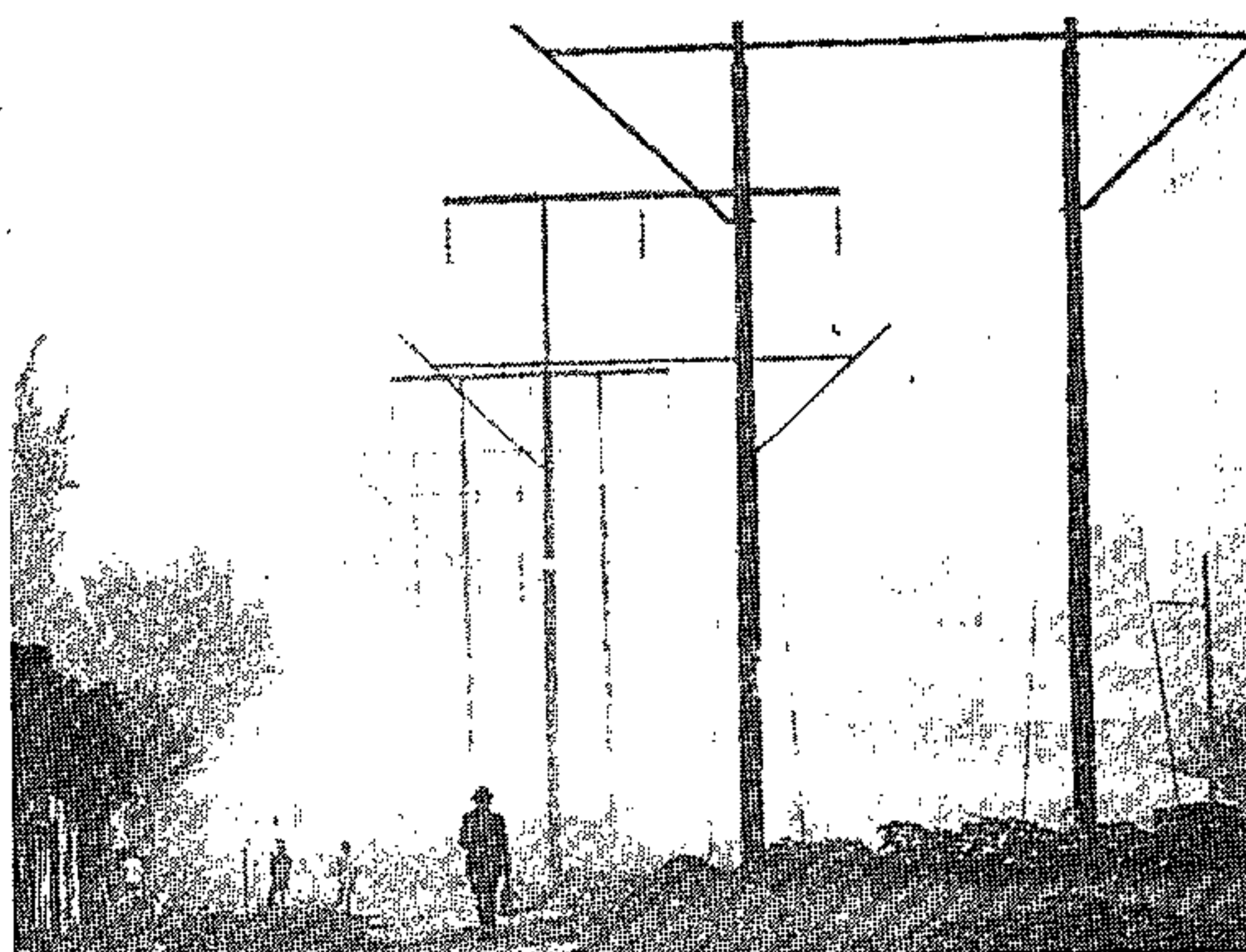
Total cost of the project including service connections to houses and house wiring was R206m, for which a consortium of banks and a local pension scheme trust arranged finance. The electricity supply is taken from the Eskom grid at the western boundary of Soweto and primary distribution from this

point, the Protea sub-station, is to five major interlinked sub-stations.

These major sub-stations, in turn, feed power to 20 minor sub-stations from where power is distributed to 891 miniature sub-stations. Low voltage underground cables then carry the power via 10 859 low voltage distribution cubicles to the houses.

Over 8 000 street lighting poles of varying types were put in during the course of the project. High mast lighting was already in existence in the Soweto Council area and further high mast installations were subsequently designed and put in by the Johannesburg Electricity Department. But the other councils in the area opted for normal street lighting with special amenity lighting provided in the narrowest streets and spaced at 50 m intervals.

The electrification provides for 105 000 domestic consumers as well as businesses, clinics, small industries and a large number of hostels. Houses were wired and inspected at a peak tempo of one house every three minutes. At one time there were 1 500 work-



Soweto ... turning on the lights

ers on site with a further 3 000 employed by supplying manufacturers.

The volume of excavations for the project totalled 690 000 cubic metres or the equivalent of digging 10 000 average-sized swimming pools. Nearly 550 km of 11 kV cable of all types was used, while a staggering 1 178 km of low voltage underground cable was put down. The amount of cable used to service the houses amounted to over 4 200 km or three times the distance between Johannesburg and Cape Town.

All in all 104 000 houses were wired, of which 24 000 had already been wired but did not comply with the Code of Practice of

lem of illegibility is negated and considerable efficiencies result from not having to input each ticket manually into the larger computer.

The old story about having to complete the ticket once the warden has started writing it out still holds true for the Husky Hunter.

The organisations participating in this pilot project are the city councils of Johannesburg, Pretoria, Benoni and Potchefstroom, the CSIR and Mercedes Datakor (MD). According to Advocate T J Botha of the CSIR, it is expected that the project will produce results rapidly, and if successful, the technology will be made available to all traffic authorities.

#### Forceful demonstration

"The government has committed itself to greater effectiveness in the enforcement of the rules of the road generally," says Botha. "The use of portable computers in this way is a forceful demonstration of what the offending road user can expect in the future."

Mercedes Datakor's Peter Kuhnert says that his company is the sole agent for the equipment in SA, and will manufacture the entire product here. He estimates that the administrative saving alone will justify the unit's price of about R5 500 in some 12 to 18 months. If MD gets the business countrywide it should amount to somewhere between 600-1 000 units worth between R3m-R6m.



# No sporting chance from the council

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By DAN DILAMINI

THE Ikageng Town Council near Potchefstroom decided to freeze the post of a sports organiser and by so doing, rendered jobless a young man who has enormous projects up his sleeve.

Ikageng sports organiser Bobby Makhoana showed *City Press* a letter notifying him about his fate.

No reasons were stated in the letter and his duties will be terminated at the end of December.

Makhoana said it was unfortunate that the council made such a decision when he had already embarked on an enormous project to raise funds for the Ikalafeng Day Care Centre for mentally retarded persons in the Western Transvaal.

Last week Trans-RSA 88, an organisation headed by Makhoana, succeeded in raising R1 200 for Ikalafeng. A R1 000 cheque was donated by Tlokoe Breweries and a R200 cheque was from First National Bank, Johannesburg.

Makhoana, who has already arranged a football match, a beauty contest and a sports personality of the year contest, said that despite the council's decision, he would go on raising funds for the needy.

Amy Casteleti, a spokesman for Kappa, the company which is sponsoring Mamelodi Sundowns football club, said that her company was keen to support Trans-RSA 88 in its bid to raise funds for the mentally retarded.

She said Mamelodi Sundowns would play against Ikageng regional second division team Benfica tomorrow.

The chairman of the Ikalafeng Day Centre, Rev OT Serobatse, said he appreciated what Trans-RSA 88 and Makhoana had done for the centre.

Serobatse, who appealed to the public and business sectors for funds, also thanked other companies for their contributions.

He, however, said that the project needed a lot of funds.

Makhoana said he had also clinched a sponsorship of R4 000 for local soccer from Cera Oils.

"The company is prepared to spend R4 000 on local soccer to boost the morale of the teams playing in the lower divisions," said Makhoana.

Asked what could be the reason for his dismissal, Makhoana said he suspected that he was fired be-



**Richard Sepotokele**  
... new mayor

cause he did not agree with the council's management committee's interference in sport.

He said he wrote a letter to the council demanding reasons for his dismissal, but there had been no response.

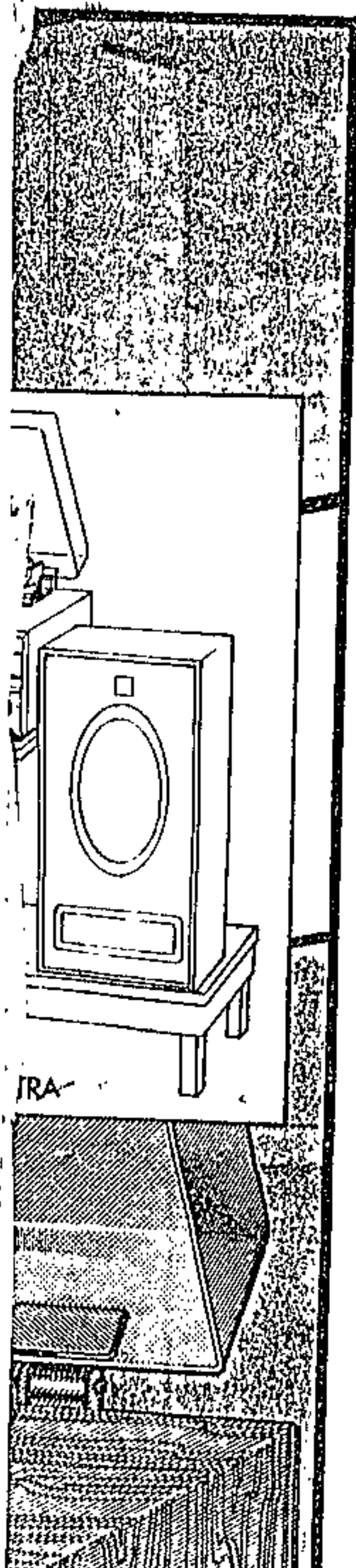
He said he had consulted the Nactu advice office, which is handling his case.

Management committee chairman Joe Nkosi told *City Press* in an interview that the council had decided to freeze the post because of a lack of money.

Nkosi said the post of sport organiser was not budgeted for this year. He said money was taken from other posts to keep it open.

He agreed that it was an important post but said the new mayor, Richard Sepotokele, who was elected yesterday, would have to get estimates for the post for the 1988-89 financial year.

According to reliable sources and documents in our possession, funds for sport and recreation for the 1987/88 financial year amounted to R88 325.





# New feud brews as Ikageng's ex-mayor threatens council

By DAN DHLAMINI

A NEW feud within the Ikageng Town Council seems inevitable as the former mayor demands a public apology from his fellow councillors.

This comes barely eight

days after councillor Sam Nyokong was deposed by the new mayor, Richard Sepotokele.

This week Nyokong showed *City Press* a letter from the Transvaal Provincial Administration stating

that his 52 days' suspension imposed by the council was unlawful.

In the letter, the TPA informs the Ikageng Town Council that the law on black local authorities made no provision authorising such a suspension.

Earlier, the then deputy mayor, Isaac Pheto, who was also ousted in the mayoral elections, said the reason for Nyokong's suspension was that he did not run the council's affairs correctly.

Nyokong told *City Press* that he could sue the council for defamation of character, but would rather not, if the council compromised.

He said: "For the sake of peace and harmony in the council, I only demand that the council apologises publicly. They dragged my good name and reputation in the mud and I was the laughing stock in the community for 52 days - all because of a personal grudge which drew the entire council into the mess."

Nyokong said the matter was put before the full council and instead of apologising, the response was that "we take note of it".



**Former mayor Sam Nyokong threatens to sue.**

He said they have not even apologised to him, personally or privately, by way of a letter for the inconvenience they caused him.

He said the matter was in the hands of his lawyers, who would advise him what steps to take if his demand was not met.

Meanwhile, Bobby Makgoana, Ikageng sports or-

ganiser, has until December 31 to seek new pastures. The council has decided to freeze his post despite the fact that it was included in the 1987/88 budget estimates.

Attempts to get the mayor to comment on both the Makgoana and Nyokong issues, drew a blank.

He was reported to have gone to purchase cattle.



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**Entire town council fired** *343*

PRETORIA. — The Transvaal Administrator, Mr Willem Cruywagen, has disbanded the Diepmeadow town council and appointed a former mayor, Mr David Thebehali, to serve as the township's administrator until the municipal elections in October next year. Mr Cruywagen said he removed all council members because they had failed to recover outstanding rents and service charges.



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# Thebehali turns rent-collector

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Newly-appointed Diepmeadow administrator Mr David Thebehali will face the mammoth task of having to recover R145 million in unpaid rent from residents in Diepkloof and Meadowlands.

The council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration have not put a figure on the local authority's losses in unpaid rents since the start of the rent boycott about 18 months ago, but a source close to the council said it was in the region of R145 million.

The Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Willem Cruywagen, dissolved the Diepmeadow Town Council and removed all 15 councillors from office last week.

His move came in the wake of a tough speech to black local authorities in which he warned that councils would have to make plans to recover rents and service charges, and show their communities they were not wasting money on luxuries.

There has also been speculation of corruption and mismanagement of the council's funds.

Announcing the disbanding of the council last week, Mr Cruywagen said one of the reasons was that it had failed to recover outstanding rent and services charges. He said the council had also failed to update its financial records even after it had been given a chance to do so.

Diepmeadow's Town Clerk, Mr Noel Gaum, will be acting administrator until Mr Thebehali's return from a visit to the US. Mr Gaum was fired earlier this year by the Mayor, Mr Maraba Mathala, after council workers accused him of being a racist, but later reinstated after Supreme Court action.

Mr Mathala was one of those axed by Mr Cruywagen.



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# Tvl black councils warned on misconduct

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — As a continuation of its "get-tough" policy the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has warned it would dissolve any black local authority guilty of "misconduct" or which fails to keep proper financial records.

A TPA spokesman said the administrator would take the same action against any "improper" local government as in the case of the Diepmeadow Town Council and would be acting within the powers vested in it by law.

Administrator Mr Willem Cruywagen warned urban black councils here recently "a tougher attitude" would be adopted against them if they did not get their financial affairs straightened out.

He said the province's bridging finance funds of R126 million would be completely exhausted by June next year, therefore the councils would have to make efforts to recover the

unpaid rents and service charges.

Mr Cruywagen said: "The councils had been given ample time to recover outstanding rent and service revenue, and also warned there was concern that some funds had been misused on projects that could not be accounted for due to lack of proper planning."

Although no precise estimate of the outstanding rent amounts were given, it is believed they could be in the region of R400 million.

The TPA spokesman said he did not know how many councils had been affected by the rent boycott that started 18 months ago but said there was a possibility more councils would be investigated in the new year.

The Diepmeadow council, to be administered by former Soweto mayor Mr David Thebehali, was the first to be dissolved by a TPA decision last week.

The spokesman said the administrator had appointed Mr Thebehali because he had expert knowledge of local government.



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## Mystery of the disappearing Lekoa mutineer

By VUSI GUNENE

MYSTERY shrouds the whereabouts of Captain Timothy Radebe, alleged leader of the mutiny by Lekoa Municipal Council police, after he was discharged from Sebokeng Hospital this week.

Radebe sustained injuries to the head and body during the mutiny — which saw an exchange of shots between municipal and regular police on the streets of Sebokeng last week.

When the *Weekly Mail* visited Sebokeng on Wednesday, hospital employees were reluctant to talk about Radebe.

However, an eyewitness (who refused to be named) said he had seen Radebe being taken away by South African Police in the presence of his wife and parents at 7pm on Monday.

He overheard hospital personnel discussing his transfer to a hospital in Letaba in the Northern Transvaal, he said.

A nursing sister from ward 12 — where Radebe had been treated — confirmed that Radebe had been discharged on Monday.

Radebe's current legal status is unclear. The SAP public relations division told the *Weekly Mail*: "As far as can be ascertained, Captain Timothy Radebe is not in detention."

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the Lekoa Municipal Police said he had not been officially notified of Radebe's discharge.

Lekoa's mayor, Esau Mahlatsi, declined to comment on the whereabouts of Radebe, except to say he had been transferred to a private clinic which he would not identify. But, he insisted, "Radebe was only discharged from the Sebokeng Hospital and transferred to a clinic at the request of his family."

Mahlatsi has called on the government to institute a commission of inquiry into the causes of the Lekoa confrontation, and is still awaiting a response.

He refused to comment on the suspension of a senior white official of the Sebokeng Law Enforcement Unit, Major JJ Bruyns. "He still has to appear before the disciplinary committee," he said.



# Sharp Afrikaner criticism over Thebehali's return

By PATRICK LAURENCE

THE appointment of former Soweto Mayor David Thebehali as administrator of Diepmeadow has evoked criticism from within the Afrikaner establishment.

In an editorial the pro-government Afrikaans newspaper, *Beeld*, criticised Transvaal Administrator Willem Cruywagen for appointing Thebehali to administer Diepmeadow's affairs after he dissolved the Diepmeadow Council.

"It will help very little to replace stubborn town councils with people who are completely discredited in the eyes of blacks," *Beeld* said.

"Mr David Thebehali, the man who has now been placed in charge of Diepmeadow, was a controversial person as mayor of Soweto who was finally rejected totally by his own people and virtually driven out of the giant city."

*Beeld's* criticism of Cruywagen's choice of administrator was printed in bold letters for emphasis. Its tone echoed and reinforced an earlier editorial in *The Sowetan*.

"His track record does not warrant the appointment," *The Sowetan* declared of Thebehali.

"He lost his position in the Soweto City Council because even the small number of people who turned up at the elections to his ward rejected him in favour of somebody else."

"Appointing a man who has been publicly rejected at the polls as administrator of another township is merely worsening a serious problem."

Aged 49, Thebehali, one of the original Young Progressives and a

former member of Inkatha, was Soweto mayor from 1978 to 1983.

In 1983, in the first poll under the Black Local Authorities Act, he and his deputy, Tolicá Makhaya, were trounced by candidates of Ephraim Tshabalala's Sefasonke Party.

Thereafter he largely disappeared from political life, surfacing occasionally in public: once as the Reverend David Thebehali in a religious programme on black TV; once as a businessman who was booted off the executive of the Soweto Chamber of Commerce for non-payment of his R21 membership fee, and once, in June 1987, when Mr Justice Richard Goldstone gave judgement in default against him in favour of Standard Bank for R29 781.

Fears have been expressed by *The Sowetan* and the Azanian People's Organisation that Thebehali has been specially chosen as administrator of Diepmeadow to break the rent boycott.

One of the reasons cited by Cruywagen for dissolving the Diepmeadow Council is its inability and unwillingness to recover outstanding rent and service charges.

Thebehali was certainly a boycott-breaker in another sense: he stood for election to the Soweto Community Council in 1978 when the cry, in the wake of the 1976 student rebellion, was to blacks to get out of "dummy institutions".

The poll in the 1978 Soweto election was six percent. In the ward where Thebehali stood, he received 97 votes in a 4.4 percent poll, enough to win him a place in the Soweto Council.

A former member of Soweto's Urban Bantu Council — dubbed the "Useless Boys' Club" by black activists — Thebehali refused to regard the low poll in 1978 as a clear sign that a decisive majority of Sowetans wanted nothing to do with the community council.

He rapidly became one of the best paid mayors in South Africa, his salary far outstripping those of his fellow black mayors and rising nearly 500 percent in 15 months to more than R20 500 a year.

According to David Grinaker, a former secretary to the Diepmeadow Council, Thebehali "lived like a prince in a huge house constructed for the Soweto mayor by the Afrikaans Chamber of Commerce."

It did not endear him to the people, as the 1983 election showed. It did make him a target for assassination, his expensive mayoral car being destroyed towards the end of his term by bombers who tried to kill him.

While mayor of Soweto, he strove to unite the three town councils in Greater Soweto — Soweto proper, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville — into one council under his aegis. He failed.

But now, having been rescued from obscurity by Cruywagen, he has been appointed supremo of Diepmeadow, an ambition which eluded him when he was Soweto mayor.



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# Lekoa council faces lawsuit

By STAN MHLONGO

FORMER Lekoa town clerk NP Louw – surprisingly fired by the Lekoa City Council just before Christmas – this week said he intended suing the council.

Speaking from his Vanderbijlpark home, Louw told *City Press* that his unexpected sacking by the council was confirmed in a letter he received last Wednesday – two days before Christmas.

Louw claimed his sacking emanated from the suspension of the head of the Lekoa municipal police, Captain N de Bruyn.

De Bruyn was suspended after the December 10 shootout between the Lekoa municipal police, better known as “the greenbeans”, and members of the West

Rand SAP riot squad.

The 19 municipal cops involved in the skirmish, were arrested. Eight other “greenbeans” were injured. The 19 were later released pending an investigation by the SAP.

Louw said he was initially suspended in October “after the mayor, Esau Mahlatsi, returned from an overseas trip”. He claimed Mahlatsi refused to disclose the reasons behind his suspension.

“Even the decision to fire me was taken during my absence while I was on sick leave. But the council created a false impression by saying I was on normal leave at the time,” added Louw.

Lekoa mayor Esau Mahlatsi declined to comment and said he would later issue a statement about the matter.



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# War looms between taxis and council

By S'BU MNGADI

A COLD war is developing between the Umlazi Town Council and the local taxi owners over the lack of a bus service for the 500 000 township residents.

The UTC has threatened to seek an urgent Supreme Court interdict to stop the taxis from operating in the area after the Umlazi Taxi Owners' Association and its bus company, Umlazi-Ntokozweni-Kwamnyandu Bus Service, successfully interdicted the Durban Transportation Management Board from operating a bus service at Umlazi.

The service was to have started on December 13.

Umlazi commuters had been relying on trains and taxis since December 5, 1986, after the Putco bus

company closed down its Durban south depot following a dispute with its employees.

The Umlazi Taxi Owners' Association then introduced a fleet of 14 second-hand buses which the Umlazi community felt was not enough to cater for the needs of the township, comprising 97 schools - each school with an average of 500 pupils.

The taxi-owned bus company had pledged to increase its bus fleet as from January 16 this year.

In the application against DTMB, the Umlazi Taxi Owners' Association and Umlazi-Ntokozweni-Kwamnyandu Bus Service said they had financially committed themselves to cater for commuters. They had introduced taxis and more buses were to be introduced this month.

The DTMB'S temporary road carrier permit to operate a service in Umlazi was declared invalid.

The introduction of the DTMB bus service in the area had been arranged by the UTC.

Late last month UTC hit back at taxis by threatening to seek an urgent interdict against local taxi owners unless they withdrew their interdict against DTMB.

According to Umlazi mayor Reuben Mfeka, 500 residents mandated his council to stop the taxis at a meeting.

He said: "The people now feel that if buses are not permitted to run, then the taxis should also be stopped."

He added that they would be seeking a meeting with Umlazi taxi owners to request them to withdraw their court action against DTMB.

DTMB had bought 53 buses at a cost of R250 000 each, and had employed additional staff to man the service.

Meanwhile, the 14 taxi-owned buses were this week under a threat of being repossessed. They have already been withdrawn from the township.

Busaf sales director Shane O'Brien this week served the Umlazi bus company with papers to show cause why the buses which they had failed to pay for should not be repossessed.

## Qoboza improves

THE editor of *City Press*, Percy Qoboza, has been transferred from Baragwanath Hospital's intensive care unit to the Lesedi clinic in Soweto.

*City Press* publisher Keith Lister said yesterday the editor's condition had stabilised and he was "beginning to show some improvement".

Doctors had said Qoboza would continue to require "constant observation for the time being as he recovers from his semi-comatose state".

Qoboza's wife has paid special tribute to the Baragwanath doctors who cared for her husband.

"My family and I are deeply grateful to them. Without their help I do not think he would be alive."

She has asked that her family's privacy should be respected "at this difficult time".



Percy Qoboza



# DAGGAKRAAL RESIDENTS WIN RIGHT TO STAY PUT!

## The battle is over

IN a surprise move, the Government has decided that the people of Daggakraal near Standerton, who have had the cloud of forced removal hanging over them since the 50s, can now remain unconditionally on their land.

This was announced at a weekend meeting with residents by Mr F Piek, an official from the Transvaal Provincial

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Administration. Also present were officials from the Department of Development and Aid.

Mr Piek said the people would remain in Daggakraal and that their land would not be taken away from them.

He said that this was an unalterable stand the Government had taken.

He said a community authority would be established and that it would have a direct line of communication with the Government.

This would apply to Zone One, Two and Three in Daggakraal, Mr Piek said.

### Election

He said people who were eligible for election in the envisaged community authority would be people who were landowners and had title deeds.

"Nobody from outside will interfere and it is up to the community to decide and to recommend what their needs and priorities are," said Mr Piek.

He stressed that the



### AT LAST!

MR F Piek, with Mr J Grieb on his right, announce the Government's decision to allow Daggakraal's residents to remain where they are.

Government did not intend to remove the people of Daggakraal.

There was a need for development in the area, and the Department of Development and Aid would see to this, Mr Piek said.

He said one of the first projects that the Department would tackle was the building of roads. In the past he said, the construction of roads had been hampered by some locals who apparently thought this was going to be at their expense.

The Government was going to do this for free,

he said. But if the road-builders were hampered, this would mean that the money would be spent elsewhere, Mr Piek said.

He said he was aware there were certain people who were charging others who were "squatting" on Government land. This was malpractice which was punishable by law, Mr Piek said.

He said the community authority would not be run by a chief because landowners could not have a chief ruling over them.

The landowners of Daggakraal bought their land in 1912, before the

1913 Land Act came into force.

The Department would also see to general agricultural matters, as well as the dipping of cattle — all for free, Mr Piek said.

Mr Gweje Twala, chairman of the Daggakraal Joint Executive Committee and his secretary, Mr Temple Mwelase, said they welcomed the Government's decision.

"We are particularly happy that the Government has decided that Daggakraal will not be run by a tribal authority, but by a community authority, as we have requested over the years," Mr Twala said.

"The Government has promised to build roads, schools and a clinic, facilities that we are in dire need of," he added.

He said that virtually no development had taken place in Daggakraal because of uncertainty over the threatened removal.



# Daggakraal land rights now secure, TPA tells owners

Land-owners of the huge Eastern Transvaal freehold farm of Daggakraal will not be required to move off the property acquired by their forefathers in 1912.

The assurance that they may remain on Daggakraal and that their land rights are secure, was given by Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman Mr F Piek at a meeting of residents held in Daggakraal at the weekend.

But a community authority is to be established for the area and elections will be held for this body which will be recognised by the Government and will communicate directly with it, the community was told.

"Nobody from outside will interfere and it is up to the community to decide and to recommend what their priorities are," said Mr Piek.

Only landowners will stand for election in the community where the combined population of tenants and landowners is about 46 000.

Mr Gweje Twala, chairman of the Daggakraal Joint Executive Committee, and his secretary Mr Temple Mvelase, said they welcomed the move.

## HAPPY WITH DECISION

"We are particularly happy that the Government has decided that Daggakraal will not be run by a tribal authority but by a community authority," said Mr Twala.

This reaction is in sharp contrast to the stand taken by black freehold communities elsewhere in the country, who have rejected the community authorities as outdated modes of apartheid administration.

Daggakraal's neighbouring black freehold farms — kwaNgema and Driefontein — are among those who have rejected the system.

Mr Piek added that development in the area would be done by the Department of Development Aid, which was also represented at the meeting. Improvements to roads would be undertaken immediately by the State free of charge, he said.

The authority of the chief over the settlement would have to be curtailed, said Mr Piek, because landowners could not have a chief ruling over them.

He also noted that many landowners had tenants whom they charged rental. Mr Piek said this was a malpractice punishable by law. — Own Correspondent and Staff Reporter.



# Warning on 'big stink'

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THE Mamelodi Town Council — disturbed by unhygienic conditions in some parts of the township — yesterday warned that they would take drastic action against people found dumping refuse illegally in the area.

Mamelodi's mayor, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, said in a statement yesterday that it cost Mamelodi residents about R1,5 million last year "to fight this senseless and dirty practice." The council, he added, was not going to stand by idly while millions of rands "are literally going down the drain of dirt."

Referring to an article in the *Sowetan* yesterday morning about unhygienic conditions at the elite Mamelodi Gardens, Mr Ndlazi said the culprits could not expect to be treated with kid gloves.

"We are going to prosecute any person found dumping or causing another persons, particularly children, to dump refuse in a place not meant for the purpose," the mayor said.

"The council expects to take delivery of an R867 000 brick machine before the end of March this year."

Mr Ndlazi said: "For the sake of the health of our residents and the cleanliness of our city those people who are fond of dumping refuse and rubble at every available open space should expect no mercy from the council. Those people who are devoid of any sense of cleanliness are in for a tough time."



**Tshikota resists**

An attempt to evict a number of families resisting removal from the Louis Trichardt township, Tshikota, has been pulled back.

Although more than 6 000 Tshikota residents have been resettled since 1982, about 45 families are refusing to go. At the end of last year, 10 families received notices to vacate their homes. Lawyers acting for one of the tenants, Phineas Babadu, succeeded in having the notice withdrawn following representations that it was illegal.

The reason given to Babadu to vacate was that he had a house in Vleifontein — one of the resettlement areas. However, Babadu is in possession of documents showing he is a legal tenant of the township, and the Regional Director of the Transvaal Provincial Administration Community Services in Pietersburg has now withdrawn the eviction notice. Subsequent to the withdrawal of the notice served on Babadu, similar notices on the other tenants have also been withdrawn.

The remaining residents of the township are adamant they will not move voluntarily. And in Vleifontein a number of families are demanding the right to return to Tshikota.

Ethnicity was the guiding principle behind the Tshikota removal: Venda-speaking residents were moved to Vleifontein, 25 km away on the border of the independent homeland, Venda; Shangaan-speaking residents were moved 23 km away to a village called Waterval in Gazankulu; and Pedi-speaking residents were destined for Seshego about 100 km away near Pietersburg.

Those who moved to Vleifontein have since forfeited their South African citizenship as, despite protest, the township was incorporated into Venda in April 1986.

So far, attempts to have the incorporation reversed have failed. Today, many residents feel cheated over the citizenship issue as, according to community leaders, they were promised that Vleifontein would remain part of SA.

A number of residents are now investigating whether they can legally return to Tshikota.

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former Thokoza mayor.

# 'Lost file' claims in council theft ca

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Doris Thinane ... co-accused

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

PILES of Thokoza Town Council files and documents were destroyed and others relevant to the alleged theft of funds from the council went missing, an accused said in the Johannesburg Magistrates' Court this week.

Tokoza's suspended former town clerk, Dikeledi Doris Thinane, 40, is appearing with the suspended former mayor, Lethebe Gerald Mamabolo, 43, on charges of theft relating to the disappearance of R1,3-million belonging to the Thokoza Council.

It is alleged that without the council's consent they opened private bank accounts into which they transferred council funds.

Both have pleaded not guilty and they are each conducting their own defence.

During her cross-examination of council secretary Jose Verster, Thinane said that after her arrest many files were put into her office, while others were destroyed in order to get rid of evidence.

Verster denied that any files had been purposefully destroyed.

He said that from "time to time" files and documents went missing from the council's archives and were quickly replaced by new ones.

Sometimes officials altered files without his knowledge.

Thinane said that at the height of the unrest in the townships, the council resolved to use large sums of money to buy councillors houses in white suburbs.

She said the council had agreed that when things returned to normal in the townships, the houses in the white areas could be sold.

The amount used was about R700 000 and the houses were bought in Northcliff and Montgomery Park.

She said that during the unrest in the townships, councillors used large sums of money to pay for their accommodation at various hotels.

Verster said he was aware that alternative accommodation in hotels was arranged and paid for councillors who had to flee their own homes and recalled that the council bought houses in white areas to accommodate councillors.

He told the court Thinane had never been appointed acting town clerk, but imposed herself in the job.

Thinane asked Verster why, if she was not appointed town clerk, she earned the salary of a town clerk.

According to Verster, Thinane simply went into the empty office of the town clerk and started working without being appointed by the councillors.

"I was not happy when I saw her in the town clerk's office and I was very surprised to see her there," he said.

Thinane said it was surprising that Verster said she was not appointed because the Department of Manpower had to be informed when a new town clerk was appointed.

"Not only that, but the department must also confirm the appointment.

"A town clerk can only act after the appointment is approved by the Department of Manpower," she said.



# Furore over street lights in two suburbs

Municipal Reporter

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The issue of street lighting has raised a storm among residents of two Sandton suburbs after their opinions, expressed in a survey, were contradicted by their ratepayer chairmen. The survey conducted last year by the town council among 25 500 ratepayers received a 23,7 percent response and concluded that 56 percent of respondents favoured street lighting — mainly for increased security.

In Parkmore 61 percent of the respondents opted for lights and 54 percent in Fourways. But the chairmen of both ratepayer bodies, Mr John de Villiers and Mr Richard Cheary, rejected street lights after police praised the council last week for planning to implement the survey findings.

## Mr Valente says . . .

Replying to residents of Parkmore and Fourways who were concerned that their suburbs would now be overlooked, Sandton management committee chairman Mr Ricky Valente said the R22 million street lighting programme would go ahead as a long-term project as this was in line with residents' wishes.

He defined long term as about 10 or 15 years.

The additional cost would be about R20 across the board monthly.

Mr Valente said it was clear the two chairmen were out of touch with their ratepayers as the facts contained in the council survey contradicted their opinions.

He said that while he was not opposed to a municipal police force, the reality of the situation was that this was not allowed in terms of the Police Act.

Commenting on Mr Cheary's call for municipal police, Mr Valente said it was significant that the blockwatch and neighbourhood watch systems — which he favoured — had been established in America where municipal police forces were already operating.

## The chairmen say . . .

Mr John de Villiers, chairman of the Parkmore Residents' Association, rejected the result of the survey which he said had excluded details of costs, which would be high.

He said the first of the two street-light surveys conducted by the council last year was a "botch-up" and had to be repeated two months later, by which time the residents were tired of the whole thing.

He suggested only people who felt strongly would reply to such a questionnaire.

Mr Richard Cheary, chairman of Fourways Residents Association, said the survey was ambiguous.

He said the matter could be settled only at a public meeting attended by Mr Valente.

One of the issues that would have to be thrashed out was the full cost of the project including the cost of installation, maintenance, the appointment of new staff and purchase of equipment.

He suggested that ratepayers would have to add up to R80 a month to their bills once street lighting was installed.







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No money so plant gathers dust

# Villagers must wait for wonder of electricity

By Joseph Mothibi,  
Pretoria Bureau

Families living in a rural village near Warmbaths were delighted with the news this year that the 20th century was about to reach their Bophuthatswana backwater.

Officials from the homeland government called to say that the vast power station erected near their village in the past three years was about to provide them with electricity.

They filled in the required forms, said village headwoman Mrs Regina Moepi, only to be told weeks later that the project had still to be discussed and they should "wait until further notice".

People still come from kilometres

around to ask for the forms that were the first step in the process of getting electricity — but the Mmamatsuwe Power Station, the first stage in a R700 million project, according to *Engineering Week*, now shelters birds and spiders and half a dozen maintenance staff.

Access to the power station is on rutted dirt roads joining up with the only tar road in the area — two kilometres before the station which looms incongruously above the veld in this rural setting.

Inside the six-storey building some control panels are not yet connected to the rest of the station, while others were never unpacked from their plastic sheeting.

Staircases are hung with spiderwebs and bird droppings litter the floor.

Work on the station began in 1985, according to one of the men maintaining the site. It was stopped in October last year.

The entire project was planned to supply 180 MW of power.

It was to be fuelled with coal from nearby deposits. The planned mines are at present just a shallow excavation about a kilometre away, devoid of any mining activity.

The Star was told this week that Mmamatsuwe could not begin functioning until phase two was built.

Until then, the villagers and Mmamatsuwe will wait for "further notice".



# Heunis is impressed

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By STAN MHLONGO

CONSTITUTIONAL Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis this week toured the dusty and bumpy streets of Vosloorus and described it as "one of the best developed townships in South Africa".

"I am very impressed by what I have seen. I am impressed by the development and the co-operation between the officials and the developers," said Heunis.

But the tour was nearly called off when the luxury bus ferrying Heunis and other dignitaries around Vosloorus struggled to get out of a muddy patch in one of the township's many untarred streets.

Vosloorus mayor, FL Mahlangu, said his council had attracted the business sector and the local Regional Services Council into putting millions of rands towards financing the township.

He said the following de-



Chris Heunis ... impressed by Vosloorus.

velopments had taken place:

- A R 7-million shopping complex, Lesedi Shopping Centre, had been opened.
- A centre for the aged had been created at cost of R1-million.
- A new police station and court buildings were being erected at a cost of R6-million.
- A park called Inyoni Re-

sort, with a lake, picnic facilities and a swimming pool had been financed at a cost of R3-million by the Department of Education and Training.

Mahlangu said despite the improvements made by the council in Vosloorus, the area still had untarred roads and inadequate telephones for its 130 000 residents.



**MAMELODI** — The deputy mayor of Mamelodi, Mr Stals Mlambo, appeared briefly in the Mamelodi Magistrate's Court yesterday on a charge of murder.

Mr Mlambo (56), who was elected deputy after beating former deputy mayor, Mr Edward Rammala, in a mayoral election on Thursday, was not asked to plead. Magistrate H Weise postponed the case until February 26.

Mr Mlambo was nominated unopposed to the council in July last year as councillor for Ward 10 after the resignation of Mr Joe Hlongwane, who quit the council in 1985.

Mr Mlambo's appearance is a sequel to a shooting incident on Friday at a funeral service in Mameledi East. — Staff Reporter.

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# Council taken to court

By STAN MHLONGO

FORMER Lekoa town clerk NP Louw, sacked by the council three days before Christmas last year, has taken the matter to the Industrial Council.

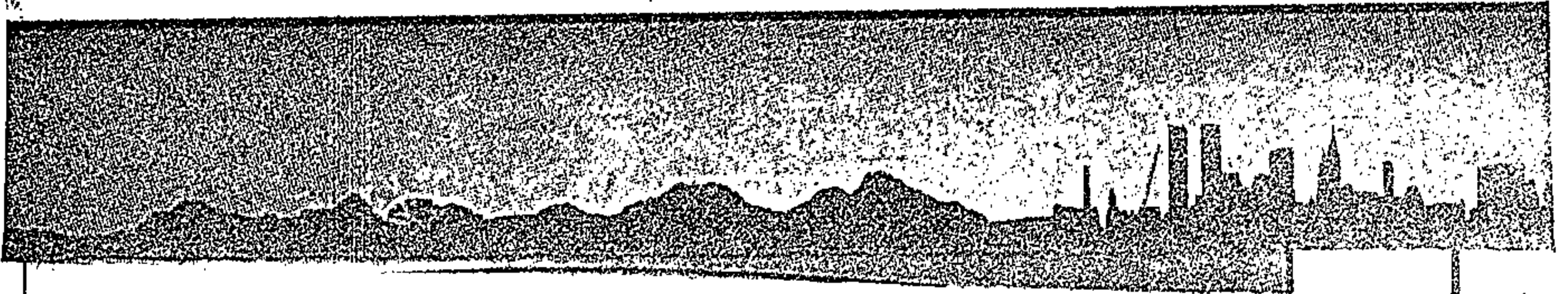
Louw said the matter was expected to be brought before the court next month.

He claimed he fell out of favour with the council and was sacked after the suspension of the head of Lekoa municipal police, Captain N Debruyn.

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This was after a dramatic shootout between Lekoa municipal cops, better known as the "Green Beans", and members of the West Rand SAP riot squad on the outskirts of Sebokeng in December.

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The "Green Beans" mutinied after being ordered by De Bruyn to carry out a traffic inspection.

One of the main grievances of the "Green Beans" was low salaries and bad working conditions. Among others, they alleged they earned R126 a month.





# A month's reprieve for New Nation

By ADRIAN HADLAND

THE *New Nation* can publish and not be damned — at least until March, a member of the newspaper's legal team said this week.

This follows an agreement in the Rand Supreme Court on Tuesday by Minister of Home Affairs and Communications Stoffel Botha not to suspend or act against the newspaper pending the determination of the issue by a full bench of the supreme court.

*New Nation* launched an urgent application last week asking that the threat of a three-month suspension be withdrawn, and alternatively that the media regulations themselves be declared invalid in law.

Affidavits filed by the state revealed the minister had intended to suspend publication of the newspaper from January 15.

Mr Justice Van Niekerk, presiding over the case this week, indicated that the issues of suspension, and the media regulations, were intimately connected.

He was not prepared to rule on one issue only and felt it necessary to refer the case to a full bench. A decision of the full bench of the supreme court is likely to carry far more weight than that of a single judge, according to the *New Nation's* legal team.

Though the agreement by the minister has not been made an order of the court — which in effect means there is no legal recourse if he decides to renege — the newspaper is set to continue publishing at least until the full bench can be convened. This is thought likely to be in early March.

Referring to the sweeping powers granted to the minister in terms of August's media regulations, *New Nation's* counsel, Jules Browde, SC, argued in court that the judiciary "must always exercise its responsibility to question laws and regulations.

"Every discretion is susceptible to abuse and is therefore deserving of judicial scrutiny," he said, and "every legal power must have legal limits."

Counsel for the state, JDM Swart, indicated the minister was prepared to accept *New Nation's* request that no action be taken until such time as the full bench could decide on the matter.

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...wood Showgrounds yesterday. Will To Fortune fetched R44 000 and is a son of Wicked Will out of the Ding Dong mare Queen Of Fortune, a winner of 13 races. The sale continues today when more than 150 yearlings will be offered. More than R1m was realized, yesterday. ● Sales report — Page 15.

Picture: RICHARD BELL

## 343 Soweto borrows R212m to 'stay alive'

JOHANNESBURG. — The Soweto City Council is in financial difficulties and is surviving on operating cost borrowings totalling R212 million this year, the town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, said in an interview yesterday.

The 18-month-old rent boycott has also cost the council R132 million in rent arrears.

Mr Malan said the loans have been acquired from various financial institutions, including the country's major banks. He declined to name them.

"We definitely needed the R212 million in to order stay alive."

He said the council owed millions to the Rand Water Board and Eskom.

Describing the council's financial standing as a "very unhealthy one", Mr Malan attributed much of the council's predicament to the rent boycott.

He said only 30% of Soweto residents were paying rent — which contradicted earlier statements by the council that most residents were paying.

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# Evaton's Adams Road is a pedestrian killer

By STAN MHLONGO

LIFE-long neighbours on opposite sides of Evaton's notorious Adams Road are scared to death of visiting one another.

Nine people have been killed crossing the deadly road and 30 other people injured in the last three months.

Adams Road was closed by the Evaton Town Council in 1985 and only re-opened last November, after renovations costing R1,5-million.

Vaal police confirmed this week that Adams Road was one of the roads in the area where death "is never far away".

Evaton mayor Sam Rabotapi

blamed congestion and lack of tarred roads in the township for the increase in road accidents in Adams Road.

Rabotapi said his council had decided to open Eastern Road as an alternative main road "to lessen congestion on Adams Road".

He said the township's population was 160 000 at present and still rising. "The residents cannot cope with one main road under these circumstances."

Evaton Town clerk J Myburgh said the council was looking at the increasing accident rate very seriously.

"We will do everything to see that the public is protected," said Myburgh.

Bus drivers, taxi drivers, pedestrians and residents who owned private cars should improve their alertness and not be careless when driving in Adams Road, advised residents.

"More stop signs and robots should be erected on Adams Road to control the traffic," said Moeketsi Masike, a resident.

Another resident, Solomon Motaung, said: "In the past week I saw three people being knocked down by cars in Adams Road. Two died on the spot."

Sipho Hlongwane, another resident, said his brother, Jabu, had been knocked down by a taxi and killed two weeks ago.

"People who drive cars and buses should exercise extreme caution when driving in Adams Road and not turn the road into a Kyalami race track. They should consider the safety of the public. Traffic inspectors should also operate more frequently on this busy road to see to it that all drivers obey road regulations and do not do as they please," said Hlongwane.



Children at the squatter camp creche show off their new toys.

## A few toys light up the lives of squatter kids

CP Reporter

ABOUT 60 toddlers at the Fred Clarke squatter camp in Spweto will now enjoy

the pleasure of playing with toys - thanks to employees of the Bates Wells Research and Advertising

Company.

The toys, all neatly packed and labelled for the suitable age groups, were donated at an end-of-the-year party at the company's Sandton offices.

Research executive Beatrice Kubeka, accompanied by a City Press team, recently traced destitute children at squatter camps

Kubeka, who is also involved in various charity programs, urged the community to "reach out for the less privileged families". She said the Press played a prominent role in helping to identify these families.

## Mayor enters taxi war

THE Dobsonville Taxi Owners' Association this week called a meeting with the Dobsonville Mayor, Steve Nkomo, in a bid to end the ongoing Soweto taxi war.

The conflict was sparked by Soweto and Dobsonville taxis allegedly encroaching on each others' territories.

At the meeting it was emphasized that Soweto taxis would not be allowed to operate in Dobsonville.

It was also suggested that an alternative route, through the Main Reef, be found so that Dobsonville taxis would not pass through Soweto enroute to the Johannesburg city.

Meanwhile, plans were underway for Putco to extend its services to ease the transport problems.

## Dhlomo funeral

By SELLO SERIPE

THOUSANDS of pupils, teachers and dignitaries, including ambassadors, are expected to attend the funeral of former Pace College pupil Sicelo Dhlomo tomorrow.

The service will start at 9am at Soweto's Regina Mundi Church in Rockville, and the funeral procession will leave for Avalon cemetery at noon.

Dhlomo, 18, of 269 Emdeni North, was a member of the Soweto Students' Congress and an SRC member at Pace. He died a fortnight

ago after being known assailant

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BY SELLO SERIPE

PLANS are underway to construct three clinics in the Eastern Transvaal's black township of Driefontein following negotiations between the community and the authorities.

This was disclosed to *City Press* this week by acting secretary of Council Board of Directors, Beauty Mkhize.

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At present the dusty township, with a population of about 60,000, is catered for by one clinic, built by the community on their own. Medicine is provided by the State.

The clinic has only one nurse and a clerk employed full-time, while the State provides three nurses to assist with the daily routine.



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## Council chaos as rivals won't resign

By SOL MORATHI

THE feud between the Atteridgeville mayor and his deputy is still raging.

Neither two want to resign or recuse themselves from the council duties following allegations of bribery, corruption and maladministration.

The mayor, Matthews Mahlangu, said he would never resign from the council, let alone recuse himself as the majority of the councillors has asked him to.

Also in the fray is the deputy mayor, Jerry Phiri, whom the mayor has accused of corruption.

The storm in the Atteridgeville Council began building up on January 13, when Mahlangu was chosen to be the mayor of the vast township west of Pretoria for the third successive period, defeating his rival and deputy, Phiri.

The feud came to a head last Wednesday at a special meeting of the council where allegations



Matthews Mahlangu

were made that Mahlangu had misappropriated council funds.

The mayor walked out of the meeting and after his departure the council agreed to suspend him and two other councillors from their duties for 45 days.

Last Friday, Mahlangu announced he was suspending Phiri for 90 days - double his own period of suspension.

He said that was because of allegations that Phiri had passed official channels when giving a resident a council house.

Mahlangu said his suspension was illegal and attempts were being made to suspend him because they have failed in their power struggle.

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South African linked to plot against Botswana chief

# Assassination attempt

## CP Correspondent

AN unnamed South African has been linked to a plot to assassinate Chief Monare Gaborone of the Batlokwa, one of the eight principal tribes in Botswana.

The Botswana Press Agency reports that the South African was to be hired by a group of Batlokwe tribesmen to eliminate the chief "since a South African can do the job well", according to reliable sources connected to the Batlokwa royalty.

The alleged plot was leaked to the Press by uncles of the chief concerned for his life.

This is the second allegation in four years of a plot to kill the Batlokwa sovereign, suggesting a split over the chieftainship.

Gaborone himself was the first to break news of an assassination plot at a kgotla meeting in Tlokweneng some years ago.

According to well informed sources, a fresh plot to assassinate Gaborone was uncovered last month and senior tribesmen believe it is linked to the chieftainship dispute.

The sources said the plot was uncovered following a secret meeting of plotters at a house in Mochudi, where some Batlokwe men are alleged to have conspired with two Bakgatha men to mastermind and execute it.

The plotters were said to be people of high standing, especially in Tlokweneng and Mochudi.

It is understood the plotters were monitored by a visitor, who then informed the chief's uncles. The plotters apparently agreed to engage an assassin from outside the country.

It was also learned that the "killer" was recommended to the men by a certain traditional doctor in Mochudi because "a South African can do the job well".

Although the plot was reported to one of Gaborone's uncles about four weeks ago, it was only communicated to him last week when people woke up on Thursday morning to find a mysterious fire at the kgotla.

Gaborone said nobody had claimed responsibility for the fire.

He said he was surprised because "we never make fire at the kgotla at night."

He said the issue would be discussed by his uncles first and then a kgotla meeting might be convened to brief the tribe.

It is understood that some of his uncles are adamant that there was a link between the mysterious fire and the assassination plot. - Ano



# Mogopa people are still in limbo

By Jo-Anne Collinge

St Valentine's Day is a bitter day on the calendar for the people of Mogopa — it is the anniversary of their forced removal from their ancestral land near Ventersdorp.

Yesterday it was exactly four years since about 100 policemen surrounded the Mogopa settlement before dawn and helped to bundle people on to buses bound for the resettlement camp of Pachsdraai, near Zeerust.

The people of Mogopa gathered in their hundreds yesterday in the courtyard of the school at Onderstepoort — yet another resettlement camp situated near Sun City.

Four years after the removal, and despite an Appeal Court judgment declaring the resettlement unlawful, the Mogopa people are still in limbo.

Their stay at Onderstepoort is supposed to be only temporary.

It was a compromise struck between the people and Minister of Development Aid Dr Gerrit Viljoen to head off a confrontation when the Mogopa people were on the verge of reoccupying their Ventersdorp land in September last year.

The Government has agreed that the Mogopa people should be given freehold land in South Africa, but has not yet offered anything the people consider acceptable.

# R12-m plans for Thokoza

By Janine Simon

Thokoza Town Council planned to spend more than R12 million in nine months to upgrade the East Rand township's electricity supply, roads, stormwater drains and sewerage reticulation, the council announced yesterday.

More than 4 000 stands were being developed to help meet a housing backlog in the 140 000-strong community, which lived in only 5 000 housing units and more than 10 000 backyard shacks.

The most dramatic improvement would be a R6,8 million programme to provide electricity to all stands by August — although in an estimated 1 100 houses residents would still have to wire their homes and pay a deposit and an average R350 for the connection.

The announcement was made at a special function in the township's semi-completed R3,2 million auditorium.

According to the town council, which collapsed last year and was now being run under three councillor/administrators, funds would be provided by the National Housing Commission (NHC) and the East Rand Regional Services Council (ERRSC).

Contributions by the ERRSC totalled more than R4 million and were part of the R60 million it intended spending to upgrade its 10 East Rand townships this year, said the chairman, Mr Leon Ferreira.

Thokoza was the first to effect construction with ERRSC grants.

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Councillors warned of 'revolutionaries'

# Municipal elections will be 'toughest'

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THE October 26 municipal elections will be the toughest ever because revolutionaries will do their utmost to see that they fail.

This was the warning message to Western Transvaal councillors from the retiring Administrator of the Transvaal, WA Cruywagen, who urged them to work very hard to make the black local authorities a success.

Cruywagen advised councillors to conduct house visits and call public meetings to convince and persuade potential voters to express their desires by going to the polls.

He said visible improvements had to be made in townships. The electorate should be made aware that these were brought about by the council.

Cruywagen said he knew that revolutionary forces would try to thwart the

By DAN DLAMINI

coming elections. But councillors should work hard to make people understand the purposes, objectives and functions of the black local authority.

Meanwhile, after almost four years of not meeting residents, the Ikageng Town Council last week decided to call a public meeting.

Ikageng mayor Richard Sepotokele announced that his council would meet residents and brief them about the October 26 municipal elections.

He said the meeting would be held on Tuesday evening at the local hall.

Sepotokele said the council would inform the people of its achievements and would be prepared to answer all questions from the floor.

South African Council of Churches regional spokesman on justice and reconciliation welcomed the council's decision to meet the people.

He said: "Although we do not recognise the council, it is pointless to boycott such meetings because decisions taken there affect us directly."

"These people need to be exposed and challenged on a number of malpractices in our township and this is the opportunity to do so because progressive organisations are not in a po-

sition to convene public meetings because of the state of emergency."

The spokesman said there were at least seven families who had lost their homes since the beginning of this year.

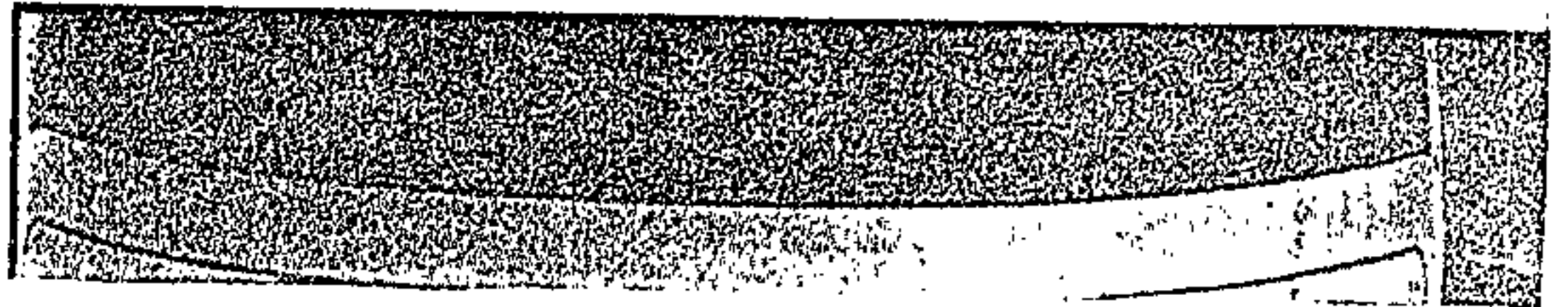
He said the sole purpose for the council holding the meeting was to collect votes for the elections. This was despite "doing nothing" to help the community.

Meanwhile the UDF has made it clear that none of its members will participate in government structures, including the October 26 municipal elections.

A spokesman for the residents' advice office of the Western Transvaal branch of National Council of Trade Unions said there was no need for the community to waste time by attending meetings organised by government agents.

He said progressive organisations should be allowed to call meetings where the masses could be educated.

He said there was cause for concern because the council had spent huge amounts of residents' money to pay fines and defend legal action against members of its police force.





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For written reply:

General Affairs:

Johannesburg North: applications for telephone services/private post boxes outstanding

17. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Communications:

Whether any applications for (a) telephone services and (b) private post boxes were outstanding in the Johannesburg North constituency

ency as at the latest specified date for which figures are available; if so, (i) how many and (ii) when is it anticipated that the backlog will be eliminated?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

(a) Yes, 667 as at 31 December 1987:

(i) and (ii) In addition to applications that are met on demand on a continuous basis where telephone numbers and cable leads are available, service will be provided as follows to waiting applicants in the areas indicated:



Exchange area

Number of waiting applicants

When services are to be provided

154

Within the next 3 months as cable works are completed.

Bramley (includes the suburbs of Eltonhill, Winston Ridge, Kenview and Birnam)

192

Within the next 3 months as cable works are completed.

Rosebank (includes the suburbs of Fairways, Illovo, Melrose, Melrose North, Melrose Estate, Birdhaven, Dunkeld, Dunkeld West, Parktown North, Parkhurst and Craighall Park)

Randburg (includes the suburb of Craighall)

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Within the next 3 months as cable works are completed.

Linden (includes the suburbs of Victory Park, Pierneef Park, Pine Park, Blairgowrie and Beaconsfield Estate)

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Within the next 3 months as cable works are completed.

(b) yes, 94 as at 10 February 1988:

Birnam Park post office

(i)

(ii)

Parkhurst post office

22

The structures of the hired premises housing these post offices unfortunately preclude the installation of additional private boxes.

Pinegowrie post office

32

Tenders for the erection of a new departmental post office in which 2 000 private boxes will be installed, close on 2 March 1988. If an ac-

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Note: The possibility of accommodating the waiting applicants at Birnam Park and Parkhurst at the proposed new Pinegowrie post office will be investigated in due course.

ceptable offer is received and unforeseen difficulties do not arise, the building will be completed and the backlog eliminated by August 1989.

Mossel Bay: land purchased by State

78. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology:

Whether (a) the State, (b) Soekor and/or (c) any other company in which the State directly or indirectly owns shares has purchased any land in the Mossel Bay area since his reply to Question No 321 on 23 February 1987; if so, (i) what specified land in each case, (ii) what was the cost of each specified piece of land and (iii) from whom was each such piece of land purchased?



The MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY:

(a) No, not as far as the Departments of Mineral and Energy Affairs and of Trade and Industry are concerned.

(b) No.

(c) Yes. Land has been bought in the name of MOSSREF (PTY) LTD, a full subsidiary of CEF (Pty) Ltd. All the issued shares of CEF (Pty) Ltd is held by the State.

(i) 60 residential stands in Mossel Bay Extension 12

(ii) Total cost R630 000

(iii) Municipality of Mossel Bay

Public telephones: cost of repairing

92. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Communications:

What was the estimated cost of repairing public telephones in the Republic in 1987?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

R0,657 million for repairs arising from vandalism and the theft of apparatus.

Bramley: construction of post office/postmen's depot

93. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Communications:

(1) Whether a post office and postmen's depot is to be constructed for Bramley; if so, (2) whether tenders have been invited for this purpose; if not, why not; if so, when?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) Yes, provision has been made in the Department's buildings programme for the erection of a new post office and postmen's depot during the 1989/90 financial year;

(2) No, the project is at present in an early planning stage and if matters progress favourably tenders will be invited early in 1989 provided funds are available.

Alexandra Township: telephones installed

132. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Communications:

(1) How many telephones were installed in Alexandra Township for (a) private and (b) business purposes in 1987;

(2) how many applications for telephones for (a) private and (b) business purposes were received in 1987 from (i) residents and/or (ii) business persons in this township?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

(1) (a) 1 118, and

(b) 82;

(2) (a) 1 846, and

(b) 79.

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# Original Norweto plans shelved after investigation

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The "original" draft plans for the black township dubbed "Norweto", which unleashed a storm of public protest are to be shelved, according to a town planner on an investigating committee appointed by the Department of Constitutional Development.

A full report — following the first phase of an investigation into black urbanisation and land allocation in the PWV area (including the Norweto question) — is to be submitted to the Department of Constitutional Development in March.

## Erupted

The study — done by a consortium of five firms of town planning consultants appointed by the department — began after the Norweto row erupted two years ago over the establishment of the black township north of Randburg.

One of the nominees to the work-

## PAT DEVEREAUX

ing group was the Greenbelt Action Group (GAG), made up of residents of the area. Pressure from the group is said to have been one of the reasons which motivated the Minister of Constitutional Development and planning, Mr Chris Heunis, to set up the investigating committee.

GAG nominated the firm Haacke, Belling and Mostert, which played a prominent part in opposing the development and drawing up the GAG response document — one of many presented to the department.

According to GAG chairman Mr Eric Fletcher, their nominee was expected to advise the working group of GAG's views on the suitability or otherwise of land in areas north of Randburg and Sandton for black township development.

Representing GAG, town planning consultant Mr E Haacke, who held observer status in the group reviewing the whole situation, said they "had done an excellent job in evaluating the housing, employment and transport opportunities in the area".

## Acceptable

"Norweto in its original proposal will not arise. But I am convinced the new proposals will be acceptable," said Mr Haacke.

Mr John Rosmarin, of Rosmarin and Associates, one of the five firms of consultants appointed, confirmed that a full report for the Department of Development and Planning would be ready in a month. "Included in that will be the Norweto question," he said.

"The report evaluates the urbanisation and establishment of black towns in the PWV area," he said.



Alleged corruption in allocation of residential sites

# PROBE ON COUNCILS' LAND DEALS



MR JOHN Griffiths

Sowetan 2/3/88

## Cup replay is at Ellis Park



THE BP Cup ... at stake.

THE BP Top Eight Cup final replay between Mamelodi Sundowns and Arcadia, scheduled for Milpark Stadium tonight, has been switched back to Ellis Park (kick-off 7.30pm).

This was announced yesterday by Abdul Bhamjee, the NSL's PRO because of problems over the use of Milpark ground at Wits University. Bhamjee was angry at Wits' sports administration for forcing a late change in the venue.

"The match goes back to Ellis Park tonight and to make things even

easier for our fans, we have reduced the admission fee from R5 to R3," he said.

Initially, the NSL moved the Cup final from Ellis Park because they felt that the R15 000 or 15 percent ground fee charged for the stadium would be unprofitable for Sundowns and Arcadia. Both teams have little support to break even from gate takings. But when arrangements for the use of Milpark fell through yesterday, the league had little option but to hurry back to Ellis Park.

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration is investigating allegations of corruption in the allocation of residential sites by black town councils.

The investigations started two weeks ago.

Mr John Griffiths, chairman of the TPA's constitutional committee yesterday confirmed that they were investigating allegations of corruption against certain councillors in the Transvaal concerning the allocation of sites to private developers.

### Complaints

He said: "We have received complaints regarding the allocation of sites and we are still looking into this matter. We cannot comment further."

Mr Tom Boya, mayor of Daveyton and president of the United Municipalities of South Africa, also announced that TPA officials were investigating the allegations.

He said Umsa had no comment to make at this stage. It would wait until

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

the investigations are completed.

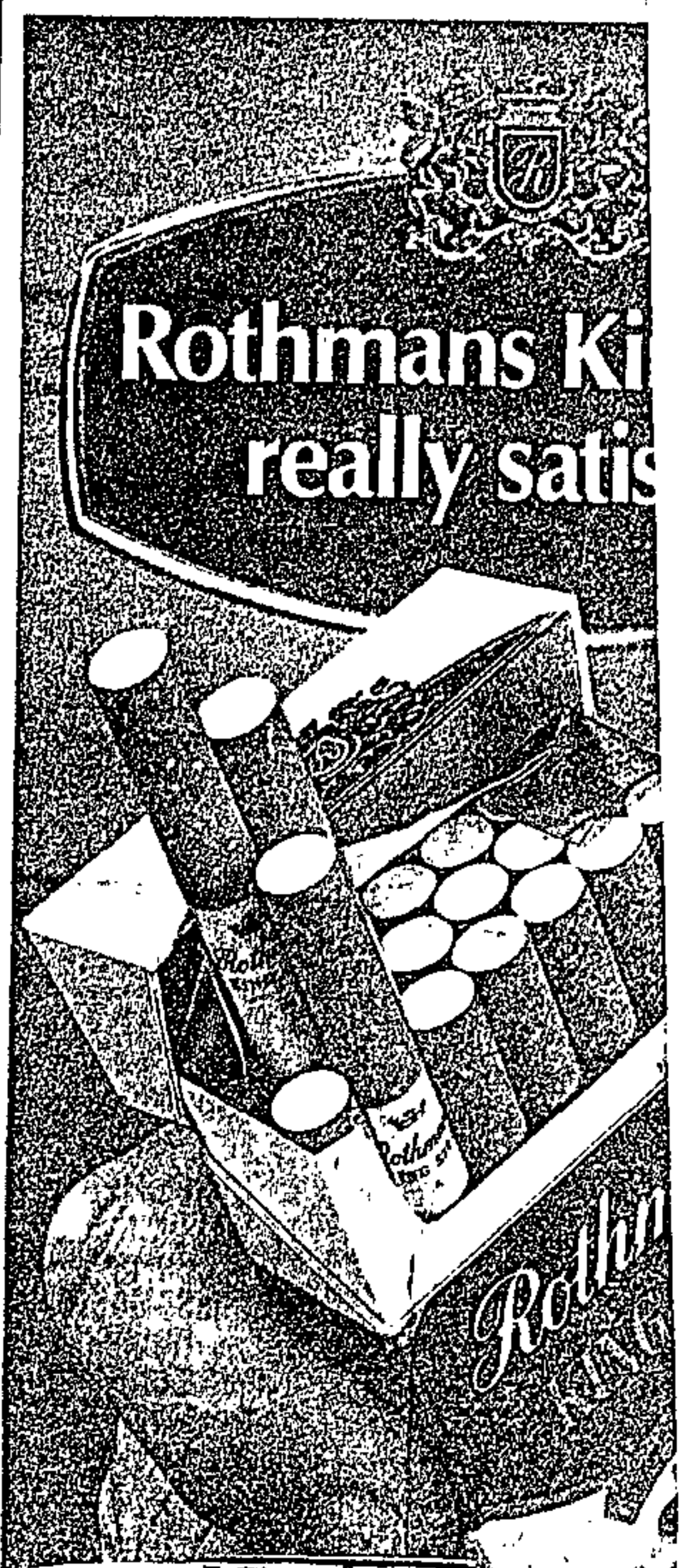
Mr Boya said there was a possibility that in future, the sites would be allocated by the TPA to prevent such corruption.

The Sowetan established that more than 150 councillors, all serving in committees responsible for the allocation of residential sites to private developers, are involved in the alleged corruption.

It has also been established that:

- The councillors demanded to be appointed "directors" of the companies before allocating the sites;
- They also demanded to be paid between R100 and R1000 for each site allocated;
- Some of the councillors demanded new

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houses or cars before allocating sites; and  
• Some of them are flown abroad for holidays as part of the "deal" for the granting of the stands.

Home buyers, the Sowetan was told, were indirectly made to pay for these favours.

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# Eight deposed councillors claim R24 000

By MANDLA  
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THE former mayor of Diepmeadow and his seven ex-colleagues claim they have lost earnings totalling R24 000 since the council was dissolved in December last year.

They said this in papers in the Rand Supreme Court in support of their application for relief. The eight also want the decision to dissolve the council to be set aside.

Former mayor Mr M J Mathala, Mr Daniel Mabunda, who was deputy mayor, Mr Gideon Mogoai, chairman of the council's executive committee, and Mr Josia Mathala, Mrs Sinnah Senokoane, Mr James Magachaba, Mr Ambrose Pitso and Mr Thomas Mnguni are the applicants.

The respondents are

## For lost earnings, court told

the Administrator of the Transvaal, the Minister of Constitutional Development, the Diepmeadow City Council and Mr David Thebehali.

The eight say the respondents should pay costs if they opposed this jointly or severally and show cause why such relief should not be granted.

They also want the Administrator of the Transvaal to give them, within 15 days, the record of proceedings when he decided to dissolve the council.

In his affidavit, Mr M J Mathala said he was

mayor until December 17 last year. He received an allowance of R2 400 a month. He further also had a car, free house and an entertainment allowance.

Mr Mabunda received an allowance of R1 800 a month as deputy mayor. Mr Mogoai as chairman of the council's executive committee, received R2 400 a month.

He said Mr Josia Mathala and Mrs Senokoane each received R1 800 a month.

Mr James Magachaba and Mr Ambrose Pitso and Mr Thomas Mnguni each received R600 a

month.

He said no relief was sought from the Minister of Constitutional Development, the Diepmeadow City Council and Mr David Thebehali, "but they are joined herein as far as they might have interest in these proceedings".

Mr Mathala further stated in his affidavit that "all the other applicants and I were dependant on the aforesaid allowances and are now accordingly suffering financial loss in consequence of the Administrator of the Transvaal."

He said the Administrator had no powers in terms of Section 29 (2) of the Act to remove them from their positions.

Mathala said the council's financial records were available for an audit at all times but to the best of his knowledge no audit was carried out.



# Transvaal probes site allocation allegations

JOHANNESBURG — The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) is investigating allegations of corruption in the allocation of residential sites by black town councils, the Sowetan reported yesterday.

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The chairman of the TPA's constitutional committee, Mr John Griffiths, confirmed that they were investigating allegations of corruption against certain councillors in the Transvaal concerning the allocation of sites to private developers.

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MR GRIFFITHS

Boya, also announced that TPA officials were investigating the allegations.

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It has also been established that the councillors demanded:

- that they be appointed "directors" of the companies before allocating the sites;

- that they be paid between R100 and R1 000 for each site allocated.

Some of the councillors further demanded new houses or cars before allocating sites; and

- that they be flown abroad for holidays as part of the "deal" for the granting of the stands.

Home buyers, reporters were told, were indirectly made to pay for these favours. — Sapa



SOWETO CITY COUNCIL

## Removing the power

Physical removal of electricity substations and meter boxes in Soweto is part of a new hard line being taken by the Soweto City Council.

According to council electrical engineer René du Toit, the debt situation due to unpaid electricity and water bills and vandalism of equipment has topped R100m and is unsupportable. "Something has got to give," he warns.

Says Du Toit: "We live on debt to repair vandalism to our equipment and to pay our monthly bill to Eskom. Our total income budget for the present financial year is R74m, of which our Eskom account represents some R50m.

"We run at a yearly loss of some R20m due to consumers not paying their accounts and accumulated damage to equipment is in the region of R30m.

"We will have to adjust our service level to that of income received. Our philosophy now is that we would rather settle for a customer base of some 33 000 and provide them with a good service than try to keep 75 000 power points going at losses we cannot afford."

Du Toit says vandalism of substations is widespread, with most culprits going for corrugated iron roofing, door frames and copper wiring — a hazardous hobby since a substation carries 11 000 V.

Non-paying consumers who have been disconnected also illegally reconnect their meter boxes, which, apart from being dangerous, damages equipment. At R3 000 for a meter box and total costs of about R6m a year, it's expensive too.

Says Du Toit: "Last year, we disconnected 40 000 consumers and most of them reconnected themselves. We used to repair the damaged equipment, but now we are having a serious rethink, because we are only collecting between 40% and 50% of what we should be getting monthly from our electricity users."

The electrical department has come up with new reinforced boxes which it is going to try out, but, if that fails, the next step is removal.

"My department is now two years old and has its back to the wall. We want to do the

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best we can for the residents of Soweto and removal of substations and meter boxes is a last resort. But we will do it if we have to," he insists.



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Mr S P Acton

(ii) the requests are being considered.

19 November 1987 King William's Town: Bolo Primary School

Before the function to dispose of property was assigned to the House of Assembly it was impossible to handle requests of this nature. The function was delegated at the end of 1987. A certain procedure for dealing with requests of this nature was finalized and the requests are being considered on this basis at the moment.

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For written reply:

General Affairs:

Germiston: offences

14. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Germiston police district in 1987 or the latest specified 12-month period for which statistics are available?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
GERMISTON	55	23	223	346	30	318	1 002	306	1 272	—
KATLEHONG	244	84	1 655	920	261	818	381	726	48	—
PRIMROSE	13	10	87	137	16	64	617	163	653	—
ALBERTON	39	71	356	505	61	253	1 736	328	2 214	—
BEDFORDVIEW	15	43	94	136	21	94	577	127	658	—
EDENVALE	9	25	122	104	16	102	667	135	1 210	1
ELSBURG	10	20	81	147	9	51	256	123	510	—
PRESIDENT	6	—	13	35	5	51	12	17	27	3

Note: I wish to point out to the hon member that for the sake of efficiency, statistics were furnished for the period 1 January to 31 December 1987. All statistical reports will in future be furnished in calendar year periods.

## Tear-gas issued to/used by SAP

40. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

What quantity of tear-gas was (a) issued to and (b) used by the South African Police in 1987?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) and (b) I refer the hon member to my written reply to question No 338 of 18 September 1987 which I regard as sufficient.

## Incidents of sabotage/armed attack/explosions

41. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(a) How many incidents of sabotage, armed attack or explosions occurred in the Republic in 1987 and (b) what was the (i) target and (ii) nature of the incident in each case?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(a) and (b) I do not consider it to be in the public interest nor the interest of the country to furnish this information.

## Sebokeng/Sharpsville: offences

42. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Sebokeng and Sharpsville police station areas in the Vereeniging police district for the period 1 July 1986 to 30 June 1987?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
SEBOKENG	224	59	1 626	1 155	278	657	221	768	694	—
SHARPSVILLE	22	9	468	218	93	106	29	67	41	—

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# First black garden suburb

By Adele Baleta

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SpruitView on the East Rand, South Africa's first black garden suburb, is at the centre of black middle and upper income housing development in the Transvaal.

The up-market suburb is the only one of its kind located outside a township (Kathehong) and is the branchchild of the Johannesburg property developer and attorney, Mr Joel Melamed.

The Star — traditional leader in home festivals — is organising the first black home festival at SpruitView from May 6 to 15. At least nine show houses and building and lifestyle products will be exhibited.

A spokesman for The Star Homes Festival 1988 said SpruitView, dubbed the "garden suburb", was aimed at the black upper and middle income groups.

## ROWS OF GUM TREES

"The area with its rows of tall gum trees, sweeping views of the city centre skyline and immediately abutting the N3 Leondale/Drysdale off-ramp is perfectly situated for a home show aimed at the A, B and C income groups."

He said there were several factors which turned developers' attention to the south-east Rand, where there were large tracts of land and where new areas previously zoned "white" were able to be proclaimed as "black" suburbs.

There was ample room for development in the

area, unlike Soweto where the local municipality has been faced with a severe shortage of land.

"Diepkloof Extension runs into the eastern border of Soweto and Protea North and South is situated on the western boundary of the township.

## ROOM FOR DEVELOPMENT

"SpruitView, however is 5 km from Katlehong township and there is ample land for future development. Within a 15 km radius, some 33 000 serviced stands for new homes will come to the market in the next two to three years," the spokesman said.

For the immediate future the SpruitView approach will be the style of development which will house the increasing number of upper and middle income blacks in the PWV area, who because of the Group Areas Act had to live in areas designated "black", the spokesman said.

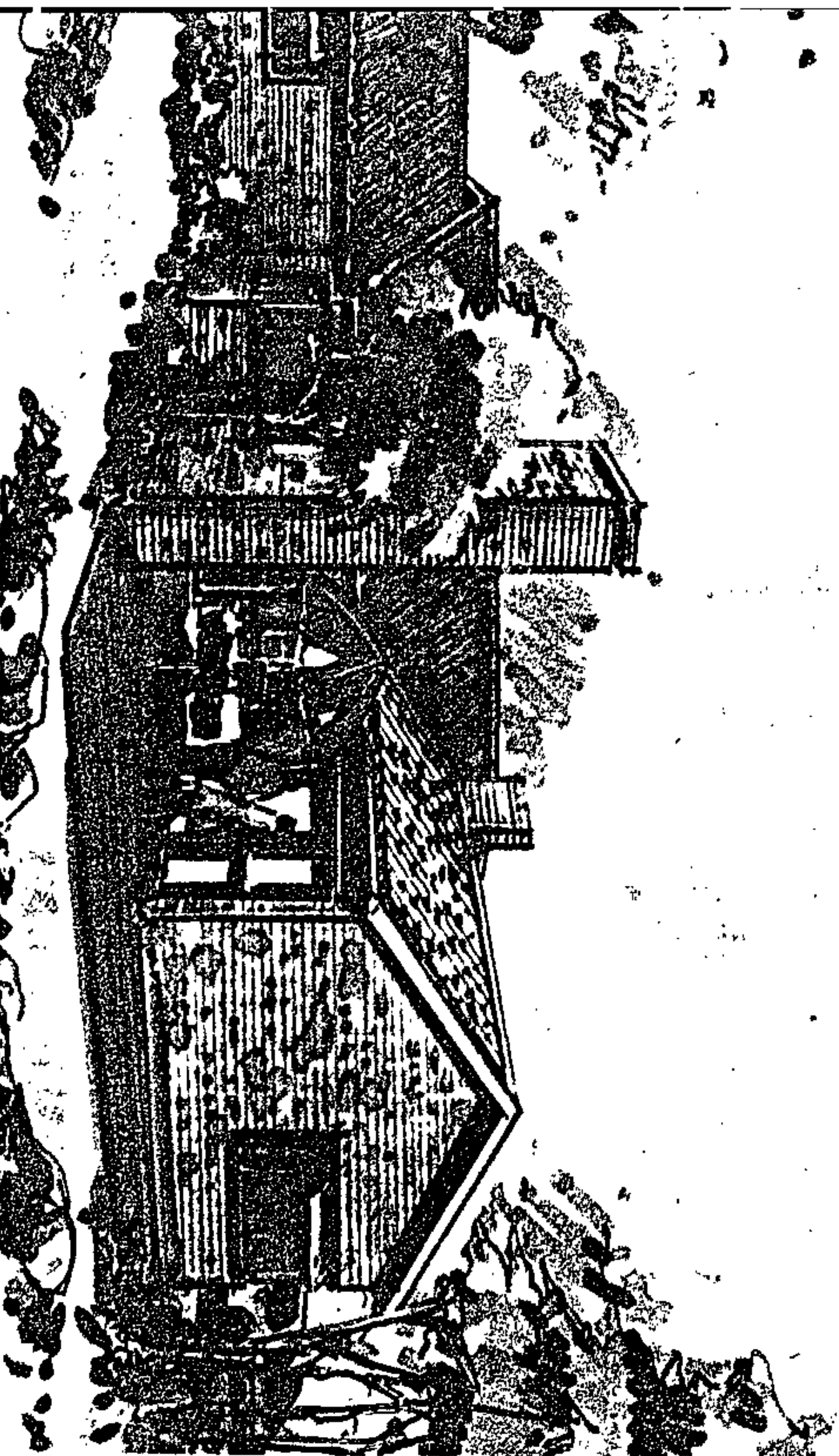
There will be 1 800 houses at SpruitView when development is completed in 1989.

Twenty houses have already been built, 40 are under construction and 170 will be finished in the next few months.

Of a total of 800 stands, 600 have been sold.

"The entry point for a 400 sq m stand — the smallest available — is R16 000. The plots go up to 0,8 hectare," he said.

Housing packages — a stand and house — range from R50 000 to R250 000. Houses already sold in SpruitView range from R70 000 to R80 000.



son Bayly Holmes show home which will be on exhibition at The Star Homes Festival from May 6 to 15 at East Rand. The builders began laying the foundations this week. At least eight other houses will be on view and a variety of products for the home.

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## The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Whites	(2)	(i)	(ii)	(iii)
Coloureds	5 843			
Blacks	880	1 437	117	97
Indians	2 339	101	14	40
	153	278	147	268
		21	8	9
(b) Unfit for training				
Deaths	5	3		
Medically unfit	130	15	166	8
Transfer to other Government departments and/or independent States	145	20	94	12
	39	—	195	—

## Resignations of policemen/new recruits

125. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

## The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) How many policemen of each rank resigned from the Police Force from 1 January to 31 December 1987 and (b) how many new recruits were there during this period:	(1) (a) Major	(b) 8 731 recruits
	Captain	Student
	Lieutenant	
	Warrant Officer	
	Sergeant	
	Constable	
		1 318
(2) what was the shortage of policemen of each rank in each province as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?		138
	(b) 31 December 1987	

	Transvaal	Orange Free State	Natal	Cape
Colonel	14	2	3	6
Lieutenant-Colonel	9	1	5	8
Major	32	2	15	24
Captain	74	5	21	30
Lieutenant	91	18	24	25
Warrant Officer	491	36	167	328
Sergeant	605	—	256	—
Constable	—	—	—	—

Note: I wish to point out to the honourable member that besides the 8 731 recruits, a further 484 persons were taken into service, comprising re-enlistments, expert and artisan staff.

128. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many offences relating to (a) murder, (b) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (c) common assault, (d) burglary, (e) robbery, (f) theft of vehicles and cycles, (g) other thefts,

(h) damage to property, (i) dagga and (j) rape were reported and investigated in the (aa) Sandton, (bb) Bramley and (cc) Lombardy East police station areas during the period 1 July 1986 to 30 June 1987?

## The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Sandton	16	80	226	1 735	106	687	1 752	217	81	17
Bramley	20	100	180	1 262	624	902	1 806	221	29	26
Lombardy East	6	24	67	757	51	377	545	101	9	15

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## Alexandra: offences

139. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many offences relating to (a) murder, (b) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (c) common assault, (d) burglary, (e) robbery,

(f) theft of vehicles and cycles, (g) other thefts, (h) damage to property, (i) dagga and (j) rape were reported and investigated in the Alexandra Township during the period 1 July 1986 to 30 June 1987?

## The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Alexandra	141	749	542	129	340	103	364	308	108	129

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## Randburg: offences

140. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f)

robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Randburg police district in 1987?

## The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Randburg	48	39	192	364	56	173	728	311	3	181
Alexandra	141	12	749	452	129	340	103	308	129	—
Bramley	20	43	100	180	26	624	892	211	1	266
Halfway House	13	30	79	102	30	44	169	78	982	—
Sandton	16	26	80	226	17	106	685	217	1	735
Linden	12	4	71	149	18	62	859	152	943	—

## Policemen/-women: colleges for training

145. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) (a) How many colleges for training of (i) policemen and (ii) policewomen are there in the Republic, (b) where are they located in each case, (c) how many (i) Whites, (ii) Coloureds, (iii) Asians and (iv) Blacks are on the teaching/instructor staff of each of these colleges and (d) in respect of what date is this information furnished:

(2) how many (a) Whites, (b) Coloureds, (c) Asians and (d) Blacks were trained at each of these colleges during the latest specified 12-month period for which information is available?

## Durban South: offences

## The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) (i) and (ii) 4

(b) Pretoria

Bishop Lavis

Wentworth

Hammanskraal

146. Mr M J ELLIS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) burglary of business premises, (g) burglary of residential premises, (h) robbery with aggra-

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## (c) Citizen Force/Commandos

(i)	(ii)
(aa) 12	2
(bb) Overdose	Shot
Slashed wrists	10
Shot	1
	2

## Independent Black states: amount spent on projects

170. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(a) What total amount was spent on projects in each independent Black state from the South African Development Trust Account in the 1987-88 financial year and (b) on what projects was this money spent?

## The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

The exact amounts spent are not available as the financial year ends on 31 March 1988 however the following amounts were made available for the 1987/88 financial year:

(a) Transkei	R4 334 000
Bophuthatswana	R7 865 000
Venda	
Ciskei	R49 431 000
Total	R61 630 000

(b) Transkei	
Provision of infrastructure, housing and schools in townships	R4 334 000

Bophuthatswana	
Provision of infrastructure, housing, community hall and schools in townships	R7 865 000

Venda

None

Ciskei

Provision of infrastructure, housing and schools in townships	R17 075 000
Provision of bulk services at Whitesea	R300 000
Completion of infrastructure at Dimbaza	R270 000
Development of rural residential areas at	

## Mathopetad: negotiations regarding resettlement

180. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 237 on 18 August 1987, a date has been determined for further negotiations with the residents of Mathopetad regarding resettlement; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is that date, (b) where will the negotiations be held and (c) who will be included in the negotiations?

## The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

No. As the community concerned is still not in accord, a date for further negotiations has not yet been determined.

(a) to (c) cannot be answered at this stage.

## Self-governing territories: officials seconded

181. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(1) (a) How many officials in the Public Service had been seconded to each self-governing territory, (b) what post was held by each such official, and (c) what was the cost of the secondment of such officials, as available.

## POSTS IDENTIFIED FOR ALLOCATION BY SECONDED STAFF: JANUARY 1988

Occu- pational Class	Kwazulu Ident- fied	Lebowa Ident- fied	Gazankulu Ident- fied	Oswaga Ident- fied	KwaNdebele Ident- fied	KaNgwane Ident- fied	Total Ident- fied	Vacant
Administration Officer	86	66	5	4	2	2	6	5
Administration Clerk	21	20	9	4	2	2	2	1
Artisan Staff	161	113	144	115	24	16	25	14
Pharmacist	49	18	1	1	11	6	0	1
Occupational Therapist	6	5	1	1	6	5	1	1
Architect	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fireman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Forester	5	5	9	7	0	0	0	0
Forestry Foreman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quantity Surveyor	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Dietician	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Director: Health Services	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1



# Govt tight-lipped over PWV plan

ROGER SMITH

THE FIRST part of a major new development plan for the PWV area, identifying new land for black urbanisation, has been delivered to government — but is being treated secretively by state officials.

In spite of a Department of Development Planning spokesman going public with the planning project last year, a department spokesman said yesterday any suggestion of such a plan going to government was "pure speculation".

But in handling inquiries on the matter, a department staff member had referred Business Day to an official "who attended the presentation last week".

And, the chairman of the

working group which carried out the project, Dirk Viljoen, yesterday confirmed it had reported verbally and made "comprehensive representations" to the department last week.

He said he was not in a position to give details of the plan, as they were awaiting the comments of the department and instructions on how to proceed with the second part of the project.

Asked whether the department was likely to require any changes to be made, Viljoen said: "It's our own report, so I'm not sure to what extent the department can require any changes."

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MISS Sessie Mqwetho peers through a shattered window of the car that was hit during the shoot-out at Phiri Hall on Tuesday.

## Council row over house

FORMER Atteridgeville deputy mayor, Mr Jerry Phiri, has threatened legal action against a local councillor who demanded that he should recuse himself from council activities.

Mr Phiri announced this after a special meeting held at the council chambers to discuss allegations against him. The meeting followed a motion by councillor M J Mahawi on March 3 asking Mr Phiri to recuse himself pending the outcome of an investigation by senior council officials.

The investigation is a sequel to the allocation and improvement of house number 24 in Sepeng Street. Allega-

By ALINAH  
DUBE

tions are that Mr Phiri allocated the house without council approval.

The motion has been supported by Mr Matthews Mahlangu, the mayor, and Mr T Tshankie.

According to the former deputy mayor, whose term of office expired on February 25, yesterday's meeting did not comply with council regulations as it was chaired by the mayor. He said Mr Mahlangu was not supposed to have chaired the meeting because he was part of the move to oust him.

"When I asked Mr Mahlangu not to preside over the meeting he refused to listen to me. I will therefore not allow myself to be tossed around by people who consider themselves to be above the law.

Mr Mahlangu told the *Sowetan* that the meeting ended in a deadlock. "We did not discuss anything concrete as a result of councillor Phiri's behaviour. He was emotional throughout the meeting."

However, I can confirm that the allocation of the house in question is unknown to the council. No councillor is allowed to allocate houses without consulting the full council," he said.

He would not discuss the matter further as he said investigations were continuing.



# R8-m power project

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By ALINAH DUBE

ATTERIDGEVILLE residents are to pay R850 per household towards the financing of an R8 million electricity project in the area undertaken by the local town council.

The mayor, Mr Matthews Mahlangu, said at a Press conference yesterday that each

family would be expected to pay R5 a month over a specific period. This would be for rewiring and meters.

Mr Mahlangu said the rewiring and installation of meters will be done on

Government-owned houses alone. Work at houses which have already been sold will be carried out at the owner's expense.

The project is expected to start soon and will be completed at the latest during the second week of June.



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# Anger over charges

A CHIAWELO man is angry that the Soweto City Council has sent him a bill for electricity he does not have.

Mr John Thamba of 1206 Chiawelo 1 told the *Sowetan* that since he moved into his new house on December 15 last year, he has had no electricity because it had been cut off.

"However to my surprise, last month I received a combined electricity and water statement from the council showing that I owed R238 for the December and January months.

"I do understand that I have to pay for water

because I have used it. However, I am not prepared to pay for a commodity that I have not used. Since I took occupation of the house I have had not lights until now," he said.

Miss Estelle Bester, the council's housing director, said it was true that in Chiawelo the council was presently repairing damaged electricity boxes. She said

because of this, what was reflected in the residents electricity statements were provisional charges.

"Once we have repaired the sub-stations, we will then read the meter boxes and every account will be corrected. Residents must understand that provisional charges are made on all accounts where there is no metered charge.

"When we have sorted out everything and find that a resident has overpaid, he will be credited. Alternatively, accounts will be reduced where applicable," she said.

She advised Mr Thamba to be patient or take up the issue with the city's electrical engineer in Nancefield. The telephone number is 933-1617 or 933-1794.

Nine injured in grenade and gun attack in Soweto

# COPS HIT IN SHOOTOUT

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## Searching for clues



POLICEMEN inspect the grounds of Phiri Hall for clues or ammunition after Tuesday night's shootout.

Pic: MBUZENI ZULU

By THEMBA MOLEFE

A POLICEMAN was seriously wounded and eight others slightly injured when unknown people attacked a hall in Soweto with AK-47 rifles and grenades on Tuesday night.

The South African Police directorate for public relations in Pretoria said yesterday that no one died when the group attacked municipal policemen at Phiri Hall, Soweto.

The attackers are not known, police said.

"A number of shots were fired and three grenades hurled at the policemen.

"The policemen returned the fire with shotguns and the attackers fled in a vehicle. A number of AK-47 cartridge cases and three AK-47 magazines were found at the scene of the shooting," said the police.

### Sparks

Witnesses said the shooting occurred at 8,30pm. They heard rapid fire which lasted for about 30 minutes.

Miss Sessie Mqwetho, whose Phiri home is directly opposite the hall, said a car parked in their yard was hit. A side window was shattered. No bullets or cartridges were found in the yard.

A 19-year-old woman said the shooting "shook the township" and that she saw people running about and ambulances coming in and going out at high speed.

"I was standing at the kitchen window when I saw sparks flying between the grounds of the hall and the roof.

"I saw about five men falling from the roof of the building," she said.

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## Soweto shootout

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A resident said he heard what sounded like automatic fire. It lasted about 20 minutes.

• Tuesday night's attack is the worst on Soweto municipal policemen since April last year when a policeman was killed and 64 injured in a grenade attack on the Tladi Municipal Police Training Centre. Sowetan 10/3/88



Five Roses  
Tagless Teabags

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## Upgrading for Alex (34B)

CIVEMECH Design & Engineering Services will design the infrastructure for the east bank development of Alexandra township near Johannesburg.

The infrastructure design with a value of R6-million will incorporate 11km of roads with water, electricity and sewerage services to 873 stands.

Total cost of the project which will be developed by the SA Housing Trust and Condev, will be R30-million.

The land on the east bank was donated by the city of Johannesburg and houses will range from self-built structures to more exclusive designs. 12/3/88/1

- (b) On the authority of the Deputy Minister of Information with the co-operation of the relevant authorities.

Removal of Lawaalkamp community to Sandkraal

\*5. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether the removal of the Lawaalkamp community to Sandkraal has been completed; if not, when is it envisaged that this removal will be finalized;
- (2) whether the removal of this community was effected or is being effected on a voluntary basis; if not, (a) why not and (b) on what basis was it effected or is it being effected?

†THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

- (1) No, the target date is 31 May 1988.
  - (2) Yes.
- (a) and (b) Fall away.

Communist/Communist-aligned countries: trade relations

\*6. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Economic Affairs and Technology:

- (1) Whether the Republic maintains trade relations with Communist and Communist-aligned countries; if so,
- (2) whether such trade has any detrimental effects on local industries; if so, (a) what are these effects, (b) how are they justified and (c) what steps are being taken in this regard;
- (3) what is the Government's policy in regard to such trade?

†THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND TECHNOLOGY (Dr T G Alan):

- (1) No. The Republic of South Africa does not maintain formal trade relations in the form of bilateral trade agreements or other arrangements with the countries in question.
- (2) No, not as far as is known.
- (a), (b) and (c) Fall away.
- (3) The Government's policy is not to pre-

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scribe to the private sector with which countries trade may be conducted. This principle is also applied in the granting of import and export permits.

Booklet *Face to Face with the ANC*

\*7. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Defence:

- (1) Whether he or any member of the South African Defence Force was in any way involved in the compilation, printing and/or distribution of a booklet entitled "Face to Face with the ANC"; if so, (a) who, (b) what was the nature of the involvement, (c) how many copies of this booklet were produced, (d) to whom were copies of the booklet sent and (e) what was the total cost of this involvement;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

- (1) Yes.
- (a) An officer of the South African Defence Force.
- (b) Fully involved in the compiling and printing of the booklet.
- (c) 60 150
- (d) The booklet was not distributed.
- (e) The cost was included in the amount referred to in my reply to question number of 10 of 23 February 1988.

(2) The original booklet contained certain shortcomings, as a result of which it was not distributed. After the shortcomings had been rectified, it was distributed under the title "ANC — The Inside Story".

\*8. Mr T Langley — Law and Order.† [Reply standing over.]

Members: meeting attended at Standeron

\*9. Mr J H VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:†

- (1) Whether any members of the South African Police attended a meeting a Standeron on 25 February 1988, further particulars of which have been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if so, how many;

- (2) whether the Police made use of any official vehicles on this occasion; if so, what was the total cost involved?

†THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) Yes. An adequate number of members to deal with the given situation.
- (2) Yes. The cost involved cannot be ascertained, because these duties were performed during normal police activities.

Uprising against town council of Lekoa

\*10. Mr J H VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

- (1) Whether an uprising against the town council of Lekoa occurred recently; if so, (a)(i) who rose up against the town council and (ii) when and (b) what were the circumstances surrounding the incident;
- (2) whether any action was taken against the persons concerned; if not, why not; if so, (a) when and (b) what was the nature of this action?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING:

No uprising occurred recently against the City Council of Lekoa.

\*11. Prof N J J Olivier — Foreign Affairs. [Withdrawn.]

\*12. Prof N J J Olivier — Defence. [Withdrawn.]

Special constables: alteration of salary scales

\*13. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether the salary scales of special constables have been altered at any time since the introduction of the system of special constables; if so, (a) why and (b) what alterations were effected;
- (2) whether he will furnish the House with the salary scales for special constables; if not, why not?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) No
- (a) and (b) Fall away.
- (2) Yes. Special constables are occasional workers who receive a remuneration of

R13,00 per day for each day they perform duty. In addition, they are granted eight paid rest-days per month.

Scheme for buying back service in Government Service Pension Fund: alterations

\*14. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development:

- (1) Whether any alterations have been effected since 21 September 1987 to the scheme for the buying back of service in the Government Service Pension Fund; if so, (a) what alterations and (b) what effect will these alterations have on the (i) buy-back scheme and (ii) debt position of the Government Service Pension Fund;
- (2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT:

- (1) Yes.
- (a) Amendment of the formula for the calculation of the cost of buying back service.
- (b) (i) An increase in the cost of buying back service.
- (ii) The buying back of service will no longer be a contributing factor to the actuarial shortfall in the Fund as the weighted formula will have the effect that the Fund will in future be fully compensated for the cost involved in the buying back of service.

(b) (i) An increase in the cost of buying back service.

(ii) The buying back of service will no longer be a contributing factor to the actuarial shortfall in the Fund as the weighted formula will have the effect that the Fund will in future be fully compensated for the cost involved in the buying back of service.

(2) No.

KTC squatter camp: wire fences on western/southern sides

\*15. Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether a wire fence has been erected on the western, southern and eastern sides of the KTC squatter camp at Nyanga, Cape Town; if so, (a) what type of wire fence and (b) when;
- (2) whether, prior to the erection of this fence, any discussions were held with the (a) residents and/or (b) members of the Masincedane Committee of this Squatter

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SOWETAN, Thursday, March 17, 1988/02

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LEKOA town councillors whose guns were confiscated by the authorities during a meeting could get them back, the mayor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, said yesterday.

# Guns seized at meeting

councillors had special permission to possess the guns.

Mr Mahlatsi said the guns belonged to the council and were taken away from them for inspection as well and for

to defend themselves during possible attack after the September 3, 1984 uprising in the Vaal Triangle.

The authorities should have asked us to surrender the guns for checking, without searching us as though we were thugs," councilors said.

He emphasised that there was nothing embarrassing because his gun was also inspected. "This is normal procedure to check against any malpractices," he said.

He said: "All those councillors who had their guns taken away can now get them back on request. There was no malice intended".

Councillors claim that there was drama during their meeting when they were taken away from us.

Mr Mahlatsi said the

said:

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*Griffin*

# Anger over raid

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identities will be announced once their next-of-kin have been informed.

Anti-apartheid activist, Mr Lybon Mabasa, said every time South Africa blames its neighbouring countries for its internal problems one knows that an imminent attack looms on the country it blames.

He said the raids were aimed at serving particularly two purposes for South Africa; the destabilising of neighbouring countries to create satellite states next to itself and the other is to shift responsibility for their own failures to the neighbouring countries by using emotive words such as "terrorism and barbarism."

The Azanian Coordinating Committee said it strongly calls the world's attention to the legalised destabilisation, sabotage and assassination committed by the South African regime against its neighbours.

"The recent veto, in particular, by the United States and Britain is a further legalisation of the atrocities perpetrated by the South African regime. Azacco calls upon the neighbouring countries to stand firm and resolute with the oppressed and exploited of South Africa.

The general secretary of the South African Council of Churches, Reverend Frank Chikane, said: "The cold-blooded attack by the SADF on citizens and residents of Botswana is a shameful and flagrant abuse of human rights and the respect of territorial boundaries of neighbouring countries. P W Botha continues to carry out cowardly murderous acts that people of God are bound to condemn and curse."

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# Whites in black townships 'a breakthrough'

MAMELODI. — Outside toilets, cornmeal for dinner and police visits in the middle of the night gave 170 white Christians a taste of everyday life in this black township last week.

While soldiers checked cars entering the township a few hundred metres away, the black hosts and their white guests braided boerewors and dipped white cornmeal from a huge iron pot while discussing the four-day encounter at a picnic on Saturday night.

The event, designed to bring whites and blacks together and break down apartheid barriers, was organized by two Christian groups and ended yesterday with everyone going to church together in the township and in nearby Pretoria.

"Ten years ago if we did this the police would have just come and chased all the blacks away," said one of the principal organizers, the Rev Nico Smith.

Mr Murray Hofmeyr, 29, a white theology

student, was asked repeatedly to tell how police had come to the door at 3.30am on Friday to arrest him and his host, black churchworker Mr Sandy Lebesse. He said they refused to say why and "were very rude".

Police freed Mr Hofmeyr a few hours later "when I finally convinced them what was going on, that there were 170 white people staying in the township that night. They didn't believe me".

Mr Lebesse, who was imprisoned from 1977 to 1983 on a sabotage conviction, was held in detention without explanation.

Another delegate, Mr Nick Paton, grandson of novelist Alan Paton, said police came to his door, also, at 2.30am, asking what he was doing in the township.

"It's not normal to see a white man putting up in a black house," said one of the hosts, Mr

Joe Sekese, who was not surprised by the police action. "I think it's a breakthrough, because in fact, I expected something tragic to happen, that the soldiers would break up the whole thing."

Mr Smith, a white Ned Geref Kerk minister who moved into Mamelodi with government permission two years ago, said he believed the police action "was just the way they harass you, to let you know they're there, in control".

Some delegates stayed in typical four-room township homes, with a toilet in the yard, a zinc basin to bathe in, and not enough beds to go around. Others stayed in the more modern homes that the government and private industry are building to combat political unrest.

The delegates, including about 40 blacks who stayed in white homes in Pretoria, tried

to adopt a joint statement at the end of the encounter that would reflect their mutual experience, but found they could not.

"Apartheid was very successful," said Mr Smith. "It succeeded to divide the people, to separate them from one another. It eventually ended up with the whites fearing the blacks and the blacks being furious with the whites, and you know anger and fear is a recipe for violence."

Mr Smith promoted a separate message from the whites to tell other whites what they had learnt.

Mr David Ramakgadi, a church field worker, read the blacks' statement, which said: "We are thrilled that at last, after a struggle of more than 50 years, you have come to our township not to tell us, but to listen." — Sapa-AP



Ambassadors and attachés in foreign countries: 15  
Local friends and family: 177

(iii) In 1986 the printing cost per card was 12 cents, but it is not possible to determine the hidden costs of manpower and other materials.

(iv) Armscor

(b) yes

(i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) Christmas cards are sent out by the SA Defence Force on a decentralised basis by some Headquarters, Formations, Commands and Units. To obtain this information will be too time-consuming and expensive.

(2) Minister No. The Christmas cards were distributed against Government cost in terms of paragraph 8.1.3 of the Guidelines for Ministers.

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Professional standing defence force: estimated cost

620. Prof N J J OLIVIER asked the Minister of Defence:

Whether an estimate has been made of the cost of establishing a professional standing defence force to replace, over a period of time, the present system of military conscription; if not, why not; if so, (a) what is this estimate and (b) in which year was it made?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

Yes.

(a) RM 2 415 for direct personnel expenses (salaries and allowances) only which, in 1984 Rand values, would have been 117% higher than the existing system in the same year.

(b) 1984/85 financial year.

Permanent Force: applications to join

621. Prof N J J OLIVIER asked the Minister of Defence:

How many Black, White, Coloured and Indian

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persons, respectively, (a) applied to join, and (b) were accepted into, the Permanent Force as members of the South African (i) Army, (ii) Air Force, (iii) Navy and (iv) Medical Services in 1987 or the latest specified year for which information is available?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

1 January 1987 until 31 December 1987

	(a)	(b)
(i) White	5 520	2 092
Coloured	460	122
Indian	31	18
Black	2 260	2 232
(ii) White	5 787	1 530
Coloured	191	27
Indian	102	6
Black	95	6
(iii) White	815	413
Coloured	198	179
Indian	60	44
Black	1	1
(iv) White	1 342	759
Coloured	33	18
Indian	5	0
Black	1	1

Inter-city luxury coach services: privatization

659. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

Whether any steps have been taken to privatize the inter-city luxury coach services of the South African Transport Services; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that steps will be taken in this regard; if so, what steps?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

Yes.

The Honourable Member's attention is directed to my Budget Speech on 24 February 1988 when I indicated that it is the intention to include all bus passenger services in the privatisation action and that I gave instructions that these services be developed as a separate business unit with a view to privatisation. This action is presently under way.

Travel bureaux: profits/losses

661. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

What (a) were the (i) profits or (ii) losses

incurred in respect of the (aa) London, (bb) Frankfurt and (cc) New York South African Transport Services travel bureaux for each of the latest specified three financial years for which information is available and (b) is the projected (i) profit or (ii) loss in respect of each of these bureaux for the current financial year?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

	(aa)	(bb)	(cc)
(a) (i)	1984/85 R19 100 R23 100 R17 800	1985/86 R20 000 R 5 000	1986/87 R50 900 R10 000 R28 400
(ii) 1985/86	—	—	R15 000
(b) (i)	R100 000 R40 000 R30 000		
(ii) Falls away.			

SAA flight 295: air hostesses able to speak Japanese/Mandarin

663. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether any air hostesses on SAA flight 295 on 28 November 1987 could speak (a) Japanese and/or (b) Mandarin; if so, how many; if not, what languages could they speak;

(2) whether any air hostesses on aircraft used on the Far East service speak either of these languages; if so, how many; if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) (a) and (b) No. They were able to converse in English, Afrikaans, German, Portuguese and Italian.

(2) Yes. Two.

Pension funds: shortages

674. Mr J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether there are any shortages in the pension funds of the South African Transport Services at present; if so, (a) in which pension funds, (b) (i) what do these shortages amount to and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished and (c) what did these shortages amount to on the corresponding date (i) 12, (ii) 24 and (iii) 36 calendar months ago;

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) (a) and (b) Actuaries in the private sector are presently in the process of evaluating the pension funds of South African Transport Services and it is expected that their report will be completed by the end of 1988.

(c) Not available.

(2) No.

Military service: White doctors posted to hospitals

675. Mr H J COETZEE asked the Minister of Defence:

(1) What percentage of qualified White doctors called up for military service is posted to hospitals (a) for Whites, (b) for Blacks, (c) administered by the South African Defence Force, (d) in the four independent Black states and (e) in the self-governing territories;

(2) (a) where are such doctors sent for their basic training and (b) what is the duration of this training?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(1) As on 8 March 1988

- (a) 1,25%
- (b) 2,52%
- (c) 51,3%
- (d) 0,63%
- (e) 0,31%

NOTE: The remainder of the doctors (43,99%) are employed in sickbays, military medical clinics and for the training of medical orderlies.

(2) (a) SA Medical Service Training Centre near Potchefstroom

(b) 16 weeks.

Botshabelo: bus boycotts

677. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(a) How many bus boycotts were there in Botshabelo in 1987 and 1988, (b) on what dates did they occur and (c) what was the (i) duration and (ii) cause of each such boycott?

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## The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

- (a) 1 in 1988.  
 (b) From 1 to 4 January 1988.  
 (c) (i) 4 days.  
 (ii) An increase in bus fares.

## Five most junior posts: salary scales

709. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

- (a) What are the salary scales attached to each of the five most junior posts in the South African Transport Services, (b) how many of these posts are filled by Whites, Coloureds, Indians and Blacks, respectively, and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

## The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

- (a) (1) R4 530 - 4 770 - 5 010 - 5 250 annually  
 (2) R4 530 - 4 770 - 5 010 - 5 250 - 5 490 annually  
 (3) R4 560 - 4 830 - 5 040 - 5 280 - 5 520 annually  
 (4) R4 770 - 5 010 - 5 250 - 5 490 - 5 820 annually  
 (5) R4 830 - 5 040 - 5 280 - 5 520 - 5 850 annually
- (b)
- |     | Whites | Coloureds | Indians | Blacks |
|-----|--------|-----------|---------|--------|
| (1) | 3      | 10 359    | 248     | 60 657 |
| (2) | Nil    | 291       | 37      | 1 155  |
| (3) | Nil    | Nil       | Nil     | 16     |
| (4) | Nil    | 337       | 30      | 1 985  |
| (5) | Nil    | 18        | Nil     | 103    |
- (c) 1 March 1988

## Control boards: functions

716. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Agriculture:

What are the functions of each of the control boards falling under his Department?

## The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE:

The functions of the control boards are set out in the Proclamations and Government Notices as indicated below:

Banana Board: Proclamation R.109 of 1976, as amended.  
 Canning Fruit Board: Government Notice R.2068 of 25 September 1987.

Chicory Board: Proclamation R.155 of 1978, as amended.  
 Citrus Board: Proclamation R.2 of 1979, as amended.

Cotton Board: Proclamation R.37 of 1974, as amended.

Dairy Board: Proclamation R.290 of 1978, as amended.

Deciduous Fruit Board: Proclamation R.220 of 1979, as amended.

Dried Fruit Board: Proclamation R.302 of 1962, as amended.

Dry Bean Board: Government Notice R.370 of 27 February 1988.

Egg Board: Proclamation R.64 of 1963, as amended.

Grain Sorghum Board: Government Notice R.190 of 31 January 1986.

Lucerne Seed Control Board: Proclamation R.30 of 1963, as amended.

Maize Board: Proclamation R.45 of 1979, as amended.

Meat Board: Proclamation R.200 of 1964, as amended.

Mohair Board: Proclamation R.281 of 1971, as amended.

Oil Seeds Board: Proclamation R.73 of 1982, as amended.

Potato Board: Proclamation R.268 of 1970, as amended.

Rooibos Tea Control Board: Proclamation R.167 of 1962, as amended.

Tobacco Board: Proclamation R.159 of 1971, as amended.

Wheat Board: Proclamation R.162 of 1974, as amended.

Wool Board: Proclamation R.155 of 1972, as amended.

The manner in which the powers, functions and duties vested in the control boards mentioned above are exercised, performed and carried out, is set out in the annual reports of these boards which are tabled each year in Parliament.

Booklet: *The Dismantling of Apartheid*

793. Mr P G SOAL asked the Deputy Minister of Information:

- (1) Whether the Bureau for Information was responsible for the compilation and/or

distribution of a booklet entitled "The Dismantling of Apartheid"; if not, who is responsible for this booklet; if so, (a) why, (b) what was the nature of its involvement, (c) how many pages does the booklet comprise, (d) how many (i) English and (ii) Afrikaans copies of the booklet were produced, (e) to whom were copies of the booklet sent and (f) what was the total cost of producing, printing and distributing the booklet;

- (2) whether the views propagated in this publication reflect the views of the Government; if not, in what way do they differ;  
 (3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

## The DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION:

- (1) No. The booklet was published by the author.  
 The Bureau purchased 50 000 copies which it has distributed.  
 (a) The publication contains a useful chronicle of reform measures.

- (b) The Bureau's involvement was limited to the purchase and distribution of copies of the publication.  
 (c) 26 pages.  
 (d) (i) and (ii) 50 000 English copies were purchased.  
 (e) Copies were sent to contacts of the Bureau on a selective basis.  
 (f) The publications were purchased at a price of 94 cents per copy. Cost of distribution is difficult to determine as railway costs incurred to transport copies to Regional Offices are not available as yet and because Regional Offices supplied copies free of charge on request and also during contact visits.
- (2) The booklet is a chronicle of reform measures. Views, if any, propagated are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the Government.
- (3) No.

# Call for *Mr. Botha 24/3/88* strong action against police

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MR Ray Swart, Progressive Federal Party spokesman on Foreign Affairs, yesterday called for "strong action" against the police who allegedly continued searching the West German Consul-General's home in Johannesburg even after learning it had diplomatic status.

The special unit hunting for the man suspected of involvement with the Krugersdorp bomb blast, Mr Hein Grosskopf, entered the home of Mr Erhard Loeser after a tip-off, which sparked an international row and resulted in a full apology by the South African government.

## Documents

Yesterday a shocked Mrs Charlotte Loeser said the police had continued the search after going through her husband's documents. She said the policemen had been "very rude".

"When the police learn in the course of their visit that it is a diplomatic residence and they continue their search, it is a total misuse of police power and a breach of diplomatic convention," Mr Swart said.

● The Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Pik Botha, has said the officer in charge of the police unit involved had been instructed to convey personal apologies to the West German officials. He said "steps" had been taken against the policemen concerned.  
— Own Correspondent and Sapa



Sar-travel: scheduled coach tours for tourists

660. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

- (1) Whether Sar-travel operates any scheduled coach tours for tourists; if so,
- (2) whether the financial results of this division are assessed separately from those of other divisions of South African Transport Services; if not, how are they assessed; if so, what (a) was the (i) profit or (ii) loss of this division in the 1987/88 financial year and (b) is the projected (i) profit or (ii) loss for the 1988/89 financial year?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Honourable Member's attention is directed to the documents which were tabled during the introduction of the South African Transport Services Appropriation Bill, 1988. Particulars of these services' financial results are contained therein.

#### Botshabelo: hospitals

673. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

Whether there are any hospitals in Botshabelo; if not, (a) why not and (b) where is the nearest hospital; if so, (i) how many of each specified kind of hospital, (ii) how many (aa) beds, (bb) doctors and (cc) nurses are there in respect of each of these hospitals and (iii) who is responsible for paramedical services in this area?

- (a) (1) \*R4 500 × 450 — 5 400 × 480 — 5 800/-  
6 360 × 480 — 7 800
- (2) R6 150 × 510 — 8 190 × 660 — 8 850
- (3) \*R4 950 × 450 — 5 400 × 480 — 7 800/-  
8 460 × 660 — 9 120
- (4) R5 550 × 480 — 6 030 × 510 — 8 070 × 660 — 9 390 (Lithographic Operator)
- (5) R5 400 × 480 — 7 800 × 660 — 9 120 × 690 — 11 880 (Telcom Assistant)

\*Officials must meet certain service and merit requirements to progress beyond the barrier (//—) on the appropriate salary scale.

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

Yes.

- (i) One General Hospital.
- (ii) (aa) 61.  
(bb) 5 full-time and 7 part-time.
- (cc) 107
- (iii) The hospital itself.

Mooi-nooi: automatizing of telephone service

680. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Communications:

Whether his Department intends automatizing the telephone service at Mooi-nooi; if not, why not; if so, when?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

Yes, but owing to financial and other restraints, it was unfortunately not possible to include the Mooi-nooi exchange in an automation programme stretching up to and including the 1989/90 financial year. At this stage it is also not possible to indicate when this exchange will be accorded its turn.

#### Five most junior posts: salary scales

708. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Communications:

- (a) What are the salary scales attached to each of the five most junior posts in his Department, (b) how many of these posts are filled by Whites, Coloureds, Indians and Blacks, respectively, and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS:

- (General Assistant 1)
- (Catering Assistant 1)
- (Security Assistant 1)
- (Senior Housekeeper)
- (General Assistant 2)
- (Catering Assistant 2)
- (Security Assistant 2)
- (Waiter/Waitress)

(b)

Whites	Coloureds	Indians	Blacks
780	6 375	113	19 379
—	81	—	232
72	68	—	246
6	—	—	—
235	995	41	1 832
1	1	—	2
25	17	—	28
—	2	—	34
—	—	—	4
1 713	227	110	545
2 832	7 766	264	22 302
			(Total)

(c) 31 December 1987.

Employees of SATS: financial incentive/bonus systems

742. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs: (a) how many and (b) what are the relevant details?

Whether there are any financial incentive or bonus systems for employees in the South African Transport Services; if not, why not; if so, (a) how many and (b) what are the relevant details?

- (a) 13
- (b) SCHEME  
Bonuswork Agreement  
Number One

#### APPLICABLE TO

Artisans and related grades on manufacturing, workshop maintenance and construction work as well as certain personnel employed in ticket printing. Artisans and related grades on maintenance and repair work in the different Road Transport Workshops. Artisans and related grades in the Civil Engineering Plant Maintenance depots. Aviation artisans and related grades concerned with the maintenance and servicing of aircraft. Artisans and related grades in diesel and steam locomotive sheds responsible for the maintenance of locomotives. Personnel concerned with the handling of conventional cargo in harbours. Personnel handling containers in harbours. Dredger crews on certain dredgers. Drivers and assistants of cartage vehicles in urban areas. Typists (data capturing) operating data and other accounting machines. Artisans responsible for the maintenance of suburban passenger coaches in electric running sheds. The following wage incentive schemes have been introduced on a trial basis:

- Mechanical Maintenance
- Personnel
- Wage Incentive Scheme for Earthmoving gangs
- Artisans and related grades employed on maintenance of mechanical plant and apparatus.
- Personnel employed on earthmoving work.

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# TOWNSHIP CLEANS UP THE RUBBISH

*Sowetan*  
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(343)

**A HUGE clean-up operation in KwaThema, Springs, is to start this Saturday.**

The operation is being launched by various women's groups and supported by the Springs Rotary Club.

Father Dominic

Baldwin of the Roman Catholic Church in KwaThema said many schools in the area have been approached to take part in the clean-up and headmasters have promised their co-operation.

Each of the 11 000 houses in KwaThema will be supplied with a plastic bag where rubbish should be kept to be collected by KwaThema Town Council cleansing vans, said Mr Baldwin.

The women's organisations have made a special appeal to residents not to dump rubbish on street corners. The council has also warned that it will take firm action against people found dumping.

The council has said that it will promulgate a by-law that would make it an offence for people to dump refuse.

Father Dominic said

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every resident of the area should strive to keep the township clean.



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## Doors-off solution to rent boycott (343)

JOHANNESBURG — Soweto council police yesterday removed the doors of the home of a rent defaulter claiming they had devised a new method to break the two-year-old rent boycott.

The council passed a resolution recently ordering that the doors of the homes of tenants evicted because of non-payment of rent be removed to prevent them moving back into their houses.

Yesterday police removed the back and front doors of the home of Mrs Gladys Mkhize after she, her 70-year-old mother and her three children had moved back into the Mofolo South home from which they had been evicted the day before.

The Soweto housing director, Mrs Estelle Bester, said the strategy had been introduced to dissuade rent defaulters from moving back home.

A resolution to this effect was passed by the council's executive committee recently. Previously furniture was confiscated to make up for arrears.

According to the council Mrs Mkhize owes R1 144 in rent arrears. — DDC

overseas visits in 1987; if so, (a) which countries were visited and (b) what was the purpose of each visit;

- (2) whether he or these Deputy Ministers were accompanied by any representatives of the media on these visits; if so, (a) what were the names of the journalists involved, (b) which newspapers or radio or television networks did they represent, (c) to which countries did each of these persons accompany him or these Deputy Ministers and (d) why;

- (3) whether any costs were incurred by his Department as a result, if so, what total amount in that year?

### THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) No.  
(2) and (3) Fall away.

#### Mixed couples: applications for permits

585. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether his Department has received any applications from couples who entered into mixed marriages for the issue of permits in terms of section 26(3) of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, to reside permanently in White areas and to be exempt from the provisions of the said Act; if so, how many (a) in 1987 and/or (b) as at the latest specified date for which figures are available;

- (2) whether any of these applications have been granted; if not, why not; if so, how many (a) in 1987 and/or (b) at the above-mentioned date;

- (3) whether any of these applications have been refused; if so, why in each case?

### THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

No.

Soweto proper/Dobsonville/Diepmeadow: applications for 99-year leases/freehold title

588. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (a) How many persons in Soweto proper, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow, respectively,

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applied in 1987 for (i) 99-year leases and (ii) leave to purchase property under freehold title and (b) how many such applications had been granted in each case as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

### THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

As at 31 December 1987.

(a) (i) Soweto 3 949  
Diepmeadow 604  
Dobsonville 310

(ii) Soweto 1  
Diepmeadow 4 863  
Dobsonville 1

(b) (i) Soweto 3 949  
Diepmeadow 291  
Dobsonville 310

(ii) Soweto 1  
Diepmeadow 4 550  
Dobsonville 1

#### 99-year leasehold scheme: plots surveyed

590. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- How many plots were surveyed in each province of the Republic in 1987 with a view to the 99-year leasehold scheme?

### THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

#### TRANSVAAL

381 678 plots were registered with the Deeds Office.

#### ORANGE FREE STATE

1 569 plots.

#### CAPE PROVINCE

59 739 plots.

#### NATAL

5 690 plots.

#### Greater Soweto: population

591. Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- What was the population of Greater Soweto as at 31 December 1987?

### THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

1 542 100 estimated.

#### Christmas cards sent out

606. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Justice:

- (1) Whether (a) he, (b) the Department of Justice and/or (c) the Prisons Service sent out Christmas cards in 1987; if so, (i) what total number of cards was printed, (ii) to whom were they sent, (iii) what was the total cost of producing and distributing these cards, and (iv) who was responsible for printing them, in each case;

- (2) whether postage stamps were used to send out these Christmas cards; if not, how were they distributed?

### THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

- (1) (a) Yes.

(i) No cards were printed in 1987.

(ii) Approximately ten cards were sent to colleagues and friends.

(iii) None. Existing stocks were used.

(iv) The Government Printer.

- (b) Yes.

(i) 1 000.

(ii) The Director-General in his official capacity sent out cards to approximately 800 people comprising public office-bearers, heads of state departments, retired heads of the Department, heads of sub-offices in the Directorate: Justice, heads of prison commands and prisons and retired officials in the Directorate: Justice.

(iii) R436,43.

(iv) The Government Printer.

- (c) Yes.

(i) 3 000.

(ii) 575 were sent out to instances and persons with whom the SA Prisons Service has official connections and also in return of season greetings to the Commissioner of Prisons and the personnel corps of the SA Prisons Service received from individuals, instances and Members of Parliament.

(iii) R684,32 for the supply of 3 000.

(iv) The Government Printer.

- (2) Yes. However, the cards mailed by the Director-General and the Commissioner of Prisons in their official capacities were dispatched as official mail.

#### Nursing diploma course at H F Verwoerd hospital in Pretoria

613. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) (a) How many (i) enquiries about, and (ii) applications for admission to, the nursing diploma course at the H F Verwoerd Hospital in Pretoria were received in 1985, 1986 and 1987, respectively, and (b) how many persons were admitted to the course in each of these years;

- (2) whether there is a shortage of nursing staff at present at (a) Transvaal provincial hospitals in general and (b) the H F Verwoerd Hospital in particular; if so, what (i) is the extent of and (ii) are the reasons for this shortage, in each case?

### THE MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) (a) (i) 1985 — 340

1986 — 634

1987 — 668

(ii) 1985 — 205

1986 — 232

1987 — 210

(b) 1985 — 152

1986 — 147

1987 — 181

(2) (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

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spending local authorities which had received its assets; if so, (a)(i) by whom, (ii) why and (iii) when was this decision taken, (b)(i) what body will be responsible for the payment of these liabilities and (ii) how is this body financed?

# The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) Yes.

(a) 1983/84  
1984/85  
1985/86

R299 592 296  
R301 154 641  
R39 388 321

(b) (i)  
Soweto

(ii)  
1983/84  
1984/85  
1985/86

(c)  
R2 308 938  
R124 841 259  
R1 559 289

Diepmeadow

1983/84  
1984/85  
1984/85  
1985/86

R128 709 486  
R1 014 973  
R54 763 852  
R54 763 852  
R280 622

Dobsonville

1983/84  
1984/85  
1985/86

R274 851  
R16 354 113  
R213 695  
R16 842 659

Kagiso

1983/84  
1984/85  
1985/86

R283 523  
R22 328 964  
R335 952  
R22 948 439

Mohlakeng

1983/84  
1984/85  
1985/86

R147 647  
R5 961 640  
R136 605  
R6 245 892

Bekkersdal

1983/84  
1984/85  
1985/86

R157 118  
R2 091 011  
R44 950  
R2 293 079

Alexandra

1983/84  
1984/85  
1985/86

R405 728  
R35 412 601  
R213 805  
R36 032 134

(2) No. All liabilities with regard to the assets so transferred were transferred to the Local Authorities concerned.

(a) (i), (ii) and (iii) Fall away.

(b) (i) and (ii) Fall away.

## State/private administered children's homes for Blacks in RSA

508. Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(a) How many (i) State and (ii) privately administered children's homes were there for Black children in the Republic as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) how many children were accommodated in these homes as at that date;

(2) whether there is a shortage of such accommodation for Black children; if so, (a) what is the nature of the shortage and (b) what steps are to be taken to overcome this shortage?

## The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

### TRANSVAAL

(1) (a) (i) None as at 31 January 1988.

(ii) 5.

(b) 392 children.

(2) Yes.

(a) Accommodation.

(b) A State administered children's home which will accommodate 200 children, is currently being erected.

### CAPE PROVINCE

(1) (a) (i) None as at 29 February 1988.

(ii) None.

(b) Falls away.

(2) Yes.

(a) There is a need for privately controlled children's homes and for state children's homes which can accommodate children for whom no provision has been made in privately controlled homes.

(b) A needs survey is being undertaken in the Cape Province to establish the

need for children's homes and negotiations are underway for the provision of funds for the erection of state children's homes and for the subsidisation of privately controlled children's homes.

## ORANGE FREE STATE

(1) (a) (i) None as at 29 February 1988.

(ii) None.

(b) Falls away.

(2) Yes.

(a) 41 boys and 31 girls are presently accommodated in children's homes situated outside the Orange Free State.

(b) Private organisations are constantly encouraged to satisfy the needs of this Province. Funds are available to subsidise children's homes when implemented.

## NATAL

(1) (a) (i) None as at 29 February 1988.

(ii) 6

(b) 504

(2) Yes.

(a) There is a need for privately controlled children's homes and for state children's homes which can accommodate children for whom no provision has been made in privately controlled homes.

(b) The Natal Provincial Administration is presently busy planning two homes (Places of Safety) and private welfare agencies are constantly encouraged to establish such facilities.

## Group Areas Act: applications for exemptions

514. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether, since 1 October 1987, his Department has received any applications for exemptions from the provisions of the Group Areas Act, No 36 of 1966, in respect of residential premises in each specified magisterial district in the Cape

Province; if so, (a) how many such applications had been (i) granted and (ii) refused as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) what were the reasons for (i) granting and (ii) refusing each application;

(2) whether any action has been taken against (a) owners and (b) occupants of residential property in the Cape Province in terms of the provisions of the said Act during the above-mentioned period; if so, (i) in respect of the owners or occupants of which properties, (ii) what action was taken, (iii) who initiated the action, (iv) who decided that action should be taken, (v) why was action taken and (vi) what was the outcome of this action in each case?

## The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) The question cannot be answered because statistics are not kept on the basis of Magisterial districts.

(2) (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(i) It is not considered desirable to make the requested information public as it may cause unreasonable and unnecessary embarrassment to the people concerned.

(ii) A notice was served on the registered owner of one property in terms of section 41(1) of the Group Areas Act.

(iii) Action arose from complaints lodged with the Police by the public.

(iv) In terms of Government policy.

(v) In terms of Government policy and because the provisions of the Act were contravened.

(vi) Negotiations are still taking place.

## Group Areas Board: new/changing of existing group areas

516. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

Whether the Group Areas Board or commit-



## Ibaya Town Council: irregularities

668. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether he or his Department instigated an investigation into possible irregularities in connection with the Ibaya Town Council; if so,
- (2) whether this investigation has been completed; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that the investigation will be completed; if so, (i) when, (ii) what were the circumstances surrounding these irregularities and (iii) what were the findings?

## The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) A departmental investigation into the administration of the Ibaya City Council was initiated by the Cape Provincial Administration.
- (2) Yes.

(a) and (b) Fall away.

(i) The investigation has been completed on 31 December 1987.

(ii) and (iii) The report of the investigation officer revealed certain shortcomings in the organisational- and personnel structure of the City Council that may have led to the occurrence of irregularities.

Steps have been taken to rectify these matters and a revised organisational- and personnel structure has recently been approved and is in the process of being implemented. An administrator has also been appointed to, amongst other functions, assist the Council in the recruitment and training of suitable staff. The Office for Community Services: Eastern Cape (the CPA's regional office in Port Elizabeth) is assisting in this regard.

## Oukasie: residents relocated

686. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 628 on 7 October 1987, it was decided that the residents of the Black

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residential area known as Oukasie should be relocated; if not, what was decided in this regard; if so,

- (2) whether these residents are to be relocated on a voluntary basis; if not, on what basis are they to be relocated; if so, what is the estimated total cost to the State of relocating them;
- (3) whether the relocation of these residents has commenced; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that it will commence; if so, (i) on what date, (ii) where will they be relocated and (iii) when is it anticipated that the matter will be finalized?

## The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) No. It was decided that only those persons who of own free will so request, will be resettled at Lethabale.

Rest-of-questions fall away.

## Economic summit conference: persons invited/attended

687. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the State President:

Whether he will furnish information on the persons who were invited to and attended the economic summit conference referred to in his reply to Question No 531 on 6 October 1987; if not, why not; if so, what are the names of the persons who (a) were invited to and (b) attended this conference?

## The STATE PRESIDENT:

A total of 226 persons were invited. Prominent businessmen, industrialists, bankers, academics, tax experts, representatives of organised trade, industry and agriculture, employee organisations, the media, the self-governing territories and the TBVC countries attended the conference.

## Residential areas planned for Blacks

747. Mr J VAN ECK asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

Whether residential areas for Blacks are being planned in or near (a) Grabouw, (b) Saldanha, (c) Jacobsbaai, (d) Citrusdal and (e) the municipal area of (i) St Helena and (ii) Veldrid; if not, why not; if so, (aa) what progress has been made with the planning of each of these areas?

denial areas and (bb) for how many families is provision being made in each case?

## The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) (i) and (ii) No.
- (aa) No such request for possible township development has ever been forwarded to the Cape Provincial Administration.
- (bb) Falls away.

## Non-White students at universities: policy relating to number

749. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of National Education:

- (1) Whether his Department is responsible for determining the general policy relating to the number of non-White students who may enrol at universities in South Africa; if not, who is responsible for this matter; if so, what is the limit in regard to students from each specified non-White race group wishing to enrol at universities for Whites in South Africa;

- (2) (a) how many (i) Coloured, (ii) Indian and (iii) Black students were enrolled at South African universities in 1987 and (b) how many of these students were from (i) the Republic, (ii) the self-governing territories, (iii) the independent Black states and (iv) other specified countries?

## The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION:

- (1) No. Under Section 14 of the Constitution Act, read with Schedule 1 thereto, education is an own affair. The Ministers of Departments of State responsible for education are responsible in the case of those universities that fall under them.
- (2) (a) (i) 12 823 (ii) 18 389 (iii) 49 716.

(b) See attached table which contains the requested information for 1986. The figures for 1987 are not yet available.

In both of the above cases, the vast majority of Coloured, Indian and Black students are registered with the University of South Africa and with the universities primarily established for those population groups.

## COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN OF ENROLLED STUDENTS (WHITES EXCLUDED) AT ALL SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES IN 1986

Country of Origin	Number of enrolled students		
	Coloured	Indian	Black
RSA & Self-governing territories	12 456	18 186	27 488
Transkei	4	17	2 256
Bophuthatswana	3	18	2 558
Ciskei	1	6	745
Venda	0	5	1 119
South West Africa	239	7	379
Zimbabwe	23	73	583
Lesotho	0	3	120
Botswana	1	2	35
Swaziland	1	1	125
Mozambique	0	1	1
Angola	0	6	1
Zambia	0	0	1
Malawi	1	1	10
Other African countries	10	29	34
Countries in Europe	1	8	83
Countries in Asia	1	19	9
Countries in North America	0	2	12
Countries in South America	1	1	1
Countries in Australasia & Oceania	0	2	1
Total	12 742	18 406	35 561

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## townships: no final decision

CAPE TOWN — No final decision had been taken on the development of black townships in the Pretoria/Witwatersrand/Vaal Triangle area and anyone who made any deductions or took options on land in specific areas did so at his own risk, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday.

In a statement he said he had appointed a panel of consultants to assist in evaluating possible sites for black township development in the area.

The confidential report had just been received and was being studied. Several considerations still had to be taken into account before a final decision on the report would be made.

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# Oukasie reprieve welcomed

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THE Government's decision not to proceed with the removal of the residents of Oukasie was welcomed by the Progressive Federal Party yesterday.

Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Mr Chris Heunis told the House of Assembly on Monday that Oukasie would not be relocated. Only those persons who of their own will and who so requested would be resettled at Lethlabile.



He was answering questions by Mr Clive Derby-Lewis (CP, Nominated).

Oukasie, a black township at Brits, was earlier earmarked for Demolition and its residents were to be resettled at Lethlabile, 25km away in spite of Government policy that there were to be no forced removals.

Progressive Federal Party spokesman on black affairs Mrs Helen Suzman said Mr Heunis's statement was "very good news indeed."

Mrs Suzman has been campaigning on behalf of the people of Oukasie.

## Reason

Mr Derby-Lewis could not be reached for comment, but the Conservative Party has repeatedly stated its position that Oukasie must go.

Mrs Suzman said there was never any valid reason for the removal of Oukasie.

She said: "The simple truth is that whites wanted that land and the Government was frightened of the Conservative Party so it agreed to relocate the township."

## Upgrade

"Feasibility studies found it was quite possible to upgrade the township where it was and that it was unnecessary to relocate it 25km away."

Mrs Suzman said that now the decision had been taken she trusted the Government would follow through by allocating funds immediately for the provision of modern amenities in the township, including water-borne sewerage, reticulated water and electricity. — Sowetan Correspondent.

# Oukasie to stay Heunis

Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — The government had decided that the residents of the black township of Oukasie near Brits should not be relocated, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday.

Mr Heunis was asked by Mr

Clive Derby-Lewis (CP, indirectly elected) whether the residents of the area known as Oukasie would be relocated.

He replied: "No. Only those persons who of own free will so request, will be resettled at Lethlabile."

Last week, Mr Heunis said Lethlabile, which was scheduled to be incorporated into a homeland,

would remain part of South Africa.

Mr Derby-Lewis wanted to know whether the residents of Oukasie were to be relocated on a voluntary basis and if not, how they were to be relocated, the estimated cost of relocating them and whether these relocations had commenced, but Mr Heunis said these questions fell away.



A RURAL COMMUNITY WITH A DIVIDED HISTORY CELEBRATES 75 YEARS

# A platteland tale of two dorps



Cheers to 75 years ... white residents of Koster celebrate the town's anniversary



On their way out ... children play in the rubble of demolished Reagle houses. Behind, the sprawling old homes

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But in the February 1988 newsletter of his council it says: "The houses in the old residential area have all been evaluated and their owners are requested to co-operate and move over to Reagle as soon as possible."

Not everyone finds it so easy to get a house in the new place. Bertha Moime, who was not allowed to build in the old township because she was told it was to be demolished, applied for a house in the new area in 1986.

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In other societies, a visit by the police might have sufficed. In Koster, the whole road was demolished.

Koster Town Clerk Braam Berg says that "they've been living next to us peacefully for 30 or 40 years" but adds that the removals — which began 20 years ago — were the "normal way of shifting. We started at the top next to the white area."

Residents of the old township have been told that the ground they live on is part of a "buffer zone" and that they must all move to a new township 700 metres further away.

This gradually widening buffer zone divides two communities with a very different appreciation of history.

The *wereldslag* of the old Transvaal Republic and the Afrikaner Volkswag insignia flew at the rugby stadium where the braai and *Boereport* were in progress.

By contrast, the men of the township were remembering a more recent trek — the Sophiatown removals of the 1950s, which they witnessed. Ephraim Ramokoeneng, 86, settled in Koster in 1936, leaving his family there when he went to Johannesburg to seek work.

He was working at the Wicks bubblegum factory when the people came with trucks and broke down the houses of Sophiatown, where he was staying. He refused to go to the new township of Meadowlands. He went to Newclare instead.

At his advanced age, he is even less inclined to allow the authorities to tell him where to go. "I don't see any reason to leave this place which I came to in 1936. All my children were born and bred here. I don't like this place where

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we are to be resented. They are very small houses."

Two other old Sophiatown residents, William Moffat and Ishmael Modise, have adopted an equally combative attitude to the removal: not surprising, because both were boxing champions in their day.

Moffat, who trained at the Homicide Boxing Club in Newclare, was known as the Slender Kid while Modise was known as the Baiting Chinaman of KK (after Kafferstraal, his home town).

"My record was the best. I knocked out, I was never knocked out," says Slender Kid, who in his seventies feels he is putting his gloves on again for one last bout — this time with the authorities.

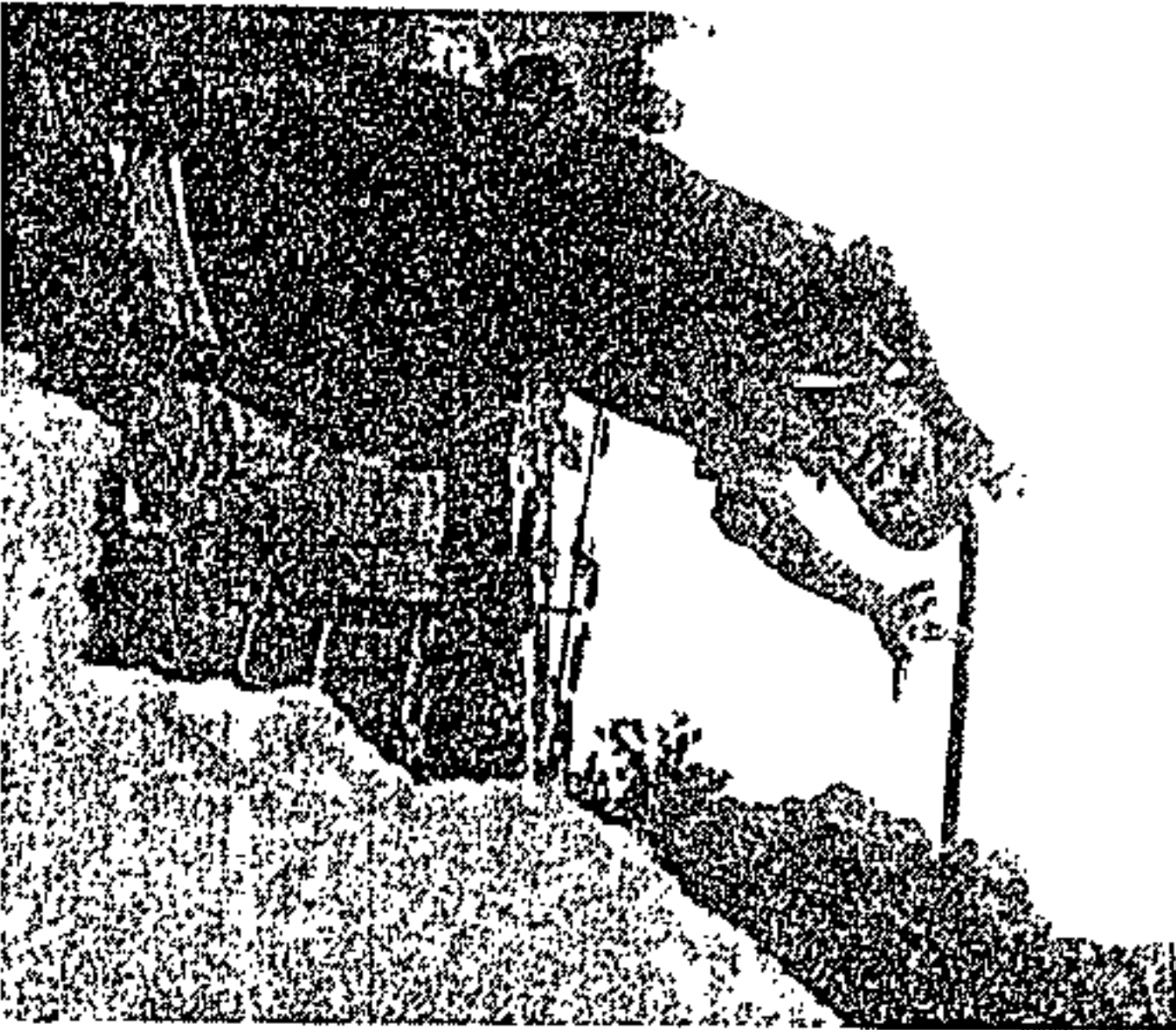
"The only difference is that in those days we were fighting for nothing. We got £12 for the winner, four pounds for the loser. And that was the days before titles."

One man in Koster did get a title. He is Fred Waldeck, the South African champion arm wrestler, a gigantic mealie farmer, who greets the regulars at the Koster Hotel pub by playfully lifting them above his head.

The walls of the pub are plastered with pictures of naked women and a large colour calendar of a champion sheep.

Two men — one with a squash box, the other with a guitar — play a "Sakkie, Sakkie" duet as a backdrop to the clicking of billiard balls, the scratching of cues and the occasional screams of excitement as an important colour is sunk.

Across the road the general dealer, a pre-war Lithuanian immigrant, stocks nearly everything. The front of the shop advertises arms and ammunition, but in Koster you almost always have to be white to get a gun licence.



LEFT: Digging through the rubble of a demolished house. RIGHT: Small, neat and look-alike, the new Reagie



state: the new township is much better."

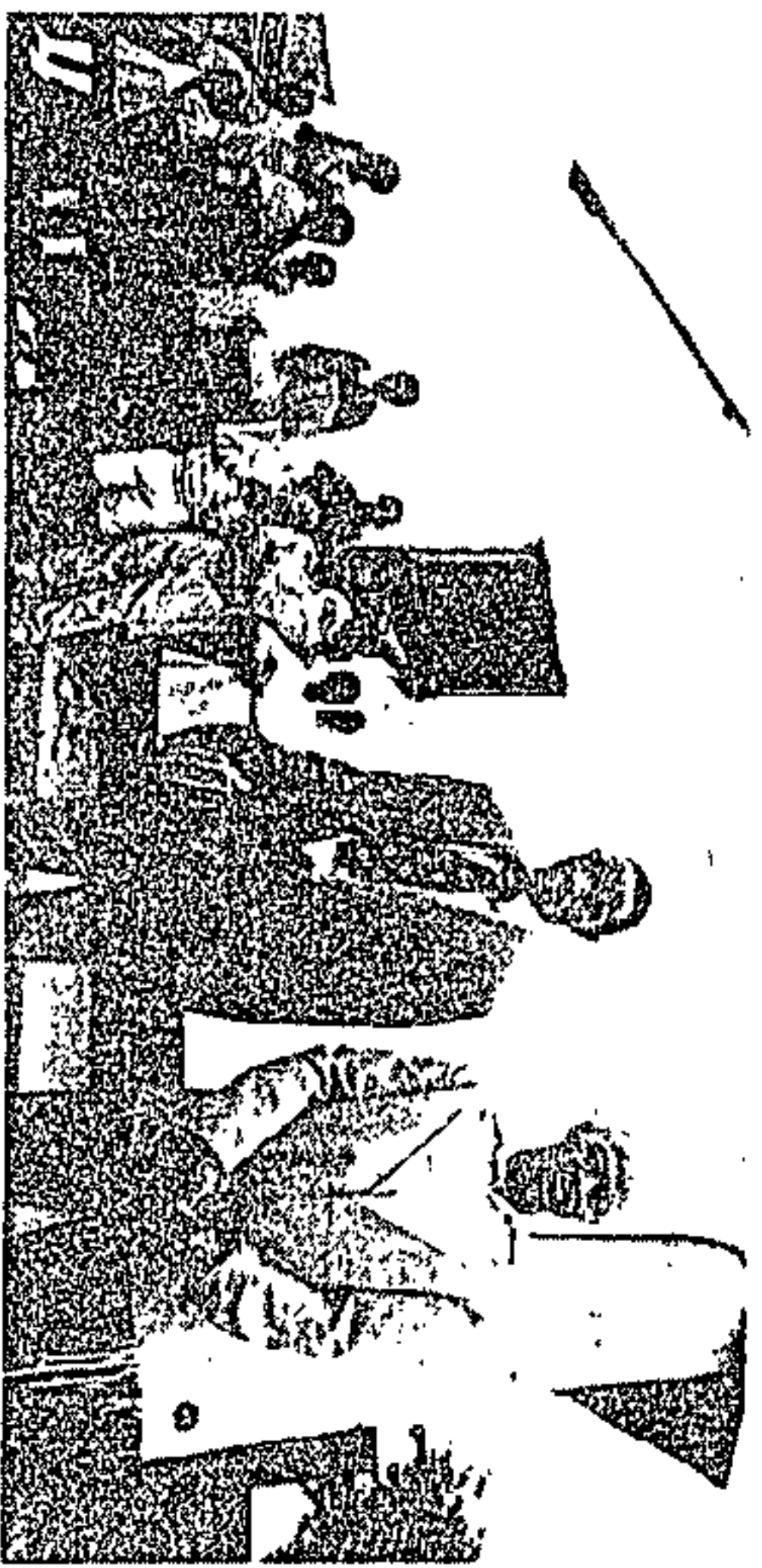
In the new township people can own their plots and the wealthiest can get a telephone, but there is no improvement in the sewage system: both old and new townships have to use buckets.

Moffat, Modise and Ramakoeneng don't agree with Berg. They spent a large portion of their working lives improving and adding on to their houses in the old township so that when they retired they would have somewhere comfortable to go to.

"Why should I leave my seven-roomed house and go to a four-roomed toilet house where I can't even stretch my legs?" says Moffat.

According to Berg, plans to move the old township have been in the pipeline since 1958, and several hundred families were in fact moved to Madikwe in Bophuthatane during the 1970s.

There have been huge pressures on people to move, including an 11-year freeze on renovations and, until a recent undertaking was made under legal pressure, house-owners were forced to demolish their homes if they wanted compensation. Reagie mayor Jonathan Morata denied anyone would be forced to be moved and said his council was negotiating with the white authorities to have the old township upgraded.



Unanswered prayers ... the black community outside the local church.

By contrast, the general dealer in the township sells *mum* as a sideline.

The "new" Reagie, which is visible from the old location, is the usual drab township with cramped box houses, a beer hall surrounded by

high barbed wire and no obvious improvement in facilities.

About 100 families, many of them tenants, have moved already. Berg says the "old township is not what it should be. It's not in a good

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When her husband, a security guard at Rustenburg Platinum Mines whom she sees once a month, got home, she told him the story. "It was a dispute. He seems to believe that I must have slept with the councillor. He beat me up."

Morata denied that any of his councillors was asking for sexual favours in return for houses that the council was profiting from the removal and added a third denial: "Nobody has said white town is too near. It is too near, but it is not been officially said."

Despite these assurances, Modise says: "I know this is a white spot. They want us to because we are too near the whites."

Back at the Koster Hotel, bearded Ben van Rensburg — relaxing in the pub after spending the morning brewing a *potjie* of *maitlap* — outplays everyone at billiards and on the squash box.

Vaartjie Dennytschen, a short man in a suit whose height is more than compensated by the revolver strapped around his waist, reminisces about his 16 years in Broomfontein.

He tells the story about the famous Johannesburg abortionist, Dr. Buchner, who fixed a Demyschen had got "up the spout" in exchange for extra rations of butter, meat and milk during the war. Buchner was subsequently jailed for years.

Then Dennytschen changes the subject and it comes serious as he remembers an incident at work at the bottle store where he works. "A black man came in and said: 'Hey, you want a bit of gin'. He called me 'you'. I serve him. But, you see, this is what PW Bot has done to our country. 'There is going to be a big war between whites and the blacks within two or three years. Mark my words. Our patience is not endless.'"



IN THE WEEK MINISTER HEUNIS ANNOUNCES THAT NO COMMUNITY WILL BE MOVED AGAINST ITS WILL...

# Portable people

HOW TWO VERY DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, ONE WHITE, ONE BLACK, CONFRONT THE SAME THREAT: REMOVAL

THE retraction last week by Minister of Constitutional Development Chris Heunis of an apparent decision not to relocate the residents of Oukasic, near Brits, has enraged residents and sent many activists into hiding.

Heunis said his reply to a question in parliament — in which he said people would not be resettled against their will — had been misinterpreted. The government's decision to relocate Oukasic was still in force. Residents, he said, would be moved "voluntarily" to Lehlabile, 25km away. Oukasic was not economically viable for upgrading.

Residents held a mass victory meeting after Heunis' initial statement. However, when they heard the following day of the reversal, many felt the government had betrayed them.

The fate of the residents of Oukasic remains uncertain as people fear they could be forcibly removed to Lehlabile, far from their workplaces.

The decision to relocate the Oukasic community, announced to the resi-

dents on December 6, 1985 by the then-community councils, met vigorous opposition from residents, who formed the Brits Action Committee. The entire leadership of the BAC is either in hiding or in Emergency detention.

In the early months after the decision to relocate was announced, many houses belonging to activists were petrol-bombed.

The house of National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa's local organiser David Modimong was at-

tacked with a hand grenade; his wife was killed in the incident. Activists fled the area for fear of possible arrests and detention. Other residents left for Lehlabile, fearing vigilante attacks.

The administration offered residents compensation for their houses to entice the community to move. It was partially effective: of the 15 000 inhabitants, 5 000 to date have left for Lehlabile.

Oukasic is now administered by the Transvaal Provincial Administration and no longer by the Department of Constitutional Development.

The people of Oukasic held a celebration last week for their victory against removal. Then came the blow: they learnt that their festivities were premature. Now many local activists have fled into hiding, reports VUSI GUNENE.

The Weekly Mail spoke to two of-

sicals of the Brits Action Committee about the government's continued intention to relocate the community.

Speaking from hiding, the BAC chairman said he expected the government to continue removals, despite Heunis' assurance that people would not be removed forcefully.

"We are surprised that the government is saying that Oukasic is not economically viable for upgrading, while it is constructing a new coloured township in Damonsville near the industrial area."

"The government has, since last year, begun on an infrastructure, building roads, putting in a sewerage disposal system and installing electricity cables."

"The reason why the government is delaying the removals is purely because they had not planned where they will be relocating the 1 000 coloured residents presently in Oukasic. In a desperate attempt they decided to build this township."

"What surprises us is that this township will be exactly the same distance from the industrial area as Oukasic is, and we cannot understand why we should be removed to a place far from our work place."

He said residents feared that "after the coloured people had been removed to their new township, the government will send bulldozers to remove people forcefully."

The publicity secretary of the BAC, Mike Shongwe, called on Heunis to explain his position to residents.

"Minister Heunis must come out clearly on the position of the residents of Oukasic, and stop saying that people will be removed voluntarily," he said.

The people of Oukasic had not been consulted before on the question of the relocation, he said, but unemployed people and pensioners had been told by the then-community councils that they were to be moved.

"The councillors promised pensioners and those people who were unemployed four-roomed houses and gave the people compensation for their house units. They further promised to subsidise transport for the people — an exercise that lasted for three months."

The Brits Action Committee was initially charged with the task of liaising with the authorities on the relocation issue "but such endeavours fell on deaf ears as the community councillors refused to negotiate with us."

"Efforts were also made to see the former National Party MP, a Dr Grobler," he said. "Grobler said he would not promise us anything, nor could he reverse the government's decision to relocate the community."

"When people arrived at Lehlabile they were only given a piece of land with a small tent and a corrugated toilet. Some people struggled to shelter their belongings. They were told to build their own houses."

"The people could not go back; some had no money to build houses; the place now is full of shacks."

Reacting to last week's statement by Heunis that Oukasic was not economically viable for upgrading, Shongwe said the BAC had sent the minister a report on a survey of electricity, sewerage, water and tarred roads, all with estimated upgrading costs, but had not received a reply.

"Minister Heunis should address the issue of the relocation and respond accordingly to the demands of the people. They are aware that the community of Oukasic does not want to move. We are appealing to him to heed the demands of the people. After last week's retraction the people lost confidence in him."

"We also appeal to the minister to act on behalf of the detained officials of the action committee and all those activists who are in detention. We believe that if there are any genuine negotiations to be conducted, then their presence is required."

"Our people are determined to stay in Oukasic and are not prepared to be moved," he said.

Heunis could not be reached for comment at the time of going to press.

## 'Bad news,' said the deputy minister. 'I'm taking all of Rust der Winter'

A strange alliance forms in the farming country north of Pretoria: HNP, CP, bloodsaps and Prog. The whites all talk a common language ... and it's not too different from that of the blacks of Oukasic. PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK reports

LUCAS VAN NIEKERK started across his fields at the ridge of mountains flanking the Rust der Winter farms northeast of Pretoria and said resignedly: "This is my world, but now I am tired. I am too old to look for a new place."

For the second time in six years Van Niekerk must move because his land is to be incorporated into KwaNdebele.

The recent Appeal Court reversal of the incorporation of Moutse into KwaNdebele was cold comfort for the white farmers of Rust der Winter, several of whose families have farmed in the area for six generations.

It all began one day in September 1985, when President PW Botha arrived in the KwaNdebele capital, Siyabuswa, in a helicopter, and met the "homeland's" cabinet in a school classroom.

At that meeting Botha, gratified that the rulers of the tiny "homeland" wanted to take "independence" before December 14, 1986, promised them the Moutse farms as a present.

The snag — that Moutse belonged to Lebowa — was overcome when the commissioner general of Lebowa suggested that the Nebo farms, which were due to go to KwaNdebele, be given to Lebowa.

To compensate KwaNdebele for the loss of these farms, the government decided to give the "homeland" 35 000 hectares of prime farming land around the Rust der Winter dam.

This, the government reasoned, solved another problem: where to accommodate the Ndebele residents of the farms Bloedfontein and Geweerfontein who would have to move off once this land was given to Bophuthatswana.

Though the Rust der Winter farmers had been assured in 1983 that the consolidation of KwaNdebele had been finalised, Ben Wilkens, the dep-

uty minister of land affairs, summoned Abraham Viljoen, the chairman of the Pretoria District Agricultural Union, to his office on September 17, 1985.

"I've got bad news for you," Wilkens told a shocked Viljoen. "I'm taking the whole of Rust der Winter."

What followed was a three-year-long behind-the-scenes battle involving Wilkens, Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis, the South African Agricultural Union, two parliamentary select committees, and the communities of Bloedfontein and Geweerfontein.

Leaders of these latter groups begged the white farmers of Rust der Winter to resist incorporation, as this would mean the government would have nowhere to move them to.

But the farmers were divided. A large group of them had run up huge debts and were virtually ruined by the drought of the early 1980s. They were more than grateful to have the government bail them out of their financial difficulties.

These pro-consolidation farmers are known as the National Party supporters by those opposing consolidation — a coalition of old bloodsaps (former South African Party loyalists) and supporters of the Herstigte Nasionale Party, the Conservative Party and the Progressive Federal Party.

These solvent farmers talk bitterly about not being consulted — a familiar complaint more often heard by black people when they are moved to fit into ideological maps.

In fact, according to the journal of

the Transvaal Agricultural Union, the government admitted not following its own guidelines for the expropriation of farms in Rust der Winter.

At one stage more than 20 members of a parliamentary select committee were flown up to Pretoria at taxpayers' expense and put up at the Holiday Inn for three days so they could ask the farmers if they had been consulted.

After the May 1987 election, in which the chairman of the committee, Hendrik Tempel, lost his seat in Ermelo, it was discovered Tempel had ordered that no record be kept of the session.

The white farmers are especially angry that they are losing their farms as part of a process of consolidation which makes absolutely no sense to them at all, in terms of a policy which has run out of whatever logic it might once have had.

But while the evaluators are out on their lands estimating how much compensation to pay, the farmers are afraid of being victimised so they refuse to be quoted or have their pictures taken for publication.

One farmer said: "I know of Conservative Party members who are still carrying National Party membership cards because they are too scared to anger the evaluators. We are totally at their mercy."

Apart from the sense of fear, there is a mood of despondency among the farmers following the vote in parliament this year which finally legalised the consolidation. "We have to start all over again," said one farmer. "We don't know where."

Former PFP parliamentary candidate, now an Idasa official, Abraham Viljoen was first to hear the bad news.

Picture: ANNA ZIEMINSKI, Afrapix

Lucas van Niekerk sold his land in terms of the pre-1983 consolidation proposals, and completely changed his way of farming from a cattle ranch to intensive sheep farming next to the agricultural scheme. Now he is too old to start again.

The cattle farm which he moved from more than five years ago is still lying empty and unused.

The bitterness that their community is being broken up is compounded by the fact that the taxpayer will be paying in the region of 150 to 170-million rand to move productive farmers off some of the best farming and game land in the country.

The farmers have seen the land already incorporated run to seed as a result of a lack of trained farmers and they know that no matter what happens there will be a transition period where there is likely to be a huge drop in production.

As part of their failed representations to the government the farmers said more than 1 000 permanent farmworkers and 5 000 seasonal pickers will be unemployed when the farms cease production, which is expected by the end of the year.

The white farmers are insistent that they would not mind having blacks farming next to them: "Every farm here has eight to 10 families living on it. What's the difference if they own the land?" said one farmer.





- \* The wage strikes which took place in the mining industry during August 1987 were responsible for 66 per cent of man-days lost. (Above-mentioned figures do not include work-stoppages.)
- (b) Statistics on losses incurred owing to strikes are not available.

**Employees: extra employment**

927. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

- (1) Whether employees in the South African Transport Services are permitted to (a) take on extra employment and (b) participate in any type of business of their own; if so,
- (2) whether this permission is granted subject to any conditions; if so, what conditions?
- The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:
- (1) (a) and (b) Yes.
- (2) Yes. It is a condition that such activities do not in any way interfere with their official duties, that it is undertaken outside their normal working hours, and that it is not in conflict with the interests of Transport Services in general.

**Delays in departure of SAA flights: amount lost**

932. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

- What amount is it estimated was lost in terms of (a) business and (b) man-hours (i) in the (ae) 1984-85, (bb) 1985-86 and (cc) 1986-87 financial years, and (ii) as at the latest specified date in the 1987-88 financial year for which information is available, as a result of delays in the departure of South African Airways flights?
- The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:
- An estimation is not possible.

**Chartering of aircraft by SAA: date on which introduced**

933. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

- (a) On what date was the chartering of aircraft by the South African Airways introduced?

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duced and (b)(i) what has been the profit or loss to the Airways since the introduction of this practice and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

- (a) 1 December 1987.
- (b) (i) The accumulated profit of S.A. Airways amounts to R142,709 million.
- (ii) 29 February 1988.

**Charter/leasing of Airways aircraft: moneys outstanding to SAA**

935. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

- Whether there are any moneys outstanding to the South African Airways in respect of the charter and/or leasing of Airways aircraft; if so, (a)(i) what amounts were involved, and (ii) for what periods were they outstanding, in respect of the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available and (b) how did this state of affairs compare with the terms of the relevant charter and/or leasing agreement?
- The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:
- No. (a)(i), (ii) and (b) Fall away.

**SAA: leasing of aircraft to other countries**

936. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

- (1) Whether the South African Airways are leasing aircraft to other countries; if so, when was this decision taken;
- (2) whether this practice has any effects on the domestic flight capacity of the Airways; if so, (a) to what extent and (b) what revenue could have been earned in the latest specified financial year if these aircraft had been available for domestic flights;
- (3) whether this practice has resulted in the Airways having to purchase new aircraft; if so, what are the relevant details?
- The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:
- (1) Yes, August 1985.
- (2) No. (a) and (b) Fall away.
- (3) No.

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**Africans' residing in Transvaal/Cape Province**

953. Mr C J DERBY-LEWIS asked the Minister of Home Affairs:

- (a) How many (i) North Sotho, (ii) Tswana and (iii) Zulu-speaking Africans reside permanently in the Transvaal, (b) how many Xhosa-speaking Africans reside permanently in the Cape Province and (c)

in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

- (a) (i) 884 150  
(ii) 989 714  
(iii) 1 296 406
- (b) 1 246 555
- (c) 1980 Population Census.

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# 'WHITE BUSINESS MUST KEEP OUT'

SOWETAN Reporter

THE Greater Soweto Chamber of Commerce may apply to the Supreme Court to restrain a white company from conducting business near black residential areas.

Addressing the chamber's general meeting in Jabutani yesterday, the chamber's president, Mr Makana Tshabalala, said they would also challenge the Soweto City Council for granting residential and business sites to white-owned companies.

Mr Tshabalala said the big corporations were establishing businesses near townships in an attempt to throttle small businessmen.

"This is economic violence against our people," he said.

## Handouts

The meeting rejected black participation in business ventures undertaken by whites on township borders. "We do not want handouts from our big masters. We want to establish our own corporations and not be fronts," one speaker said.

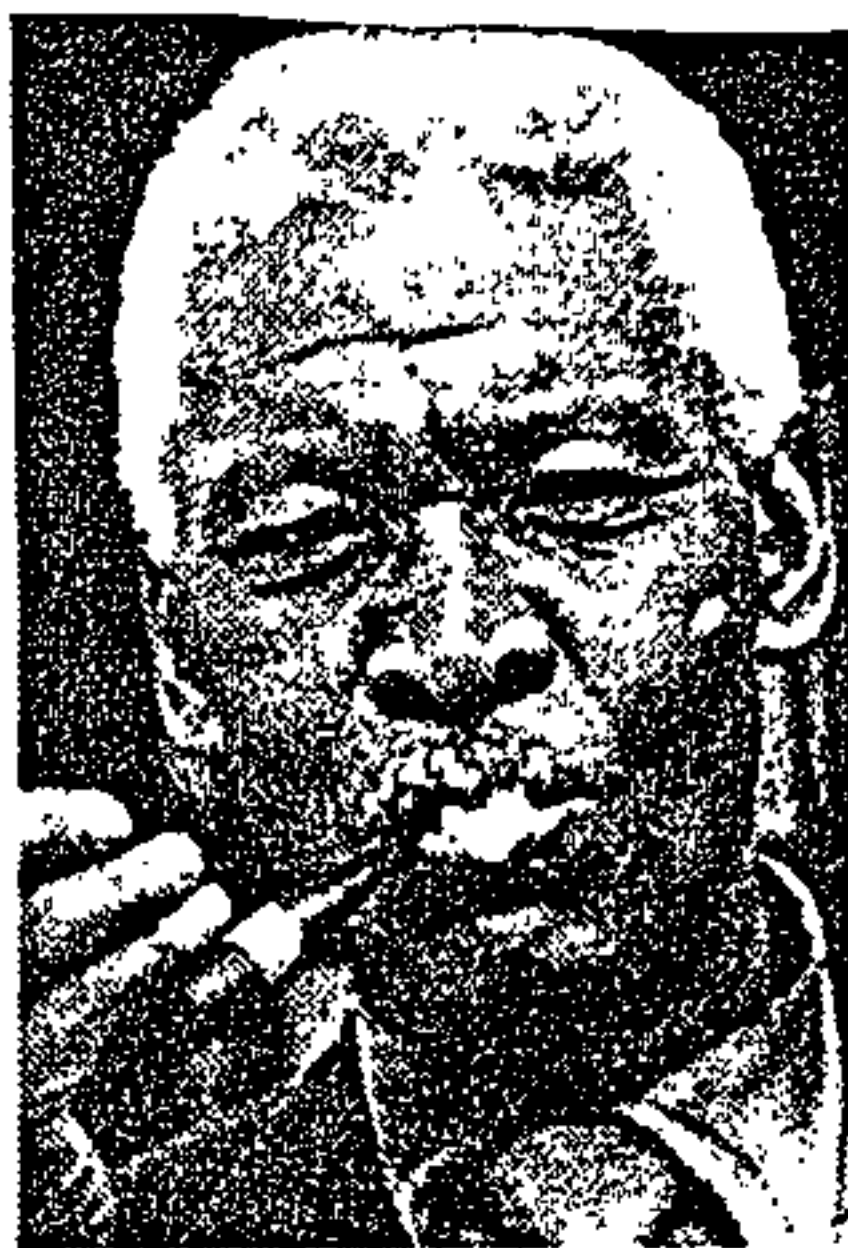
Mr Tshabalala said: "Attempts to meet and discuss the problems with the city council and a member of the Transvaal Provincial Administration have drawn a blank."

He urged black businessmen to form their own corporation in order to kick whites out of the townships.

The chamber also discussed the relationship between the Soweto Investment Trust Company and First National Bank.

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**BUSINESSMAN Mr  
Phillip Phathang.**

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## **Traders act on crisis**

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A GROUP of Vaal Triangle businessmen has decided to invite two Cabinet Ministers to a meeting in an attempt to resolve the four-year-old rent boycott in the townships.

The leader of the group, Mr Phillip Phathang, said they wished to invite the leader of the National Party in the Transvaal, Mr F W de Klerk, and the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Dr Gerrit Viljoen.

The Ministers, whose constituencies are Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark respectively, might resolve the residents' problems, according to Mr Phathang.

He said they have held meetings with the local councils in an attempt to resolve the problem, but with no success.



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**Planned move to white suburb, court told**

# EX-MAYOR ON THEFT CHARGES



MRS Doris Thinane



MR Gerald Mamabolo

A FORMER mayor of Thokoza, Mr Gerald Mamabolo planned to take refuge in a house in a white area the Johannesburg Regional Court was told yesterday.

The house is in Montgomery Park and Mr Mamabolo intended making an application to live in a white area.

This was said in evidence in the case against Mr Mamabolo (43) former mayor of Thokoza, and Mrs Doris Thinane (40) ex-town clerk of Thokoza Town Council.

They are appearing before Mr I J J Luther on two counts of theft involving

R667 327.

The State alleges that they stole R513 083,06 on April 19, 1986 from the council and R164 243,96 on June 9 of that year also from the council.

They have pleaded not guilty.

A witness, Mrs Johanna Otto, said he knew both Mr Mamabolo and Mrs Thinane and had met them in December 1986. Mrs Otto said she was involved in the buying of a house in Montgomery Park for Mrs Thinane. Mrs Thinane had told her that the house would be occupied by Mr Mamabolo.

Mrs Otto said Mrs Thinane told her that she had a kombi and she made money by selling clothes. Answering questions by Mrs Thinane, she said she was aware of the unrest in Thokoza during 1986. She had discussed this with Mrs Thinane, she said.

Mrs Thinane put it to her that houses occupied by councillors in Thokoza were set alight and this endangered the lives of the councillors. She said the two houses, one in Montgomery Park and the other in Northcliff Extension were bought on behalf of the Thokoza Town Council.

The buying of these houses, Mrs Thinane said, was treated as an emergency case because of the unrest. She said Mrs Otto would be wrong if she was under the impression that the two houses were bought for Mr Mamabolo and herself.

# How council funds Thokoza Council theft case

## were used - witnesses

By MANDLA NDLAZI

THE Thokoza Town Council spent huge sums of money to save the lives of councillors, council police and officials during the unrest in 1986, a Johannesburg Regional Court Magistrate was told yesterday.

The money was spent, the court was told, to accommodate the councillors and their families, police and officials at some places such as hotels, including the Holiday Inn. The arrangements were made by the council's town clerk, Mrs Doris Thinane and nobody questioned her actions because it was a matter of "life or

death", the court heard. This was said by Mr Jacob Sekete, former councillor and now administrator of the Thokoza Town Council. He said this when cross-examined by Mrs Thinane, who is conducting her own defence.

Mrs Thinane (40), is appearing with former mayor, Mr Gerald Mamabolo (43), on two counts of theft involving R667 327.

The two are appearing before Mr I J J Luther. The State alleges they stole R513 083,06 on April 19, 1986, from the council and R164 243,96 on June 9 of the same year, also from the council. They have pleaded not guilty.

Mr Sekete told the court that his house was burnt down in April 1986. He said the council police who were guarding his house had gone on strike when the house was attacked.

He said he stayed in a number of hotels with his family for about three months at the council's expense.

Mr Sekete said he could not remember the amount spent, but denied when Mrs Thinane said it was R8 000. He agreed that councillors Masondo and Mabane, whose houses were also burnt during the unrest, were accommodated in hotels and other places at the council's expense.

He said council police and officials, a Mr Mello and Mr Makhaya were also accommodated outside Thokoza at the council's expense.



# EX-MAYOR WARNED BY MAGISTRATE

FORMER mayor of Thokoza Mr Gerald Mamabolo was yesterday repeatedly told by a Johannesburg Regional Court magistrate to ask questions that would assist the court to decide whether he stole council money amounting to R667 327 or not.

Mr Mamabolo (43), who is conducting his own defence, was told by Mr I J J Luther to ask questions relevant to the charge against him when cross examining State witnesses.

He is appearing with Mrs Doris Thinane (40), former Thokoza Town Council town clerk, on two counts of theft involving R667 327.

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April 19, 1986 from the council and R164 243,96 on June 9 of the same year, also from the council. They have pleaded not guilty.

The magistrate yesterday repeatedly warned Mr Mamabolo when he was cross-examining Mr Yende.

Cross-examined by Mr Mamabolo, Mr Yende said he was a councillor between March 1986 and January 1987. He said there was a poor working relationship between the council and its auditors and the council had to call lawyers to assist.

Mr Yende said he did not remember a council resolution authorising the council to open a banking account with the then Barclays Bank in

Alberton. He remembered, he said, a resolution authorising the council to open a banking account with the Standard Bank in Katlehong.

Mr Yende said he did not "interfere" with council funds. He said he did not remember that an amount of R679 000 or R700 000 was discussed at a council meeting. He said he also did not remember payment of R50 000 being discussed and he did not know what the council's assets were.

Mr Yende said he recalled that the council police went on strike at some stage and he remembered that the council later made a resolution to increase their salaries as well as the salaries of the other staff members.

He said he did not know of any problems that existed in the council's filing system. He said he did not know where Mr Mamabolo lives after his house in Thokoza was burnt down during the unrest.

Cross-examined by Mrs Thinane, who also conducted her own defence, Mr Yende said he recalled that the auditors could not attend a meeting with councillors in Pretoria. He said the council went on recess in December 1986 and by then, they had not been told that there was council money missing.

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## Housing scheme takes off

THE Mayor of Mamelodi, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, has handed over the first batch of sites to building contractors as part of the R2,3-million low-cost housing project.

Two hundred and nine sites were handed over during a ceremony at an open area east of Mamelodi Gardens. The first phase of the project will house 755 families.

Mr Ndlazi said when completed, the project would consist of 6000 housing units. Two and three-bedroomed houses will be built and will cost an average R20 000, including land.

The remaining 546 houses are to be built in four stages until the end of September this year. Provision has also been made for sewerage, water, electricity, storm-water drainage and the tarring of roads.

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RESIDENTS of Oukasie, near Brits, are poised to resist any attempts by the government to move them to Lehlabile, some 25 kilometres from the township, following the declaration of the township this week as an "emergency camp".

## We'll resist removal - Oukasie residents

By VUSI GUNENE

Fears mounted in the small township on Tuesday this week of a possible forced removal as a 10-page Government Gazette was pinned on the notice board at the entrance of the township.

Force them to move to Lehlabile—a relocation plan that has been resisted for the past two years.

About a month ago, Minister of Constitutional Development Chris Heunis said in parliament the residents would be "voluntarily" moved to Lehlabile because Oukasie was not economically viable for upgrading.

Residents believe the camp has been declared and a security force established to monitor their moves and thus control the flow of persons in and out of the township. According to the Government Gazette, any person other than residents of the township must acquire a special permit to enter.

Shortly after 1pm officials of the Transvaal Provincial Administration, flanked by members of the South African police and the security forces, conducted a house-to-house census. Residents viewed the moves by the government as another attempt to

from the assistant superintendent to be in the area for a specified period.

The gazette also increases service charges by more than 50 percent, from R24 to R37,50 as from June 1, 1988. Residents feel the increase is "provocative" as the township has only 50 outside water taps, refuse removal and an infrastructure that has not been improved for the past 50 years.

They fear the moves might be paying the way for more than 10 000 residents to be relocated to Lehlabile in terms of the Prevention of Illegal Squatting Act.

After the announcement to relocate the residents in December 1985, about 5 000 residents moved to Lehlabile and many who remained settled in their houses and backyards because of a housing shortage.

The police and officials of the TPA have numbered all the house units they visited and demanded particulars of all the occupants, including those who occupy backyards and empty houses left by residents who moved to Lehlabile.

No persons will be allowed to improve or build on the available house units without the permission of the superintendent.

At a press conference held in Johannesburg this week, the Brits Action Committee condemned the government's moves to "force our people out of Oukasie".

"The declaration of Oukasie as an emergency camp is viewed as a pretext by the state to establish a permanent military and police presence at Oukasie so as to demoralise the community to ultimately achieve its dream of residents leaving 'voluntarily' for Lehlabile.

"We reject with contempt the notion that we are squatters. We are lawful residents of a 55-year-old township. We reject the increase in service charges as there have been no improvements in the basic services for over 50 years."

## No decision yet on Daveyton extension

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CAPE TOWN — Further proposed pre-conditions to an application to use land in the Lilyvale/Putfontein area for the extension of the black town of Daveyton would be laid before the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, the MP for Geduld, Mr Sam de Beer, said in a statement yesterday.

Mr de Beer, who is also the Deputy Minister of Education, said no decision on the extension of Daveyton had been taken yet.

All that was under discussion was an application from a private company for township development.

"My reaction in November last year was to set seven pre-conditions for considering the application. I am still waiting for reaction to my conditions, which are all aimed at safeguarding the interests of white inhabitants in the area." — Sapa.



## Aida signs its first <sup>Star</sup> <sup>3/1/58</sup> black-areas franchise

Real estate group, Aida Franchises has signed its first franchise agreement covering newly-developed, as well as selected upper market black areas.

"This is a very significant step for us," says AF's managing director, Mr Mario Pretorius, "and we are very excited at the concept and by the fact that we are heading for new territories."

The franchise is owned by Chris Alblas and Elizabeth Chris who have 15 years experience in residential construction and

who have been particularly active in black home-building. (343)

The new company, Aida Developments, will specialise in selling off-plan and already has six qualified agents with wide experience in the black homes market.

"To ensure the success of this new operation, we have strong links with financial institutions who have approved sub-schemes for a number of large employers, so financing will not be a problem," says Mr Pretorius.

# Tembisa pupils end boycott

TEMBISA high school pupils returned to classes yesterday, ending a four-day boycott, a Department of Education and Training (DET) spokesman said yesterday.

The Tembisa boycott had been in protest against the detention of a Tembisa High School teacher, Themba Mahambi, who has since been released.

At Soweto's Molapo College of Education, however, students boycotted classes for the third day.

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The Molapo students are protesting against unqualified lecturers on campus, newly imposed rules on registration of students, an ill-equipped library and a shortage of technical equipment.

They also want the rector, Faan Louw, to resign.

DET's Peter Mundel said negotiations were going on between Louw, DET officials and the students.



# Freehold property is available in Spruitview

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**T**HE first ever black Homes Show in South Africa is here!

It is happening thanks to the *Sowetan* and our sister newspaper *The Star* at the Star Homes Festival 88.

And what better place to hold this historic event than in the elite black suburb of Spruitview.

*Sowetan* readers will be able to view 14 superb homes and 70 exhibition stands that are bound to interest everyone — from the serious home buyer to the average housewife and handyman.

## Package

And what's more, organisers have laid on a spectacular entertainment package for the whole family.

Spruitview is in many ways a leader in black housing.

It is South Africa's first black garden suburb, the first black area outside a township. It is also the first area where blacks have been able to purchase property freehold.

It is the ideal area for the up-and-coming black businessman.

The festival has attracted phenomenal interest from the building

industry, with builders queuing up to participate.

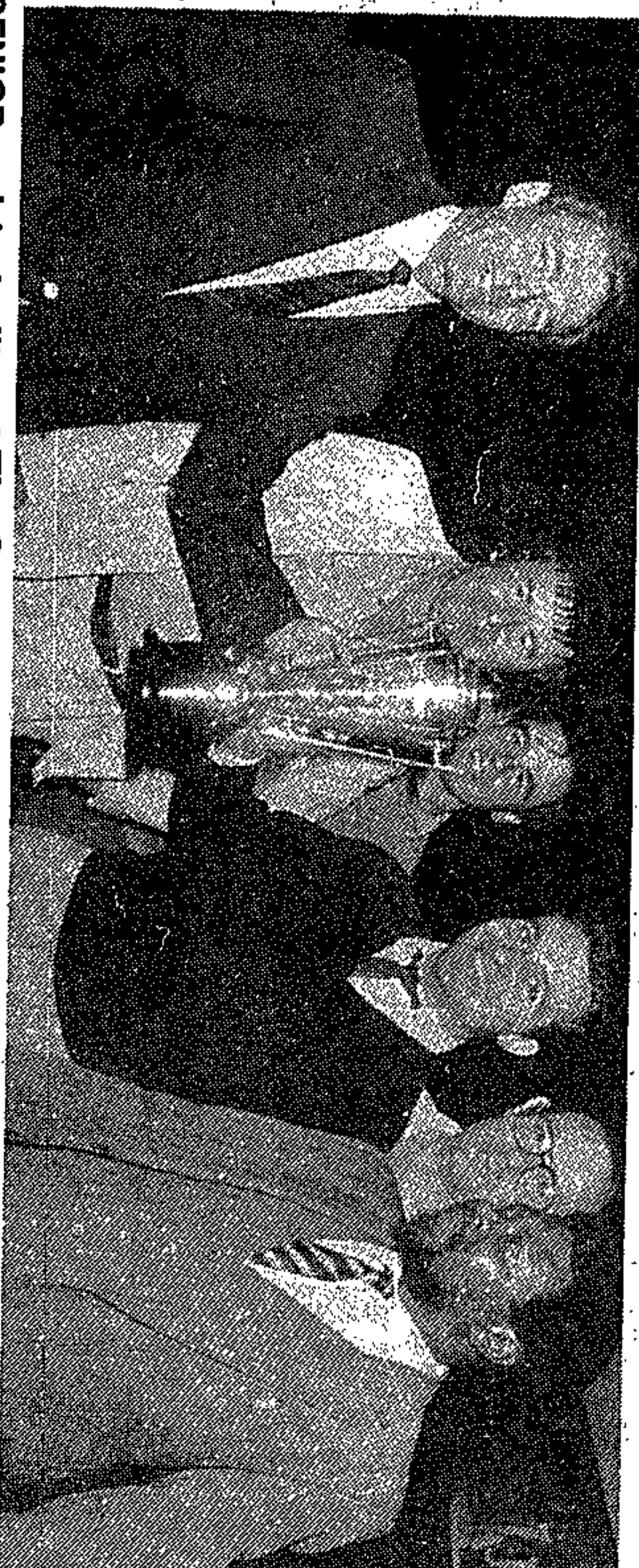
## DAILY TIME SCHEDULE FOR HOMES FESTIVAL:

Thursday — 11.00 Alex Art Cent (doing activities throughout the day); 12.00 Tiny Tot parade; 1.00 Age Groups 2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2.00 braiding; 3.00 kiddies corner (bubblegum blowing competition); 5.00 aerobics; 5.00 Junior Jet Set competition; 6.00 live entertainment.

Friday: 12.00 Mime disco dancing; 1.00 Glass blowing; 2.00 Tastic Rice; 3.00 Kiddies corner; 4.00 Basket weaving; 5.00 Live entertainment.

Saturday — 11.00 Braiding; 12.00 Tastic; 1.00 SA Perm home give-away; 2.00 Aerobics and hair care demonstration; 3.00 Kiddies corner; 4.00 Pottery and fashion show; 5.00 Pottery and fashion show; 5.00 Mime disco dancing; 6.00 Live band and fashion show.

Sunday — 12.00 Intercouffeur and jewellery making; 1.00 Aerobics; 2.00 Kiddies corner; 2.30 Junior Jet Set; 3.00 Tastic and 4.00 Exciting music competition.



SENIOR assistant editor of *The Star*, Joe Latakomo (extreme right), who presided at the official opening of *The Star/Spruitview Homes Festival* in Kaitshong, presented a group of exhibitors with a trophy for the best display stand. The prestige festival began on May 6 and will end on May 15.



# Guns out at anti-Sofasonke demo

By THAMI MKHWANAZI

SENIOR members of the Sofasonke Party allegedly fired shots at residents who disrupted the party's meeting in Mofolo South, Soweto on Sunday, according to eyewitnesses.

Captain RV Bloomberg of the SAP press liaison division confirmed the incident. Eyewitnesses said police arrested two youths, but Bloomberg said his department had received no report of anyone being arrested in connection either with the shootings or the disruption of the meeting.

Permission to hold the meeting had been granted by police.

A Sofasonke Party spokesman, who asked not to be identified for fear of reprisals, also confirmed the shootings at the township's Hellenic sports grounds. But he denied mem-

bers of his party had fired the shots at the placard-waving youths who allegedly occupied the grounds, chanting the *toyi-toyi* and preventing party supporters from attending for the better part of the day.

He claimed the shots were instead fired from the direction of residents who were preventing the meeting from taking place. "Sofasonke party members don't carry guns to meetings," he said.

According to a Mofolo South area street committee member, there was pandemonium when gun-toting senior party members arrived in two vehicles at about 9am.

They allegedly fired shots in the direction of "comrades" and other residents who had held placards condemning the party for its "deception of the people", and were telling party supporters who had been bused in from all over Soweto to disperse.

The "comrades" told Sofasonke supporters to examine the wisdom of their being allowed to hold meetings by the police while "people's organisations" were not only barred from doing so, but also banned.

A street committee member said

residents, who were then in control of the venue, hurled stones at their assailants who, according to another witness, ran in the direction of waiting vehicles.

Another car arrived whose occupants also allegedly fired shots in the direction of "comrades", said witnesses.

Three vehicles and their occupants, according to witnesses, left the grounds at about the same time unfurled and plain-clothes police arrived at the scene.

Witnesses said security forces kept a low profile a distance from the grounds, while the uniformed branch also disrupted.

ensured a meeting of the remaining supporters proceeded without incident at about 11am. Although the meeting was scheduled to end at 2.30pm, it lasted a few minutes only, said eyewitnesses, as many Sofasonke supporters were allegedly intimidated as they attempted to come closer to the grounds.

During the meeting party leaders called upon those who had disrupted the meeting to come forward and explain why the Sofasonke party should not hold meetings in Soweto. The party will contest the townships' council elections in October.

Two other Sofasonke party meetings, scheduled to take place recently in Naledi and Mofolo South, were



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# Mystery of the 700-metres move that will cost millions

A WESTERN Transvaal township is slowly being moved 700m down the road at a cost of millions of rands — and nobody seems to know why.

Hundreds of people have already been uprooted from the peaceful township of Reagie near Koster to a site out of eyesight from white residents, whose houses are about 100m from the nearest black dwellings.

## Rubber

"I spent my youth in Sophiatown and didn't want to leave there in the fifties. That's not going to happen to me in Reagie," vowed the former boxer, known as the Battering Chinaman of KKR — Kaiterskraal, his birthplace.

The township is now pitted with the rubble of about 60 houses their former owners were forced to demolish by the township council to qualify for compensation for their stands before being moved to the new site.

can I do? They made me move and I've no longer the strength to fight against it."

The new township houses about 300 families that have settled there over the past three years from the old Reagie and other parts of the country.

It is a hideous place. Small red brick buildings topped with corrugated iron roofs are lined like matchboxes on a dry and barren patch.

By contrast, many of the houses in the old township are solidly built and bear the hallmarks of generations of care and upgrading.

The council and several white residents say the mass re-settlement of Reagie was to provide the township with better amenities.

But the new township has no electricity or garbage collection and residents must still use sewage buckets and outside taps.



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Not prepared to move

And residents in both townships are paying for the "possibility of electricity" and a garbage disposal tariff for a non-existent service.

The head of Reagie's council, Mr Jonathan Mor-

ata, could not give a satisfactory explanation why nearly 1 000 households are paying for amenities and services that are patently absent from both townships.

And asked why the old township was not upgraded rather than shunted 700m down the road, Mr Morata replied: "That question is beyond my comprehension. We are working with Government and do not do things on our own."

Mr Morata, who is also head of Reagie's primary school, made it clear that "nobody is being pushed to leave".

Constitutional Development and Planning spokesman Mr Deon du Plooy stressed that the department had "nothing to do" with moving Reagie since "that function had been delegated to the provinces."



THIS WAS ONCE HOME . . . children from Reagie's old township sit on the ruins of a demolished house

A spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration in Potchefstroom said he had "no comment" to make on the issue.

And the chief executive for the new township, Mr Daan De Waal, was not available for comment this week.

The Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac), which is backing the KRA's efforts to stay in the old township, claims white householders living on the edge of Reagie want a buffer zone separating the two residential areas.

But white residents living on the "border" and the Koster Municipality have denied that racial prejudice is behind moving Reagie.

Trac and the KRA secured a temporary injunction against further demolitions in the Pretoria Supreme Court two months ago.

But, explained a Trac spokesman: "The township council has filed papers defending the action and the case comes up for hearing in June."

"There's absolutely no legal basis for moving the families. It's pure pressure from Koster's whites and they've stated their case very bluntly."



# COUNCILS TOLD: COLLECT RENT OR FACE THE AXE

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE government has given the Soweto Council a final warning: "Get the people to pay rent or you get the chop!"

The do-or-die ultimatum also applies to local authorities throughout the country. They have been given until the end of June to "get their houses in order".

The councils are expected to collect every cent owed to them by next month.

Realising their jobs are on the line, local authorities officials are using every conceivable method to recover the estimated R400-million debt caused by the rent boycotts which started in September 1984.

If the councils fail to meet the deadline, they face possible reductions in staff, salaries and basic maintenance services.

Informed sources, who leaked the story to City Press this week, said the ultimatum was issued early this year.

This move, according to sources, explains the latest drastic actions taken against rent defaulters by council authorities, particularly in Soweto, where tenants have witnessed:

## Government threatens to cut staff, salaries and services

- The "Deacon Action" - a method whereby people in arrears can make reasonable payments on the spot when visited by the "eviction squads".

- The "remove-a-door" method - a strategy introduced to prevent evicted people from moving back into their houses.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has warned local authorities that they will no longer be granted "bridging finance".

Soweto Council director of housing Estelle Bester, said: "The government told us that there will be no more bridging finance and this is why we as a local authority must start to normalise our income."

Development Bank chief executive Simon Brand, who headed a team of financial experts investigating the financial position of the local authorities, revealed in Cape Town recently that black local authorities in South Africa had a debt burden estimated

at R400-million.

Brand predicted that the level of debt could increase and attributed it largely to financial mismanagement.

But local authorities have laid the blame for their financial problems on the rent boycott.

They (local authorities) have warned that there is no way in which rent could be abolished. A tough stand would be taken against residents who were in arrears.

Soweto mayor Nelson Botile said as far as his council was concerned the new move would not affect Soweto in any way.

He said the council had told the government that they had undertaken to collect rent and would continue to do so.

He added that they had also indicated to the government that Greater Soweto - which includes Diepmeadow and Dobsonville - were still faced with the huge task of

paying off the R250-million loan that was acquired overseas in 1979 by former Soweto mayor David Thebechall. The money was to be used for the electrification of Soweto.

Bester said rent payments had started to improve in March. There had, however, been a slight drop during April, probably because of huge spending by residents during the Easter holidays.

She said although it was still the beginning of May, indications were that payments were picking up.

So far, the Soweto Council is the only local authority that has taken drastic measures to get residents to pay their rent.

Bester said since evictions started in the area, about 600 families had been thrown out of their houses. Many had been re-instated after settling their arrears.

## Storm brews over Zulu royal wedding

### Committee feels king should be neutral



By S'BU MNGADI

A STORM is brewing in strife-torn Maritzburg over Zulu monarch King Goodwill Zwelithini KaBhekuzulu's proposed wedding to a local girl - his fourth wife.

First salvos against the wedding were fired last Thursday when one of the royalists involved in preparations for the wedding received a threatening letter.

The Edendale Landowners Association had called a meeting of its area committees to discuss how best the King could be received when he marries the Dambaza nursing sister in July.

The Ingonyama YamaZulu, who is traditionally expected to be a symbol of unity among the Zulus and stand above party politics, has become a victim of his own political outburst against critics of Inkatha and his uncle, KwaZulu Chief Minister Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

Lindeni Johannes Simelane, deputy chairman of Eden-



## 2 Lekoa officials in court

By Melody McDougall  
Vereeniging Bureau

Two Lekoa town council officials appeared in the Vereeniging Regional Court yesterday in connection with 104 charges of fraud involving an amount of R492 450.

Mr Johannes Jacobus Opperman, a security officer, and Mr Barend Johannes Scott, town secretary, were not asked to plead.

It is alleged that the fraud took place between March and October 1986.

According to the charge sheet, the accused obtained the money from the Lekoa town council after claiming to be providing security for homes of councillors, council officials and municipal police in the area.

### SIGNED CHEQUES

The State alleges that Mr Opperman collected quotations for the town secretary, Mr Scott, who in turn allegedly signed cheques for work done.

It is alleged Mr Scott made payments for the provision of the material but did not check whether the job was done.

The hearing was postponed to June 28.

# R106-m for ER townships

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**THE** East Rand Regional Services Council will spend more than R106-million for upgrading of infrastructure in the region.

The chairman of the council, Mr Leon Ferreira, said part of the money will be used to install a sewerage system in Ratanda and Tsakane.

Presently, these townships are using the toilet bucket system. Mr Ferreira said it was hoped that the whole project would be completed early next year.

## **Water**

"An additional R25-million will be used to extend four sewage purification works which will serve 13 areas on the East Rand, including Katlehong, KwaThema, Ratanda, Thokoza and Vosloorus," said Mr Ferreira.

He also said the council would spend R621-million to buy

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

water and electricity in bulk which will be resold to all councils in the area.

"This will help local residents because they will be paying lower tariffs unlike the time when each council had to buy its own water and electricity," said Mr Ferreira.

"The R106 million allocated to all 32 councils on the East Rand will be mainly used for the provision of water, sewage, roads, stormwater drainage, electricity, building of new halls and libraries," he said.

The money was allocated as follows: Actonville (R170 000), Alberton (R2,8-m), Alra Park (R810 000), Baker-ton (R190 000), Boks-burg (R1,2-m), Brakpan (R5-m), Daveyton (R7,2-m), Duduza (R3,9-m), Eden Park (R570 000), Edenvale (R10 000), Geluksdal (R175 000), Germiston (R3-m), Heidelberg (R20 000),

Katlehong (R15,5-m), Kempton Park (R3-m), KwaThema (R10-m), KwaThema (R10-m),

MacKenzieville (R250 000), Nigel (R3,7-m), Palm Ridge (R480 000), Ratanda (R3,7-m), Reigerpark (R380 000), Shalimar Ridge (R120 000) and

Springs (R1,9-m), Tembisa (R9,8-m), Thokoza (R4,2-m), Tsakane (R12,7-m), Vischkuil (R180 000), Vosloorus (R9,6-m), and Wattville (R5,1-m).



# Guns blaze again as Sofasonke meet

AFTER a grenade and rifle attack that left at least three dead and injured 38 at a Sofasonke meeting on Sunday, the party youth are ready "with stones and knobkerries" to repel future attacks.

Party president and former mayor Ephraim "ET" Tshabalala, who operates a string of businesses in the township, told the *Weekly Mail* that "youth yethu" (the party youth), would employ every means — even "heaps of stones and knobkerries" — to repel any attack.

Three hand grenades were thrown into a crowd of people attending the Orlando West meeting on Sunday, while attackers opened fire with two AK-47 rifles.

The disruption of last Sunday's meeting followed one the previous week at which senior members of the Sofasonke Party allegedly fired shots at residents of Mofoto South who prevented party supporters from holding a meeting at the local sports grounds.

Police confirmed the incident. The spokesman said no-one was arrested in connection with either the alleged shootings or the disruption of the meeting.

Tshabalala told a press conference on Monday he had been about to take the platform the day before when a grenade was hurled, which exploded behind executive members who were addressing supporters. He said there was a tremor when the second grenade exploded in the crowd, hurling a man metres high.

The third grenade, he said, exploded not far from where he was standing during the ensuing confusion. He said at about the same time, several shots were fired from two AK-47 rifles in the direction of the crowd.

He said "youth yethu" charged at the gunmen, who sped away in two

For the second Sunday in a row, guns blaze at a Sofasonke meeting. This time, the victims are party members. THAMI

MKHWANAZI reports

A "19 or 20"-year-old, he said, was apprehended by a number of supporters who were just about to kill him. Had he not intervened on time the youth would be dead, he said.

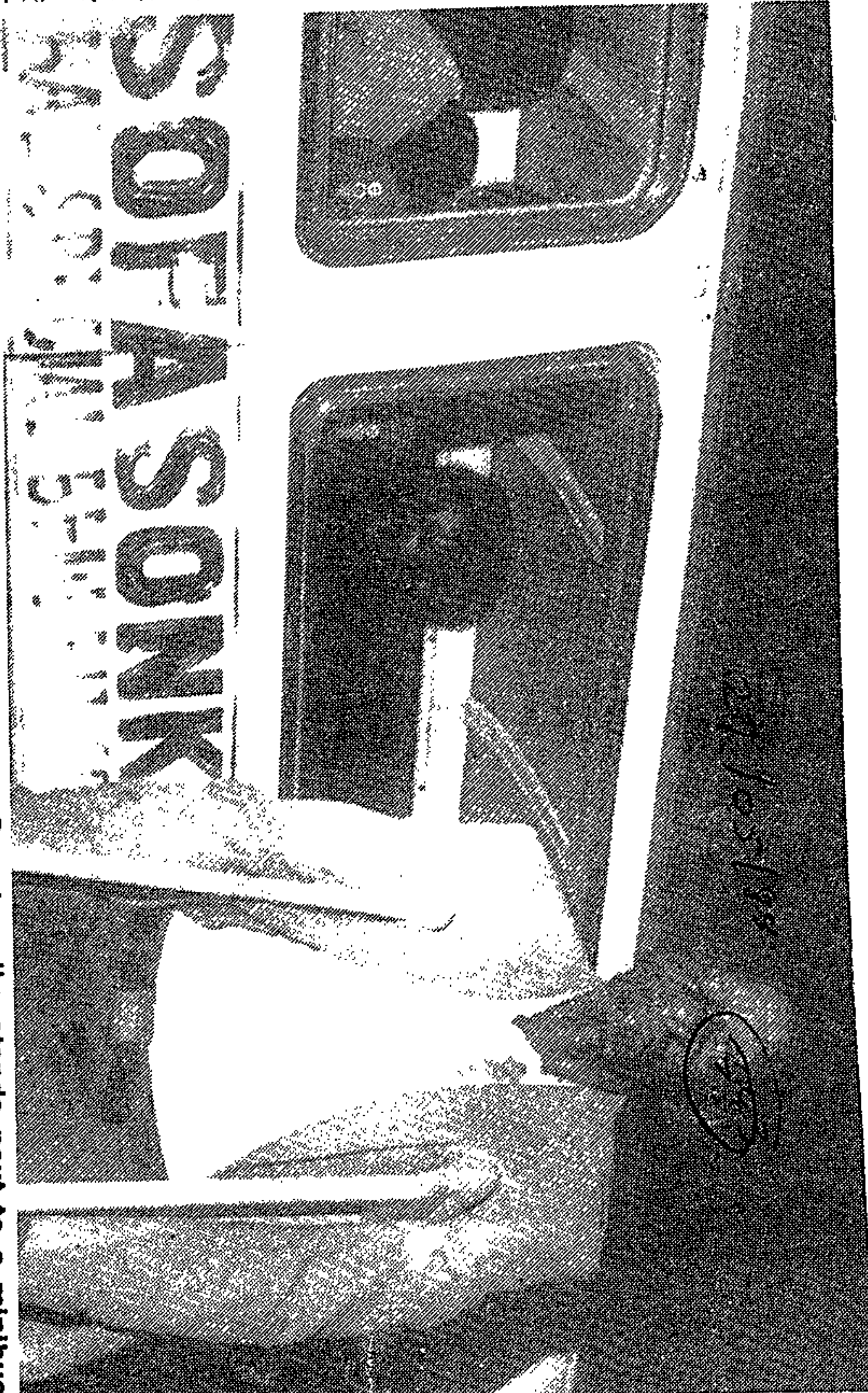
According to Tshabalala the youth was handed over to the police at the hospital. Police confirmed the arrest of a man after Sunday's attack but said the man had been released after questioning.

Tshabalala said the disruption of Sunday's meeting would not deter his party from campaigning for the forthcoming October black municipal elections.

Tshabalala said except for this weekend, when the party would be burying its dead, they would continue to hold meetings until blacks resented themselves in parliament.

During these rallies, he said, residents would be told about the gains his party had made for the people of Soweto during a recent meeting with the Housing and Community Development Committee of the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

Tshabalala said during a February 24 meeting his party negotiated for the scrapping of the purchase price of Soweto's "old stock" houses. He said although agreement could not be reached to write off the total purchase price, so that houses would revert to their occupants, member of the executive council of the Transvaal Provincial Administration, John Mavuso, agreed that the cost of erecting the house could be scrapped.



An old man, injured in a hand grenade attack on a Soweto rally, stands next to a minibus owned by the Sofasonke party, the meeting organisers

Mavuso was not available for comment. However TPA director of housing and social welfare, CJ Wolmarans, said he was present at the meeting chaired by Mavuso and no agreement had been reached to write off the cost of erecting houses.

Tshabalala said at party meetings residents were being told the reason his party required its members to pay service charges of R15 (R10 for electricity, R2,50 for water and R2,50 for garbage removal) per household in the wake of the rent boycott in the townships.

Members paid this amount to the party which in turn paid it on their behalf to the council. Some members had complained they were not issued receipts for such payments and that their rent accounts had allegedly not been credited with these payments.

Mshengu, the clan name by which Tshabalala is affectionately called by his supporters, said his party had in

principle identified with the rent boycott as the "democratic wish of the people". It was for this reason, he said, that supporters were not paying the other component parts of the rent. But he said there would be chaos in Soweto if the council stopped rendering services. The Rand Water Board and Eskom, he said, would cut off water and electricity supply. He said the piling up of refuse would result in a health hazard.

He said his party's main opposition in Soweto's civic politics was the Soweto Civic Association which was restricted recently, along with other militant anti-government organisations. He said the folly of the SCA was its "failure to deliver the goods" and to address supporters in public.

On the fact that the SCA and similar bodies had not been able to secure permits from the government to hold meetings, he said, they lacked strategy when applying.

Tshabalala said his supporters were part of the national struggle, but everybody could not attend to national politics. Some people had to "treat the symptoms of the problem" instead of the cause, which was oppression.

According to Sofasonke Party spokesmen, a fourth person died following Sunday's attack. No one was aware of his death until his family notified the party yesterday. Police said they had no knowledge of a fourth death.

Captain R Crewe of the South African Police press liaison division confirmed three people had died by midweek in Sunday's attack and that 38 people had been injured, nine of whom were still in hospital.

Crew said AK-47 shells had been found at the scene of the attack and that hand grenades had been used in the attack. He said the police "would prefer not to speculate" on who may be responsible for the attack.



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## A radical birth for the party of caution

By THANDEKA GQUBULE and  
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THE Sotasonke Youth League's main objective is to return the party to the radical days of its founder, says Youth League chairman Mduduzi Kunene.

James Sotasonke Mpanze, after whom the party is named, was a force to be reckoned with in the early 1940s when he began a campaign to defy legislation regulating the settlement of Africans in urban areas. He established squatter settlements in which shacks were made of sacking.

As opposed to the defiance of Sotasonke the man — who founded the party in 1944 — the party has taken a conciliatory position on key issues.

While other Soweto groups have rejected the community council

system, the Sotasonke constitution — written in the 1970s — states that the party has been established to represent the *bona fide* residents of Soweto on the Soweto City Council or any other administrative authority for Soweto.

The party was dormant for a number of years and re-activated after the 1976 uprisings. In 1978, when the Community Council Act was passed, businessman Ephraim Tshabalala reorganised Sotasonke. He has twice been elected

as Soweto mayor.

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resent a full cross-section of Soweto residents, boasts a card-carrying membership of 33 000.

It will participate in the coming October municipal elections, as will the other major Soweto parties, the All Nations Party, headed by David Thebehali, a former Soweto mayor.

Much controversy surrounds the forthcoming elections as various political organisations debate their attitude towards them.

The Youth League have told her.

*Weekly Mail* that their wing of the party supports the Freedom Charter. Organisations which endorse the charter have generally been associated with the boycott of community councillors and participation in "government-structured structures".

Youth League chairman Kunene told the *Weekly Mail* that Letsatsi Radebe, chairman of the Soweto City Council management committee, — who says he is a member of Sotasonke — had deviated from the party's policies and that "we do not regard him as a member. We regard the city council as

puppets."

The older members of Sotasonke are willing to participate in the council system, but there is tension between them and the current council. According to a party representative, Sotasonke aims to resolve the rent crisis and end the boycotts.

Sotasonke has recommended a solution different from the one its founder recommended four decades ago. Its suggestion is that residents should pay R15 service charges under protest and ignore the other portion of rent due. The party has begun collecting money from residents, which has been recognised by the council as service charges.



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Alex (above) ... before the bulldozers. Below ... the beginnings of change



# Councillor suspended after row about gun

By STAN MHLONGO

LEKOA councillor Benjamin Zandai was this week suspended from the council for 45 days after allegedly using abusive language against secretary Ben Scott and failing to hand his council-issue firearm over to council police.

The Lekoa council chambers resembled a courtroom as four sworn affidavits were read testifying how Zandai had used abusive language against Scott.

This was after Scott, who is responsible for the council's firearms, had demanded that Zandai hand over his gun to the council.

Using a four-letter word, the councillor allegedly called Scott a "dog".

Zandai is the fourth Lekoa councillor to be suspended in the past two months.

The others were Samuel Kolisang, Sello Motswahole and Phokojoe Mofokeng.

Scott, called on by mayor Esau Mahlatsi to tell the meeting what Zandai had said on the third of this month, was hesitant. He coyly said: "I find it hard to use some of the abusive words which councillor Zandai addressed to me — there are ladies here."

When the mayor insisted, Scott said: "The councillor said ek sal my g-t sien."

Zandai told the council he had refused to hand over the gun "to the tsotsis sent to me by Scott".

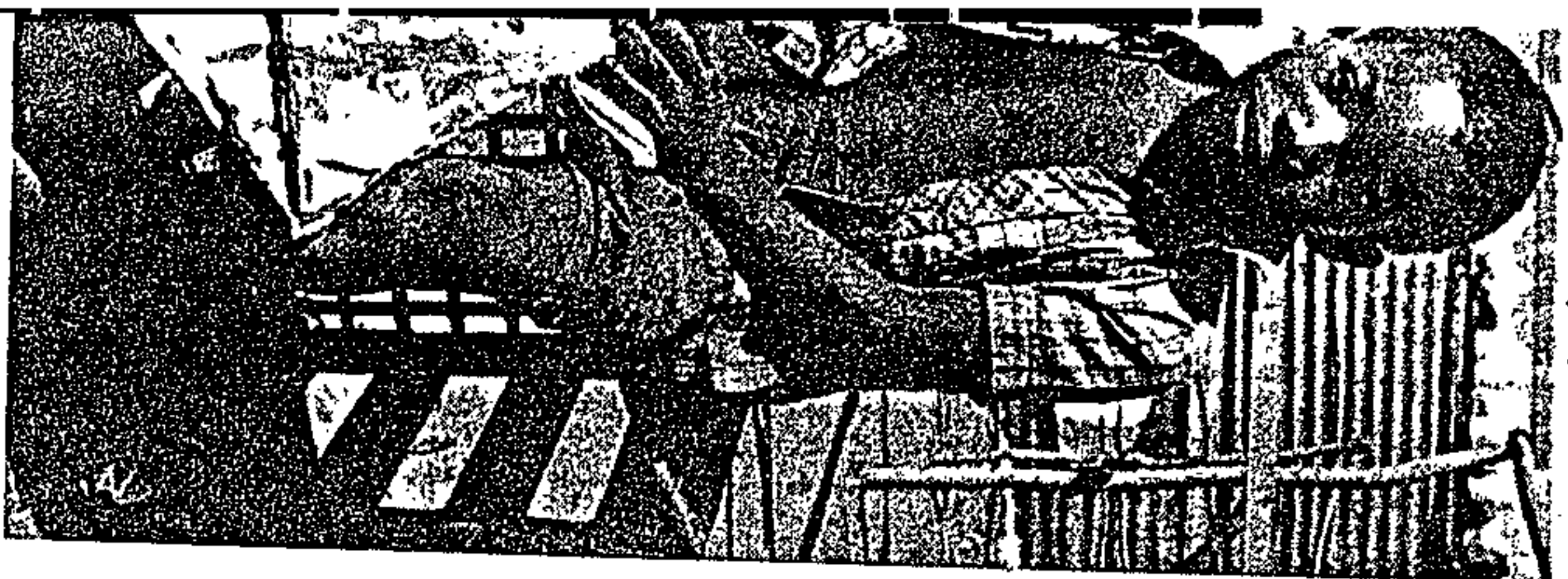
Mahlatsi: "By tsotsis you mean the municipal police Scott sent to you?"

Zandai: "Yes."

Zandai withdrew the statement when asked to do so by the mayor.

The mayor then delivered the 45-day suspension order.





chool, what can a boy do?

# Rietvlei gets shack settlement

By REVELATION  
NTOULA

A NEW shack settlement has mushroomed on the outskirts of Kagiso, near Krugersdorp.

What makes the Rietvlei settlement unique is that it is remotely situated - about eight kilometres from the nearest main road, between Randfontein and Johannesburg. It is also 10km from the Kagiso Town Council offices from where it is administered.

The nearest other dwellings are the Doornkop mine hostels, about four kilometres away.

There are no shops, schools, churches or any recreational facilities for the 500 residents who occupy sites at Rietvlei, having been moved from Big Farm in Roodepoort where they were constantly harassed.

Workers living in the shacks have to walk up to 20km to their work places, such as the Roodepoort mines, because there is no transport.

There is one hand-driven water tap and six toilet units serving the community - thanks to the Black

It may be remote, but residents are not being hassled

Sash which has made these facilities available.

The Kagiso Council has posted two armed policemen to stand guard and prevent other squatters from secretly putting up shacks without the council's permission.

Amid the unwelcoming sight of the shacks' location and their very appearance, the residents themselves appear content with the fact that, despite their problems, they at least have a place to sleep without being harassed by the authorities.

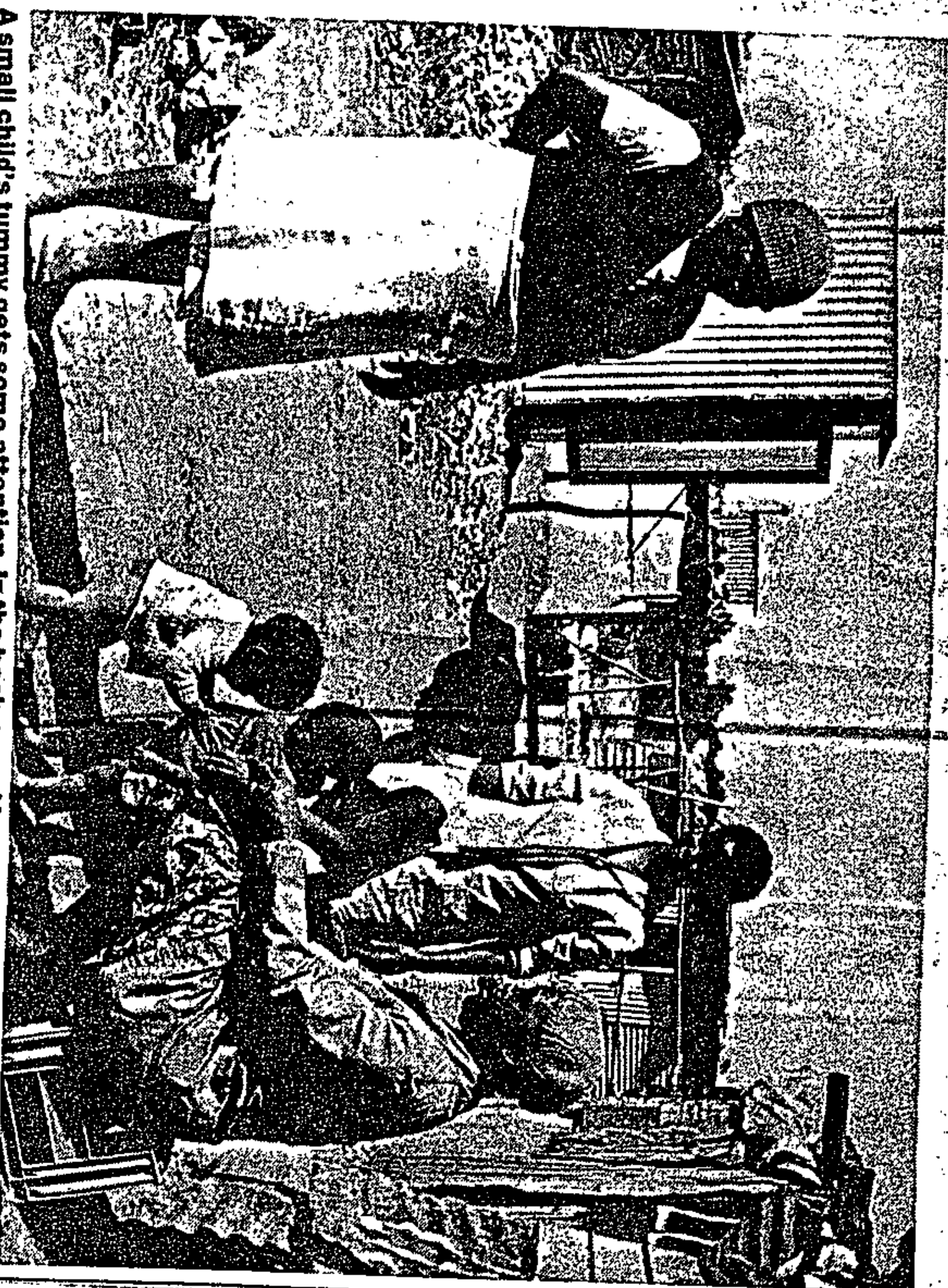
They have made Rietvlei their home. To make sure that they do not become slaves of their environment, the residents have formed themselves into a unit and meet regularly to examine their needs and see how best they can help themselves.

The first priority the group identified was that of establishing a community-owned store. Each family has pledged to contribute R10 towards putting up the shop and stocking it.

Proceeds from the shop will be ploughed back into the community - for establishing a little school and perhaps hiring a teacher.

Other projects include the establishment of a church and the purchase of a bakkie, which could be used as a taxi and also to transport requirements like firewood, coal and stock for the shop.

Given the time and the means, the residents believe Rietvlei will eventually be habitable like any other black residential area.



A small child's tummy gets some attention. In the background is one of Rietvlei's six toilet units.



# Religious leaders may not use Soweto stadium

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The Soweto council has refused to allow religious leaders to use the Jabulani Amphitheatre for a mass prayer service marking the end of an emergency meeting of 250 church representatives, a staff member of the South African Council of Churches said at the weekend.

The prayer service, which is open to the public, will now be held in Regina Mundi Church, Rockville, Soweto, starting at 1 pm tomorrow.

Thousands are expected to attend.

The SACC source said the reason given for refusing use of the venue was that the churches had failed to seek magisterial permission.

Outdoor meetings have been outlawed for the last 12 years, except where magistrates grant exemption from the ban. But bona fide church services are exempt.

A Soweto council spokesman confirmed that the SACC had been refused use of the stadium because they had not obtained the consent of the chief magistrate.

Asked why this condition was imposed when the law did not require it, the spokesman said: "It is in the discretion of the council to impose the conditions they see fit, and they took such a decision."

The convocation of church leaders preceeding the service began this morning in Johannesburg. Its purpose is to explore "effective non-violent action" aimed at spurring the Government to negotiate with legitimate leaders of the voteless majority.

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# ET is not fazed by 'cowardly' grenade attack on Sofasonke

By REVELATION  
NTOULA

FORMER Soweto mayor ET Tshabalala has vowed he would rather die than be the enemy of the government.

Tshabalala, president of the Sofasonke Party, escaped assassination last weekend, when gunmen fired AK47 rifles and tossed handgrenades at a Sofasonke meeting he was about to address in Orlando. Three people died and at least 38 were injured.

Reports reaching *City Press* yesterday were that the death toll had risen to four, with the announcement that Sipho Lesley Somdyala, 71, of Orlando West, had died at Baragwanath Hospital.

The three others killed were Samson Ngoma, Solomon Nkomo and Lawrence Mosiapa, all of Orlando West.

In an interview with *City Press*, Tshabalala said "nothing, absolutely nothing" would deter him in his mission of non-confrontation with the government.

"I am not going to be intimidated into quitting civic politics, nor will I abandon the Sofasonke Party," he said.

"Come-what-may," he said he would stick to Sofasonke's policy of non-confrontation. For that he was prepared to die.

Still recovering from the shock of his experience, Tshabalala said he would never forget the incident, which had claimed innocent lives.

Sofasonke supporters were meeting to discuss current issues like rent, electricity and the purchase of Soweto houses.

They were also meeting to formulate strategy for the October municipal elections. Tshabalala is standing as a candidate.

He condemned the at-



ET Tshabalala

tack as "cowardly" and said he would not be intimidated.

"We are not afraid of these cowards who attack us when we least expect it," said Tshabalala.

He blamed the attack on "militants" and invited them to face his supporters. "They must not kill my people in such a cowardly manner," he said.

Tshabalala said Sofasonke's executive committee had no intention of stepping up security for themselves or their supporters.

"We have absolutely nothing to fear because we know we are doing the right thing by fighting for black people's rights," he said.

Sofasonke saw the October elections as a step towards the total liberation of the black man in South Africa, Tshabalala said.

"We shall soon have a black Prime Minister." The Sofasonke Party leader reached the peak of his political career in 1985 when he was elected mayor of Soweto. His fortunes dropped sharply in subsequent years when he fell out with other Sofasonke councillors. He was later unseated by one of his lieutenants, Nelson Botile.

Tshabalala was last year suspended from attending Soweto council meetings, but resigned before his suspension expired.

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## Housing boost for chain <sup>343</sup> store workers <sup>31/5/88</sup>

Pick 'n' Pay's staff housing scheme, which featured in videos in Australia, where the company was forced out by anti-apartheid trade unions, expanded this weekend when a R2 million housing scheme was officially opened in Soweto.

The 53 three-bedroomed homes, equipped with electricity, water, a kitchen, bathroom and lounge/dining room are available to people who have worked for Pick 'n' Pay three years.

There are two similar schemes in Natal and the Cape.



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# <sup>scwelan 31/1/89</sup> 'Write off rent arrears'

THE Lekoa Town Council has called on the Government to write off the R80-million in rent arrears owed by residents in the Vaal Triangle and start on a clean slate.

The mayor of Lekoa, Mr Samuel Kolisang, yesterday also called on the residents to co-operate with the council and to help rebuild all the structures that were destroyed in the area.

He urged residents to continue to pay R30 a month for services until the Government gives the greenlight to scrap the arrears.

Vaal Triangle residents have not been paying rent since September 3, 1984 — the outbreak of violence in the area.

By **JOSHUA RABOROKO**

The council has resolved to:

- Stop evicting rent defaulters;
- Consult with residents on matters affecting them;
- Continue negotiations with community-based organisations, trade unions, church leaders and political organisations;
- Put an end to bribery and corruption in the council's ranks.

Mr Kolisang said the rent boycott in the Vaal Triangle was caused by lack of communication between the council and residents.

He was prepared to

consult with residents on the rent issue.

Mr Kolisang slammed councillors who were "position mongers" and only interested in acquiring businesses for themselves.

"I have already

spotted some councillors who are interested in getting businesses. I want to warn them that the council will take drastic steps against any councillor who is out to enrich himself," Mr Kolisang said.



**SAM Kollsang . . . Lekoa mayor.**

# Most Soweto residents <sup>Star 3/1/89</sup> will still have to pay rent <sup>(127) (343)</sup>

By Stan Hlophe

Soweto Council says most rent-defaulters in Soweto will still have to meet their rent and other service charge commitments even though the Appeal Court has ruled in favour of some residents.

Soweto's housing director, Ms Estelle Bester, confirmed this yesterday.

She blamed the media and "some community leaders" for giving the wrong impression.

Ms Bester said an appeal against payment of rent by Mr Themba Mngomezulu and two others against the council affected only 12 842 housing units.

A further 82 000 homeowners and rent payers have to pay site rent and service charges because the houses they occupy were built by loans granted by the National Housing Commission.

Ms Bester said the Appellate Division had ruled the rent payers affected were those occupying the 12 842 houses which had been built by a loan granted to the Johannesburg City Council by mining houses in the late 1950s. These houses are in Mapetla, Phiri and Jabu-

lani, as well as a number in Emdeni and Zola.

In a statement yesterday, Ms Bester said the Appeal Court held that:

- The council has the power in terms of Act No 102 of 1982 to make by-laws relating to site-house rentals with the approval of the administrator, but that such powers must yield to the special powers referred to in Section 61 of the Housing Act.

- As there are no statutory provisions under Act 102 of 1982 which override those of Section 61 of the Housing Act, the rentals for the appellants' approved dwellings were not lawfully fixed and determined in the prescribed manner.

She said the council believed the determination of rentals for the remaining 82 000 houses by the Minister in 1977, and the determination of site rentals for those houses by the council in terms of its by-laws, were still applicable.

"Therefore, the payment of municipal service charges in respect of the 82 000 houses is not affected by the decision of the Appeal Court in any way."



# Up in arms over rent increase

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HUNDREDS of Atteridgeville, Pretoria residents — up in arms over the average monthly rent increase of R20 imposed by the local city council this month — have threatened to take legal court action against the authorities.

Residents lashed out at the council for ignoring their objections to the increases and accused the newly-elected councillors of ignoring their plight and failing to keep their promises of serving the interest of the community. Tenants complained that the R20 rent increase, which came into effect from January 1 this year, was too much.

"The council imposes an increase of R20 a month per household despite the fact that we are law-abiding residents who have never been involved in a rent boycott," said Mr Daniel Mdluli.

Residents, including political and civic associations, yesterday said they were going to brief lawyers with the intention of challenging the tariff increases. "Most people are unemployed, the cost of living is high and a R20 rent increase is just too much. The council must either rescind its decision or substantially reduce the amount," residents said.

Mr Daan Mouton, acting town clerk, yesterday said it would be impossible to

reduce the tariffs because the council, which is R5 million in the red, was still going to have a deficit of about R2 million even after the imposition of new rent hikes.

He added that the council did consider objections lodged by residents against the rent increase, "but in the light of the council's precarious financial position, it was imperative that we increase tariffs." Mr Mouton said the council tried to be lenient when effecting the increases.

## Consideration

The new mayor, Mr Velaphi Mathebula in a statement released yesterday, said: "My council always takes into consideration the affordability of such increases in taking such decisions." Residents however said the council had received no mandate from the community to increase rent.

Most of the residents who telephoned the *Sowetan* yesterday warned that hundreds of tenants would not be able to afford the new rent. "I earn R80 a week and the council now expects me to pay R86 rent per month. How did they come to the conclusion that I can afford?" asked Mrs Grace Sibiya.

# Call for indaba on Vaal rents

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VAAL Triangle residents are invited to a meeting to discuss the prolonged rent boycott at Mphatlalatsane Communal Hall, Sebokeng, on Sunday, from 8am.

According to the Mayor of Lekoa, Mr Samuel Kolisang, the planned weekend meeting is in line with the promise he made earlier to promote constant communication and consultation between his council and the residents.

Mr Kolisang has also extended invitations to community based organisations including churches, trade unions and other political parties which have an "interest in the affairs of the community of Lekoa."

## Have a say

Mr Kolisang said residents should have a say in matters affecting their daily lives and urged residents "not to sit back" but come with ideas in order that mutual understanding and harmony should be created through regular meetings.

He speculated that the

By MATSHUBE MOFOLOE

Sunday meeting was the beginning of "big things to come through the joint efforts between his council and the Vaal Triangle residents" and appealed to the youth to participate in the indaba. He said the youth were leaders of the future and

should be involved in the community activities to assist the council with guidance and relevant information.

The Lekoa Town Council is already over R80 million in the red because of a Vaal Triangle rent boycott which started on September 3, 1984.



BY MOJALEFA  
MOSEKI

A GROUP of Daveyton township residents yesterday said that at least seven people were in jail or had served their various jail terms at Modderbee Prison for failing to respond to summons issued by a legal company hired by the council to collect rent arrears from residents.

The spokesman for the group, Mr Rhoo Hlatwayo, led a delegation of concerned residents who handed the council a petition by 371 people calling for the council to stop jailing residents and

# Daveyton people jailed for rent

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cancel the contract with the lawyers. The petition, which was signed by one of the newly elected councillors, among others, was handed to the secretary of the council's town clerk, Mr J Joubert.

Among the scores of people who accompanied the delegation were several members of the families whose parents have either been jailed or were still serving their prison terms for failing to respond to the lawyer's summons. Among these were the son of Mr Hendrick Lewane (58), who has completed his jail term. Miss Pearl Damba said her father, Mr Barney Damba (64), who has been searching for a job for three years, will complete his prison term next week.

Among the listed grievances were that the attorneys charged, at the same time, pay the

"exorbitant" handling fees which included interest on a monthly basis;

- That several people who had undertaken to pay up within six months were unable to keep their promises because they had to pay the lawyers for the arrears and at the same time, pay the

current monthly rentals and service charges; and

• Daveyton residents had never embarked on a rent boycott and it was not necessary for the council to hire a legal company to collect rent.

Those people failing to pay were experiencing financial problems due to lack of employment and their cases had to be considered by the council's social welfare department for relief.

One of the partners in the legal company hired by the council said he could not comment on any of the questions put to him by the Sowetan because the attorney handling the Daveyton rent arrears was on leave.

The mayor of Daveyton, Mr Shadrack Sinaba, together with his deputy, Mr M Mthi-

# No R20-m trade off to keep Boksburg white

By Kaizer Nyatumba

Under no circumstances would the Vosloorus Council accept Boksburg Town Council's policy to keep Boksburg white in exchange for money to develop facilities in Vosloorus.

The chairman of the Vosloorus executive committee, Mr. Sidwell Mofokeng, said this in reaction to a story in the *Sowetan* newspaper today saying his council had agreed to keep the town white in exchange

for Boksburg Town Council spending more than R20 million improving industrial and recreational facilities in the township.

Mr Mofokeng said he and his colleagues had made it abundantly clear to the chairman of the Boksburg council's management committee, Mr. Gideon Fourie, at a meeting on Wednesday that blacks would never do business in the town until petty apartheid was scrapped.

Mr Mofokeng said as long as the CP-dominated Boksburg Town Council stuck to its racist policies it should not expect the six-week-old consumer boycott to be called off.

"Politically, the city council of Vosloorus, together with the residents of Vosloorus, totally disagree with the CP's policy and we cannot find each other on that score. For that reason there is no way the consumer stayaway in Boksburg will

cease.

"This is a matter which needs Government intervention by changing all discriminatory legislation," Mr Mofokeng said in a press release.

The *Sowetan* report said the Vosloorus Council had agreed to trade off Vosloorus residents' right to use public facilities in Boksburg in exchange for an undertaking by the Boksburg Town Council to improve facilities in the township and bring them to the same level with those in town.

Mr Mofokeng said certain agreements, which would be made public at a later stage, had been reached on local authority issues between the two councils, but these did not in any way include an agreement to keep Boksburg white.

● At least eight shops have been reported closed in Boksburg as a result of the consumer boycott by Vosloorus and Reiger Park residents.



# Township political activity 'weakened'

WHILE political activity in the Reef's 32 townships had been severely weakened, township local authorities continued to lack credibility and residents' material grievances persisted, SA Institute of Race Relations researcher Harry Mashabela said. *bidun 9/11/89*

Mashabela said, in his new book, Townships of the PWV, that while upgrading was being carried out in most townships, there was no evidence of it being done in consultation with groups outside the local government system.

Rent arrears in each of the townships

## DIANNA GAMES

were substantial and the number of houses bought rather than rented in most cases was low.

In six of the townships, more people owned houses than rented them. The six were Khatlehong, where 5 706 homes were rented compared with the 14 932 bought, Mamelodi (bought 11 112, rented 5 327), Ratanda (bought 1 028, rented 736), Tembisa (bought 10 956, rented 8 980), Zamdela (bought 1 001, rented 721) and Soshanguve (bought 6 238, rented 5 186).

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Mashabela said the strong security force presence affected organisations which mobilised opposition to the official system; in all townships these had been weakened or ceased to operate. Street committees appeared to have survived only in Soweto.

The longer rent boycotts persisted the more difficult they would be to break as defaulters were faced with accumulated arrears they could not afford to pay. Another constraint for councils was the poverty of the areas they had to administer.

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Anger  
over  
council  
wages  
By MONK  
NKOMO

ATTERIDGEVILLE  
City Council employees  
— angered by the  
recent rent increase and  
the council's failure to  
increase their salaries  
except that of a senior  
official — have called  
for the town clerk, Mr  
Solly Rammala, to  
resign.

The workers, all  
members of the Trans-  
vaal Association of  
Employees of Black  
Local Authorities  
(Taebela), voiced their  
dissatisfaction at the 13 1/2  
percent salary increase  
received only by the town  
clerk last year pushing  
his salary to R53 988 a  
year.

All other employees  
did not receive incre-  
ments after the council  
informed them that  
funds were not available.  
Mr Rammala's increase,  
which was tabled in a  
report dated September  
27, 1988 and signed by  
him personally, was  
effected in terms of  
Section 7 of the Town  
Clerk's Act.

### Inquiry

The resolution re-  
questing Mr Rammala to  
quit and a commission of  
inquiry launched, was  
made at a meeting  
attended by nearly 200  
workers at the council  
premises on Friday,  
where a number of  
allegations were levelled  
against the town clerk.  
Mr Rammala declined  
to comment and said he  
would only respond after  
the allegations had been  
put before him by union  
officials.

The workers alleged  
that the council "and  
other officials" "misused"  
the residents' money and  
cited a garden inside the  
council premises which  
was laid out at a cost of  
R34 000 by a private  
company as an example  
of misused money.



... is another singer, Mercy Pakela, who was one of the bridesmaids.

# TRANSFER HOUSES CALL



**ARCHBISHOP Tutu**  
... at meeting.

A DELEGATION of community leaders, who include the Anglican Archbishop, Desmond Tutu, is to present the Soweto City Council with a set of proposals later this month demanding the transfer of thousands of rented homes to tenants in the area.

Only after the two parties have agreed on this issue — including the transfer of land and a new formula developed

By **LEN MASEKO**  
and  
**PHANGISILE MTSHALI**

for the provision of electricity and water at "just rates" — would the three-year-old rent boycott end, residents' meetings were told in Soweto yesterday.

Addressing more than 2000 residents at report-back meetings in Rockville, Moletsane and Orlando West,

members of the delegation told residents they were "engaging experts to deal with the technical aspects relating to the transfer of houses to the people and the problems of electricity and water supply".

The delegation was given the green light at yesterday's meetings to present the municipality with the proposals. Community leaders who

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## 'Transfer homes'

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are part of the delegation include the Reverend Frank Chikane, Mrs Ellen Khuzwayo, Sister Bernard Ncube, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, Mrs Albertina Sisulu and the Rev Lebamang Sebidi.

Soweto's housing director, Ms Estelle Bester, came under fire at the rent meetings for "contradicting" a recent Appellate Court judgment which ruled that the municipality was not entitled to demand rentals from residents as the rentals were determined without the consent of the Provincial Administrator.

# DPP draws up petition to fight rent increases

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By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

THE newly formed Dobsonville People's Party is to present a petition to the Government in a last minute bid to protest against the proposed rent increase in the town-



Mr SIDWELL Moholisa, general secretary of the newly formed Dobsonville People's Party.

## rent increases

ship.

In an urgent protest meeting held at the Dobsonville stadium, yesterday, the party collected more than 750 signatures for the petition, including those of three councillors, who asked not to be named for fear of victimisation.

"The Government has ordered an overall 112 percent increase on rent and tariff payment," said the party's general

secretary, Mr. Sidwell Moholisa.

"This is unreasonable and too much. People cannot even afford to pay the current tariffs. We are asked to pay unreasonably high tariffs for inadequate and poor services."

Mr Moholisa said the tariff on water has gone up by 141 percent, on electricity by 109 percent, on sewerage by 34 percent and on refuse removal by 132 percent.

"More than 2 000 Dobsonville residents gave us a mandate to protest to the town clerk, the provincial administration and the Government," he said.

"Thursday is the last formal day to protest. We will collect signatures up until Wednesday and present the petition on Thursday."

The meeting also served as a launching pad for the new party which was making its maiden

public appearance. "The party is dedicated to the promotion of

"We also plan to fight corruption in the council as we are the opposition party."

peace and unity and justice to all Dobsonville residents," said Mr Moholisa.



MRS MIRRIAM Bhukula (70) ... a faith-healer who is accused of witchcraft.

# State probe into council

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THE Government will soon start preliminary investigations into allegations of corruption and bad management in the Dobsonville Town Council, it was announced in Pretoria yesterday.

Mr Olaus van Zyl, member of the executive committee in the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), yesterday told the *Sowetan* in an interview

that allegations of corruption were presented to him on Friday by former Dobsonville councillors, Mr Don Mmesi and Mr Freddie Mohajane.

Mr van Zyl said a similar investigation would be launched in the Atteridgeville City Council if substantial or documentary proof of corruption and maladministration was

presented to him.

"I only heard rumours that there is corruption in the council but we have received no request to investigate the allegations," said Mr van Zyl.

Allegations of corruption to be investigated in the Dobsonville council include the embezzlement of funds and the occupation of senior positions by mostly

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whites who had no qualifications to such positions. The alleged corruption in the council started in 1986, the *Sowetan* was told yesterday.

The Government will also investigate allegations of bad management which include the misuse of council vehicles by councillors for private assignments. He also alleged that one of the councillors used the council's vehicles to transport his grandchild to and from school daily.

Mr Mmesi, former mayor of Dobsonville, yesterday confirmed that they presented a list of allegations as well as documentary proof of corruption and bad management within the council. He added that the call for a commission of inquiry into these allegations was long overdue.

Mr van Zyl said if the preliminary investigations prove that the allegations of corruption in Dobsonville are true, the findings will be referred to the executive committee of the TPA with a view to appoint a commission of inquiry.

# PR A STAMP

# Actions of town clerk may be investigated

By McKeed Kofololo,  
Pretoria Bureau,

The Atteridgeville City Council has resolved to ask the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) to appoint a commission of inquiry into alleged irregularities involving the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala.

The council's decision follows a call by council employees at a special meeting for the town

clerk to resign his post because the council failed to give them a promised 13,1 percent salary increase but gave him the increase retrospectively from July last year.

In a press statement yesterday, the township's deputy mayor, Mr Justus Tshungu, said the council met on Wednesday night and decided not to suspend Mr Rammala.

Instead, it agreed a

that a commission should be set up to investigate the allegations.

The council's estimated 500 employees — all members of the Transvaal Association of Employees of Local Authorities (Taebila) — downed tools on Tuesday morning in protest against tariff increases implemented by the council on January 1 and they also demanded the immediate resignation of Mr Rammala.

The workers also made several allegations against Mr Rammala.

Fresh allegations of irregularities surfaced on Wednesday with claims that a black council employee who did not meet the requirements for promotion to a senior post had had the requirements waived.

The post was not advertised, and the qualifications of seven years'

experience in local authority as well as an appropriate bachelor's degree were set aside.

A document in the possession of The Star, signed by the city secretary Mr George Mahlaele and by Mr Rammala on July 14 1987, recommends that the requirements be waived in the case of the employee in question "to avoid delays with unnecessary advertisements".



# TOLLGATE FURY

We'll <sup>343</sup>  
stop ~~it~~  
it, say <sup>Soweto 13/1/89</sup>  
residents

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

IRATE Greater Soweto community leaders and residents yesterday vowed to stop the building of a tollgate near their townships as this could mean spending an added R100 a month in toll fees.

Tempers are already running high as the leaders and residents said they were planning to see the Government and officials concerned in order to voice their grievances.

## Lost

The chairman of the Soweto Taxi Association, Mr Pa Mbatha, said the builders of the tollgates was planned to compensate for the income lost by cancellation of the Winchester Hills tollgate on the N13 last year.

He said: "The construction of the new toll plaza indicates the frustration whites suffered. Now they want to take it out on poor and exploited blacks."

It is believed the Department of Transport has reacted to the enforced halt to the N13 toll by deciding to toll Soweto traffic on a newly constructed link between Commando Road and the N1.

Meanwhile a spokesman for Transport Minister, Mr Eli Louw, said although the Government was not prepared to abandon its policy of toll roads, it would be receptive to alleviating any hardships caused to local residents.

# 'Buppie' wealth is clobbering apartheid

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**RICH MKHONDO**

DAVID Mkhabela never thought that, like his white counterparts, he would one day own a palatial home with spa, braai, swimming pool and live-in domestic.

He is one of a new class of "buppies", or black upwardly-mobile professionals, who are beginning to flex their economic muscles as property owners, high-income earners and conspicuous consumers.

Spruitview, east of Johannesburg, is regarded as the country's first black "garden suburb", offering urban blacks their first legal chance to own land and grandiose homes.

Said Mr Mkhabela (40), a mining group transport manager: "It brings the black man on to exactly the same level as other race groups, a big step ahead for South Africa."

Increasing numbers of blacks are now working in middle-class professions, giving many the means to move from crowded townships. Spruitview was conceived as a first step towards solving a critical black housing shortage, and has become a focus for an upwardly-mobile black middle class.

Unlike other black townships with their littered, untarred streets and potholes, Spruitview has paved roads and street lights. It occupies a pleasant site near a national highway.

A home there can cost R250 000.

For middle-class blacks like Mr Mkhabela, property ownership is a victory against Pretoria's race segregation policy.

They say Government was not being altruistic

when it relaxed apartheid laws restricting black property rights.

Commented computer programmer Lemmy Kupa: "It hoped ownership of mansions and property with heavy mortgages would create a class of black people that would have too much to lose to help the masses in their struggle."

"It has not worked out that way. The material success of a growing number of blacks has reinforced demands for economic and political freedom by contributing to a sense of pride and rising expectations."

Affluent blacks say the signs of change have been a long time coming.

Pretoria was pressed into gradually introducing limited schemes for black home ownership,

starting with a 33-year leasehold plan that became a 99-year plan.

In 1986, Government scrapped pass laws, the influx control measure which forced blacks to carry documents stating where they could live and work.

Residential apartheid remained, but the move meant blacks could build, buy and develop properties in their own areas.

The following year, Mr Mkhabela was the first to receive his Spruitview title deeds.

Last December, Government passed legislation enabling urban black families to acquire freehold rights to houses they had rented for years.

But many want to escape the crime and squalor of most black townships, where expensive houses stand near squatter camps or huge single-

sex hostels.

Professional blacks are not a recent phenomenon in South Africa — it is their economic clout which is new.

Lawyers, teachers and churchmen were among the founders of the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), which lobbied for civil rights 77 years ago.

ANC leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Oliver Tambo and Walter Sisulu were members of the black middle class community which challenged white rule.

"Today's black middle class contributes generously to challenging apartheid," Mr Mkhabela said. "Many militants now accept them as protagonists in a new form of confrontation with white rule that is taking place in palatial living rooms." — Sapa-Reuter.



# Bid to save jailed five

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## Vaal Triangle mayor blames

## turnmoil on 1984 council chiefs

PATRICK LAURENCE

THE Mayor of Lekoa, Mr Samuel Kolisang, yesterday called for the release of the five men jailed last month in South Africa's longest treason trial.

The bloody 1984 turmoil in the Vaal Triangle townships — which fall under the jurisdiction of the Lekoa Town Council — was integral to the charges of treason, terrorism and murder brought against 22 men in that trial.

Five men were murdered by angry crowds in the Vaal Triangle. Four were members of the Lekoa Town Council. One was the Deputy Mayor, Mr Jacob Dlamini. The fifth victim was a councillor's aide.

Mr Kolisang was a councillor at the time. But he was not a member of majority Lekoa People's Party, headed by his predecessor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi.

In the October local election Mr Kolisang's Vaal Residents Representatives Party trounced Mr Mahlatsi's men, winning 39 of 44 seats. Mr Kolisang was unanimously elected mayor.

Aged 67, Mr Kolisang has served on various local government bodies in the Vaal Triangle for the past 28 years. He has witnessed the ebb and flow of political events in the Vaal Triangle over nearly three decades, including the

eruption of major crises 1960, when police shot 69 black civilians dead in Sharpeville and 1984, when four of his fellow councillors were slain.

Mr Kolisang blamed the leadership of the Lekoa Town Council for the upheaval in September 1984. "Those who stood trial and were convicted should be released," he told Saturday Star. "They should be released to fight for the good of all and for our rights."

Two factors featured prominently as underlying causes of the 1984 turbulence: increased service charges of between R5.50 and R5.90 a month and a widespread perception among residents that councillors were corrupt.

According to Institute for Planning Research at the University of Port Elizabeth, rent and service charges in the Vaal Triangle township were already the highest in South Africa. In

his official report on the riots, Professor Tjaart van der Walt, of the University of Potchefstroom, described the tariff increase as the "last straw".

Professor van der Walt reported further that the councillors were widely perceived to be corrupt. "No resident I spoke to had a good word for the Lekoa Municipality," he said. Complaints directed against councillors were that were "too arrogant and not easily accessible" and that many were "corrupt and self-seeking".

In his final summing up for the defence in the treason trial, Mr George Bizos, SC, argued that Lekoa Town Council had to bear some responsibility for the violence which swept the Vaal townships in 1984. He pointed out that 14 councillors owned no fewer than 22 bottle stores between them.

Mr Kolisang agreed with much of what Professor van der Walt and Mr Bizos said, saying that in his election campaign he had undertaken to consult residents fully — to pursue an "open

door" policy — to try to reduce rent and service charges and to end corrupt practices.

Referring to Mr Bizos's disclosure about the bottle store owners, he said: "That was true."

Mr Kolisang has called a mass meeting in Sebokeng tomorrow to discuss how best service charges can be parred before making representations to the central government.

Asked about his campaign to end corruption, Mr Kolisang replied that it had sparked a rebellion by nine of the men who were elected on his ticket last year. "They are running away from me," he said.

The rebels wanted to own businesses, they wanted him to get rid of white officials, they wanted to use council vehicles privately and they wanted him to end his "open door" policy.

"But I've hit them hard," Mr Kolisang volunteered. "I've reported them to the residents. The residents are fighting with them. Now some of them want to come back to me."

● Four treason accused — Patrick Lekota, Popo Molefe, Moss Chikane and Tom Manthata — were found guilty of treason and sentenced to between one and six years' imprisonment. A fifth, Gcinumuzi Malindi, was jailed for five years for terrorism.



# TAPES MYSTERY

## Brush with death as woman shot

A WOMAN schoolteacher had a brush with death when an unknown person — believed to be white — shot her in the head as she was walking in Pretoria West last week.

Mrs Violet Kwakwa, of 61 Molope Street, Atteridgeville, a teacher at Kgabo Lower Primary School was shot near the temple, according to her husband, Mr Bryce Kwakwa.

Mr Kwakwa, a school circuit inspector, said he was walking towards a

By MONK NKOMO

shop with his wife along Church Street (near the showgrounds) on Thursday at about 4.30pm when he suddenly cried out that she had been hit in the head by a bullet.

### Blood

"I saw blood trickling from her head. I took her to the car and drove at high speed to the Kalafong Hospital where we found the patients'

queue too long. I then took her to a private doctor who removed a bullet from her head," said Mr Kwakwa.

He reported the matter to the Atteridgeville police. Police also took possession of the bullet which has been referred to ballistic experts.

Mr Kwakwa alleged that the bullet was deliberately fired by a passing white motorist or someone hiding inside the Pretoria West showgrounds.

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### Ntao chief to appear

THE Northern Transvaal advice office and its director have been summoned to appear in court in February to answer charges under the Fundraising Act, it was announced yesterday.

In a statement released from Pietersburg, Ntao said the director, Mr Khangale Makhado, was the first respondent while Ntao was also charged separately.

According to the summons, Mr Makhado and Ntao contravened the Fundraising Act in that in February last year, the two collected over R71 000 without complying with the Fundraising Act. The money was donations from overseas. The hearing starts in the Pietersburg Regional Court on February 9.

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## Around the world

By MONK NKOMO

TAPE recordings of confidential council meetings — held over allegations of corruption in the Atteridgeville City Council — were mysteriously stolen at the weekend — a few hours after the council called for a Government probe.

Mr Solly Rammala, the town clerk, yesterday confirmed that the tapes were stolen from the office of Mr C Matolong, a committee clerk, and said the theft had been reported to the police who were investigating.

The disappearance of the tapes of recent meetings of the council has puzzled residents and council employees who suspect that the theft was committed by someone involved in the alleged corruption scandal.

Mr Rammala, who was recently asked by council employees to resign, yesterday issued a statement accusing the trade union, the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities (Taebala) of "dirty tricks in a malicious campaign to discredit me and my administration".

He also accused Taebala of trying to conduct a trial by newspapers.

Referring to an article that appeared in the *Sowetan* last Friday, in which it is claimed that a council employee was promoted to a senior post without proper qualifications and that the post was not advertised, Mr Rammala said the council had waived the laid-down requirements for about half of its employees, including executive committee members of Taebala.

He added that the decision to waive requirements "always lies with the director of local government in the TPA."

In another statement released by the mayor, Mr Velaphi Mathebula, the council announced that it had "absolved the town clerk of all blame on allegations levelled at him by Taebala".

The Atteridgeville Action Committee (AAC) yesterday criticised the council for increasing rent despite

DHAKA — An express passenger train carrying worshippers to a religious festival collided with a mail train in central Bangladesh yesterday, killing at least 110 people and injuring 1000 others, officials said.

WARSAW — Poland's Communist Party will clear a way at a meeting starting for its leaders to legalise the banned Solidarity trade union, party sources say. But they add that Solidarity will not be immediately restored and might not eventually reappear as the mass movement that challenged communist rule in Poland before its suppression under martial law in 1981.

MANILA — Peace activists from 18 countries ending a four-day conference in Manila yesterday called for the withdrawal of US bases and French forces and an end to nuclear testing in the Asian Pacific.

Nearly 200 delegates from throughout the region linked arms, sang hymns and vowed to resist a rising nuclear and military presence.

PRAGUE — Hundreds of riot police yesterday used batons, water cannon and dogs to break up crowds of hundreds of people who defied a ban on an independent rally to commemorate the self-immolation of Jan Palach 20 years ago.

At least one person was badly injured and several others beaten by police.

MOSCOW — The official Tass news agency apologised yesterday for mistakenly reporting that six Armenians had been saved after spending 35 days in earthquake rubble, calling its original report a "delusion".

HARARE — Zimbabwe has moved 12 800 families from a southwestern border area frequently raided by Mozambican National Resistance rebels, the Sunday Mail newspaper reported.

## Nactu vows to reprieve 'Upington 25'

THE National Council of Trade Unions yesterday issued a Press statement launching the "Save the Upington 25 Campaign."

The campaign aims at highlighting the plight of 25 residents of Upington, near Kimberly, who were found guilty of murder after an 18-month trial sparked off by unrest in 1986. One of the accused was found not guilty of attempted murder. Attorneys acting for the accused are expected to lead evidence in mitigation when the court season resumes in the near future.

The concern about the fate of the Upington 25 was raised after the public learned that the

conviction of the 25 residents was similar to that of the "Sharpeville Six" who were sentenced to death for allegedly being in a crowd which killed a councillor in the Vaal Triangle in 1984. The "Sharpeville Six" have since been reprieved after local and international outcry.

The Upington 25 were arrested after a wave of uprisings within the small community took the sleepy western Cape dorpie by storm.

In the statement released to the *Sowetan* Nactu vowed: "The Upington 25 will not be forgotten, and will not rest until their lives are saved."



# Lekoa mayor ousted as Council's chairman

THE mayor of Lekoa, Mr Samuel Kolisang, was yesterday ousted as the chairman of the council's management committee.

At a special meeting of the council held in Sebokeng, the council elected Mr McDonald

By JOSHUA  
RABOROKO

Mjuzi as the new chairman.

The ousting of Mr Kolisang as chairman comes after several councillors accused him of being "an autocrat"

who made decisions without consulting his colleagues.

In a statement to the *Sowetan* yesterday, Mr Kolisang said a split was threatening the unity of the council because there were "rebel groups" that

did not want to fulfil the objectives of the residents.

He said the group has joined forces with the Lekoa People's Party headed by the former mayor, Mr Esau Mahlati.

# No services claim probed

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OFFICIALS of the Lekoa Town Council are investigating claims that residents had been paying for services which were not provided by the council for years before the 1984 rent protest in the area.

This was revealed yesterday by the mayor of Lekoa, Mr Samuel Kolisang, who ordered

the investigation after addressing the largest meeting in the area on the rent boycott issue on Sunday.

Independent sources said the audience at the meeting, which was held at the George Thabe Stadium in Sharpeville, numbered 21 000.

Mr Kolisang, who was elected mayor after the October 26 elections, succeeding Mr Esau Mahlatsi, said: "I am very concerned about the residents' claim that they had been paying for services not rendered for years. The claim sounds true, but I have ordered the officials in the treasury and community services sections to investigate fully and report back to the full council. We have bound ourselves to report back to residents at least by

January 29."

He said residents at the meeting accepted a breakdown of the service charges which amounted to R39,30. The detailed breakdown was made by the treasurer and was as it was being charged when the rent boycott started five years ago.

But, he said, residents at the meeting rejected out-of-hand the explanation of site rent and that of house rent because the council officials could not give exact figures but explained it in percentages as there were five different categories.

A detailed explanation is still to be given during the next public meeting.

Mr Kolisang appealed to residents to be patient and supportive of the council's efforts in working towards resolving the five-year rent impasse.



# Merger to top Ucasa agenda

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THE much-talked about merger between the Urban Councils Association of South Africa and its arch-rival and breakaway group, the United Municipalities of South Africa, will top the agenda when Ucasa meet for its annual congress at the Jan Smuts Holiday Inn on Sunday.

The acting president of Ucasa, Mr Philip Nhlapo, this week announced the congress. He said several issues are to be discussed and

mentioned the call for "co-operation between Ucasa and Umsa" as among the top-listed issues for the conference. The meeting will start at 9am.

But the president of Umsa, Mr Tom Boya, said this week that his organising had no intention of merging with Ucasa despite efforts by government officials to see the two working together. The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr

Chris Heunis, is known to have held meetings with both leaders over the merger.

Mr Boya said: "We favour co-operation" with Ucasa because we are serving people in the same townships and deal with the same government officials who we approach on behalf of our various councils." He said a merger was "still out of discussions at present."

negotiate with the Botna

# Lekoa mayor expels 13

THIRTEEN Lekoa town councillors have been expelled from the Vaal Representative Party with immediate effect and indications are that they will also be ousted from the council at its monthly meeting on Thursday.

At a massive meeting in Sharpeville yesterday the mayor of Lekoa and leader of the party, Mr S M Kodisang, said these councillors have turned their backs against him after they used the party's name to win in the last elections.

They are Mr E Mthimkulu, Mr A Kharoli, Mr J Melwa, Mr M Mkhawane, Mr J Selebalo, Mr J Phakati, Mr E Nneko, Mr D Nasenga, Ms B Sifumba, Mr J Ntshingila, Mr M Njuze, Ms Phosisi and Mr D Selempe.

Mr Kodisang, who claimed that he was "man-handled" by a member of a rebel group recently, said the 13 councillors were not prepared to resolve the rent crisis but were interested in acquiring businesses for themselves.

"I protested against their actions, which included acquiring businesses,

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO  
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firearms, and free usage of council vehicles."

Mr Kodisang told the Vaal Triangle residents to stop paying rent arrears until their demands for the reduction of tariffs have been met by the Government. He urged them to continue to pay R30 a month until further notice.

The meeting which was also attended by various community groups, resolved to draw a petition calling for the expulsion of the councillors and that by-elections be held in their wards.

Among the enthusiastic crowd were also members of the Vaal Triangle Sofasonke Party under the leadership of Miss Daphney Gumede.

Miss Gumede told the crowd that there was a need for these councillors to be ousted because they have forgotten the interests of the residents and were prepared to enrich themselves.



# Mayor to discuss rent

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SOWETO mayor Mr Sam Mkwana is to meet a delegation of youth groupings today at the Soweto council chambers in Jabulani to discuss the rent boycott issue, writes MOJALEFA MOSEKI.

The meeting is expected to start just after 9am.

It is part of a programme devised by the Sofasonkeled council to reach all members of the public and receive an input from all representative groups on the resolution of the prolonged rent boycott.

Mr Mkwana will meet a delegation of the Black Consciousness movement to hear their views on Tuesday at the same venue and time.

On January 27 he will meet a representative group of Soweto business people. He said this followed his meeting with a delegation of the South African Council of Churches (SACC) last month.

Mr Mkwana will then call a public meeting of Soweto residents at the Jabulani Amphitheatre in Soweto on January 29. The meeting starts at 9am.

# Boya refutes merger reports

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THE president of the United Municipalities of South Africa, Mr Tom Boya, yesterday strongly refuted reports that the establishment of the Black Forum was aimed to merge his organisation with the United Councils Associations of South Africa.

In a statement to the Sowetan, Mr Boya said the main objective of establishing the forum was to close ranks and achieve unity among blacks so as to broaden the base of black leadership.

He said: "This forum should also include leaders who will be interested in a peaceful settlement to sit around a negotiating table."

He was reacting to reports that the establishment of the forum could be seen as merging the two bodies representing blacks in South Africa.

Mr Boya has completely ruled out the possibility of the two bodies coming together to form one organisation as this stage due to the difference in policy and approach, although the objective was similar.

He added that the exercise which the two bodies were presently engaged in should be seen as a "positive step" towards achieving a mutual goal of improvement of the quality of life in the black communities in urban

areas. (2/3)

He has welcomed the idea of engaging in more "talks about talks", which South African blacks should not view as an outright way of "selling their rights in whatever constitutional dispensation."

He said from speculation it would appear as though Umsa had moved away from its preconditions of taking part in talks with the acting President, Mr Chris Heunis, and establishing of joint black leadership forum.

"This should not be interpreted as a point of departure from its (Umsa's) initial principles and abandoning its conditions," he said.



# More support for expose of town council

THE Atteridgeville/  
Saulsville Residents  
Organisation has come  
out in support of the  
members of the Transvaal  
Association for Employ-  
ees of Black Local  
Authorities for exposing  
irregularities allegedly  
existing in the Atteridge-  
ville town council.

In a statement released  
in Pretoria yesterday,  
Asro said: "In connec-  
tion with the current rent  
furore, amid allegations  
of corruption levelled  
against the Atteridgeville  
Town Council and in  
particular Mr. Solly  
Ramalla, the town clerk,  
we salute the workers in  
Taebela for having  
exposed the irregularities

By ALINAH DUBE

taking place within the  
council for all the  
residents to see.

Our suspicions about  
funds and mismanage-  
ment and the behaviour  
of Mr. Ramalla as a  
director have now been  
confirmekd. We support  
Taebela's call for the  
suspension of the town  
clerk pending the  
findings of the proposed  
commission of inquiry.

The organisation  
added that while  
awaiting word from its  
lawyers, its members  
were monitoring the  
situation very closely in  
the township.

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# Rebels hit out at mayor

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**SOWETAN Reporter**

A GROUP of rebel Lekoa town councillors said Lekoa Mayor Mr S M Kodisang had no right to expel them from the Vaal Peoples Representative Party and countered his allegations of corruption.

Newly-elected chairman of the executive committee of the council Mr McDonald Njuze said the mayor had acted in a dictatorial fashion. He said that at least 29 councillors supported the rebels position while only 12 supported that of the mayor.

The other rebel councillors are Mr E Mthimkulu, Mr A Kharoli, Mr J Melwa, Mr M Mkhawane, Mr J Selebalo, Mr J Phakati, Mr E Nneko, Mr D Nasenga, Ms B Sifumba, Mr J Ntshingila, Ms Phosisi and Mr D Selempe.

Mayor Mr Kodisang charged that the group had turned their backs on him after using the party's name to get elected, were not prepared to solve the rent boycott and were only interested in acquiring businesses for themselves.

Mr Njuze said the rebel group had originally followed Mr Kodisang "as an old man in the game until we realised he had led us astray". He said the rebel councillors were entitled to use council vehicles and firearms for their protection, and, instead, said Mr Kodisang had given cars and firearms to people who did not even work for the

He said the mayor did not appear to be serious about investigating alleged corruption under the previous council headed by Mayor M-E Mahlatsi, denying that the rebels were in cahoots with, or had any contact with the previous mayor.

Mr Njuze said the mayor had at public meetings in Sharpeville earlier this month incited members of the public to kill certain councillors and said he (Mr Njuze) feared that events could get out of control in the Vaal Triangle.

The rebels called for a public meeting at Mphatlalatsane Hall, Sebokeng, tonight at 6pm "to sort out differences among the community and to address the rent boycott". Members of the public and ward committees were invited, said Mr Njuze.



## HOME IMPROVEMENTS

# Distinctive houses

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The prices of the houses which include the land vary from R62 120 for an 87m<sup>2</sup> house to R73 310 for a 108m<sup>2</sup> house with two bathrooms.

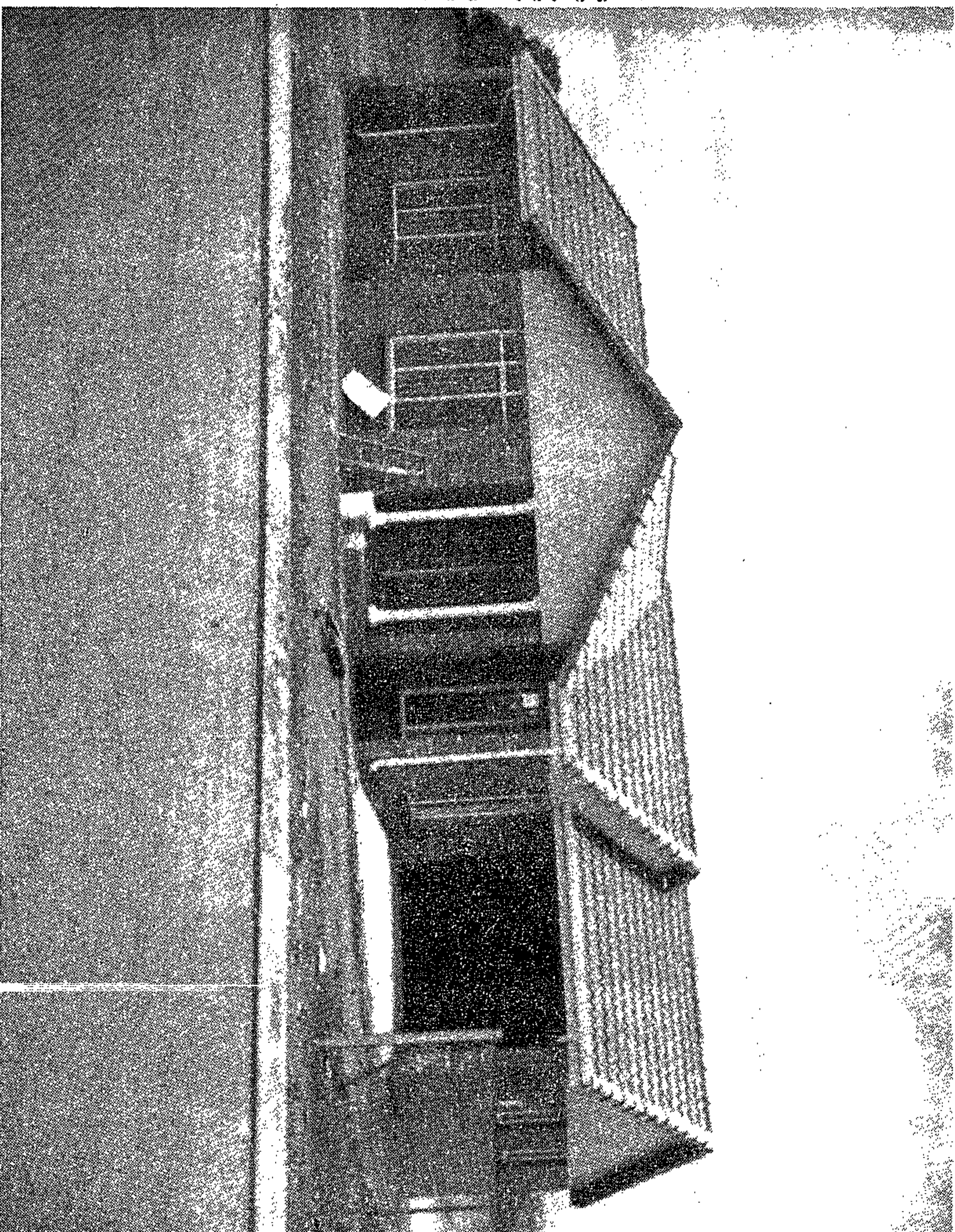
The houses were designed by the Corporation's appointed designers, namely Messrs Design Centre and the finish such as good quality carpeting, coloured sanitaryware, four plate stove and an above average all-round finish to the houses ensures a very fair deal for a prospective buyer.

Supervision of the construction of our houses is done by a qualified Clerk of Works appointed by the Corporation. A detailed geological survey of the soil was done at the outset of the project and all foundations of the houses are examined and tested by a civil engineer appointed by the Corporation.

We can thus say that in our efforts to give our buyers a square deal in this very important and most probably, largest investment they will be making in their lives, we have done our homework well. As a result of our association with the SA Perm Building Society, we have an excellent back-up service as far as the housing loan is concerned. Arrangements have been made for our purchasers, whereby the Perm will consider 90% loans subject to certain requirements such as affordability and salary stop orders.

The loans are granted in record time and buyers are encouraged to take occupation of the houses as soon as possible. The Corporation allows a two-month free of occupation interest period which is a great help to buyers who are usually faced with expenditures such as new curtains etc. when moving into a new home.

In addition to this the Development Corporation advances the cost of water and electricity deposits, amounting to R120 which ensures that the purchaser has electricity and water connected to the house on the day he moves in.





# BUILDING Prestige homes

**T**HE South African Permanent Development Corporation, a subsidiary company of the SA Perm Building Society, was established 18 years ago.

Devco as we are more commonly known is now solidly positioned in the black housing field and its developments form quality home showpieces within black communities. Indeed, our homes are so eye-catching that the question is sometimes asked: Would it not be more appropriate to seek more modest housing solutions for our black communities? For instance, would not blocks of flats be the answer?

Our homes are lone-standing surrounded by tidy gardens, are architecturally pleasing, and distinctive. In other words, we don't group homes of the same design together. Our designs will usually make provision for later additions.

These homes look like prestige homes — yes prestige is not the reason for building units of this type. It is worth mentioning, before we list some of the considerations which prompted Devco to take this route, that this type of home is readily marketable, with proven appeal for Black A-B income groups.

High density housing solutions are sometimes suggested, but Devco believes those proposing this type of development at this stage do not pay sufficient attention to psychological and historical factors. Only a few years ago, the urban black family had no choice in the type of home it thought appropriate. Black families lived in little boxes, each unit exactly the same as the one next door, and usually lined up in uniform rows.

Just positioning a house on a stand in such a way that it is out of alignment with its neighbours is an advantage. Making that home distinctive, different, is yet another advantage. It is a form of expression, a statement that the owners have broken free of the constraints of the past.

These emotional factors have to be given due weight by any developer looking at the black market.

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are attuned to the need for "expression" found within the black community.

### **Traditional society**

In a traditional society one values possessions and associations longer. The traditional society will also keep objects and homes longer. The break with a home will be more difficult for somebody with strong rural traditions than for the urbanised dweller. Blacks are still adapting to this situation.

Therefore, rather than move to a new, larger home when his family grows, the black head of household would usually prefer to stay put and extend the home. For this reason, Devco's homes for the black sector are designed to be easily extended. Devco is not smug about its black housing success. The policy sketched out in rough terms above has worked well. However, markets and circumstances change and no doubt the corporation will introduce refinements to the established pattern. However, a massive change of direction in favour of high density housing in black communities is not foreseen in the immediate future.

When hostel living and the ordered, box-like parameters of the past are just dim memories, and the acceptability of moving to flat dwellings is well established when moving into high density developments in black communities then a change will be indicated. However, that state has not yet been reached.

Devco is proud of its developments in townships such as Protea North, Jabulani, Sebokeng, Emkatini, Mamelodi Gardens, Soshanguve, Botshabelo (Bloemfontein) and Bohlakong (Bethlehem).

Two years ago the Corporation purchased 150 ha farmland bordering the township of Vosloorus. This tract of land will eventually provide 2000 residential stands varying in size from 300 to 600 m<sup>2</sup> with school sites, church sites and parks and the services (tar roads, electrification, water and sewerage).

The development will be done in three phases and all services for Phase One consisting of 371 residential stands have been completed. The first building contract of 18 houses awarded to Howal Homes (Pty) Ltd was completed on December 14, 1988. The first building completed on December 14, 1988. The houses vary in size from 87m<sup>2</sup> to 110m<sup>2</sup> on stands of 379m<sup>2</sup> to 500m<sup>2</sup>. All houses have three bedrooms, lounge, diningroom, kitchen, bathroom, separate toilet and garage and two of the 18 houses have main en suite bathrooms.



MAYOR of Daveyton . . . Mr Shadrack Sinaba.

## VOW TO ATTEND TO PETITION

*Southw*  
*24/1/89* By ALI MPHAKI *343*

THE Daveyton Mayor, Mr Shadrack Sinaba, has promised to attend urgently to a petition signed by residents in protest against rent increases in the area.

The petition, signed by 6 000 residents was delivered to Mr Sinaba at a mass meeting on Sunday.

According to a spokesman for the Daveyton Civic Association (DCA), which is responsible for the petition, the protest was to highlight residents' feelings about the 25 percent rent increases that became effective from January 1.

### Afford

The petition, among others, reads that many of the residents are unemployed, sickly and pensioners, hence the increases are beyond their means. It also states that the undersigned cannot afford to pay high rent for services which are not fully rendered.

"Our township is a health hazard. The services are very poor. Refuse is never removed and the toilets and sewers are always blocked," the petition reads.

Mr Sinaba said he was going to investigate all the grievances and then report back to the community.

### Cautioned

He however cautioned that most of the grievances cannot be resolved overnight and can only be attended to in stages.

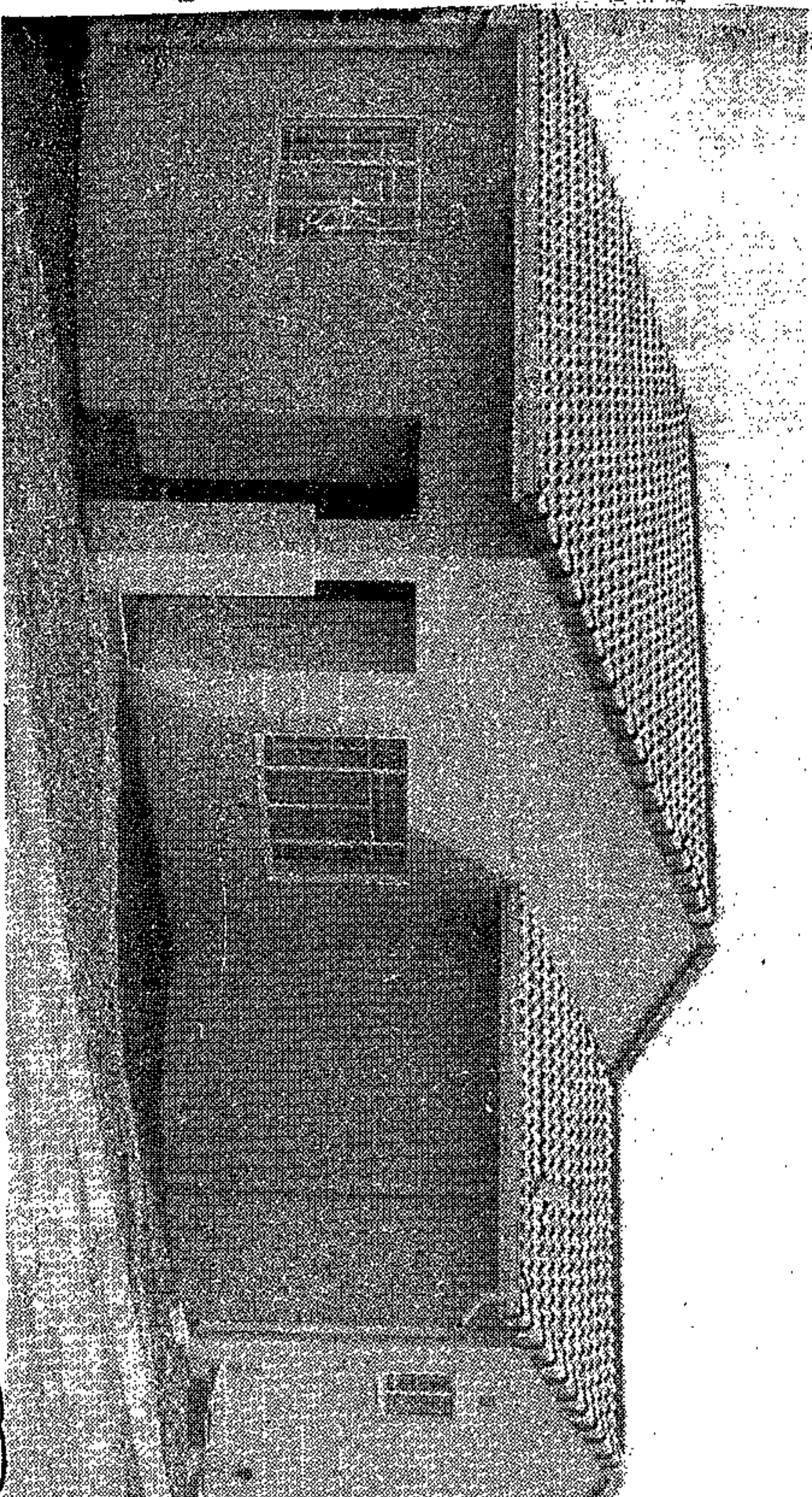
Meanwhile, Mr Sinaba has indicated that there will be "fireworks" at the Daveyton Town Council monthly meeting today. He said some of the councillors, including former mayor, Mr Tom Boya, did not attend the mass meeting he called on Sunday because they feared for their lives.

"I am going to call them cowards," he said.



## HOME IMPROVEMENTS

# Building project sells



ONE of the houses built by LTA Homes in Atteridgeville near Pretoria.

## East, west home is best

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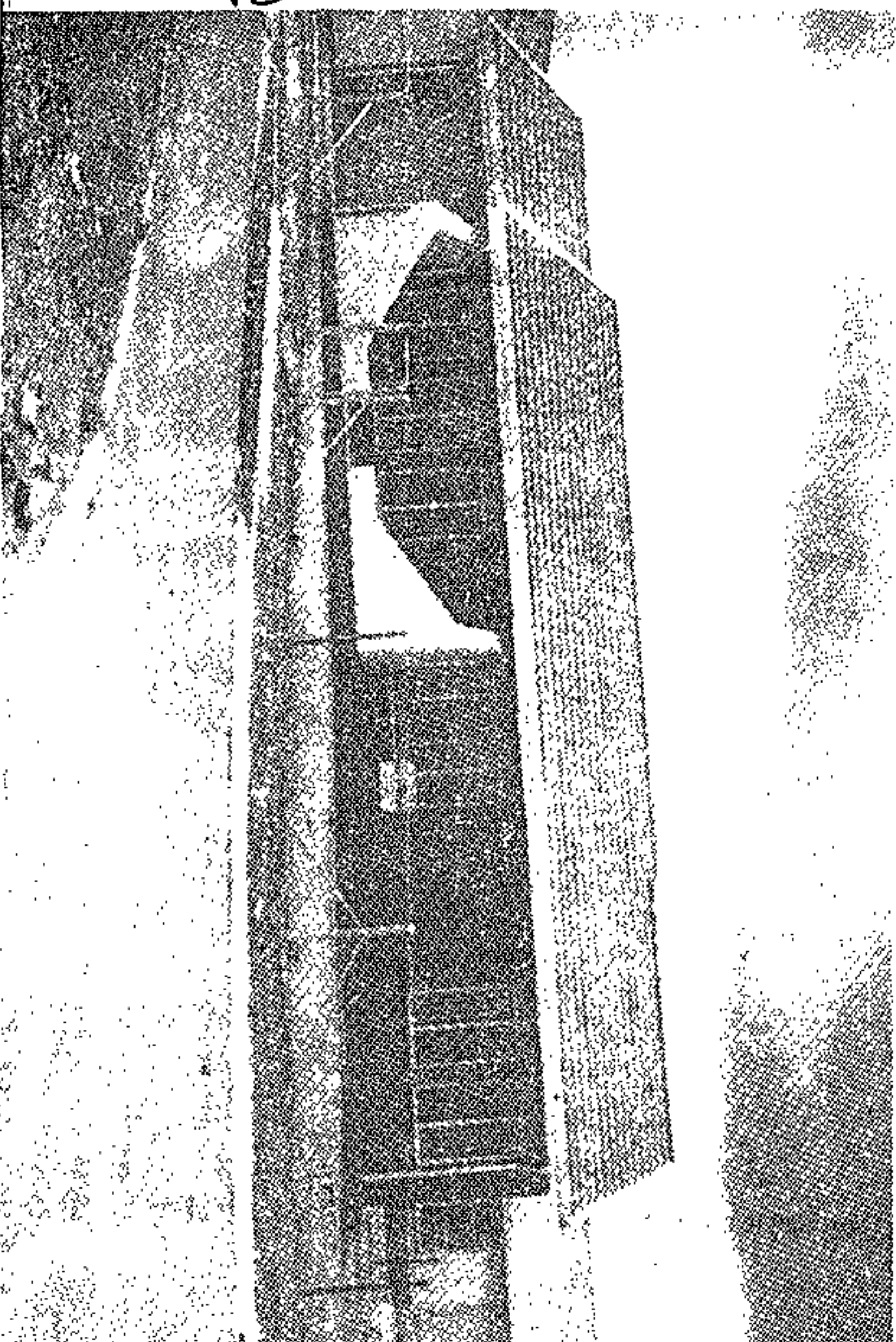
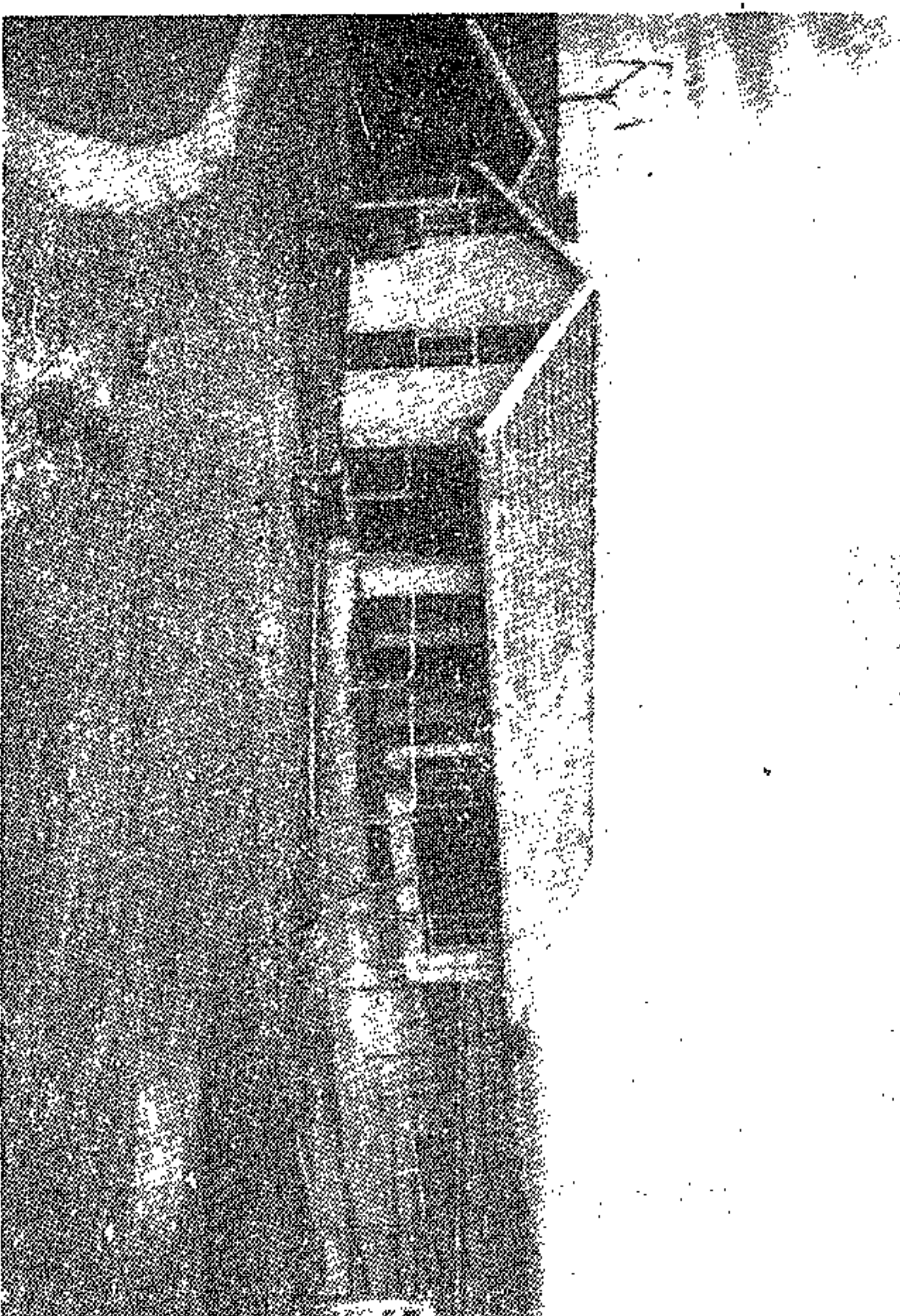
THE first phase of the R12-million housing project undertaken by LTA Comiat Homes in Atteridgeville near Pretoria has been completed and 118 houses have already been sold.

According to the deputy managing director of LTA Comiat Homes, Mr Tony Westbrook, said local residents will receive first preference in buying the houses. The average stand size is about 216 square metres

and prices range from R40 000 to R60 000 including the cost of land. Buyers have an option to choose from eight designs with two, three or four bedrooms. The prices quoted include

additional features among them carpeting, built-in cupboards, tiling and kitchen fittings. The second phase of about 120 houses could be completed by the end of the year.

ABOVE and below: Model modern houses where to live in comfort.





# Court told of shooting

ONE of the alleged killers of Mr David Nkomo, a Sofasonke Party member, told a Johannesburg magistrate that another man, named as a suspect in the murder trial, told his co-accused that "I have removed him," as they drove away from a house where he heard a shot being fired.

The man, Mr Musa Njoko (25), also said that the suspect, named only as Ntseleni, later warned him that he would kill him if he revealed his identity as the killer.

Mr Njoko appeared with Mr Patrick Ndaba,

By SONTI-MASEKO

the former deputy Mayor of Soweto and Mr Patrick Mfeka before Mr P H Bredenkamp at the Johannesburg Magistrates Courts yesterday.

## Suspect

They are charged with the murder of Mr David Nkomo, who was a candidate in the October elections last year. Mr Nkomo was gunned down at his Tshiawelo Extension home on August 27, allegedly by two gunmen.

Mr Njoko pleaded not guilty to murder and insisted that he did not need a legal representative. "I know nothing about the crime," he said.

When the magistrate explained to him that he was facing a capital offence and the State might appoint a pro-deo defence to assist him, he replied that he did not need one because he was innocent.

"I will tell everything that I saw to the court," he said.

In his confession to the court, where he disclosed

the basis of his defence, he said he was fetched by Ntseleni and Mr Mfeka from Diepkloof hostel where he lives on August 27 last year.

He said they drove to Tshiawelo where at some

point, Ntseleni, whom he said he knew well, ordered him to accompany him on foot to a house in Tshiawelo, where he said he was to collect money for a car engine.



# Councillors force Soweto's town clerk to resign

By Stan Hlophe

Soweto City Council yesterday dropped a bombshell when it forced town clerk Mr Nico Malan to resign with effect from last month.

Mr Malan has been working for the council since 1979 when he was seconded from the then West Rand Administration Board as the council's chief executive officer.

In December Mr Malan resigned his post but after an "amicable" agreement had been reached, he later withdrew it.

But at yesterday's meeting the council — controlled by the majority Sefasonke Party — said that as Mr Malan had not done so in writing, his resignation should be accepted.

The decision was unanimous.

Mr Malan, who was in the council chamber when the decision was taken, did not return to the chamber after a break in the meeting. He was unavailable for comment and attempts by The Star to reach him last night were unsuccessful.

Until the post could be advertised, Mr Malan would stay on as acting town clerk if he accepted the post, mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi told a press conference after the meeting. If he turned down the offer it would be offered to deputy city secretary Mr S van Rensburg.

Mr Malan would be free to apply for the post and if he did so his application would be considered, Mr Mkhwanazi said.

The mayor yesterday said the

council had not accepted the withdrawal of Mr Malan's resignation because he had merely informed the executive committee during its meeting last year instead of following it up in writing at the full council meeting. "As far as the council is concerned Mr Malan's resignation still stands."

In December Mr Malan and city secretary Mr L S Geldenhuys stormed out of a special meeting after serious accusations were made against them. Mr Malan tendered his resignation but withdrew it after the differences were resolved.

In a surprise move yesterday, finance committee chairman Mr M Mazibuko moved a motion that Mr Malan's services be terminated from December 6, the day he submitted his resignation.

## Experienced man

He said the council could not accept Mr Malan's oral withdrawal of his resignation.

All pension monies due to him would be paid out and thereafter he would be paid on a *pro rata* basis, he said.

Mr Edward Kunene, an independent, opposed the motion. He said he did not condone Mr Malan's actions, but asked the council to consider the implications of such drastic action.

"What will happen to the council if Mr Malan goes? We can just as well kiss the council

goodbye," Mr Kunene said.

"We cannot afford to lose such a strong and experienced man as Mr Malan."

Mr Mkhwanazi then intervened when it appeared the meeting was getting out of control and adjourned the meeting for 15 minutes to give the council time to deliberate the issue behind closed doors.

After the adjournment the mayor issued a statement that the council had resolved to accept Mr Malan's resignation with effect from December 31.

Mr Malan took a month's leave in December and returned on January 9. But after the December meeting, Mr Mkhwanazi said the matter was far from over; it was shelved only for the first council meeting of this year when all the councillors would be available and Mr Malan was back from leave.

When Mr Mkhwanazi was asked whether the council had accepted the withdrawal of the resignation, he said Mr Malan had never submitted it in writing.

Asked whether the resignation had been accepted in principle, he replied it had been accepted by an executive meeting and not the full council. He said the motion had been moved by Mr Mazibuko in terms of Standard Section 60 of the Black Local Authorities Act, which empowered the council to move any motion deemed crucial.

However it is an open secret that Mr Malan and other officials did not see eye to eye.

...we do not know the ... obviously call for proper and objective deliberation".

Soweto hot seat in contention

# People dance after decision on town clerk

PEOPLE sang and danced in the grounds of the Soweto Civic Centre after the new council's decision not to reinstate Nico Malan as town clerk.

A full council meeting had earlier discussed a motion that Malan's offer to withdraw a resignation he had submitted in December be rejected.

Soweto mayor Sam Mkhwanazi said in an interview afterwards Malan could continue on a temporary basis until his post was advertised.

Malan resigned on December 6 after a council meeting discussed a motion containing allegations against him and the previous council. But he later offered to withdraw the resignation.

When a motion calling for the rejection of Malan's offer to withdraw his resignation came up at yesterday's meeting, veteran councillor Edward Kunene made an impassioned appeal for the retention of the town clerk.

THEO RAWANA

"We must be careful and consider the facts. If Malan goes it may mean the demise of this council. Who is going to lead us? We need dedicated men like him," said Kunene.

With the packed public gallery becoming restless, Mkhwanazi said the matter was confidential and should be discussed behind closed doors.

## Decided

As the public gallery was being cleared of people, one youth unfurled a banner reading: "The Struggle Continues."

After about 45 minutes an announcement was made that the council had decided that Malan should not be taken back.

People sang and danced in the council grounds with some saying: "It's the best move the new council has made. Soweto is finally rid of Malan."



# Malan on way out

THE Soweto City Council yesterday accepted the resignation of town clerk, Mr Nico Malan's, submitted late last year and later rescinded.

The motion to accept Mr Malan's resignation was moved during the council's first meeting for the year and was followed by chanting and ulula-

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By **MOJALEFA MOSEKI**

tion from scores of Sofasonke Party supporters in the gallery. The meeting was immediately cleared of the public and the council went into closed session.

Addressing a Press conference at the end of the meeting Mr Sam

Mkhwanazi, the mayor, said Mr Malan had been offered the chance to remain as acting town clerk while the post was advertised.

"We have also invited Mr Malan to re-apply for the post if he so wished," Mr Mkhwanazi said.

Mr Mkhwanazi also said the deputy town

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# Nico going

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secretary of the council, Mr S van Rensburg, a former town clerk with the smaller Diepmeadow council would be appointed acting town clerk in the case of Mr Malan declining the offer to act as a town clerk.

Mr Mkhwanazi said: "We are not firing Malan but accepting his resignation letter handed to us on December 6 last year. When he said he had rescinded his resignation I told him that the decision on his resignation still had to be taken by a full council

when we re-opened this year. He then went on leave as it was due."

Mr Mkhwanazi, who was in the company of the deputy mayor and chairman of the management committee, said Mr Malan's initial resignation was prompted by questions during the first monthly council meeting on December 6 after the Sofasonke councillors had won the majority seats in the council.

Mr Malan could not be reached for comment yesterday. He had left the council meeting while in session.

# 13 councillors protest sacking

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**THIRTEEN** Lekoa town councillors expelled from the Vaal Peoples Representative Party by Mayor Mr S M Kolisang have challenged his right to do so and accused him of corruption.

The councillors are Mr E. Mthimkulu, Mr A Kharoli, Mr J Melwa, Mr M Mkhawane, Mr J Selebalo, Mr J Phakati, Mr E Nneko, Mr D Nasenga, Ms B Sifumba, Mr J Ntshingila, Mr M Njuze, Ms Phosisi and Mr D Selempe.

The 13 questioned Mr Kolisang's accusations earlier this week that they had turned their backs on him as leader of the VPRP and his claims that they were only interested in acquiring businesses for themselves.

A spokesman for the group, Mr McDonald Njuze, said they were entitled to use council cars and firearms for their protection. He said Mr Kolisang had given use of council cars and firearms to people who were not even employed by the council.

He said Mr Kolisang had tried to incite the people of the Vaal Triangle against his group and (Mr Kolisang) had said "certain

councillors should be killed."

The group claimed to have the support of 29 out of 44 councillors and said Mr Kolisang acted in a dictatorial way by expelling them.

Mr Njuze expressed concern about the authorities' ability to control public order in the light of Mr Kolisang's statements: "The Vaal Triangle is a volatile place."



# Council holds special session

By ALI MPHAKI

THE Daveyton Town Council yesterday held a special session to discuss why the mayor, Mr Shadrack Sinaba, called a mass meeting without the consent of other councillors on Sunday. *Sowetan 27/1/89*

According to a highly placed source in the council, the mayor was also called upon to explain why he referred to other councillors as "cowards" in a report which was published in the *Sowetan* yesterday.

## Council official owns a share

AN official in the Council is a shareholder in a business that allegedly operated illegally without paying rent during the past three months resulting in arrears totalling R20 000.

An investigation by the *Sowetan* revealed that the business was leased to a former council employee who started operating from October 1 last year. And in terms of the tender document, an agreement with the council was supposed to have been signed within 30 days and an amount of R5 000 was due and payable in advance on occupation of the business premises. Rent was fixed at R5 000 a month.

### Last week

The *Sowetan* yesterday established that the agreement with the council was only signed last week and that the business had been operating since October last year without rent being paid.

The mayor, Mr Velaphi Mathebula said yesterday rent had not been paid because the rent account of the business was not opened and the agreement had not been signed. "It was only signed last week", said Mr Mathebula who also confirmed that a senior council official was involved in the business.

### Trading

The mayor added that the council was investigating claims that the business had been trading for the past three months without rent being paid.

"I did not know they were trading before the agreement was signed last week. If they did, then it was illegal," said Mr Mathebula.

He also conceded that it was unlawful to sign the agreement after three months instead of the stipulated 30 days.

### Union

A spokesman for the council workers' trade union, Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authority (Taebla), yesterday said they had written a letter to the council urging them to rescind last week's decision by a senior council official stopping advanced salaries to employees.

The workers also resolved after a meeting held on Friday to ask the council to react to their call for the resignation of the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala.

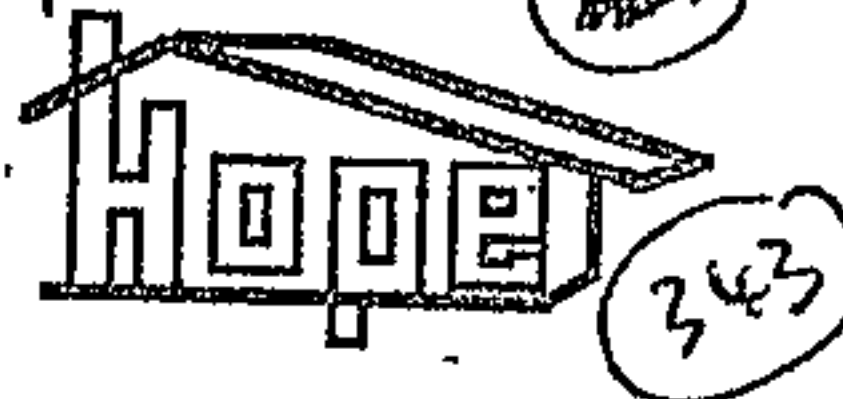
"We are giving the council seven days to reply, failing which we will take effective action," a spokesman for Taebla said.



# Low cost housing project is boosted

By Abel Mabelane

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The Department of Manpower, through the Apex Group Training Centre in Benoni, is to help with the construction of low cost housing for blacks on the East Rand.

A spokesman for the centre, Mr Gerhard Sommer, said that his institution would provide labour free of charge to residents who had their own building materials.

"In this way, many residents of the black towns who could not afford to build their own houses because of the high cost of labour will get houses cheaper," Mr Sommer said.

He said the builders would be recruited and trained in their own areas.

Mr Sommer said the building project had started in Daveyton, but progress was slow as some

residents did not have enough building materials.

The building in Daveyton followed a request by the town clerk, Mr D J Joubert.

In his appeal to the centre, Mr Joubert said he was submitting names of 23 occupants of stands in Daveyton who were unable to build their own houses and were destined to live in shacks permanently.

Mr Joubert said that should the centre regard the list as a feasible project and complete it with success, the council would be prepared to embark on bigger projects.

# Why council rejected offer

THEO RAWANA

THE new Soweto City Council's ousting of Nico Malan from the top post of town clerk followed accusations that he often acted unilaterally rather than as an employee, council sources said at the weekend.

A full meeting of the council decided last week that Malan's offer to withdraw his resignation tendered after a meeting on December 6 should be rejected.

Feelings among councillors were that Malan, as town clerk, made decisions and at times dealt directly with the TPA, by-passing the council on such areas as employment of advisers and specialists in certain departments and awarding contracts for projects.

Sources said Malan stormed out of a meeting on December 6 after councillors questioned him.

Malan could not be reached for comment despite repeated attempts.



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## Flat services rate envisaged

# Soweto plan to abolish home rents

By Stan Hlophle

The Soweto City Council has launched a bold bid to abolish rent and introduce a flat rate for service charges, Mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi announced yesterday.

He said the council had approached Eskom, which will now consult a committee of community leaders to find a flat rate for the service charges.

Mr Mkhwanazi was speaking to a crowd of more than 20 000 Sofasonke supporters and Soweto residents at the Jabulani Amphitheatre in Soweto.

He said most had already been paid for, and implied that rent should not be levied, and the massive backlog written off.

The public meeting, attended by Mr E B Tshabalala, president of Sofasonke, was to report back to residents after a series of discussions the council has had with community leaders, educationists, churchmen, youth leaders and businessmen.

### Cheering crowd

The mayor told the cheering crowd that Eskom and the committee — which comprises Dr Nthato Motlana, Mr George Negota, an executive member of Black Management Forum, Mr Richard Maponya, Soweto businessmen, and two council executive members — has been given till March to complete its investigations.

If the committee's findings are accepted, the mayor said the council would call another public meeting to advise residents what rates to pay for service charges.

However, if the findings were rejected, the council would advise residents to pay a flat rate, which would be levied according to the size and age of buildings.

"For instance, those owning newly-built houses would pay more than those who have been living in houses for more than 35 years."

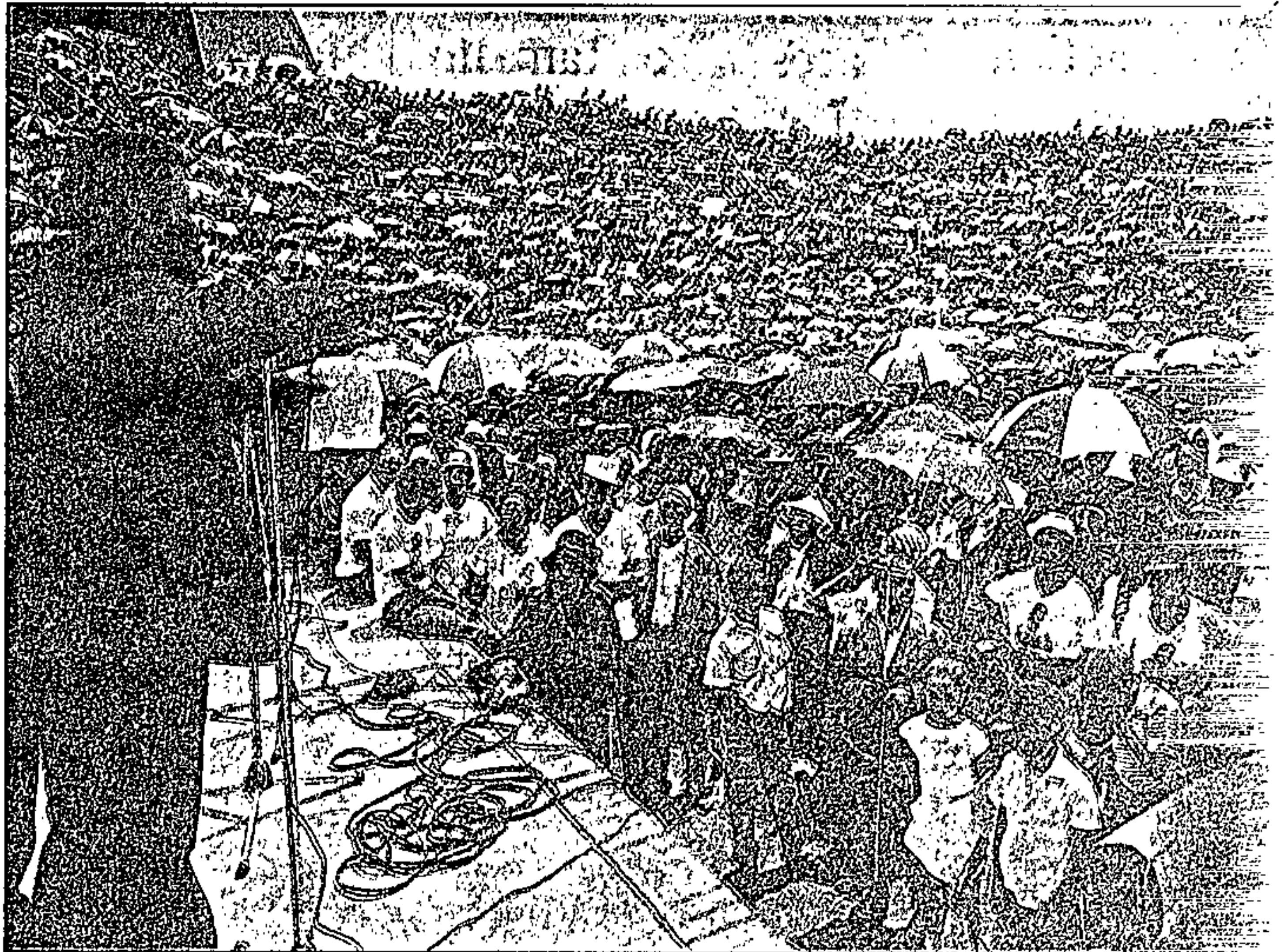
### Blueprint to PW

Mr Mkhwanazi said he had also sent his blueprint to President Botha. And he had asked to meet the President.

"My discussion with all community leaders and educationists have been fruitful, and I am optimistic that soon you will hear the results."

"With your support, I am positive I will realise my dreams and objectives. The present council is here to eradicate a lot of corruption which was practised by the former council and its officials. With the Sofasonke passport, we took control of the majority of the seats and we will worry the Government a great deal for the rights of our people."

He slammed the critics of Sofasonke. "If we are puppets, such a large number of people would not be here today, and many of you would have been kicked out of your homes long ago."



Soweto's Mayor, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, addresses a crowd of more than 20 000 people at his report-back meeting at the Jabulani Amphitheatre yesterday.

Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

## Police still probing Asvat's killing

By Craig Kotze, Crime Reporter

Star 30/1/89

No single, clear-cut motive for the murder last week of Azanian People's Organisation (AZAPO) health secretary Dr Abubaker Asvat has yet emerged, a police spokesman said yesterday.

Soweto police spokesman Major Noel Hartwell said Dr Asvat's killing was being "fully investigated".

All possibilities were being probed but the motive — whether assassination or robbery — was not yet known, said Major Hartwell.

Dr Asvat was shot dead at his Rockville surgery by an unidentified gunman who masqueraded as a patient on Friday afternoon. A second man was with the killer.

No arrests had yet been made, said Major Hartwell.

Mrs Albertina Sisulu, wife of jailed ANC leader Walter Sisulu, was present at the time of the killing. She was Dr Asvat's nurse.

Dr Asvat, who was last year nominated as a "Star of the Community" by The Star was shot in the heart at point-blank range.

He survived two earlier attempts on his life. Last year a gunman wanted to kill him after calling Dr Asvat a "political troublemaker" but fled when a patient entered. About two years ago a knifeman threatened to murder him.

His funeral took place in Lenasia's Avalon Cemetery on Saturday. He is survived by his wife Zohra and two sons, Sulaiman and Aker, and a daughter, hasina.

Dr Asvat was also president of the People's Education Committee, a former president of the Transvaal Cricket Board and was last year's recipient of the Indicator Human Rights Award.

A crowd of about 5 000 people attending Dr Asvat's burial became "aggressive" towards policemen in plainclothes who attended the ceremony. Major Hartwell said the policemen withdrew "for their own safety and to avoid any further incidents".

## Limpet mine det in controlled exp

DURBAN — No arrests have connection with the mine sub-station in Glenwood, Durban night and the finding of two mines last week.

On Saturday night, a police plastic bag containing a mine electricity transformer near station in Ridge Road.

Bomb experts were called was detonated in the middle of controlled explosion after residents by flats were asked to evacuate and open their windows. "The blocks of flats were shattered."

This was the second controlled done by the police in three days, soon after the blast at a Glenwood, police found a mine and had to detonate it on...

## Hundreds sleep on Bara's floor as beds stay empty

By Pat Devereaux

Each night last week about 325 patients at Baragwanath Hospital slept on the floor. Less than 20 km away there were more than 1 000 empty beds.

Explanations by the executive director of Transvaal Hospital Services, Dr Hennie van Wyk, on why vacant beds at Johannesburg Hospital cannot be used to accommodate the patient overflow have been criticised.

Last week, responding to a report released on conditions at Baragwanath, Dr van Wyk said Johannesburg Hospital was an institution intended for highly specialised treatment and could not accept the normal flow of admissions.

There were 300 vacant beds at other hospitals which were better situated to cope with the Baragwanath overflow. He added: "These cannot be utilised because of funds and personnel."

But the PFP spokesman for health, Dr Marius Barnard, said: "It is the Government's duty to provide adequate health services for its people. The Government wastes millions on security walls for Ministers' houses, but will not spend money on the only full service hospital for Soweto."

"They seem especially reluctant to improve facilities for those who are not white."

On the recent announcement that the TPA had drawn up plans and set aside funds for a new hospital for Soweto, Dr Barnard said: "We have heard about this for the past 10 years."

He advocated that the medical profession should take positive action.

Dr Nthato Motlana, chairman of the Get Ahead Foundation, said: "I have no doubt that beds could be found for these patients. The South Rand Hospital bordering Soweto is only 50 per cent full. This Government is so wasteful with its duplication of facilities."

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# Soweto rent solution is 3 months away

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SOWETO residents have to wait for three months for the solution to end the rent boycott that was promised by the Sofasonke Party during the by-elections.

The announcement was made by the Mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi at the Sofasonke general meeting held in Soweto yesterday. The meeting was attended by over four thousand members from as far as the Vaal Triangle.

"The blueprint to burst the rent boycott has been sent to the relevant bodies including Escom," said Mr Mkhwanazi. "We have been told to wait until April while they test the workability of our plan."

## Unemployment

"On taking office Sofasonke promised its members and the residents of Soweto to find a solution to the rent boycott, its causes and to overcome day to day problems like unemployment," he told the meeting.

"We are currently negotiating for an affordable rent and tariff payments. It is also our duty to increase job opportunities for our communities to allow for the payment of tariffs."



# Malan cuts links with Soweto council

By Stan Hlophe

Soweto's town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, yesterday broke his silence and said he had formally severed ties with the council he had served for the past 10 years.

Mr Malan (49), in an interview with The Star, said he had told the council's executive committee of his decision to leave.

He said he had had two employment offers from the private sector.

He said he would take a short break before deciding which one to accept.

"I also have my own plans in the pipeline. Hence I need at least a week to consider both offers."

On the council's policy to face the rent boycott head-on and introduce flat rates for service charges, he said he was 100 percent behind the move as he saw it as a step in the right direction.

"In my humble opinion the approach is a positive one. As long as there is consultation with the community backed by a team effort the major problems faced by the council at the moment would be solved.

"I believe that each and every problem created by man will be solved by man. I will be looking at the progress of Soweto with great interest and I see a bright future as long as people work together," Mr Malan said.

On the 1985-86 township riots which saw the former councillors fleeing their homes and taking refuge at Power Park, he said it was an "unfortunate and unnecessary incident".



Mr Nico Malan.

There were means of addressing grievances other than resorting to violence. He said he hoped history would not repeat itself now that the present council had adopted an approach of consultation.

On the rent boycott, now on its third year, which cost the council a R167-million deficit, Mr Malan said the council had found itself unable to render essential services.

Municipal services had to be paid for so that the council could meet its debts.

On the workers' three-month strike last year, which culminated in the dismissal of 2 500 workers, he said it was unfortunate that a solution could not be found after a breakdown of communication.

He attributed the deadlock to the union's rejection of the council's offer and said that had the union accepted the council's offer an agreement would have been reached.

The outgoing town clerk's decision to leave the council comes in the wake of a controversy which saw him and Soweto's secretary, Mr L S Geldenhuys, storming out of a special meeting in December last year after being accused of maladministration.

Mr Malan then tendered his resignation effective from December 31 but later withdrew it after the matter was "amicably" resolved.

But the council last week resolved to accept the resignation.

Mr Malan was given an option of remaining as an acting town clerk, and later to re-apply when the position has been advertised.

He said he had decided to turn down the council's offer in the interests of everyone and in view of the latest developments.

He said he had no ill-feelings towards the council and he would be available to assist in an advisory capacity from time to time.

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## MEC praises Soweto <sup>343</sup> for tackling rent problem

Staff Reporter

The Soweto City Council was to be commended for tackling the rent problem, although the proposed abolition of rent would have to be explored before the idea could be judged feasible, said Mr John Mavusa, MEC for housing and community services.

Mr Mavusa was reacting to Soweto mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi's weekend announcement that the council had launched a bid to abolish rents and introduce a flat rate for service charges.

He said at this stage it was not possible to say whether a flat service charge would generate enough money to keep Soweto operating. A committee of prominent community leaders had till March to complete their investigations into the matter.

### FEASIBLE

Mr Mavusa said all possibilities would have to be explored and this would reveal whether the idea was feasible. He hoped they would be able to come up with a simple rent system which people would understand.

It would be impossible to say whether the rent backlog would be written off as this was made up by a number of components including electricity, water, site rent and rent.

He said in the past there had been no distinction between people renting houses and paying site rents, a problem which the mayor's proposition might solve.

"The council has undertaken a massive task which should have been done long ago and they need support," said Mr Mavusa.



# COUNCIL MAN ON

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Sowetan 2/2/87

AN ATTERIDGEVILLE city councillor, Victor Zobani, spent more than R1 000 of council funds on petrol during his illegal use of a council vehicle three weeks ago, the *Sowetan* established yesterday.

The council, at a confidential meeting held on Tuesday evening, gave Mr Zobani a day to explain why he unlawfully used the vehicle for the week without their consent.

The council also gave the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala, 24 hours to explain the recent development of a business complex by an Indian trader in the township. The council claims that it never took a resolution on the matter. Mr Rammala has been asked by the council to produce that resolution.

The mayor, Mr Velaphi Mathebula, yesterday confirmed that Mr Zobani had recently used the council vehicle for about a week and travelled more than 1 000 km without the consent of the council. Mr

BY MONK  
NKOMO

## THE CARPET

Zobani is also alleged to have used a municipal police sergeant, Mr Joel Kobe, as his chauffeur.

Mr Kobe, according to the mayor, has since been demoted by a senior council official for his part in the unlawful usage of the vehicle — a move that has sparked off protest from council workers who claim that Mr Kobe was only following instructions and that his demotion was a hasty decision which should be immediately rescinded.

Mr Mathebula said the council resolved that Mr Zobani be given at least a day "to put his case before the council and explain in writing why he used the council vehicle for a week without our permission." He added: "The council is not going to allow anybody to misuse the residents' money. Disciplinary action is going to be taken if his explanation does not hold water."

Mr Mathebula said the council was also going to discuss the "hasty demotion" of Mr Kobe immediately after receipt of Mr Zobani's written explanation. An investigation by the *Sowetan* has revealed that Mr Zobani had travelled more than 1 598 km with the vehicle and that more than R1 000 of council funds was used for petrol.

Mr Mathebula confirmed that R1 000 "of the residents' money" was allegedly misused. The latest alleged scandal comes amid a call for the resignation of Mr Rammala and the council's request to the government to conduct an inquiry.

# Council gives civic lectures

THE Council for Black Education and Research's first series of lectures starts at Soweto's Funda Centre on Saturday until March 25.

The theme of the lectures is Civics. This is the first time that the

By NKOPANE  
MAKOBANE

theme is tackled — the council has noted with much concern the lack of knowledge about government and how it operated in our society.

The reasons for being uninformed on this

subject are obvious: Blacks in South Africa do not have a government. In addition, civics does not form part of the syllabus in the formal education sector.

The council contends that unless we know the evils in our society, we

cannot hope to overcome them. Worse still, we shall not be able to replace the status quo with an ideal cultural, economic, political and social environment.

For more details contact Ms Essy Letsoalo at (011) 933-1645/1660.



# Nico Malan tells of joy in job



Mr Nico Malan ... often had dealings with Sowetans about housing.

By STAN HLOPHE

Mr Nico Malan, who has stepped down as town clerk of Soweto after 10 years, has spent more than half of his life working in local government.

He started in 1962 with the Randfontein municipality as a cashier, became a clerk, and was later promoted to township manager after obtaining his BA degree in administration.

Mr Malan, now 49, joined the Roodepoort municipality in 1964 as a senior administrative officer.

That was when he first made contact with Soweto, through his dealings with Dobsonville, which was under the jurisdiction of the Roodepoort municipality.

He remained with Roodepoort until 1973 when he was offered a post as a housing director of the then West Rand Administration Board (WRAB).

His contact with the then Soweto Urban Bantu Council was more evident as housing was one of the functions administered by WRAB.

In 1979, when the Urban Bantu Councils (UBC) were transformed into community councils, he was seconded to Soweto as a chief executive officer. He remained as a chief executive officer until he was formally appointed town clerk in 1986.

He says he has enjoyed "every minute" of his 27 years' service.

Mr Malan is married to Dulcie, a former teacher, and the couple have two children. His son Melt is an engineer and is married. Daughter Tania, also a teacher, is unmarried.

Mr Malan is a rugby fan and former Transvaal and Western Transvaal High B side player. He plays golf, tennis if time permits and jogs daily.

He is a member of the International Institute of Town Clerks and has travelled to Germany, the United States, and Canada on official visits. Mr Malan sees himself serving the community for the next 15 years before he retires.

## WIDE RANGE OF CONTACTS

During his stay in Soweto he has made formal and informal contacts with community leaders, Cabinet Ministers, and visitors from overseas.

He has served and worked with seven mayors of Soweto dating back to 1973 when the civic leader, Mr Peter Lengene, was the mayor of the then Advisory Board.

In 1974-75 Mr Malan worked with the then mayor, Mr T J Makhaya. In 1978-83 he worked with the then mayor, Mr David Thebe-hali, in 1984 it was Mr Ephariam Tshabalala. In 1985 it was Mr Edward Kunene. In 1986 it was Mr Tshabalala again. From 1987-88 he worked with Mr Neslon Botile. For only three months he worked with Mr Sam Mkhwanazi.

Mr Malan described his relationship with all the mayors as "excellent" despite their different means of dealing with community issues.

He felt he made contributions towards the R400 million upgrading project of civil services and the electrification scheme.

Five years ago he played a great part in the council's decision to build 18 000 housing units, then the Jabulani and Chiawelo flats.

The 770 or so core houses in Naledi were another project which helped to ease the housing shortage in the township.

The establishment of the Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (RSC) in 1987 was an important development in his relationship with the council.

"The RSCs were an important development which were created to provide infrastructure in the undeveloped areas. Also two libraries were built in Soweto through the funds channelled through the RSC," he says.

# Soweto hot seat is filled

By Stan Hlophe

The deputy secretary of the Soweto Council, Mr S van Rensburg, has taken over the council's hot seat with his appointment as acting town clerk.

Mr van Rensburg (56) took over on Wednesday from Mr Nico Malan, whose resignation was accepted after 10 years with the council.

"This is a challenge for me and it will take some time before I am fully adjusted. I will do the best that I can," said Mr van Rensburg.

Asked about his plans for the administration of the sprawling township, he said he would rather take a realistic approach than make promises.

He described his relationship with the council as "very good".

## MAYOR PAYS TRIBUTE

At Mr Malan's farewell party yesterday, the mayor, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, described him as a pioneer in the black local authority field. The mayor added that Mr Malan's services would be needed if the council encountered any problems.

Mr van Rensburg is no newcomer to public service. He entered public administration in 1972 as Evander city secretary. In 1975 he joined the SAP as a senior administration officer attached to Kempton Park.

In 1983 Mr van Rensburg left the police division to work for the now defunct West Rand Administration Board as an assistant housing director.

He was town clerk for the Diepmeadow Town Council from 1984-1985 before joining the Soweto Council in 1986 as a deputy city secretary.

He has a B Administration honours degree and a degree in municipal law, and is studying for a masters degree. He is a member of the International Institute of Town Clerks.



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No. 146

3 February 1989

### PARTIAL WITHDRAWAL OF THE RESERVATION OF LAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF A TOWNSHIP

The State President has withdrawn the reservation of land for the purposes of a township contained in Government Notice 746, published in the *Gazette* of 10 April 1987, in so far as it relates to a portion of the land, in extent approximately 13,0460 hectares, situated on the farm Rietfontein 128 IR, District of Springs, Mining District of Heidelberg, Province of the Transvaal, as shown on a sketch plan copies of which are filed under RMT R59/88 in the Mining Titles Office, Johannesburg, and in the office of the Mining Commissioner, Heidelberg.

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## DEPARTEMENT VAN MINERAAL- EN ENERGIESAKE

No. 146

3 Februarie 1989

### GEDEELTELIKE TERUGTREKKING VAN DIE UITHOU VAN GROND VIR DIE DOEL VAN 'N DORP

Die Staatspresident het die uithou van grond vir die doel van 'n dorp vervat in Goewermentskennisgewing 746, gepubliseer in die *Staatskoerant* van 10 April 1987, teruggetrek vir sover dit betrekking het op 'n gedeelte van die grond, ongeveer 13,0460 hektaar groot, geleë op die plaas Rietfontein 128 IR, distrik Springs, myndistrik Heidelberg, provinsie Transvaal, soos getoon op 'n sketskaart waarvan afdrukke in die Mynbriewekantoor, Johannesburg, en in die kantoor van die Mynkommissaris, Heidelberg, onder RMT R59/88 bewaar word.

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# Rent rise opposed

Sowetan 6/2/87

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THE opposition Dohsonville People's Party was yesterday given a mandate by residents to meet the local town council to voice their grievances which include the scrapping of the proposed rent increases.

At a report-back meeting attended by more than 3 000 people at the local stadium, the party's representatives told the residents that they failed to meet the council executive last week because a quorum was not formed.

DPP's chairman, Mr Vincent Thusi, said another meeting has been arranged to meet the council's town clerk, Mr

M Conn and council's executive on Wednesday at 8.30am.

The residents complaints, which are in a petition, include rent, service charges and arrears, water and electricity accounts, crediting of payment not reflected on accounts and monthly debits not changed regarding purchased houses.

Mr. Thusi said the party has temporarily stopped the proposed rental hikes which were to be effected from February 1.

He said the rents were to be increased by almost 14 percent for all houses.



# Eight councillors get boot

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

EIGHT Lekoa town councillors, including the former mayor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, have been suspended from the council during its monthly meeting in Sebokeng.

Mr Mahlatsi, who has been absent from the council's monthly meetings, was suspended indefinitely.

Councillors J Modijwa, M Motsele, N Mokati, were suspended for 45 days after they walked out when Mr Mahlatsi was ordered to leave the council chambers following his suspension.

The others: Mr MacDonald Mjuze, Mr J Mkiwane, Mr M Nosenga and Mr J Selebalo were suspended for 45 days for undisclosed reasons.

However, it is believed that they were suspended for joining the Lekoa People's Party under the leadership of Mr Mahlatsi.

Mr Kolisang said the decision to take action against the councillors was unanimous.

He was treating councillor Mahlatsi's action as self-

disqualification from the council.

"If he tries to come back he will be rejected because he has not been inducted," he said, adding, "councillors must be disciplined and should show respect in terms of the standing orders."

Mr Mahlatsi yesterday denied that he refused to be gowned by the mayor. "The matter was not on the agenda and I tried to raise this point when I was ordered out of the meeting," he said.

"I left the meeting peacefully as instructed. I was surprised when I learnt that I was suspended," he said.

He did not know the reasons for his suspension and has written a letter to the council asking for explanation. He has not as yet received a reply.

"I will ignore the suspension and attend the next council meeting," he said.

Leader of the so-called "rebel group" against Mr Kolisang's party, Mr Mjuze, who was also suspended, said they were intending to seek legal advice on the matter.

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## 'RICH SOWETO' SPARKS OFF CONTROVERSY IN FRANCE

PARIS — A TV documentary on Soweto shown on the recently privatised French channel, TF1, last week sparked off a political and media controversy and came close to being cancelled.

However, TF1 director Michèle Cotta resisted pressure from certain sectors of the French media, a TV union, the Communist Party and a human rights organisation to have the film withdrawn.

She told Le Figaro: "The documentary has been scheduled to be

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screened and it will be screened.

"I have seen the film several times. To ban it would be tantamount to censorship. It shows an unknown Soweto where, in spite of apartheid, life goes on."

The documentary, Soweto: The World's Largest Black City, was filmed by two French TV reporters who spent a month there observing the day-to-day existence of its 2.5-million inhabitants.

Their message was that the "most unjust misery exists side-by-side with the most ostentatious wealth".

It was the latter that caused such uproar. Viewers were shown a Soweto with dozens of banks, hundreds of Mercedes Benz, "even a few Ferraris" and almost 400 000 children attending school.

Left-wing opposition to the documentary centred on the reporters "being selective in what they chose to put across".

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# Vaal black housing explosion in spotlight

The "developing black housing explosion" in the Vaal Triangle area is to be discussed at an afternoon symposium in Vereeniging on February 21.

The function, which will be held in the Vereeniging Civic Theatre, is being organised by the Regional Development Association (RDA) for the Vaal Triangle metropolitan area.

It is estimated that there is an immediate shortage of about 100 000 housing units in the Vaal Triangle and that the lion's share of the shortage falls within the sub-economic sector.

While 3 500 erven in Evaton North have already been serviced to accommodate squatters from the nearby Weiler's Farm, it is expected that another approximately 50 000 erven will have to be developed in the Evaton area alone within the next five years.

— Vereeniging Bureau.

Control of service comes under the spotlight

# Eskom powers bid to defuse Soweto boycott

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ESKOM is playing a leading role in a major new initiative aimed at normalising the supply of electricity to Soweto. It could include privatising what has until now been a council function.

A committee — reportedly under the personal direction of Eskom CE Ian MacRae and comprising Eskom, private sector and Transvaal Provincial Administration representatives, Soweto councillors and businessmen — has been established to examine the matter.

The future of electricity supply to Soweto has been endangered because of the boycott by residents of rent and service payments to the Soweto council.

Committee members and MacRae have been seeking contact with Soweto community leaders to sound them out on ideas.

Dr Nthato Motlana confirmed he was one of a number of Soweto community leaders who had been approached. He believed other contacts

ALAN FINE

included SACC general secretary Frank Chikane.

He said the initiative appeared to be modelled on a similar scheme at KwaNobuhle near Uitenhage where responsibility for electricity supply had been transferred from the local council to a company formed jointly by Volkswagen, the Midlands Chamber of Commerce and Eskom.

He felt such a scheme was bound to be more efficient than the present one, but a discouraging factor was the suspicion of joint management committee (JMC) involvement.

Committee member Ian Hetherington of Job Creation SA confirmed intensive discussions with community representatives were under way.

He said the ultimate goal was some

form of privatisation — but this was a wide term and no finality had been reached on its form. It was intended to first discover people's preferences.

He stressed that the KwaNobuhle model was not necessarily appropriate for Soweto. But the general intention of privatisation was to depoliticise issues.

Hetherington denied knowledge of a JMC presence in the project. "If there is one, it certainly is not there in an identifiable form." He said the committee was hoping to issue a preliminary report by the end of March.

The Urban Foundation's Mike Ridley, also a committee member, said he was in favour of any viable solution acceptable to the community. He declined further comment.

Soweto mayor Sam Mkhwanazi declined to comment until he had received a full report from the committee. Two council members are serving on the body.

Comment from Eskom is awaited.



● MACRAE



# Council, town clerk in clash

*Sowetan 17/2/89*  
A SERIOUS confrontation is looming between the Atteridgeville City Council and the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala, who reported for duty yesterday defying the council's decision to suspend him indefinitely following allegations of irregularities.

Mr Rammala reported for duty at the office yesterday morning after his lawyer wrote a letter to the council last Friday informing it that the suspension was void and that their client would resume duties.

Mr Rammala was suspended by the council at a special meeting held last Tuesday "until he supplies the council with

**By MONK  
NKOMO**

relevant information relating to the alleged recommendation for the issue of trading licences to a local trader without the council's knowledge", the mayor, Mr. Velaphi Mathebula, said yesterday.

The mayor confirmed that he had received a

letter from Mr Rammala's attorneys but declined to discuss it, say-

ing an urgent council meeting would be held today or tomorrow to

discuss the issue which he viewed as being very serious.



# Council probes 'swindle'

THE Soweto Council is to investigate allegations of corruption involving certain former Soweto councillors following claims by a number of homeseekers that they paid an ousted councillor huge sums of money for houses and sites they did not get.

Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, new mayor of Soweto, said the allegations were serious and should be brought into the open. He urged all residents who were allegedly ripped off by former councillors to report to him as a matter of urgency so that the allegations be investigated.

Mr Mkhwanazi was reacting to a report which appeared in the *Sowetan* yesterday in which a number of homeseekers claimed to have paid Mr Michael Gwensa, former councillor of Mofolo North, amounts of up to R1 000 for houses and sites they never got.

Mr Gwensa has denied the allegations.

In an interview at his Power Park home last week, Mr Gwensa admitted having had dealings with two of the complainants, Mr Themba Makhunga and Mr Magezi Joseph Mabunda, but denied having accepted any payments from them, either directly or indirectly.

"I was trying to do them a favour, but there

BY SY  
MAKARINGE

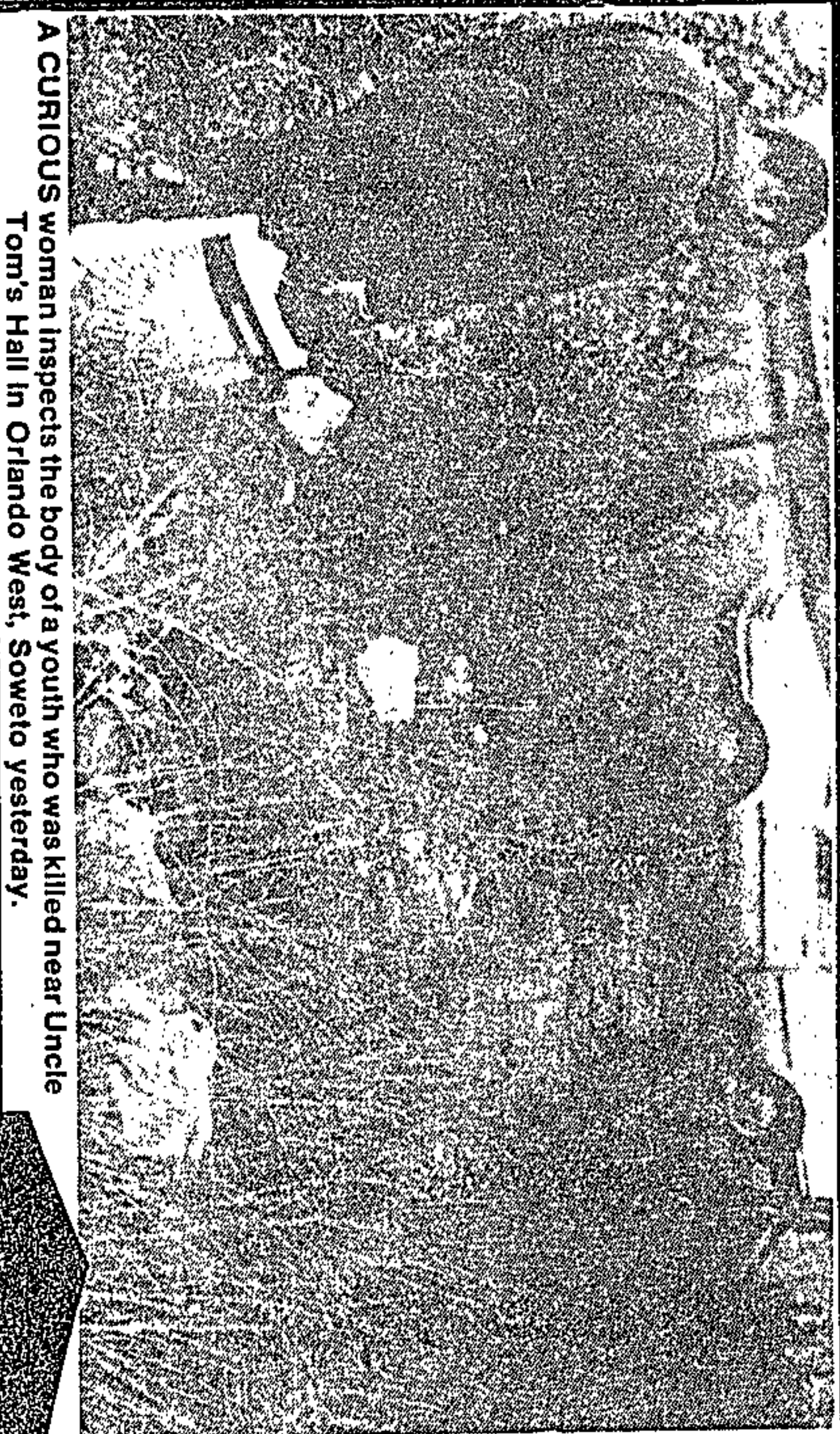
was no money involved. They were introduced to me by people who know me. If they gave money to those people, then it's not my problem," he said.

Asked if houses were not allocated according to the housing waiting list, Mr Gwensa said in most cases people who were due for allocation were not in a position to afford the exorbitant prices of residential sites.

He said he felt strongly against these claims and threatened to take legal action against people who made the allegations.

Mr Mkhwanazi told the *Sowetan* his council recently investigated allegations of corruption against a former councillor who, it is claimed, abused his powers and allocated a residential site to three different people.

The matter, according to Mr Mkhwanazi, was resolved after the councillor concerned admitted guilt and undertook to refund those who did not get the site.



A CURIOUS woman inspects the body of a youth who was killed near Uncle Tom's Hall in Orlando West, Soweto yesterday.

## Missing cheques

*Sowetan* 14/2/89

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REPORTER

HUNDREDS of government cheques were disappearing in what appeared to be systematic losses, the Progressive Federal Party's spokesman on finance, Mr Harry Schwarz, has disclosed.

Alerting Cabinet members to the mystery in Parliament yesterday, he said hundreds of hundreds of cheques had inexplicably gone astray.

Speaking in the part appropriation "mini budget" debate, and in an interview afterwards, he called on the Ministers of Finance and Manpower to start an immediate inquiry.

"Either there is something wrong in the (finance) department or in the Post Office, and I suspect it might be the

complainant that they had not (repeat not) received cheques were signing acknowledgements at the Department of Labour that they had lost the originals.

Mr Schwarz said his intervention about a month ago had stopped this because cases were further complicated if the lost cheques were cashed.

Victims, mainly those who were unsophisticated, had been signing the acknowledgements in the

## Soweto youth killed

MYSTERY surrounds the death of a youth who was hacked to death near Uncle Tom's Hall, Orlando West, Soweto, yesterday afternoon.

And the mystery deepened last night when police said the body had not been reported to them.

*Sowetan* reporters saw the body (and took a picture) — but could not

## SBDC boost for jobless

BY JOSHUA  
RABOROKO

THE Small Business Development Corporation's training centre is to conduct a two-day workshop at its Pennyville industrial park starting tomorrow to help motivate jobless people to become self-employed.

SBDC's workshop chief, Ms Peggy Reid-Daly, said the workshop, called "Strategies for Survival," was important because it would be a start for the unemployed to create jobs at the time when the country was gripped by the soaring rate of unemployment.

She said many unemployed people had been able to set up businesses after they had attended past workshops by the SBDC.

### Motivated

Ms Reid-Daly said the course was a sequel to the decision by the SBDC to help unemployed people to become self-employed. It was hoped that many would be motivated to



## 25 families get homes

*nowefan 22/2/87*  
TODAY marks the end of a chapter for the more than 25 families who have been living in buses for nine years in Alexandra township. depending on their choice today, according to chairman of the management committee, Mr Prince Mokoena.

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The Alexandra Town Council has resolved to move the families to either flats or rooms, *(347)* The buses were donated by Putco to help ease the housing shortage.

# Rent crisis fight 'blow'

Soweto 22/2/89

THE detention of Mr Nat Ramokgopa, a key figure in the negotiations to solve the Soweto rent crisis, was a contradiction in terms, the Reverend Busani Ngubane said yesterday in a statement on behalf of the Ministers United for Christian Co-responsibility.

Mr Ramokgopa, a committee member of the Soweto Peoples' Delegation (SPD), was detained by police on February 12, at a meeting held at a church in Moletsane, Soweto.

## Duty

"While it is the duty of the police to see to it that society is well-ordered and organised for the well-being of all its members it is also true that it is the duty of all members of society to see to it that this duty and obligation be fulfilled," Rev Ngubane said.

He said Mr Ramokgopa was a leader in the community. "He had no AK-47, no petrol bomb, or any weapon whatsoever.

"But it was still deemed right and proper to seize him like a common criminal when he was only doing the work that had to be done to find solutions to the problems that face the community.

"Moccor believes that such actions only serve to open the rift that already exists in the country in spite of talks of peace and reconciliation," he said.



# Vista Homes move into the black housing market

FOR the first time in its 25 years of existence national home builder Vista Homes has begun building houses for blacks.

The company, acquired about six months ago by Time Housing, will make its debut into this market as one of home builders in a R50-million housing project at Spruitview, south of Germiston.

By SY  
MAKARINGE

Commenting on the company's venture into the black market, chairman Mr John Bezuidenhout said while the company had always wanted to move into this market, mass-produced, sub-economic homes had never been part of Vista's building strategy.

He said the rapidly emerging "black middle class" had altered the situation radically, allowing the company to offer traditional designs, finishes and features marking the Vista houses.

"We will not have to alter our techniques or arrangements with our suppliers in any way to build houses in Spruitview. They are exactly the same designs, comprising three and four-bedroomed homes.

"Another factor to our

shift in strategy is that South Africa's housing shortage lags far behind particularly in the black sector of the population, and it is not getting any better. Time Housing's presence in the black market has given us the ideal opportunity to learn from their experience," Mr Bezuidenhout said.

Buyers of the Spruitview Homes will be offered a variety of "options," with a wide choice of award-winning designs, fittings, colour

*Time Housing*  
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schemes and three "levels" of finish, depending on the buyer's preferences.

"Our homes are also designed to be extended easily. When an owner can afford to extend the home, extra rooms can be added in logical, cost-effective places. This gives the buyer greater freedom to express his individuality and precludes him from owning another identical unit in a mass housing complex," said Mr Bezuidenhout.



# HOME IMPROVEMENTS

*Jem to be used for upmarket new black homes on Reef*

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Chris Dickinson, marketing manager of Corobrik Transvaal, says: "The South African building industry has a reputation for being conservative when it

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Corngold and Cosmos.**

The Jem is also currently being used on a five-phase 1 000-home development at Ennerdale Extension 2, south of Johannesburg and on a 1 200-home, three-phase project at Thabong near Welkom.

The project at Dharma mini near Soweto is being developed by Fox-Lake in three phases. About 235 homes are currently under construction in the second phase, which is expected to be completed before the end of the year. Another 200 homes are to be built next year.

The three developments — at Alexandra Eastbank, Duduza and Dhlamini — involve a total of 2 200 homes.

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# Plan to battle housing crisis

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By SY MAKARINGE

MORE than 1 000 homes must be built in the Transvaal alone this year in order to alleviate the serious housing crisis, according to Mr Brian Longley, Chief Executive Officer of the FHA Homes.

Mr Longley said although the target seemed to be an impossible one to reach, there were companies which were committed to offer solutions to this grave problem.

## Utility

He said FHA Homes, a utility company of the Urban Foundation, had declared as part of its mission 'the establishment of a local home building industry. He said the company was responding to local needs and demands by providing answers to the crucial need for low cost, yet structurally sound homes for all.

"One of the problems which still need to be addressed is the number of homeless

people who cannot afford housing.

While the cheapest product — a three-roomed home and stand — seems accessible to most at monthly instalments of R250, a problem arises in that only 20 percent of the population earn more than R1 200 a month a family. This is the approximate figure required by financial institutions in order to grant a bond.

"Although land is becoming more freely available in certain areas, proximity to urban areas is often a major problem which consequently creates a need for sophisticated transport services," Mr Longley said.

He said FHA Homes was to this end actively seeking solutions.

"Our aim is to provide homes and thus security and stability to numerous homeless South Africans. Means must be found to encourage all sectors to become involved in housing our burgeoning population," he said.

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ADF chairman Colin Adcock (left) and colleague Jo Dunstan congratulate Hewlett-Packard sales support manager Andrew Sims, whose company won a Toyota Corolla 1988 GLi in ADF's charity draw yesterday.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA

## 139 new Alex houses

THE Alexandra Development Foundation Project (ADF) yesterday held breakfast at the Inanda Club to raise R150 000 towards affordable housing for the people of Alexandra.

The ADF said in a statement it had built 139 houses, ranging in price from R20 000 to R35 000, since April 1987. All had been sold.

"Our initial learning curve involved a depletion of our capital fund," the statement said.

"With efforts like this during the past year the fund was topped up, and now stands at just over

SYLVIA DU PLESSIS

R1 million, which we hope will revolve as originally intended."

The ADF had applied to the council for a larger land allocation, but authorities were "dragging their heels over deproclamation".

"Delays mean that building houses on new ground will be impossible until well into 1990."

Meantime, the ADF continued to build houses on small allocations in the old township for their "alarmingly huge" waiting list of residents.



## R6m for Soweto refuse bins

*by DM 2/1/84*  
CENTRAL Witwatersrand Regional Services Council this week approved projects for black areas worth more than R8m.

Soweto City Council was granted R6m to buy 160 000 85l refuse bins, R250 000 for realignment of the Pimville sub-outfall sewer and

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R270 000 for weighbridges.

Among grants to Diepmeadow was one for R435 000 to upgrade roads, stormwater drains, secondary water reticulation and installation of water meters.

## Blacks see RSCs as starting point — Boya

Star 27/2/87 (343) (243)  
Black municipalities see regional services councils (RSCs) as a tentative starting point for a process towards non-racial government structures, Mr Tom Boya said at the weekend.

Speaking at the annual general meeting of the United Municipalities of South Africa, he said the organisation had clearly stated its participation (in RSCs) "is not an endorsement of government policy of distinguishing between 'own' and 'general' affairs.

"It sees RSCs as a tentative starting point for an evolutionary process towards non-racial government structures.

"More importantly, RSCs offer the

only legal way at the moment to re-channel the millions spent by blacks in the major central business districts to the development of black areas.

"During this year alone, about R300 million will be spent on general upgrading in black townships."

Mr Boya said the greatest threat to the future smooth running of RSCs came from the stance adopted by the Conservative Party, which hoped to ensure that what it called "white money" was not given to blacks.

"However, their failure to win the elections in the major cities should ensure that the work of the larger RSCs continues uninterrupted." — Sapa.



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## No rent, no power strategy

PRETORIA — The Mamelodi council is taking tough action against rent defaulters in a bid to recover R15m in arrears.

Mayor Bennett Ndlazi said the council was cutting electricity to the homes of defaulters to force them to come to terms with the council over the repayment of arrears.

The action started about two months ago and power was cut to about 10 houses a day.

Ndlazi said the strategy was working — nine out of 10 householders whose electricity had been cut were now making arrangements to pay their debts.

### 13/12/87 Attorneys

He said the council would continue to cut electricity supplies if the residents did not respond to the council's plea to arrange payments.

Besides electricity cuts, the council has retained four firms of attorneys to recover arrears. The council also charges interest of 1% a month on outstanding rents.

Ndlazi said arrears had stood at R15m for the past three months and the council's action was aimed at reducing and ultimately wiping out the amount. A source close to the council said unpaid rentals amounted to about R2m in 1986. A year later the figure was R8m. — Sapa.

# Council suspends three

*Sowetan* 3/3/87  
THE Thokoza Town Council has suspended three councillors for 45 days for allegedly participating in a rent protest meeting organised by opposition

groups in the township. Councillors J B Sekete, J Maseko and J Madi, were suspended by the mayor, Mr E C Matsoso during a council meeting this week.

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Mr Matsoso said the council had earlier taken a decision to increase the electricity and water tariffs in the township by 10 percent with effect as from March 1.



# Thinane denies theft charges

THE former acting town clerk of the Thokoza Town Council, Mrs Doris Thinane denied the R677 327 theft allegations against her when she addressed the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday.

She also denied that her co-accused Mr Gerald Mamabolo, ex-mayor of Thokoza, was her "partner in crime" as suggested by the prosecutor, Mr C B S Erasmus when he urged the magistrate, Mr I J J Luther to convict them as charged.

The State alleges they stole R513 083,06 from the council coffers on April 16, 1986 and R164 243,96 on June 9 of that year, also from the council coffers.

## SOWETAN Reporter

They have pleaded not guilty and are conducting their own case.

In her arguments for an acquittal, Mrs Thinane said the theft case was brought against her and Mr Mamabolo by council officials and councillors who wished to see them kicked out of the council.

Mrs Thinane said there was a conspiracy against her and Mr Mamabolo. In her lengthy argument, Mrs Thinane said a council resolution taken in March 1986, authorised her and Mr Mamabolo to open a banking account at the Alberton Barclays Bank

branch. But, she said, that council resolution had since disappeared.

There were documents, she said, that were also not brought to court by the policeman who arrested her. She said these were documents that would have reflected the transactions she made, when she "called up" investments at the merchant bank and the Sandton Bank to the Barclays bank account.

She said these documents could prove that these monies were not stolen. But, she said, these documents were "conveniently" not brought to court because of the "conspiracy" against her and Mr Mamabolo.

(Proceeding).

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# Black housing: R2bn is needed annually

INVESTMENT of R2bn annually for 22 years was needed in the urban black housing market to overcome housing backlogs and meet demand, Urban Foundation residential development and construction division MD Matthew Nel said.

Nel told a capital expenditure conference last week this would provide about 125 000 housing units a year.

He said he had arrived at the projection by basing an assessment of financial investment requirements on the determination of current and future effective housing demand as indicated by the buying power in the black urban housing market.

It was apparent most of those in need of housing could afford only

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those products substantially below the R35 000 cut-off point. This was below the level at which most private homebuilders operated.

Investment in housing generally had resulted in the overhousing of a fairly small segment of black urban dwellers while the rest remained underhoused.

Nel said there would be a conservative annual demand for about 200 primary schools and 67 secondary schools. A primary school now cost R1,5m to build and a secondary school R3m.

It was essential to optimise the manner in which housing resources were deployed.



# Theft accused's 'family hungry'

THE family of Mrs Doris Thinane, former town clerk of the Thokoza council went hungry and she could not afford to engage a lawyer to defend her in the R677 327 theft case against her.

By MANDLA NDLAZI

This was shortly after she had been suspended without pay from her job, arrested and charged with theft of the money from the council's coffers.

Mrs Thinane said this court should consider at the Johannesburg this and also bear in mind that she was a lay person and found it difficult to present her case against a charge of this nature.

Mrs Thinane (40) and Mr Mamabulo (43) are appearing before Mr JJ Luther. They have pleaded not guilty and are conducting their own defence.

The State alleges they stole R513 083 06 from the council's coffers on April 16 in 1986 and R164 243 96, also from the council's coffers, on June 9 of that year.

Mr Mamabulo said a banking account was opened at the Alberton branch of the Barclays Bank following a resolution taken by the council on March 20, 1986.

He denied that he and Mrs Thinane were sole signatories.

Mrs DORIS Thinane ... no pay.



# Corruption probe is set for April

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A COMMISSION of inquiry into allegations of corruption and irregularity in the Ateridgeville city council, Pretoria, will be held on April 10 and 11, it was announced yesterday.

BY MONK  
NKOMO

The public inquiry will be headed by Mr Willie Kriel, a senior provincial lawyer.

In a joint Press statement issued recently

the local mayor Mr Velaphi Mathebula and Mr Olaus van Zyl, member of the executive council of the Transvaal, said it was a policy of the Transvaal Provincial Administration "to expose and eradicate all forms of corrupt, dishonest or other irregular conduct levied at councillors and officials of the city".

Mr van der Walt added that further details will be in the *Sowetan* next week. Members of the public who have information of any acts of corruption or irregularity against councillors or officials will be asked to contact certain government officials to make sworn statements before March 31, Mr van der Walt said.



# 'Forged papers' shock

By MANDLA  
NDLAZI

*Sowetan 8/3/89*  
THE State relied on forged documents submitted in court to prove its R677327 theft case against ex-mayor of Thokoza and the former acting town clerk.

This was said yesterday

by ex-mayor Mr Gerald Mamabolo at a Johannesburg Magistrate's Court when he continued his arguments for an acquittal. He was on the witness-box since last Friday.

Mr Mamabolo (43) and Mrs Doris Thinane (40), are appearing before Mr I J J Luther. They have pleaded not guilty and are conducting their own defence.

# 1 000 Soweto strikers still wait

**343** By Stan Hlophe *Star* 9/13/89 done a lot of persuasive negotiations and convincing to drive home to the new council that the retrenchments were illegal in the first place.

At least 80 Soweto City Council workers have been reinstated since last week following negotiations.

But a spokesman for the workers yesterday expressed reservations about the methods applied in the reinstatement procedure.

So far about 1 000 of the 3 500 who took part in the three-month strike last year have not been reinstated.

The latest group to be reinstated include bond holders and teachers.

The spokesman accused the council of "dilly-dallying" and still being influenced by an old guard loyal to Mr Nico Malan, the former town clerk.

"Granted the new council has committed itself to the reinstatement of the workers but they are not doing enough."

The spokesman added: "We have

"The council has agreed in principle to reinstate all the workers but they are still reluctant to keep their promise.

"As much as we sympathise with the new council we find it hard to understand why all the workers cannot be reinstated.

"We are fully aware that cannot happen overnight. We are still baffled by the slow action of the council. They are not doing enough to convince the majority of the workers that they are sincere in their efforts."

The mayor, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, and chairman of the staff board, Mr JM Mnguni, were not available for comment yesterday.



# Kagiso residents march on council

*Sowetan* 9/3/84  
SCORES of Kagiso township residents marched on the council offices on Tuesday and demanded that the mayor and his deputy address them on the failure to provide primary services such as electricity, roads and telephones in the elite areas of the township.

The angry residents were met by municipal police officials as some

councillors at the council took cover to avoid a possible confrontation. They later dispersed without an incident.

A visit by *The Sowetan* to Kagiso established that all the houses in the elite suburbs of Hospitalview and Riverside had no electricity. Some of the houses were built three years ago, according to residents.

In Hospitalview there were no streets or proper roads. None of the roads are tarred in both suburbs. There were no telephones in both suburbs.

Residents at Hospitalview had to walk for about four to six kilometres to board taxis to work because, according to residents, taxi drivers have refused driving into the area as there were no roads at all.

# Zola homes shock

THE controversy surrounding the Zola, Soweto, housing development took a new twist last week when lawyers acting for the residents commissioned an investigation into allegations of shoddy workmanship in the area.

The investigation, carried out by a reputable institute, has found wide-ranging discrepancies in the development.

An expert leading the investigation told the *Sowetan* last week that the more than 40 houses in the supposedly elite

By SY  
MAKARINGE

## Residents paid too much for bottom-range houses, lawyers' probe reveals

to the home-buyer.

He said it appeared this was not the case with the Zola township houses, built last year by Linco Project Developers.

### Findings

The expert, expected to present his findings to the lawyers this week, said the houses were "the lowest product in the

range". He also said the builder's specifications were "vague".

He said his investigation also revealed that the houses, calculated on rands per square metres, appeared to have been overpriced. He said houses at this development cost about R513 a square metre, while a house of the same size in a white suburb built of good quality material

would cost about R365 a square metre.

Asked to comment on claims that the houses would not withstand heavy rains as they had been built on a swampy area, the expert said he was not in a position to do so as he was not an engineer.

He said, however, that the onus was on the local authority to protect its residents.

### Rumours

These revelations come amid rumours that Mr John Griffiths, general manager of Linco Project Developers, who was responsible for the Zola township development, had been fired. This has been denied by the Linco's directors.

A spokesman said recently Mr Griffiths resigned on his return from overseas early this

year. He said his resignation had nothing to do with the alleged shoddy workmanship in Zola.

The directors of Linco could not be reached for comment yesterday, but the company has always maintained that the houses were built according to specifications which the buyers were aware of.

It said the houses were designed for the "middle lower income group".

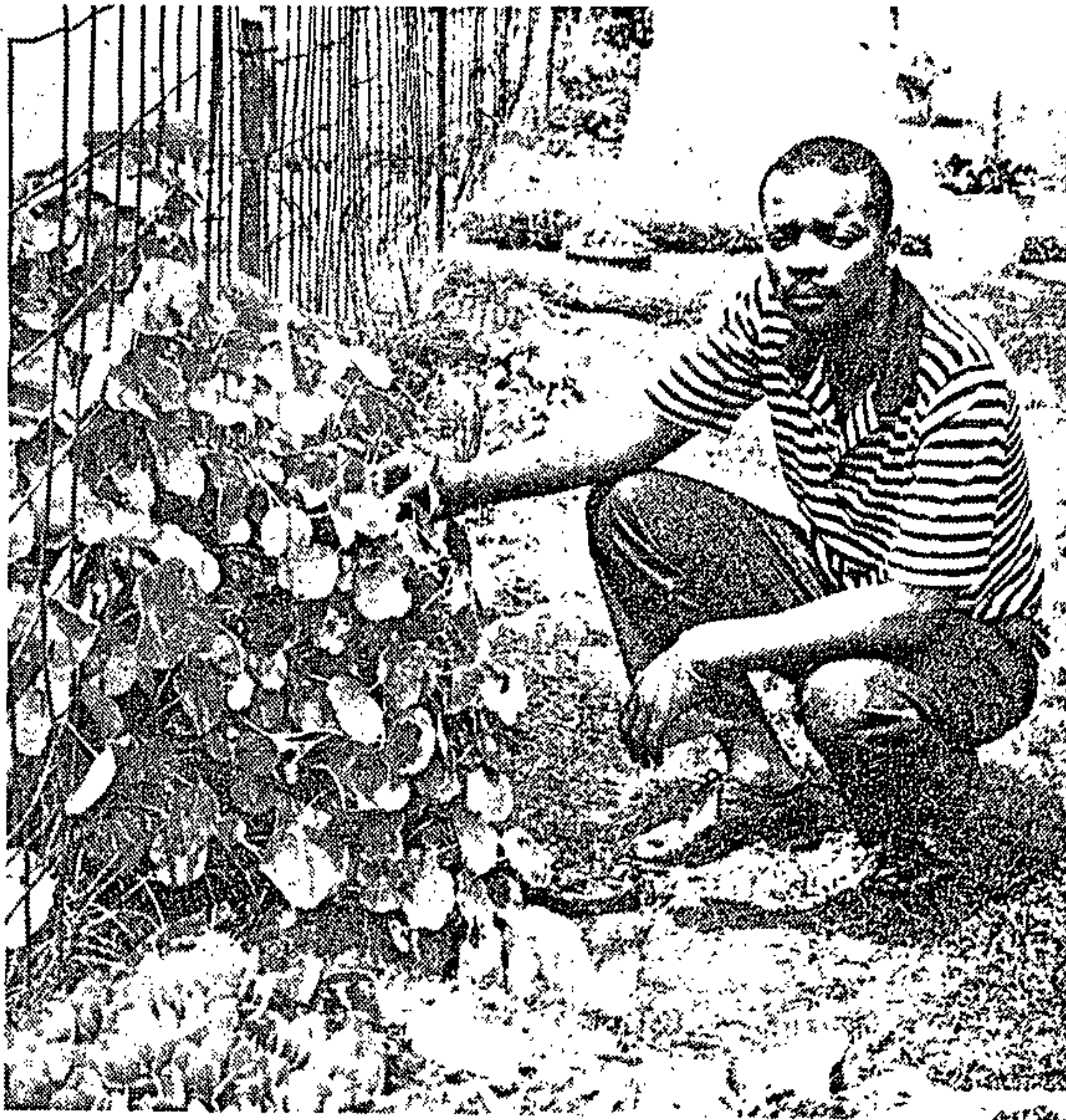
The Standard Bank, which financed most of the houses, has also said it would not have invested in them had they not been built according to specifications.

Mr Terry Power, general manager of the bank's home loan division denied the houses had been overpriced, saying they now had a higher resale value.



# The greening of Orlando

By KENOSI MODISANE



**THIS is a winner! Mandla Maseko in the garden that won his brother Isaac the first prize in the Nation Building garden contest held on Saturday at Orlando East.**

THE *Sowetan* hosted an "Environment Awareness Day" at Orlando East at the weekend as part of the newspaper's Nation Building campaign.

The highlight of the occasion was a garden contest which drew dozens of entrants from the area.

The judges comprised "garden fundis" such as Mr and Mrs Jasper Goemans of Kirchhoffs Seed Company, and Mr Dean Molohe of Titi's Nursery in Diepkloof.

The most beautiful garden was judged from the efforts put into planning of the garden, general appearance and appeal to the eye, maintenance and preser-

vation of soil by paving with grass to avoid soil erosion.

In Orlando, which is one of the oldest townships in Soweto, most house owners are pensioners. "That is why it was chosen to host the event, so as to show younger citizens that household chores like gardening are so easy and simple that they can be done by pensioners," said Mr Aggrey Klaaste, Editor of the *Sowetan*.

The first prize, a set of garden chairs and a table, went to Mr Isaac Maseko of 3754. Second prize went to Mrs Maria Mthoba of 3843, and Mrs Emily Sethoba of 3672 won third prize. All received a set of garden tools.

The rest of the entrants received a consolation prize of a pack of seeds from Kirchhoffs, and a tree donated by Titi's Nursery.

The highlight of the day's events was a beauty contest at Orlando Communal Hall, where prizes for the garden contest were handed over.



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# Soweto's wealth pours into Johannesburg

## Joint tax base vital for 'apartheid city'

By Jo-Anne Collinge

The establishment of a single tax base for Johannesburg and Soweto is the only long term basis for the sound development of South Africa's largest township, according to a detailed report on the Soweto rent boycott.

The report was prepared by a private planning consultancy, Planact, and was commissioned by the Soweto Delegation, a collection of high-profile community and church leaders who have sought to negotiate a solution to the rent crisis with the township authorities.

The report says the three-year-old Soweto rent boycott took hold largely for economic reasons and it is therefore not reasonable to think that boycotting households will contribute financially to the resolution of Soweto's debt crisis.

The debt of the township is estimated to be at least R701 million, of which at least R200 million can be ascribed to arrear rent and service charges.

This debt and the totally inadequate provision of infrastruc-

ture in Soweto are viewed in the report as symptoms of the "apartheid city" pattern, where townships are cut off from the business centres where residents earn and spend most of their money.

The report notes: "Approximately 283 000 Sowetans, who worked in Johannesburg, earned over R2 billion in 1987. Sowetans spent about R1 billion in Johannesburg's CBD in 1987."

### Income

"However, because Soweto is defined as a separate city, Sowetans do not benefit from the economic development of Johannesburg.

"The healthy economic base of Johannesburg generates an enormous income for the Johannesburg City Council (JCC) which, in turn, has a sufficiently large surplus to subsidise white ratepayers. None of the JCC's income finds its way back into Soweto."

The report says that regional service councils, which impose levies on businesses to fund township development, are an attempt to deal with the nega-

tive consequences of the "apartheid city" syndrome.

Not only are they an added bureaucracy, but they do not get to the root of the problem, it claims.

"They ameliorate the consequences of Johannesburg's exploitation of Soweto (but) do not eliminate the structural foundations of a system that transfers wealth from the poorest to the richest sectors of the city.

"It follows that no development policy for Soweto will succeed until Johannesburg and Soweto are treated as one urban economy."

Other major policy recommendations to resolve the rent boycott and develop Soweto are:

- The arrear amounts owed by householders must be written off. The "bridging finance", presently paid by the province to keep the Soweto Council going should be treated as a non-recoverable loan or as a grant.

- The housing stock must be transferred to the ownership of the residents of Soweto on terms to be negotiated. It is recommended that a democratic and accountable Community Housing Trust be established for the purpose.

- Soweto's infrastructural services must be upgraded to an acceptable standard.

- An affordable service charge formula must be worked out so that the population of Soweto can pay what is demanded of them.

This would seem to rest on cross-subsidisation between Johannesburg and Soweto, the report observes.



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# Features of the face behind So

Behind the Soweto rent boycott are the people of Soweto — people whose lives are so little known to researchers that even their true number is a matter for conjecture.

The Planact report draws together what little research there is to sketch some features on the collective face of Soweto and to suggest motives for the massive refusal to pay rent over the last three years.

The studies have found that:  
● The average Sowetan is likely to come from a household exceeding five people (the average size is 5.48, according to the Bureau for Market Research's 1986 study) with fewer than two breadwinners (the average being 1.53 breadwinners). The odds are almost even that those in employment will be women.

The chances are also almost even that Sowetans of working age will be unemployed. The Development Bank has put unemployment in Soweto as high as 53 percent, while the Bureau for Market Research at Unisa puts the proportion at nearly 30 percent in the 20 to 64 year age group, rising to 41 percent for those between 25 and 34 years.

## Minimum living level

University of the Witwatersrand political scientist Dr Philip Frankel found that only 40 percent of persons interviewed came from households not hit by unemployment.

Between 54 percent and 68 percent of Soweto's families earn less than the minimum living level — the income calculated by scientists as necessary to maintain a family in an urban area, Planact concludes. This figure was R809 in 1987.

Between 1980 and 1985, the proportion of Sowetans' income spent on housing and electricity almost doubled — increasing from 8.7 percent to 15.1 percent.

These were the people among whom the boycott took root in mid-1986. They were poor people, in relative terms —

The Soweto Delegation, a group of community and church leaders pictured at the right, were mandated by township organisations to attempt to negotiate a solution to the housing crisis and an end to the three-year rent boycott, reports JO-ANNE COLLINGE. They asked private planning consultants to draw up a report on the Soweto housing problem as a basis for further talks with the Soweto Council. The report by Planact, entitled "The Soweto Rent Boycott", was released yesterday. Its major recommendations are: that the arrears amounts owed by rent boycotters be written off, that existing housing stock must be transferred to Soweto residents, that infrastructure must be upgraded, that affordable formulae for service charges be devised and ultimately that a single tax base be established for Soweto and Johannesburg.



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people with limited incomes being forced to stretch them. Motivation for the boycott has been directly assessed in only one study commissioned by some American corporations from Dr Frankel.

Planact summarises his findings. "In short, the rent boycott enjoys widespread support because it is perceived as the best way of resolving socio-economic conditions.

"It is not being enforced by intimidation nor are overtly political considerations as significant as socio-economic interests. This popular consciousness will not be easily dissipated through repression."

Frankel found that 60.9 percent of the Sowetans he interviewed supported the boycott because they regarded the cost of housing and services unreasonable for the standard of goods offered. A further 14.3 percent said simply they could not afford to pay. A total of 8.7 percent said they feared intimidation. The remaining reasons were that community organisations had called the boycott (six percent), that it was the best way to bring grievances to the attention of authorities (4.3 percent), and it was the best way of getting troops out of the townships (4.3 percent).

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Bluntly put, Planact concludes: "Sowetans are being requested to pay more for a considerably poorer level of service."

In fact, it points out that Dr E. Buch, who heads the Centre for the Study of Health Policy at Wits University, has stated unequivocally that Soweto's services are of such a low standard that they actually "constitute a hazard to health of the community" and are likely to promote the incidence of "water washed diseases", such as dysenteries and diarrhoeas.

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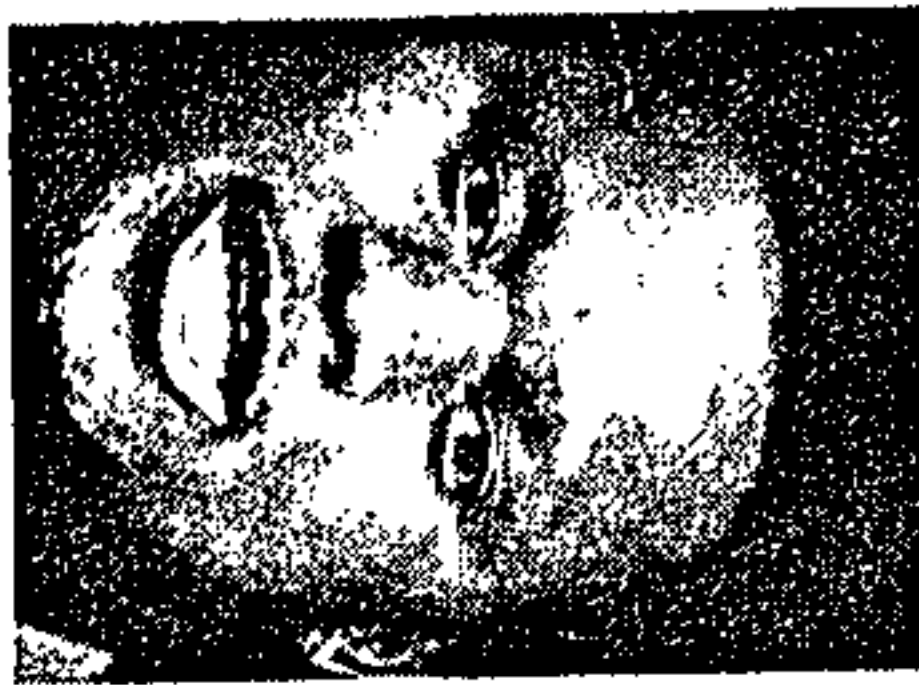
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## Sowetans fork out for unhealthy services

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A Johannesburg householder whose land and house is valued at R72 000 will pay R25,97 a month, Planact calculates.

The root of this inequity is the maintenance of "apartheid cities", the report states. Whereas Johannesburg residents are subsidised in their payment of services and rates by the city's businesses, which foot the bulk of the Johannesburg City Council bill for these items, Sowetans have no such subsidy.

The Soweto Council derives no proportion of its running costs from businesses in Johannesburg, although Soweto residents were estimated to have earned R2 billion in the city in 1987 and to have ploughed R1 billion back into the Johannesburg economy in consumer spending.

The following figures indicate the extent to which business bears the brunt of Johannesburg's costs. "Domestic residential properties pay 30 percent of (Johannesburg's) service charges, and businesses — including leased flats — contribute the remaining 70 percent. "Domestic residential properties disburse 15 percent of assessment rates; commerce and industry contribute 74 percent, while several government bodies provide the remaining 11 percent."

"It is therefore salutary to note that Sowetans are being asked to finance a situation they did not willingly create (segregated residential areas) and at increased costs to themselves."

The only possible long-term solution to Soweto's development needs is the acknowledgment that it forms a single economic entity with Johannesburg and the establishment of a single tax base for the two areas.

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# 'Paradise' beckons to black home buyers

By Winnie Graham

Alfred Mabuya signed an offer to purchase a property in Zuurbekom on Sunday afternoon.

He, his wife Doris and two of his four children had spent the afternoon driving round the smallholdings looking at houses. Captivated by the tranquil atmosphere of the village and the size of the properties, Mr Mabuya decided to buy. "I'm running from the noise and congestion of Soweto," he said. "Imagine having a house in the country where you can hear the birds sing, where the children have space to grow and play."

## Peace and quiet are theirs at Zuurbekom

Mr Mabuya, a driver for Faber Finance in Sandton, is one of hundreds of middle-class black people house-hunting in Zuurbekom, a village about 40 km from the centre of Johannesburg on the Potchefstroom road.

Almost every property in the village is on sale after the announcement last December that the area is part of 13 000 ha the Government allocated for black residential, industrial and agricultural expansion west of Soweto. Despite the obvious misgivings about group areas, the opening up of additional land was welcomed in most quarters.

Zuurbekom comprises about 600 smallholdings, each between 2,2 ha and 4,5 ha. For black buyers, long denied the opportunity of owning a sizeable property near Johannesburg, the plots are the answer to a dream.

This is the first time they are able to buy more than the regulation 300 sq m property — the average stand in Soweto — and they are making the most of it.

Zuurbekom, it seems, will not be used for housing the really poor. Homes for squatters will have to be erected elsewhere — if the new black owners have a say in the matter.

While the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Roelf Meyer, said last December that an estimated 45 000 stands would be created on the 3 100 ha suitable for housing development, he also announced smallholdings and farming land would be sold to blacks with full property rights.

White homeowners have started selling to black buyers subject, of course, to the "proclamation" of the land and the availability of finance. Whites are moving out as black families start taking possession of their new homes, living peacefully side by side with the white residents who are still there. This, at least, is the impression visitors to the village gain.

Zuurbekom has a quiet charm. There are trees on most of the "plots" and many have vineyards



Happy house-hunters ... left to right are Ms Evelyn Motaung, Mr Edgar Xesi, Mrs Doris Mabuya, her children, Lucky (11) and Teboho (3), and Mr Alfred Mabuya, who had just made an offer for a property in Zuurbekom.

and orchards. Some of the houses are spacious, comfortable homes and are selling for between R160 000 and R290 000 each. Others are rundown old places in need of renovation.

There are several vacant smallholdings. Nearly all the properties have a view of the distant Johannesburg skyline. Some roads are tarred and there are two railway stations at each end of the village.

### OVERGROWN

No one is quite certain what is to become of the Zuurbekom Laetskool, a solid facebrick building which has stood empty since the end of last year. The grounds are overgrown with weeds and the new residents are hoping it will be used to accommodate black boys and girls when the area is finally "proclaimed."

Locals say the school was never more than two-thirds full when it was built for white children. Now, at last, the attractive "white" facility can be put to full use as black children — far removed from Soweto schools — move into the area.

Estate agents have been selling to black families since the beginning of the year, and though prices are much higher now than they were a year ago, there are still many takers. White property owners admit that before the Minister's announcement the most they could have hoped for a vacant plot (about 2,2 ha) was about R15 000. Today the going price is two or three times that.

Although estate agents have not advertised the sale of white properties to black buyers, the news has travelled fast among land-hungry families who are being told that proclamation is expected "any day now."

# Write off rent debt, says probe

By THEMBA  
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SOWETO rent arrears of about R200 million should be written off and a community trust fund be established out of housing sales to build other houses, a research report says. (243) (100)

The research was commissioned by the Soweto Delegation, a group of leaders elected by residents last year to seek ways to end the four-year rent crisis.

The report, presented at a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, also recommends:

- Old houses should be transferred to occupants free of charge;
- A sliding formula should be developed for the remaining houses to determine the amounts to be paid;
- The quality of service should be improved; and
- A single tax base be established for Johannesburg and Soweto in formulating one integrated urban economy, thus abandoning the present "apartheid city" approach.

## Talks plan

The Soweto delegation comprises Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Rev Frank Chikane, Father Lebamang Sebidi, Mrs Albertinah Sisulu, Mrs Ellen Khuzwayo, Sister Bernard Ncube and Mr Cyril Ramaphosa.

The delegation is to meet the Soweto City Council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration to discuss contents of the report.

The findings of the report also highlight the appalling conditions in Soweto. It said these led to rent boycott and were a result of neglect.

It says: "The erratic shifts in State policy with regard to running of places like Soweto are an indication that the State has no rational policy in respect of these areas — but it is merely governed by its apartheid or racist ideology," it says.

The report says about 283 000 Soweto residents

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THE Soweto delegation at yesterday's press conference. From left: Dr Ellen Khuzwayo, Mrs Albertinah Sisulu, The Rev Frank Chikane, Father Lebamang Sebidi and Sister Bernard Ncube.

## Call to scrap rents debt

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In this way, the report says, Soweto subsidises Johannesburg.

The ever-escalating backlog on black housing exacerbated the

bad conditions in the community, the report says.

The delegates said in their statement that the 97-page research report came as a result of the rent boycott which was "the people's voice of anguish saying enough is enough".

The report also focuses on the policy positions of various State institutions and parties with a stake in the Soweto crisis.

These include the Soweto City Council itself and the TPA, which the report says has adopted a hardline policy on the rent boycott.

"It would like to see the bridging finance repaid," says the report which recommends that Soweto's current debt of about R701 million be written off.

The report says the Soweto City Council itself is financially bankrupt and has very little political legitimacy.

Also involved in the Soweto crisis is the Witwatersrand Regional Services Council and the Wits Joint Management Committee which the report says has "recently become a player in the issue and places emphasis on political stability while being concerned with seeing the Soweto Council emerging as a fully functional local authority".

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# New hope at hand for Mhluzi's matchbox inhabitants

Scheme to provide houses the  
'majority will be able to afford'

By STAN MHLONGO

A MAJOR housing company has announced details of a housing scheme for Mhluzi township near Middelburg that it claims the majority of potential home owners can afford.

FHA Homes chief ex-

ecutive officer Brian Longley this week said the scheme would help alleviate the acute housing shortage in the township, where up to 26 people have been crowded into a matchbox house.

The development pro-

ject was devised jointly by the Mhluzi City Council and FHA Homes. Prices of houses, including land costs, range from R19 500 to R48 000.

The Mhluzi council said the abolition of influx control in 1986 more than doubled the township's population, swelling it from 28 000 to 60 000 and upsetting long-term projects lined up for the area.

However, this did not affect the "original initiative" taken by the council three years ago when it purchased 510 hectares from the Middelburg City

Council with a view to providing 7 500 housing units.

The development is situated within walking distance of community services like shops, churches and sport facilities. Residents will also have easy access to transport.

● Meanwhile, LTA Comiat Homes has sold over 100 houses in Lamontville outside Durban under the 99-year leasehold scheme, saving buyers about R3 500 in freehold transfer costs. The first phase of the 100-home project proved popular - they sold within five months.

LTA Comiat Homes regional manager Dave Crompton said the Lamontville scheme was the first to be awarded to a private developer in a black urban area in Natal. "Its success proves the need for large-scale housing developments by the private sector in the area," he said.

● In Thabong outside Welkom, nine showhouses costing R30 000 will be on view this Sunday.

Sunrise View Building Consortium spokesman Ian Harris said there were about 1 300 stands in the first phase of the development. The sites sold on leasehold can be converted to freehold on payment of a additional transfer duty fee.



## Warning on shacks

THE Katlehong Town Council has warned local residents to demolish shacks in their backyards by today.

This warning is carried in notices issued to dozens of residents in the townships's Khumalo and Siluma sections a week ago.

The council has

threatened to take legal action against home owners who ignore the ultimatum.

The Katlehong Residents' Organisation (KRO), said in a statement yesterday that it would fight "tooth and nail" to stop the municipality from demolishing shacks in the area.

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## R4-m to upgrade houses

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THE Mamelodi City Council is to spend about R4 million on the upgrading of the existing four-roomed houses in the township.

Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, the mayor, said that the project would start as soon as funds were made available. He said the state of the 15 000 houses in the area had deteriorated over the years.

The upgrading of the houses will include adding extra rooms, replacing the corrugated iron roofs with asbestos and putting new windows and ceilings.



# Tension rising in Tembisa over homeless shortage

## Homeless people have waited up to twenty years for houses



One of the people who is forced to share his hostel-house because of the housing shortage in Tembisa.

WHILE Soweto is undoubtedly South Africa's best-known black township, in South Africa and abroad Tembisa, the giant township on the East Rand, also has a rich political history.

The East Rand township is in the news at present because of tension between hostel-dwelling migrant workers and ordinary residents who are "invading" the hostels with their families because of the dire shortage of accommodation.

Tembisa, which was originally planned to be a labour dormitory for the Kempton Park and Isando industrial areas, was established in 1957. It was also intended to accommodate some families removed from Alexandra, Edenburg and Midrand.

It was granted municipal status by an Act of Parliament in 1982. In 1983 a 16.9 percent poll saw the election of 17 councillors to administer the township.

Like other townships it also experienced the rent, school and consumer boycotts of 1984/85.

In 1986 the "comrades"

in Tembisa decided to allocate four-roomed hostel houses to homeless residents, forcing the original inhabitants to share their homes. And this system remains in force today. Hostel-dwellers in Tembisa are accommodated in houses rather than traditional hostel buildings.

The council has not evicted the ordinary township residents from the hostels, and tension is rising.

In 1981 Soweto was abuzz with the arrival of the O'Jays.

Tembisa's activists were busy with other issues. They were having meetings at which councillors were told the recent rent increases would not be tolerated and that councillors should resign.

While Sowetans were dancing to the rhythm of the O'Jays, a number of Tembisa rent protesters were being hauled into police vans and cells.

Tembisa's political activities did not start there. It has its political father Recall Mthuli Ka She who died after an argument with a railway official in the early 1970s.

Mthuli Ka Shezi was one of Tembisa's black consciousness political cadre-beaters, and spread the philosophy in the township.

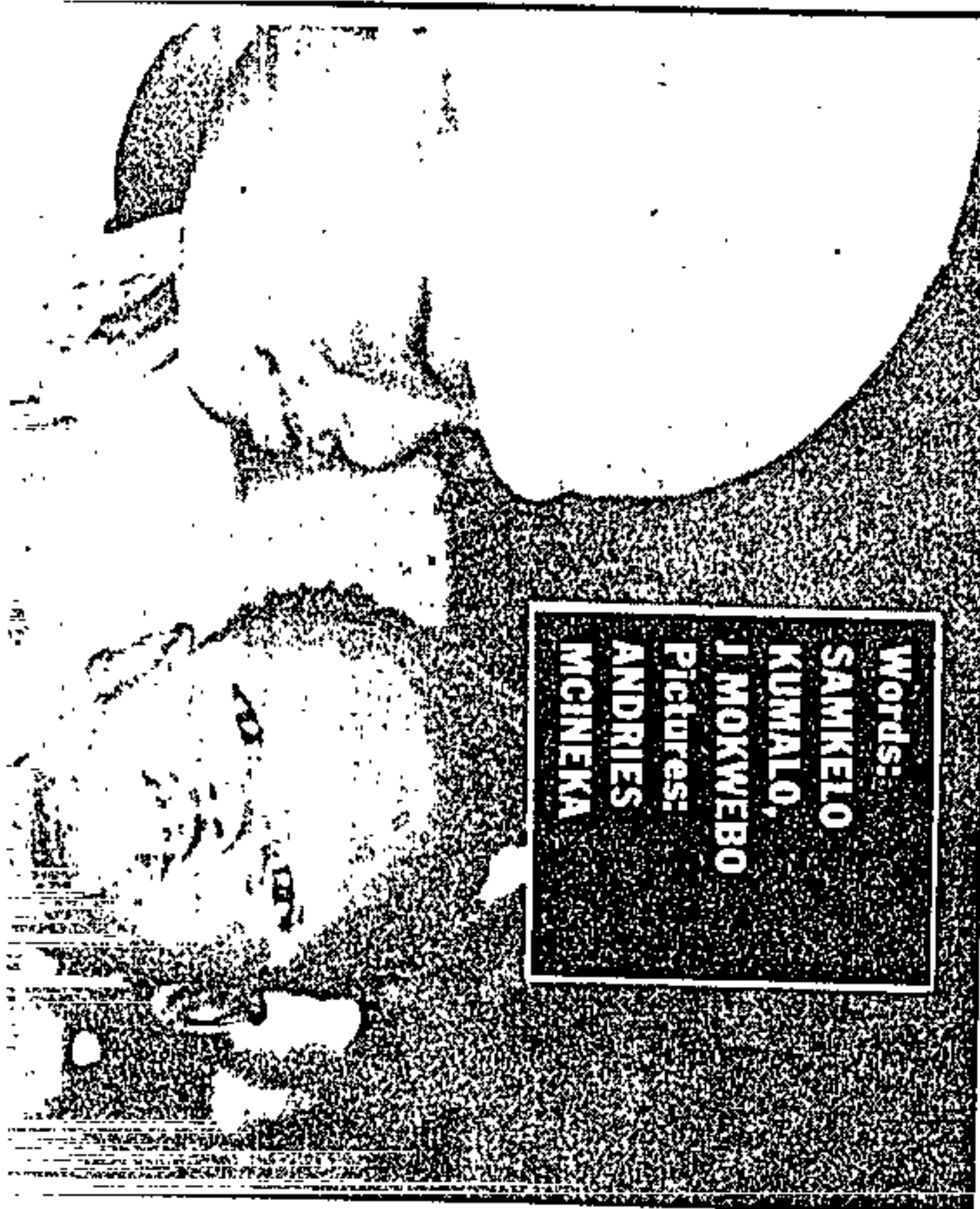
Driving from Kempton Park into Tembisa the green veld immediately changes into a grey jungle which a stranger could be forgiven for believing is huge army barracks, deserted by the soldiers taken over by the people.

Excluding its two big hostels, Tembisa has about 23 000 houses and a rough estimate of its population is 350 000, including a least 30 000 hostel dwellers.

The population of Tembisa could easily be housed in the houses and flats in Hillbrow and Berea. Had the allocated land been used as economically and efficiently as in Hillbrow and Berea, Tembisa and other black townships would not be crying for more land and houses and the present tension would not be necessary.

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Mother feeds her baby. Tembisa residents share houses with strangers.

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The monotony of similar matchbox-type houses in Tembisa is irregularly broken by new and extended houses whose owners have used bricks and mortar to create pleasant homes for themselves, proving that the previous planning was done by uncaring people who had no love for them.

Tembisa was erected during the days of prohibition — when it was a crime for a black person to drink Western liquor. There were no plans for taverns and shopping centres. But today these outlets are rising with regularity.

No more houses are being built by the council and it seems no new hostels are being erected either.

People are told to go to the banks for financial assistance to purchase homes. Those who want houses claim they have been on the waiting list for up to about two decades.

*City Press* visited one four-roomed hostel house which was in the process of being allocated to a pensioner.

One migrant worker hostel dweller, Matsheketshe Dlangamandla, who has no intention of bringing his wife to the urban area, said that, before the invasion by residents, he shared the four-roomed hostel with 10 other men. But five of them have since brought girlfriends to stay with them.

Each of the 11 inhabitants pays R16 a month at the local council office. This house brings the council revenue of R176 a month. Annually it augments the coffers of the council by R1 912.

There are about 300 such houses in Tembisa which means the council, at the end of the year, smiles all the way to the bank with about R573 600.

On the other hand, similar houses occupied by families in other parts of the township have rent tags of about R40 a month, and the council is selling them to residents for R1 500.

However, Dlangamandla's four-roomed hostel house has apparently been allocated to Sophie Chauke, who claims she has been on the waiting list for about 20 years.

She was allocated the house by what she calls people in the umzabalazo (people in the struggle). She does not know what umzabalazo is.

However, unlike other homeless residents, she said she was not staying in the house as it was full. She was waiting for the authorities to remove the tenants.

But Dlangamandla and his co-inhabitants have vowed that they will not leave.

His hostel house has no toilet and he and his 10 co-inhabitants and their five women rely on sharing other houses' toilets.



**Soweto council in talks  
to resolve rent problems**

Monday 20/3/8 ALAN FINE (343)

SOWETO City Council members met yesterday for several hours with the Transvaal Administrator for talks on, among other things, a new rent and service charge system designed to resolve the three-year-old rent boycott in the township.

The council has reportedly proposed a differential charge system whereby residents of the poorer areas will be billed on a reduced basis compared with those in the better-off suburbs.

# Germiston row over siting of black suburb

ster 20/3/87  
By Anna Louw,  
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A Germiston Conservative Party city councillor last night criticised the ruling National Party caucus in the council for not informing residents of Leondale that a black suburb was to be built nearby.

A motion by Mr Jackie Nel (CP) to stop a footbridge being built from Spruitview into the white suburb of Roodekop sparked off a

heated debate between him and management committee chairman Mr Stan van Eden (NP).

Leondale and Roodekop are separated from Spruitview, the upper-middle-class extension of Katlehong, by the N3 highway and a buffer zone.

Mr Nel said the developers of Spruitview and people of Leondale did not want the footbridge. The people of Leondale felt threatened. "They are afraid of being

swamped by blacks."

Mr van Eden said Mr Nel held a meeting in Leondale in 1987. Residents were stirred up because of rumours that the area was to become "grey". Mr van Eden said they had later been assured that the suburb was to remain white.

Mr van Eden also said the Department of Transport had told him on March 23 that the footbridge project had been shelved.



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Exploitation of Siyathemba residents rife, claims crisis committee

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# Balfour, township at odds over water

The protracted water crisis in Balfour's black township of Siyathemba has caused a potentially explosive situation.

Angry residents have accused the Conservative Party-controlled village council of deliberately cutting off water supplies. The council claims the whole town has been hit by a water shortage.

The State President, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning and the Transvaal provincial authorities have been asked to come to the rescue of Siyathemba's 30 000 black residents hit by the crisis.

## Siyathemba Water Crisis Committee says:

The Transvaal provincial authorities had agreed in principle to try to resolve the water crisis in Siyathemba, said a spokesman for the Siyathemba Water Crisis Committee, Ms Sue Primloo.

TPA director Mr George Erasmus had agreed to a number of proposals by the committee. Those included the installation of additional water pipes at the township golf course and measures to supply schools with sufficient water to enable their toilets to flush.

The committee had also petitioned the State President to intervene.

The committee said the situation had given rise to explosive emotions as the community scrambled for water. A child had drowned in a well dug by desperate residents; other children suffered from diarrhoea. Exploitation was rife as residents sold water at exorbitant prices to those less fortunate.

Mothers were experiencing severe difficulty with their washing and the preparation of baby food. Children found in Balfour town with buckets of water were allegedly slambokked by white residents. Balfour's village council had allegedly closed taps and some churches had removed their taps to ensure that Siyathemba residents were left without water, the committee said.

## Siyathemba's mayor says:

Siyathemba mayor Mr Dan Mophohoshe denied allegations by residents that the township's council had done nothing to improve the situation.

After sending an SOS to Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Mr Roelf Meyer, the council had decided to institute legal action against Balfour's village council.

"We have hired two tankers from the TPA and a private contractor. But still that is not enough. SADF (armed to help in supply)

water to the area. The council has been granted a loan of R30 000 by the TPA to drill more boreholes, which we hope will alleviate the problem," he said.

## Balfour's village council says:

Balfour town clerk Mr Marthinus Joubert denied that water supplies to Siyathemba had been cut off. The council had never adopted such a policy.

The entire town had been experiencing water shortages because of an inadequate water supply system, poor rainfall and an explosion in the town's population. However, Siyathemba was worst hit because it was the highest-lying area.

Mr Joubert said about 18 000 blacks had moved to Balfour over the past two years. The water supply system, installed 25 years ago, could not cope with the demand for water.

While low-lying areas had a constant supply, higher-lying white areas were without water during the days when water-intensive industries absorbed most of the water.

"If we cut water to the industries, they will be forced to close down. And then the blacks will be without jobs as well."

Mr Joubert said the council needed R7 million to install an additional system — money it did not have. The Eastern Transvaal Regional Services Council had already allocated R2,7 million.

Water supply to the reservoir that supplied Siyathemba was further hampered by blacks who tapped water from town.

He said co-operation between the council and Siyathemba's town council was excellent. "In co-operation with the township's council, we do everything we can to alleviate the situation. But there is not much that can be done."

Crisis measurements included utilisation of farm fountains, water restrictions and the construction of additional pipelines and filter systems to the P van der Merwe Haarthoff Dam.

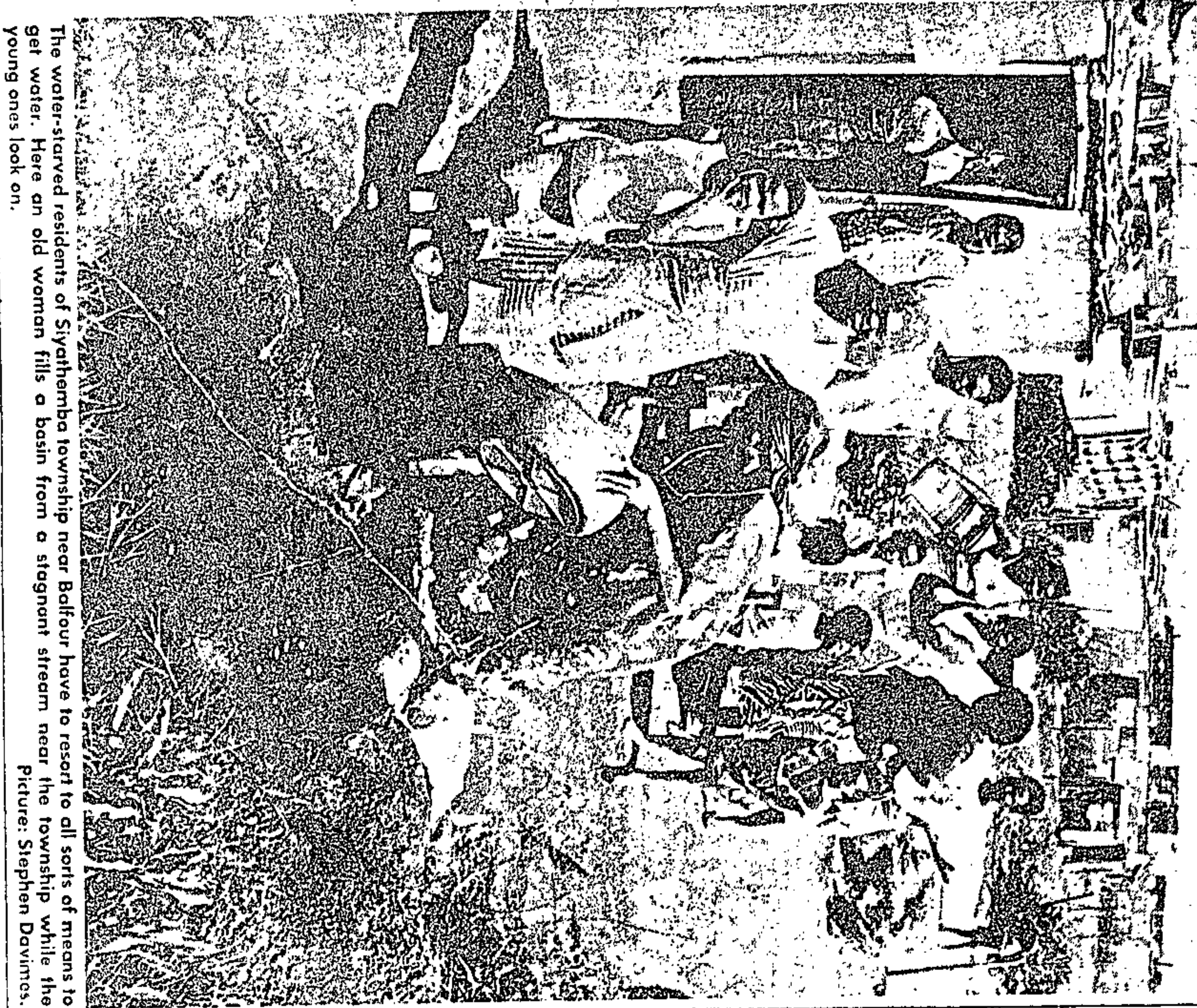
## Umsa says:

The United Municipalities of South Africa (Umsa) has called on the Government to urgently intervene in the water crisis.

In a letter to Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Mr Chris Heunis, Umsa said the situation was out of hand.

It requested a meeting between the Minister and Siyathemba Town Council to discuss the crisis.

Umsa president Mr Tom Boya deplored the fact that the Government had made it easier for the CP to govern local authorities in a manner that caused embarrassment locally and abroad.



The water-starved residents of Siyathemba township near Balfour have to resort to all sorts of means to get water. Here an old woman fills a basin from a stagnant stream near the township while the young ones look on. Picture: Stephen Davinnes.



# NOT A DROP TO DRINK

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## Tempers at boiling point over Balfour water shortage

By STAN MHLONGO and DESMOND BLOW  
THE situation in Siyathemba township, outside Balfour, has become explosive.

The dire shortage of water in the township and the inability of the Siyathemba town council to compel the CP-controlled Balfour municipality and the Transvaal Provincial Administration to rectify the position is the reason.

Attorney Pieter Oosthuizen is waiting for a mandate from the residents of Siyathemba to bring an injunction against the council and the TPA.

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## PLAYING WITH COLOURS



The Rand Show promises a wide variety of entertainment for children who usually enjoy creative games and fantasy. Linda Ndlovu (left) and her playmate Elisa Wolmarans were no exception and plunged with delight into the colouring game. Painting their faces felt like an outing to the circus.

Pieter EVANS MBOWENI

## Motsuenyane gets another headache

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Claassen described the situation as a man-made disaster after a meeting between a chamber delegation and the council to resolve the problem ended in a deadlock.

She said her committee would be meeting lawyers this week to decide on legal action to be taken against the council.

In Boksburg, the five-month-old boycott continues to squeeze businessmen. Other CP-controlled towns are keeping a low profile as far as their policy is concerned.

Meanwhile, Carletonville boycott organiser Hlubi Biyana said the security police this week raided the local Cosatu offices and confiscated material pertaining to the boycott.

Biyana said: "They told us they were investigating whether our action was a contravention of the emergency regulations or the Internal Security Act."

Western Transvaal police spokesman Capt Ben van Heerden confirmed that police searched the Cosatu offices and that no one had been arrested.

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Sue Prinsloo, co-ordinator of the South Eastern Transvaal Region of the Council of Churches, who visits the township frequently, says the people in Siyathemba are rural and normally passive, but their patience is running out.

In desperation, residents dug wells in the township. Last week, a three-year-old girl fell into a well and drowned.

The Siyathemba council then closed the well, instead of assisting the people in opening others and spending money to make them safe, said Prinsloo.

A Water Crisis Committee has been formed but the council - who most residents see as sellouts - Potgieter, and the Balfour municipality refuse to recognise it.

One woman said that when she went to the house of the mayor of Siyathemba, Daniel Maphoshe, he threatened her with detention.

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# SOWETO MAYOR OUTLINES RATES

**THE** Mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, yesterday announced the long-awaited flat-rate for water, service charges and electricity during a public meeting of the Sofasonke Party at Orlando Stadium.

The meeting attracted 35 000 people. The PAC president, Mr Zeph Mothopeng; UDF president, Mrs Albertina Sisulu and Azapo's executive Mr Muntu Myeza who were all invited to the meeting did not attend.

Police kept guard inside and outside the stadium.

Residents in most Soweto townships

**By MOJALEFA MOSEKI**

would pay R30 for electricity and R15 for water and service charges, said Mr Mkhwanazi.

The major beneficiaries of the rent reduction scheme devised by the Sofasonke Party will be flat dwellers. They will pay R62,50 for two-bedroom and R72,50 for three-bedroomed flats in Jabulani, while bachelor flats will be R52,50. Three-bedroomed flats in Chiawelo will be R92,50.

The Zondi and Orlando West women's

hostel inmates will pay R8,50 for water and refuse removal and R17,50 for electricity. Men's hostels in Soweto will be charged R12,50 for water and refuse removal and R17,50 for electricity.

People without electricity will be charged for refuse removal. The flat-rate will be valid until meters are installed.

Payments for shacks in transit camps in Soweto will be discussed during ward meetings by councillors.

Mr Mkhwanazi said Soweto residents should "forget" their rent and service charges arrears and start paying the new rates starting in May.



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# Soweto Mayor dumps R701-m in rent arrears

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, has announced that the estimated R701-million rent arrears owed by the residents is to be written off by the council. Instead, new rates for service charges are to be levied.

Mr Mkhwanazi told a 30 000 crowd at Orlando Stadium that as from May 1, 230 000 Sowetan householders would pay an average monthly service charge of R30.

Pensioners will pay a flat rate of R20 for service charges and electricity.

If the new charges are accepted by the political organi-

sations and the residents it will mean the end of the three-year rent boycott which has seen many people shot dead and others evicted.

The mayor, amid ululations from the predominantly Sofasonke Party crowd, said as far as the Soweto Council was concerned there "is no more rent — only service charges and electricity" to be paid for.

Mr Mkhwanazi announced the following new rates:

Orlando East, White City Jabavu, Mofolo, and Phiri (two-roomed houses): R15 for service charges (including water and refuse removal) and a flat rate of R30 for electricity.

Dube: R17,50 for service charges and R50 for electricity.

Orlando West and Orlando

West Extension: R22,50 for service charges.

Tladi, Moletsane, Jabulani, Zola, Emdeni, Zondi, Senaoane, Dlamini 1 and 2, Mofolo South, Central Western Jabavu, Naledi Extension 1 and 2, and Klipspruit Zone 1 to 7: R22,50 for service charges.

Pimville (Selection Park), Protea North, Dlamini Extension, Molapo Extension, Chiawelo Extension 4 and Mapetla Extension: R37,50.

Chiawelo 1 and 2 (R32,50), Chiawelo Extension 3: R62,50.

Jabulani Flats: two bedrooms R62,50, three bedrooms R72,50, duplex R92,50.

Chiawelo Flats: two bedrooms R62,50, bachelor flats R52,50.

All these areas will pay a flat rate of R50 for electricity.

## Rand residents strive

## Ex-detainee

## Rent talks under way

*Soweto 24/4/82*  
THE Transvaal Executive Committee is negotiating with organisations in Soweto about rent arrears and payments. 343

This was disclosed yesterday by the MEC for Local Government, Mr Olaus van Zyl.

He was reacting to reports that the Soweto Council had resolved to write off all rent arrears.

It is reported that rent arrears in Soweto amounted to R176 million at the end of last year.

Rent arrears for the whole of the Transvaal at that time totalled R408 million. — Sapa.



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KOLISANG: Elections.

## Mayor finds it tough

LEKOA mayor Samuel Kolisang plans to dissolve the present town council and to call for new elections.

There has been increasing opposition to the mayor from fellow councillors during the past four months leading to the abandonment of the council's monthly meetings.

About 29 members of his Vaal Residents Representative Party have already left the party to join the newly formed Sofasonke Party.

Mr. Kolisang said: "There has been conflict in the chamber because some councillors have openly defied procedure. We have been forced to abandon three successive monthly meetings because of disruption by members."

The chairman of the management committee, Mr McDonald Mjuze, who is also a member of the Sofasonke Party, yesterday said there were no plans to dissolve the council. He said: "We need to change the leadership of the council. If we have to resolve our problems there is a need for this change."

Both men have confirmed that the council will hold a special meeting today to discuss various problems.



# Stir over mayor's unilateral rent move



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Mr Sam Mkhwanazi... dropped bombshell at Soweto rally on Saturday.

Writing off the estimated R701 million rent arrears owed by Soweto residents and introducing a flat monthly service charge of R30 per household — as suggested by Soweto mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi at the weekend — could be politically desirable but economically disastrous. But the proposal, made without consulting the provincial authorities or community organisations, could lead to a breakdown in talks between the council and the Soweto Peoples Delegation, a group of community and church leaders mandated by township organisations to attempt to negotiate an end to the rent boycott. Political Reporter ESMARE VAN DER MERWE examines the consequences.

In March last year Mr David Thebahali — then the appointed administrator of Diepkloof meadow — dropped a bombshell when he announced that residents of Diepkloof and Meadowlands would no longer have to pay the R35 million they owed the Diepkloof meadow Town Council. At the same time he proposed that about 20 000 houses be given free of charge to registered tenants and that a flat rate of between R75 and R85 a month for electricity be introduced. Provincial authorities and the National Housing Commission lashed out at the controversial scheme, saying they had not been consulted. But many meetings and press reports later, all was again quiet on the south-western front: nothing had come of it. Over the weekend, Soweto mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi announced a similar plan — again without consulting the provincial authorities. But even worse this time, without consulting the Soweto Peoples Delegation (SPD), a committee formed recently to negotiate a solution to the housing crisis and an end to the boycott. Yet again the proposal, announced at a mass rally on Saturday, caused a stir. And yet again it could simply fade away. Researchers, who have been following

the Soweto rent boycott for years, yesterday cautioned against over-optimism for a political — if not economic — solution to the protracted battle between residents and the authorities.

Dr Philip Frankel, political scientist at the University of the Witwatersrand, said Mr Mkhwanazi's scheme could well be a public relations stunt.

Ideally his proposal could be the best outcome to negotiations between the council and the SPD.

"But this could well be a move to legitimise his position within the community," Dr Frankel said.

## SCATHING ATTACK

Mr Khehla Shubane, researcher at the Centre for Policy Studies at Wits, added that the mayor's offer could be an attempt to avoid reaching an agreement with the SPD.

In a scathing attack, the SPD said yesterday that the council's proposed "own solution" to the rent crisis clearly demonstrates that it has chosen the politics of collaboration with the apartheid system rather than to represent the wishes of the majority of the residents of Soweto.

The delegation said the council had refused to meet it in January to discuss the

issue.

"Up till today we have not heard from the council. We are deeply concerned and disappointed that the council has not responded to the call. We call upon the council... not to let the talks collapse."

On the other hand, chances of the Government approving the plan appear to be slim too.

Transvaal MEC responsible for local authorities, Mr Olaus van Zyl, said the provincial authorities and the council had been negotiating the issue for months.

"We are talking to Soweto. We have been discussing tariffs and the arrears and have made certain suggestions. We knew they will have to discuss the contents with them."

If the plan were to be implemented, Dr Frankel said, it would be "the most extraordinary and incredible development".

But to write off losses, cancel rentals and introduce a flat monthly rate would have vast financial implications.

"How the Government will recuperate the losses I simply don't know. All I can say is that such a plan could be politically desirable but economically disastrous."



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# Hiking rents 'is looking for trouble'

PFP MP Helen Suzman yesterday warned Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough that he was looking for trouble if he went ahead with plans to urge black local authorities to increase rents and service fees.

Hough said at the extended public committee meeting on Transvaal provincial affairs that the Community Development Branch would be urging black local authorities to increase rental and service fees to recover rentals in arrears.

Arrears in Soweto alone are estimated at R428m, says the TPA.

Suzman said Hough should remem-

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ber that unrest began in Sebokeng in 1984 as a result of rent and services increases, and later swept through the country.

"It's crazy to suggest rent and services increases at a time of rising unemployment in black communities," she said.

Suzman said increases now would strengthen the rent boycott campaign as it was beginning to weaken.

Rent increases had led to imposi-

tion of the State of Emergency, and further increases now would prevent the state of emergency being lifted.

□ PETER DELMAR reports that Soweto City Council appeared to be heading for a showdown with the TPA over council's decision to write off rent arrears.

The Transvaal Administrator said the TPA was "seriously concerned" about the economic bases of not only black municipalities, but all forms of local government, adding that means to avoid the stage where taxpayers could not afford essential services would have to be devised.

# Row erupts over rent write-off

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A MAJOR row has erupted between the Soweto Council and a group of community leaders, including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, over the council's announced solutions to the rent boycott in the township.

Community leaders yesterday described the council's announcement it would write off the estimated R701m arrears, freeze future rents and introduce fixed rates for service charges, as a "sellout strategy" and called for a mass meeting to be held on Sunday, April 9.

According to the leaders, the meeting will be preceded by seminars and workshops at local levels to facilitate meaningful discussions.

The leaders include SACC secretary-general Frank Chikane; the NUM's Cyril Ramaphosa; wife of jailed ANC member Walter Sisulu, Albertina Sisulu; the Rev Lebamang Sebidi, Ellen Khuzwayo and Bernard Mncube.

Soweto mayor Sam Mkhwanazi — whose council brought together about 25 000 residents last Sunday — said if the leaders had any problem with the council's announcement they should discuss the matter with him and stop waging a war of words through the Press.

## Promise

The Peoples' Delegation said they had been promised further talks on rents with the council but were surprised by its announcements at the weekend.

"We are concerned that the Soweto Council is submitting to the whims of the joint management committee (JMC). We are aware that the JMC held meetings in December 1988 and January 1989 to plan strategies to frustrate the negotiation process with the Soweto Delegation and to initiate its own form of consultations that exclude the Soweto Civic Association and the Soweto Delegation," the leaders said in a statement.

A recent Planact survey, commissioned by community leaders, shows the Soweto Council has an accumulated debt of R701m. Planact found the council needed to collect at least R13m from residents every month. It currently raises only R3m.



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Budget deficit is R285,5-m

# Hough calls for black rent increase

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By Esmaré van der Merwe,  
Political Reporter

Black local authorities are to be urged to increase their rents and service fees and to recover arrears, the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough, said in Pretoria yesterday.

Opening a two-day session of the Extended Public Committee on Provincial Affairs, he said the provincial authority was concerned about the economic base of black local authorities.

"Means will have to be devised to avoid a stage where the taxpayer becomes unable to afford the luxury of essential services," he said.

The administration was investigating measures to reduce municipal expenditure and to find additional financial resources for black authorities. Proposals would be made within a few months.

Mr Hough said the 80 black local authorities in the Transvaal had budgeted for a total deficit of R285,5 million for the financial year until June 1989.

This enormous deficit could only be avoided through external financial assistance, improved administration and financial controls, community development and the creation of viable economic bases.

Mr Hough said the administration would deal with squatting in a humane way.

"We are profoundly aware of the plight of people who move to the cities in order to improve the quality of their life, but are unable to find suitable accommodation.

"However, we deplore the actions of the ruthless people who, with the sole object of enriching themselves, exploit homeless people by charging them exorbitant rents for the right to squat in squalor," he said.

# Rent arrears will not be waived — mayor

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By Esmaré van der Merwe, 343  
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## White thugs in race attack at station

EIGHT black men claim they were beaten up at the East Rand railway station by five white thugs shouting racist taunts. The whites punched and kicked their victims, all of whom needed medical treatment.

They were waiting for a train to Tembisa. An East Rand police spokesman yesterday confirmed the incident and said they were investigating.

Mr Ralph Mboweni (47) said that at about 8.30pm on Tuesday they were waiting for a train when whites demanded cigarettes from them.

Mr Jack Pule, whose lips were swollen, said he was punched and later received medical treatment at the Tembisa Hospital. Mr Klenbooi Malora said he was hit on the head by a stone after being punched.

The men said they could have fought back because their assailants were much younger. "But white normally carry guns and thought they might shoot us," Mr Jimmy Molisoa said.

The victims do not know the reason for the attack. The principal of Anthony's, Sister Magdeline Greene, has condemned the action as said students need protection.

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## GENERAL PRACTITIONERS RECOMMEND PAINADO THREE TIMES



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## Rent talks agreed

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THE Soweto City Council has at last agreed to meet with the Soweto People's Delegation to continue discussions on the rent issue at the council chambers in Jabulani today.

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The meeting was set up after several fruitless

efforts by the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) to get the councillors to another meeting. The last meeting was on December 9.

## Councillors OK creche for their children

A CRECHE to cater exclusively for the children of Mamelodi City Council employees is to be built within the council's premises for an undisclosed sum.

Mr J J Pienaar, the council's director for community services said the decision was reached after a survey by his department among female employees.

He said the women were keen on the creche.



# Kolisang throws a counter-punch

OUSTED Lekoa mayor Mr Samuel Kolisang said yesterday he will apply for a Supreme Court order restraining fellow councillors from continuing with the work of the council. 10/4/84

## SOWETAN Reporter

At a Press conference in Sharpeville, Mr Kolisang said the meeting that decided to unseat him was unconstitutional because he was not present as the leader of the Lekoa Town Council.

Mr Kolisang was ousted from his mayoral position when a vote of no confidence was passed

on him during a special meeting at the chamber of the council in Sebokeng.

Mr Jacob Selebalo, who crossed the floor from Mr Kolisang's Vaal Residents Representative Party to the Sofasonke Party, was elected acting mayor.

There has been increasing opposition to the mayor from fellow councillors during the

past four months leading to the abandonment of the council's monthly meetings.

About 29 members of Mr Kolisang's VRRP have already left his party to join the Sofasonke Party.

At a meeting in Sharpeville last week residents called on all members of the present Lekoa council to resign and new elections be held.

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# Water cuts in Soweto

WATER supplies to several areas of Soweto will be interrupted today for the purpose of making repairs to the pipes.

The areas affected are Jabulani, Mapetla, Molapo, Mofolo, Tladi, Phiri, Moroka, Dube, Moletsane, Senaoane, Jabavu and Chiawelo Extension 1.

Supplies will be cut from 8.30am until 3.30pm. Water supplies to the above areas will also be interrupted on Thursday between the same hours.



# Mayor's powers abused - claim

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By MONK NKOMO

THE former mayor of Atteridgeville, Mr Matthew Mahlangu, acted above his powers, misused a city council vehicle and at one stage personally sanctioned the payment of dubious overtime hours to his driver, the Kriel Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday.

Mr Chris de Wet, director of emergency services in the council testified that he refused to sign overtime hours for Mr Mahlangu's driver because he did not believe he could have worked the hours he was claiming. Mr de Wet said he was later informed that the hours were paid out. Upon investigation he found that Mr Mahlangu had signed and sanctioned the payment.

The Government-appointed inquiry into allegations of corruption and irregularities is chaired by Mr Willie Kriel, a senior provincial lawyer. Mr Eric Goosen is the prosecutor.

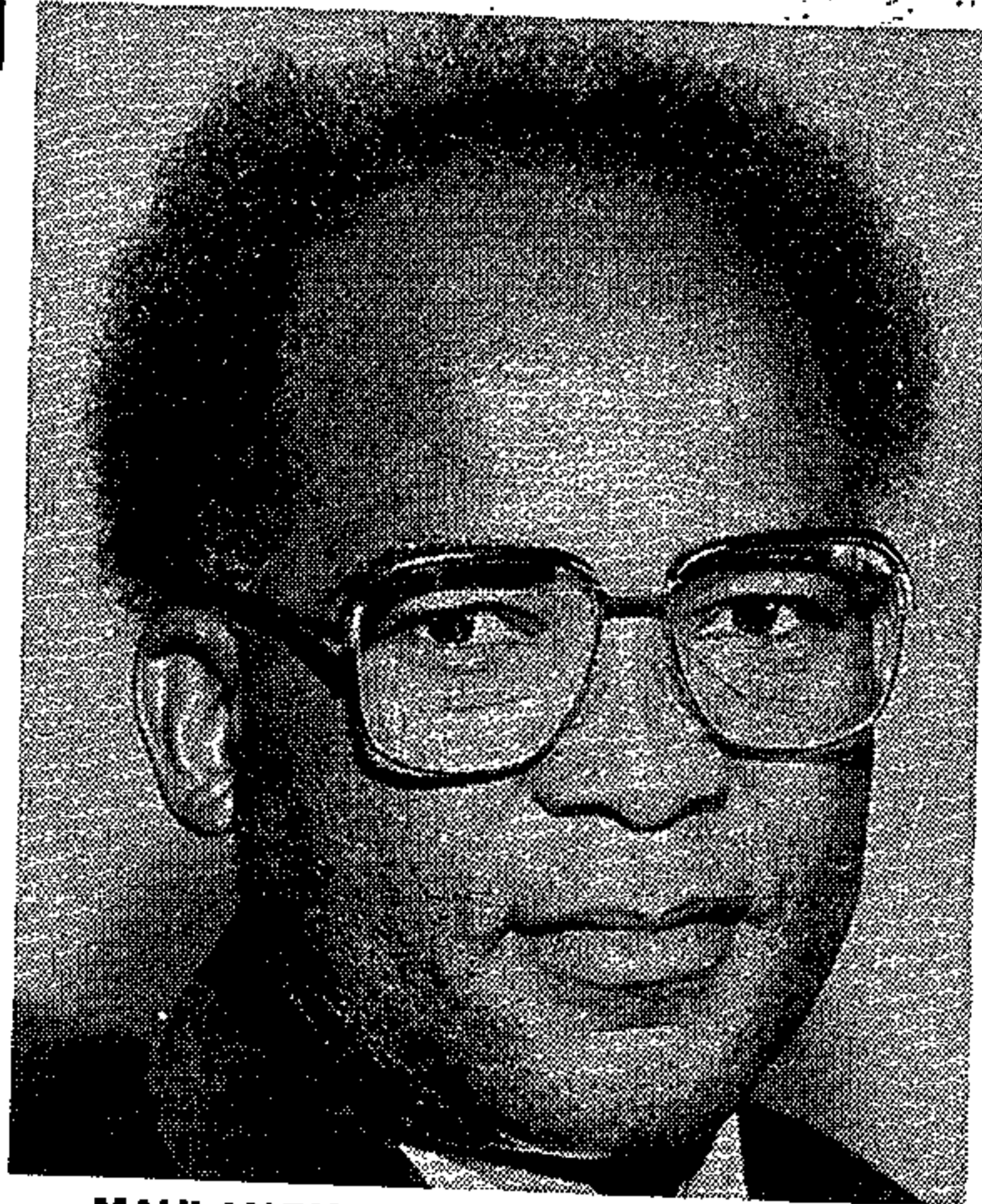
The hearing was attended by scores of people when it started yesterday.

Mr de Wet said Mr Mahlangu acted above his powers, misused his mayoral car and also threatened the transport officer when questioned about the use of his car.

Another witness, Mr T J van Strijp, the town treasurer, testified that two dud cheques valued at R10 000 were cashed at the local treasury by a council employee, Mr Siphso Zwane. He said he arranged — without informing the council — that the amount be debited into Mr Zwane's rental account and that he repay the amount at R400 a month.

Examined by Mr Goosen, the treasurer conceded that his decision was a contravention of financial regulations because the matter was supposed to have been reported to the council which in turn was supposed to report to the Director of Local Government.

Mr van Strijp, who was extensively questioned about the council's



MAHLANGU . . . commission of inquiry.

funds, said 50 percent of the council's present budget was for salaries and wages only.

Mr Goosen also produced reports in which the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala, recommended to the council that Mr Zwane, who was his senior personal assistant, be seconded to the United Municipalities of South Africa (Umsa) at its offices in

Johannesburg and that he be paid his salary by the council until Umsa was economically viable.

This arrangement was to be renewed annually.

Mr van Strijp confirmed that this arrangement was effected. But he said no agreement had been signed with Umsa who, he added, were not in a position to find someone to work for them permanently.

By BARRY STREEK  
Political Staff

# Van Eck agrees to debate challenge

THE MP for Claremont, Mr Jan van Eck, yesterday accepted a challenge from the Mayor of Lingeletu West, Mr Mali Hoza, for a public debate about the conditions in Khayelitsha.

Mr Hoza issued the challenge after Mr Van Eck warned in Parliament that violence could soon erupt in Khayelitsha if the government did not take action against Mr Hoza and his "bully boys". He also accused Mr Hoza

of using violence and intimidation to gain control.

Mr Hoza rejected his statements and accused Mr Van Eck of abusing his privilege as a member of an all-white Parliament.

In a statement last night, Mr Van Eck said he accepted Mr Ho-

za's invitation to a debate with him, provided the debate took place at a public meeting.

Mr Van Eck said it would have to be agreed that he be allowed his own interpreter and that he and Mr Hoza agree upon the choice of chairperson.



# Mayor misused vehicle, inquiry told

By McKeed Kotlolo  
Pretoria Bureau

The former mayor of Atteridgeville, Mr Matthew Mahlangu, acted beyond his power and misused his mayoral car, a commission of inquiry into allegations of corruption in the Atteridgeville City Council heard yesterday.

The inquiry was also told about other councillors and officials who misused the council's vehicles and misappropriated funds.

The council's director of Emergency Services, Mr Jacobus Chris de Wet, said there had been complaints about councillors who misused the council's vehicles last year.

He said the culprits included

the then mayor, Mr Mahlangu and his deputy Mr Velaphi Mathebula, the present mayor.

Mr de Wet said the council had three vehicles for its official use and that the mayor was given a black Mercedes Benz. His deputy and other councillors used a Nissan Skyline and a minibus. He said all three vehicles had log books but they were ignored by councillors.

He said it was decided at a council meeting that all vehicles should have drivers and had to be locked at the council offices overnight, but these resolutions were ignored by some councillors.

He said Councillor Victor Zobane once used a vehicle with a council driver "for his own per-

sonal treat" for about six days without permission.

"Another official, a Mr Ramaboa, used a council vehicle for his driving lessons and ended up damaging the car just outside the township. The council had to repair the car. This official had no learner's or driver's licence," said Mr de Wet.

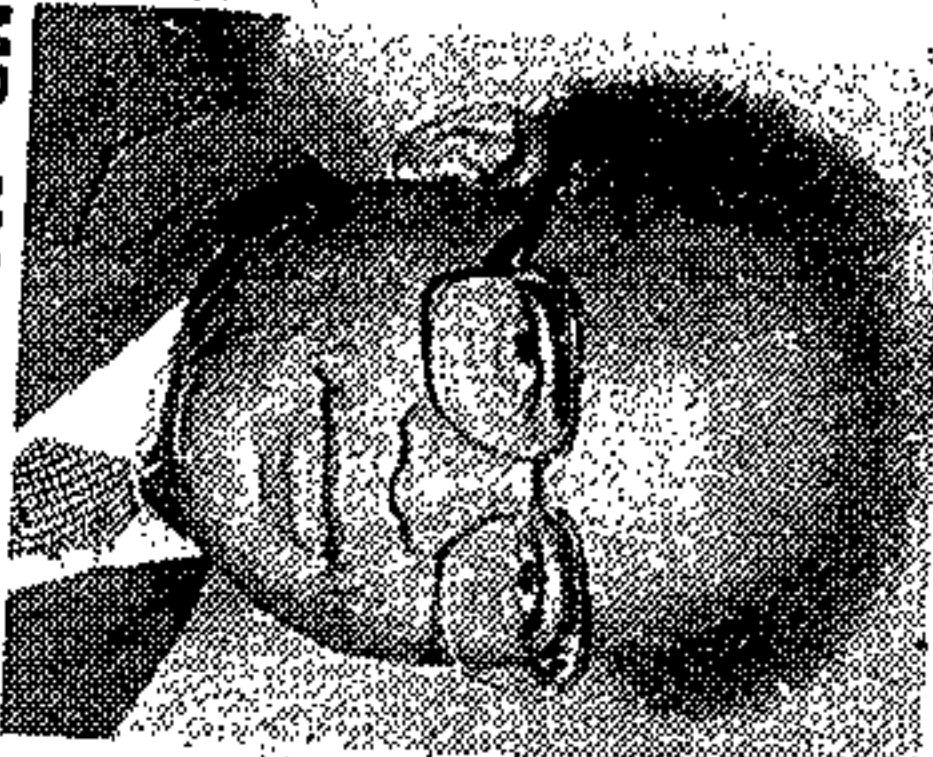
He said Mr Mahlangu's driver once brought an overtime form to his office which he rejected, but the mayor sanctioned it.

Councillor Zobane told the inquiry Mr Mahlangu kept the mayoral car at his house, claiming it was his, and used it for church meetings at Moria, near Pietersburg.





# EX-MAYOR TOOK CASH



MR MATTHEW MAHLANGU... subject of inquiry.

THE former mayor of Ateridgeville, Mr Matthew Mahlangu, embezzled R3 000 from the Central Transvaal Urban Councils Association.

He also personally claimed money donated to the local city council by certain companies, the Kriel Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday.

Mr Jerry Phiri, a

By MONK NKOMO

former deputy mayor, testified that he was aware of the R3 000 which Mr Mahlangu — who was chairman of Cetrucra at the time — withdrew unlawfully from Cetrucra funds in 1986. This amount had not been repaid.

Mr Phiri, who claimed to have been an intimate of Mr Mahlangu, said the R3 000 was given to a

certain Mr Mannuels to pay for his house after his family was evicted in Eersterus. Mr Phiri was testifying before Mr Willie Kriel who is investigating allegations of corruption and irregularities in the Ateridgeville City Council.

Mr Phiri said Mr Mahlangu was given a cheque for R1 200 by a

firm of developers — United Financial Trust (UFT) in February 1987 as a donation to use during the inauguration of the United Municipalities of South Africa (Umsa).

Mr Mahlangu took the cheque and "until today nobody, including the council, knows what happened to it," said Mr Phiri.

The same company was later given sites to erect houses near the Saulsville hostel. Examined by Mr Eric Goosen, who is leading the evidence, Mr Phiri said Mr Mahlangu furthered the interest of UDF and ignored his duties as a mayor.

Another witness, Councillor Victor Zobane, testified that Mr Mahlangu was given R400 spending money by the Ateridgeville council

## Probe into graft told

heard that Mr Mahlangu claimed a donation of R800 from Family Housing Association to the council. This amount however was eventually deposited into the council's coffers.

Both Mr Phiri and Mr Zobane accused Councillors Mathebula, the Reverend Enoch Sibanyoni, Mr Mahlangu and Mr Justice Tshungu of misusing council vehicles.

On his return Mr Mahlangu only submitted a receipt for R58,37. The balance had not yet been accounted for. The commission also

Mr Phiri also informed the commission that Mr Mahlangu had two identities. He submitted that his other surname was Litho.



# Thirsty residents cry out for water

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## Anger at CP municipality

By Stan Hlophe

Taps ... taps ... taps ... everywhere, but not a drop to drink. That is the situation at Siyathemba township, near Balfour.

The Star yesterday visited the water-starved township and the sister squatter area, dubbed as "Wag Plek", loosely translated as "waiting place", and it was evident that the 30 000 inhabitants were faced with a big problem. Thirst was written all over their faces.

The two water tankers supplied by the SADF at a cost of R1 000 a day for the entire population was like a drop in the ocean.

### Residents angry

Interviewed residents could hardly contain their anger against the actions of the CP-controlled Balfour municipality, which decided to cut water supplies to their black neighbours eight months ago. Citing a water shortage, the municipality has stopped the 30 000 black residents from using the town's water supply.

"The CP can deny us sharing the same facilities with them or living

alongside them, but when they deny us God's natural resources like water then they are worse than the devil himself," one woman pointed out.

The Star arrived when one of the tankers had just been delivered by two men in a tractor. Old and young alike rushed to the water point.

Loaded with buckets and water carriers it was clear that they had not seen water for some time.

"We are dying of thirst. This is the only water available from the tankers. It is dirty and full of all kinds of insects. We are paying R5 for this dirty water. It is far from purified and we have evidence that it is drawn from the dam nearby," Mrs Linah Mbele said.

Miss Nomngibelo Mofokeng echoed Mrs Mbele's sentiments and added: "We have survived simply because we still have a will to live. Why can't we have water like other people. We can't cook, wash, clean like any other proud community."

Mr Mandla Ngcobo, a local trade unionist, described the situation as a health hazard.

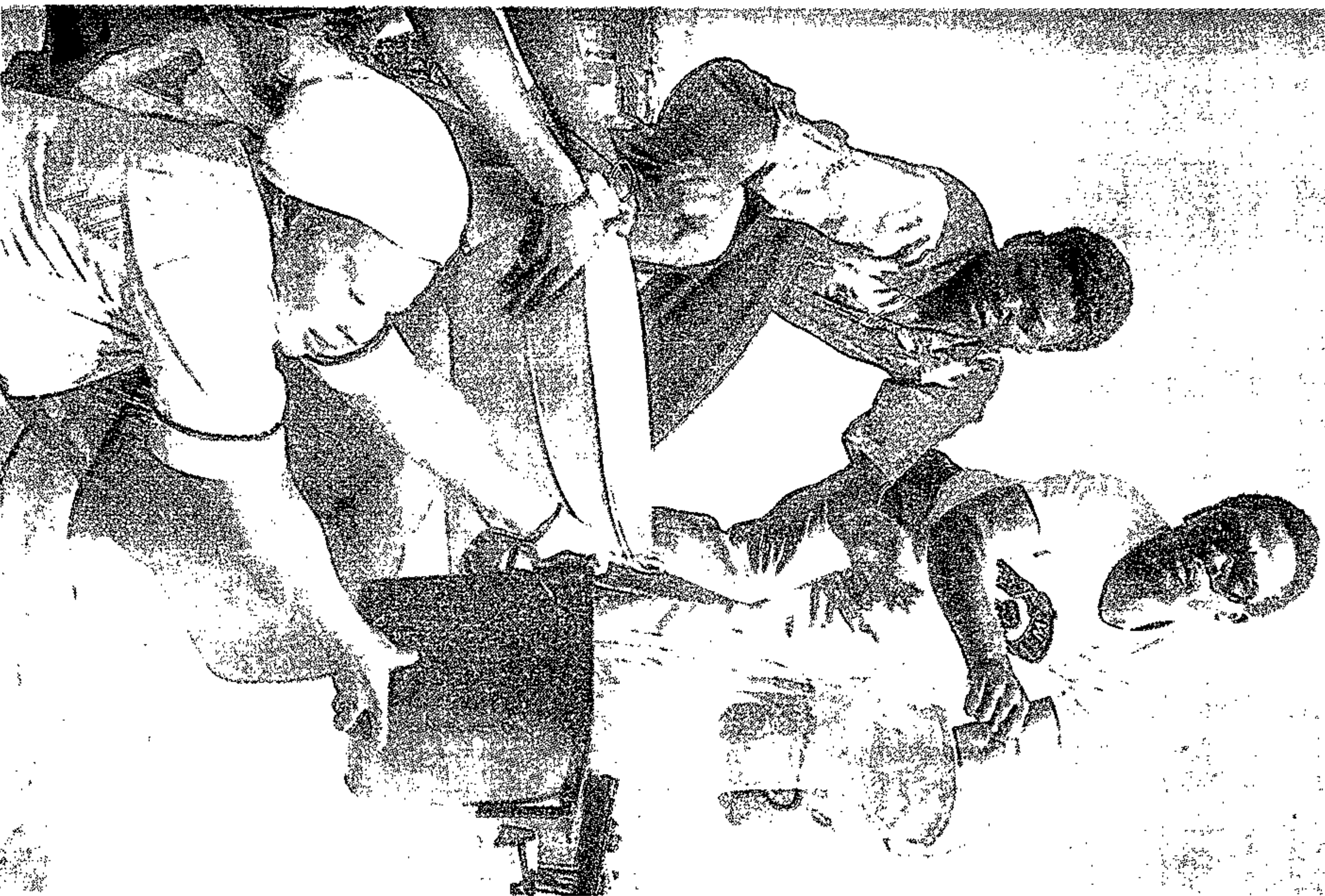
"Having a bath is like asking for the moon. These water tankers are supplied at irregular intervals and cause a lot of confusion in the community," Mr Ngcobo said.

A group of youths said when they approached the mayor, Mr Daniel Maphoshe, about the situation he allegedly threatened them with detention for incitement.

Mr Maphoshe denied an allegation that he was unsympathetic to the community.

He also denied that the Water Crisis Committee had approached him on the issue.

None of the Balfour municipality officials would comment.



Residents of Wag Plek, a squatter area near Balfour, scramble for water from an SADF-supplied tanker.

Picture by Stephen Davimes.



# New bid to end rent crisis

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The Soweto Peoples' Delegation has repeated its proposed solution to the township's protracted rent boycott.

The delegation — a group of community and church leaders mandated by township organisations to attempt to negotiate an end to the three-year rent boycott — held five report-back meetings on Sunday with residents.

The meetings followed the Soweto Council's unilateral decision to write off the estimated R701 million rent arrears owed by residents.

Soweto mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi later claimed he had been misquoted and that he had never made the proposal. Star 12/4/89.

Sunday's meetings were organised in an attempt to clarify the confusion following Mr Mkhwanazi's contradictory statements.

The delegation's recommendations — drawn up after Sunday's report-back meetings — were that all arrears be written off, houses be transferred to residents, services be upgraded to acceptable standards, affordable service charges be designed, and a single tax base for Johannesburg and Soweto be established.

The delegation has asked for another meeting with the council.

Mr Mkhwanazi could not be reached for comment.



## Council must respond today

THE Thokoza Town Council has been given until mid-day today to respond to an application for reinstatement by three councillors who were suspended for 45 days last month or defend the case in the Rand Supreme Court.

The three applicants are former chairman of the three-man administration committee appointed after the collapse of the council, Mr Jacob Sekete, Mr Joseph Madio and Mr Joseph Maseko.

The three were allegedly suspended for attending a public meeting to discuss pending rent increases during February.

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## Black and white building venture



## tackles Alex housing need

By Norman Chandler

The first three of 50 homes in 13th Avenue, Alexandra — the redeveloped urban area north of Johannesburg — to be built as a co-operative venture between white and black builders have been completed.

Mr Mike Graham, managing director of Time Housing, said such ventures were the most effective ways of tackling the country's housing backlog, and added: "Conventional solutions won't do. A partnership between white and black entrepreneurs is the answer."

Time last year teamed up with black entrepreneurs to form Tri-Time Housing following a successful link-up with a company in Witbank which has so far resulted in 96 homes being built at kwaGuga in the eastern Transvaal.

Mr Nel Khumalo, a director of Tri-Time, said: "Our clients are delighted at the results of our Alexandra project. Building on the first 23 homes got

under way only four months ago, and we have managed to complete the first homes in six weeks."

Mr Khumalo said the Alexandra City Council had been "extremely co-operative" and was taking steps to alleviate the housing shortage by providing serviced land to private contractors at affordable prices.

His company believed all were "entitled to aspire to a decent roof over their heads", he said.

"The provision of decent housing is not only a challenge, we must be prepared to tackle head-on but also a prerequisite for stability."

Tri-Time's two and three-bedroomed houses are designed for the middle to upper income group, and sell at between R39 000 and R64 000 including land. There are 10 designs.

The company intends building in Soweto and other metropolitan areas in the Transvaal this year.



# Unknown motive for hit on Kgame <sup>343</sup>

"Life stops when you are dead, irrespective of the category of your job."

These were the words of former chairman of the Dobsonville Management Committee and chairman of the Urban Councils Association of South Africa (Ucasa), Mr Steve Kgame, after his attempted assassination in 1987.

At the time Mr Kgame was mystified as to why four masked gunmen would storm into his shop and at point blank range pump a volley of bullets into his body. They took nothing and hurt no one else.

He could not decide whether his moderate political profile or role as a businessman had sparked the attack. Or if he was the victim of a random attack "because everybody is being attacked these days, even hobos".

After all, he believed he had achieved much for black people

Mr Steve Kgame, former chairman of the Dobsonville Management Committee, is on the critical list after an assassination attempt. But the motive for the attack is baffling. **DAWN BARKHUIZEN** reports.

— including helping to secure the abolition of influx control, actively supporting calls for squatters' rights and calling for the release of jailed ANC leader Nelson Mandela.

He would not allow the shooting to deter him. He remained committed to moderate politics — on that he was quite clear.

Nevertheless, the shooting (and three previous petrol bomb attacks on his home) prompted the father of four to carry a pistol every day.

The pistol-packing politician is back in hospital fighting for his life — his body once again riddled with bullets, his whereabouts a secret for fear that would-be assassins might return to finish the job.

The reason behind the attack has again baffled his family and the police.

Certainly he had enemies, but things had been quiet for some time, his wife, Mrs Jenny Kgame, told *The Star* this week.

● As a black councillor, one-time mayor of Dobsonville and open supporter of participation he has frequently been charged with being a "sellout" and collaborator. In October last year, however, he was ousted from his municipal seat.

● He at one time faced charges of theft and corruption — but these were withdrawn.

● While his keen support for a National Council is likely to have drawn the strongest condemnation, the Government has

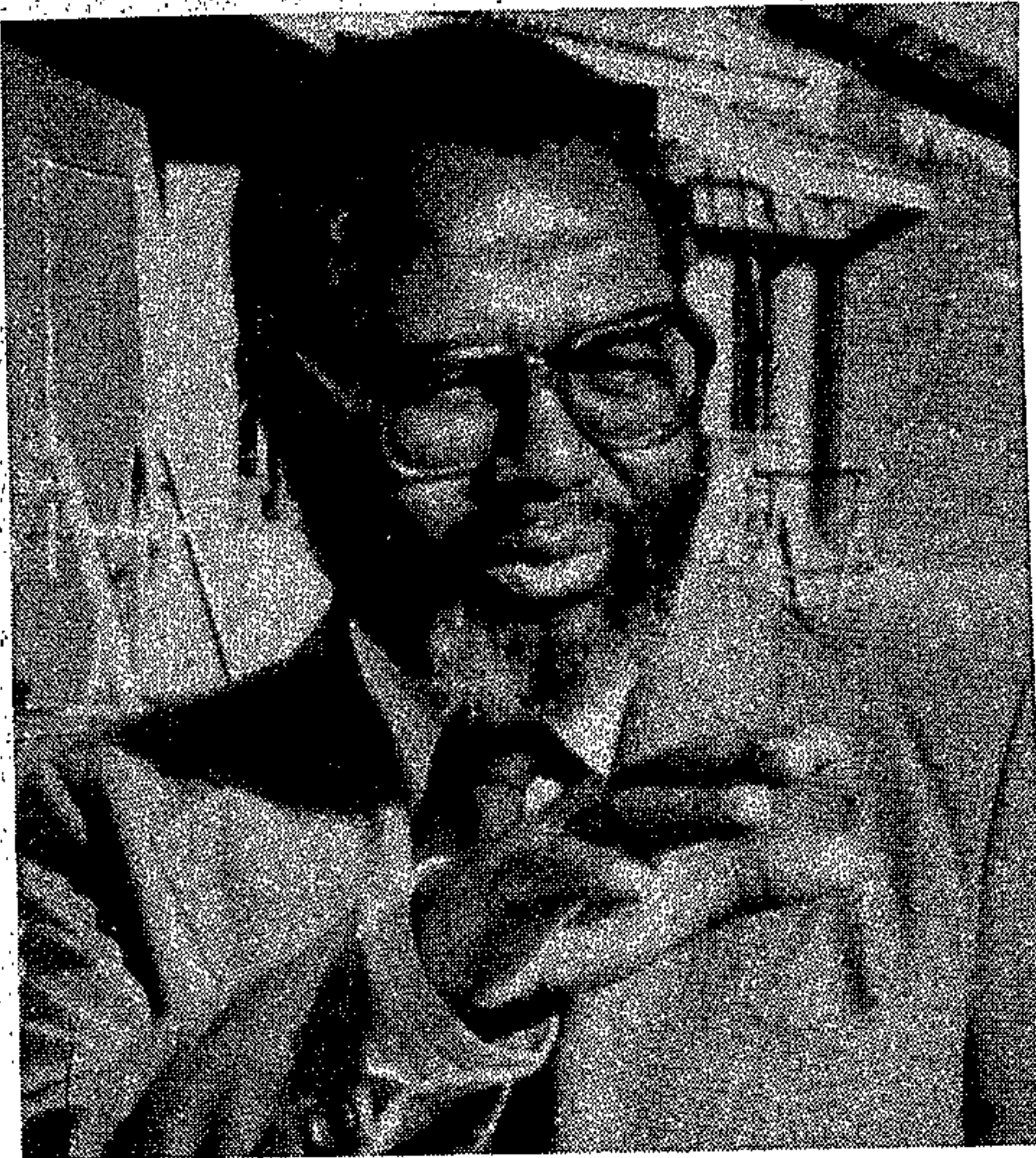
made no attempt to bring the council into being after writing it into the statute books.

Speculation that Mr Kgame would be South Africa's first black cabinet minister is therefore premature as legislation providing for this has been blocked by the Labour Party.

What sparked the assassination attempt on the former *Rand Daily Mail* journalist and man who referred to himself as a "thoroughbred urban African"?

The men who attacked him 14 months ago have not yet been caught. Did the Dobsonville Urban Council's first mayor get careless and fall victim to a repeat attack?

Was his attack politically motivated or was he the victim of a mysterious vendetta? Unless Mr Kgame is able to identify his assailants there is a strong possibility that no one will ever know.



Mr Steve Kgame . . . gunned down for a second time.



# State quizzed on 'mo

By THEMBA MOLEFE

LAWYERS for Human Rights yesterday called upon the Minister of Law and Order, the Commissioner of Police and the Attorney-General of the Transvaal to explain why the "lynch mob" which ran an Indian family out of their new house in Mayfair have not been arrested for terrorism and subversion.

The organisation was reacting to the Sunday incident in which white residents of Mayfair West forcibly prevented the "Doyle" family from moving into the house.

In a statement issued by the national director of the LHR, Mr Brian Currin, the organisation said: "Section 54 of the Internal Security Act provides *inter alia* that any person who, with the intent to put fear or demoralise the general public, a particular population group or the inhabitants of a particular area, threatens to commit an act of violence, is guilty of terrorism.

## Guilty

"If simultaneously such a person causes, encourages or foments feelings of hostility between different population groups or parts of population groups, that person is guilty of subversion".

"Can you imagine what would happen if blacks were to brandish firearms at political rallies. Also the 'lynch mob' in Mayfair West were attending an unlawful gathering. Why were they not arrested?"

"Unless racial discrimination is not only eradicated from our Statute Books but prohibited by law and unless the absolute equality of rights of all people is entrenched in a Bill of Rights, South Africa will without any doubt be torn apart by racial conflict.

## Vote

"The racists and bigots will exploit laws as long as they remain on the Statute Books. Secondly, while only whites have the vote there can never be equality before the law. The Government has no need to placate the

black man in the street," said the LHR.

The Black Sash said: "We respond with disgust to the racial climate that exists in this country.

"The National Party policy of discrimination is a breeding ground of fear, hate and suspicion which is growing daily in the white population against people of other colours.

"The fear is stimulated by the Government-

controlled media and until apartheid is scrapped and South Africans get on and live their lives together in a normal society this type of reaction will only intensify," the Black Sash said.

• The South African Police Directorate for Public Relations in Pretoria said investigations into the incident were continuing and no arrests had been made.

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## Victim 'kicked, dragged'

A MAMELODI resident who was allegedly killed by a white policeman on the day of the 1985 shootings was also kicked and dragged along a concrete driveway before he was thrown into a police vehicle, an inquest magistrate heard yesterday.

This was said by two women who saw a policeman shoot at Mr Jerry Ngwatle inside the yard of a Section O home on November 21, 1985. The women were testifying before Mr J N Pretorius during an inquest into the shootings.

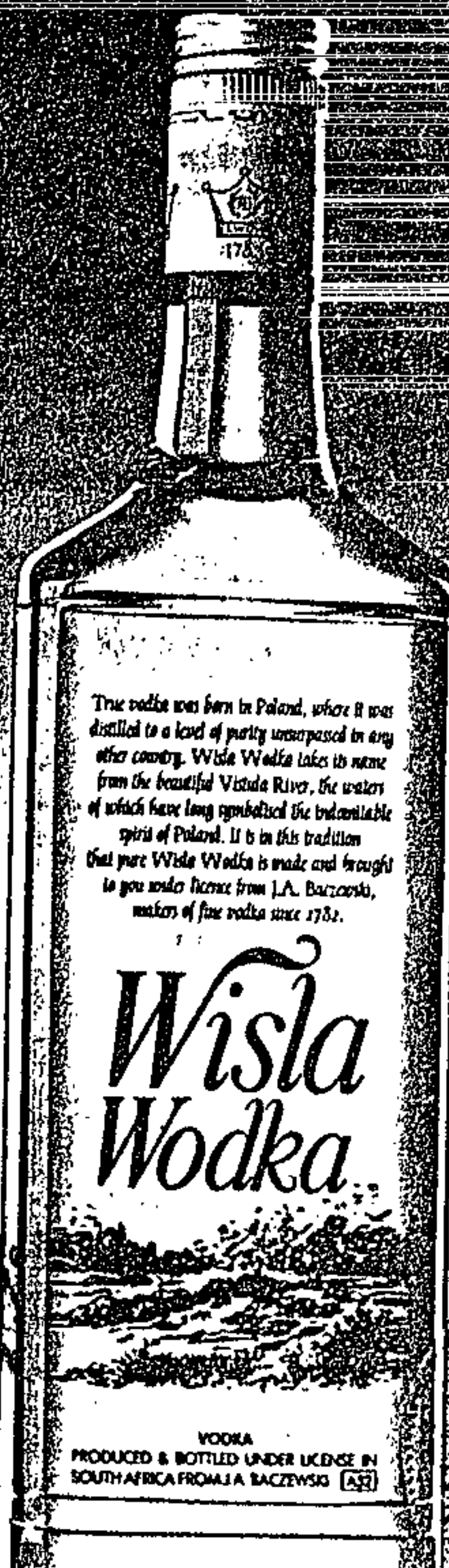
Both witnesses, Mrs Maria Malebelo Sibanyoni and Mrs Agnes Madiseng, said the man was shot at as he and

other youths were running away shortly after approached by an armed policeman. They youths were running in different directions. A policeman opened fire and Mr Ngwatle was hit by a bullet.

According to Mrs Sibanyoni, Mr Ngwatle nothing to provoke the policeman's action. She he did not carry a petrol bomb as was stated by two policemen.

Mrs Sibanyoni said she was one of the who marched to the administrative offices on that day.

# CLEAR WINNER





# MY DEPUTY TOOK BRIBE

*South 4/1/89* **Ex-mayor tells Commission of Inquiry** *223*

THE former mayor of Atteridgeville, Mr Matthew Mahlangu, yesterday refuted claims of corruption levelled against him.

Instead he accused his former deputy, Mr Jerry Phiri, of having accepted a R1 900 bribe from a local resident for a house.

By MONK NKOMO

Testifying before a commission of inquiry investigating allegations of corruption and irregularities in the Atteridgeville City Council, Mr Mahlangu blamed the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala, for the conflict and the power struggle that existed in the council.

Mr Mahlangu said he was stopped by Mr Rammala from investigating the disappearance of cables in the Engineering Department stores.

He was later informed that these cables were used for the wiring of a local shop.

Mr Mahlangu also said that Mr Rammala claimed a travelling allowance on a rented car and this was paid by the council. This was unlawful.

Mr Mahlangu told the commission that Mr Phiri accepted a R1 900 bribe from Lazarus Mashishi in May last year for a house at 24 Sepeng Street.

Mr Phiri evicted the rightful owner of the house and allocated it to Mr Mashishi who improved it but cannot stay in the house until today.

Mr Mahlangu described as "utter nonsense" claims by Mr Phiri that he embezzled council funds. He admitted withdrawing

R3 000 from the Central Transvaal Urban Council Association's coffers but said he was "forced" by Mr Phiri to borrow the money and lend it to a Mr Manuel.

Mr Mahlangu asked the commission to summon Mr Manuel who had promised to pay the amount but had not done so.

Regarding the amount that he is alleged to have embezzled, Mr Mahlangu said he had made personal requests to two companies for funds to be used at meetings in Cape Town and Johannesburg.

One of the companies mistakenly made out the cheque in the council's name.

"I gave Phiri R400 from these funds. I even paid for him and his lady at a hotel in Johannesburg. This money had nothing to do with the council," Mr Mahlangu said.

The commission also heard that a council official recommended a "voetstoot" sale of a grader for R6 000.

The grader, which was recently overhauled was bought by an official who sold it to another person for R17 000. This person resold it for R25 000. The council was then made to buy another grader worth R140 000, said Mr Mahlangu. He said he viewed the transaction as abnormal.

# ACTION AGAINST COUNCIL

Sowetan 14/4/89

RESIDENTS of the elite Hillsview township in Kagiso are taking the local council to court over the failure to provide them with electricity for the past two years.

The 500 residents of the area said a test case was pending against the council.

Summons have been served on the council and a court date was expected to be announced soon.

## Summons

The mayor of Kagiso, Mr Edward Moeketsi, and his deputy, Mr David Modiba, were not available for comment. Messages left for them to return calls drew no response in two days.

The town clerk, Mr J van Rensburg, said he did "not know" of the summons.

## Stones

There are other elite areas in Kagiso which have not been electrified

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

since they were built more than two years ago.

Some of the areas have no proper roads or street lighting and residents of Hospitalview Extension have to walk 5 km to board taxis to Krugersdorp.

Some residents use candles for lighting and pressure stoves for cooking in the R40 000-plus houses in Kagiso's elite areas.

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## Inquiry told of 'donations' to former mayor

By McKeed Kotlolo, Pretoria Bureau

Former mayor of Atteridgeville Mr Matthew Mahlangu told the Kriel Commission of Inquiry yesterday that money he was alleged to have misappropriated consisted of his personal donations from development companies.

The commission is investigating allegations of corruption in the council.

Mr Mahlangu said amounts of R800 and R1 200 had been received respectively from the Family Housing Association and UFT Development Company and did not belong to the council because he had personally asked for the money as donations.

When it was put to him that government regulations prohibited the mayor from accepting donations, Mr Mahlangu agreed, but said the R500 monthly allowance that councillors received was not enough to pay for such things as home rentals.

He told the commission he was opposed to a regulation which did not allow councillors to receive donations and that he believed he had not committed any criminal offence.

The hearing continues.

# Booster pump brings water — and joy — to Siyathemba

ESMARE VAN DER MERWE, Political Reporter

TAPS are running again in Balfour's black township of Siyathemba which has been suffering from an eight-month water shortage.

Ms Sue Prinsloo, a member of the Siyathemba Water Crisis Committee, said yesterday the committee and the township's 30 000 residents were extremely grateful

to the Conservative Party-controlled village council which had installed a new booster pump to supply the township with water.

She said water started flowing this week. "But why on earth could they not have installed a new pump earlier? It only took them 15 manhours of work. This whole crisis could have been avoided."

Ms Prinsloo said the committee did not believe the CP council deliberately cut off water supplies to Siyathemba, as claimed by residents. "It is not a political problem. It is a community problem."

Although the new booster pump successfully pumped water to the high-lying township, the committee would proceed with a petition to the State President, she said.

"After the first newspaper reports, there was water for a while. But is just dwindled again. We want to make sure that the water stays."

Commenting on the town council's statement that R7 million was needed for an additional supply system, of which about R5 million was still needed, Ms Prinsloo said the Government should "provide the funds."

"Surely there must be R5 million lying around somewhere. And at the end of the day the rate-payers and taxpayers will anyway pay for it, not the Government."

"Money must be made available for the basic necessities in life such as water," she said.



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# LEGAL ACTION OVER ZOLA HOUSES

LAWYERS acting for residents of the newly-built Zola township intend taking legal action against the developers of the project.

This follows an investigation by the South African Bureau of Standards into allegations of shoddy workmanship in the area.

The SABS outlined several discrepancies found in the develop-

BY SY MAKARINGE

ment in a four-page report presented to the residents' lawyers this week.

The report says that the houses, built by Linco Project Developers late last year, appeared to be in good condition from a distance. However, on closer inspection, several defects were spotted.

It said the houses were built in a swampy area, on the edge of a vlei or "river of some kind". The report said if some of

the houses were built under the floodline, it could pose a threat to the inhabitants.

It said the ground conditions on which the houses had been built could also affect the foundations and the "super structures".

The bureau recommended that the issues be taken up with the Soweto Council.

The report said that on closer inspection, the floor slabs were found to

have been cast on the ground with no projection to keep them from sliding and to keep the water from washing away the ground underneath.

"Storm-water drainage around some of the houses is poor, door thresholds do not keep the water out when it is raining and floors are not level," the report says.

Other defects spotted in the investigation include:

- The outside plaster on the walls is very rough and uneven;
- Walls not built in straight lines;
- Paint work is of poor quality;
- Some electric distribution boxes are not

properly fixed;

- Electrical wiring in the roof seemingly unsafe;
- Baths were badly fitted;
- Water and drainage pipes leak in a number of cases;
- Most roofs seem to be leaking.

## Value

The bureau said it was not in a position to say if the houses were good value for money. It, however, suggested that other bodies, including the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, the South African Advisory Council and the Institute for Housing of South Africa, be contacted in that regard.

The SABS expressed willingness to conduct

further tests if the lawyers so wished.

Management of Linco Project Developers has always maintained that its houses were good value for money. It said the houses had been built according to specifications.

In a previous interview, Mr Terry Power, general manager of Standard Bank's home loans division, said the bank was satisfied that the houses were well above the 50-year floodline barrier.

He said this conclusion was reached after tests had been conducted in the area.

Mr Power also said the houses had a higher resale value.

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# Vaal Triangle gets a R300m township

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BEVERLEY Hills, a huge new township in the Vaal Triangle, opens next month.

Direct Estate Agents MD John Marshall added construction had begun on the R300m development near Vereeniging and registration of buyers of up to 530 stands was taking place.

Services for stands are complete except for road construction.

Marshall said infrastructure costs for the first phase were R35m and contractors had erected a village of show houses.

The development will include 11 000 dwellings.

By the end of the year developers expect to have built 4 000 of them.

Phase two is expected to start in two months' time and involves the construction of 500 houses.

Marshall said the developers were applying to make the area a free-settlement zone.

Most interest has come from Sowetans seeking a more comfortable and quiet place to live.

The development has made provision for 11 school sites, seven pre-primary schools, 20 churches, flats and business stands.



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## Soweto yuppies keen on gardens

343 Staff Reporter

Fifty-five percent of Soweto residents were keen to have a garden at home, according to a survey conducted in January by Impact Information.

Sowetans most interested in gardening tended to be young, single and upper income earners, the survey found.

Their favourite flowers were roses (31 percent), followed by carnations (9 percent) and lilies (8 percent). Almost one-third of the respondents could not mention a favourite flower.

"Our study highlighted the tremendous potential for nurseries in Soweto, as well as the high demand for cut flowers in the Johannesburg CBD," said Mr Erik du Plessis, managing director of Impact Information.

NAME	AGE	SEX	INCOME	EDUCATION	RESIDENCE	INTEREST
1. 1974-01	25	F	1000	12	1000	1000
2. 1975-02	26	M	1100	13	1100	1100
3. 1976-03	27	F	1200	14	1200	1200
4. 1977-04	28	M	1300	15	1300	1300
5. 1978-05	29	F	1400	16	1400	1400
6. 1979-06	30	M	1500	17	1500	1500
7. 1980-07	31	F	1600	18	1600	1600
8. 1981-08	32	M	1700	19	1700	1700
9. 1982-09	33	F	1800	20	1800	1800
10. 1983-10	34	M	1900	21	1900	1900
11. 1984-11	35	F	2000	22	2000	2000
12. 1985-12	36	M	2100	23	2100	2100
13. 1986-01	37	F	2200	24	2200	2200
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26. 1999-02	50	M	3500	37	3500	3500
27. 2000-03	51	F	3600	38	3600	3600
28. 2001-04	52	M	3700	39	3700	3700
29. 2002-05	53	F	3800	40	3800	3800
30. 2003-06	54	M	3900	41	3900	3900
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32. 2005-08	56	M	4100	43	4100	4100
33. 2006-09	57	F	4200	44	4200	4200
34. 2007-10	58	M	4300	45	4300	4300
35. 2008-11	59	F	4400	46	4400	4400
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# Township anger over power switch-off at night

By Stan Hlophe and Matsube Mfoloe

A row has erupted between the Soweto residents, shopkeepers, and the city council over the power cuts in the township.

## The residents say:

A Protea resident, Mr Matthews Ngali, said it was common knowledge that the electricity supply was switched off in the middle of the night, particularly at weekends.

"We are very much inconvenienced by the sudden switch off. We have to run around in the middle of the night looking for candles and paraffin to bring some light in our homes.

"I don't have to mention the food stored in the refrigerator which has to be thrown away after becoming spoiled."

The manager of Phiri Supermarket, Mr Oupa Mshapo, said that his butchery busi-

ness was counting the losses and he was never warned about the electricity cuts.

Mr Themba Mbatha of Chiawelo said: "Why on the weekends in particular? They do it because they know one might be having a party or even worse a night vigil."

A supermarket owner in Phiri, Mr Sandile Motjale, said his business was severely affected. "You can just imagine what would happen if light goes off with about a hundred customers inside," he said.

Miss Priscilla Magope of Phiri said: "This will be interpreted by the residents as a move by the council to break the rent boycott. All the good work being done by the council will become fruitless."

In Mapeta, there was no business on Friday and Saturday morning for Mr Themba Khumalo, an assistant manager of Mapeta Garage. "It is high time that we are notified on time," he said angrily. He said taxis,

which were the main supporters of his business, had to be turned back at his garage during peak-hour.

## An electricity department spokesman says:

"We don't have power cuts. What happened is that the five areas in Soweto were temporarily cut off because of an automatic failure in the substation which fed two power lines.

"The substation feeds the whole area and some time last month there was a blow up from certain parts of electricity system. We don't know what was the cause.

It would take about two months to get replacement equipment from overseas. "However, that does not mean the residents of the affected areas will be without power for two months."



# TOWN CLERK ACCU

## Facing a long list of charges before council

THE town clerk of Atteridgeville, Mr Solly Rammala, yesterday appeared before the local city council's disciplinary committee on 12 counts involving alleged irregularities including the alleged embezzlement of funds belonging to a trade union representing council employees.

The council alleges that Mr Rammala unlawfully used funds of the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities (TAEBLA) to pay for his accommodation at a hotel on or about August 30, 1986.

By MONK NKOMO

The disciplinary committee is chaired by Mr V Hiemstra, former Chief Justice of Bophuthatswana. Advocate David Smith is leading evidence. Mr Rammala is represented by Advocate Johan Stipp. Mr Rammala denied all the charges.

The council alleges that Mr Rammala, in his capacity as chief accounting officer failed to report to the council an incident in which a council employee, Mr Sipho Zwane, cashed a cheque worth R10 000 at the local treasury.

Mr Rammala allowed or connived at the debit of Mr Zwane's house rental and services account with the sum equal to that of the dishonoured cheque, according to the charge sheet.

The council also alleges that Mr Rammala, the holder of a residential permit at house No 2 Moloantsoa Street on or about October 20 last year applied for and gave instructions that he be issued with another residential permit in respect of a dwelling situated at 51 Masiuoane Street which is in contravention of Government Notice No 1036 of June 1, 1986.

## Business

According to the charge sheet Mr Rammala, on or about December 1986 caused business adjacent to the Thabang Bottle Store to be allocated to Mrs Noor Mahomed without advertising the business before the allocation was made.

The council also alleges that Mr Rammala:

- Approved the allocation of a business site number 1941 — without advertising it — to Direct Atteridgeville Enterprises a company in which a certain Mr Joe Tshabalala was the only shareholder and director;
- He appointed Miss Anastasia Moremi as personnel officer, an appointment which entails a promotion for which she was not qualified and without satisfying himself that she had the necessary qualifications;
- He acted in like manner by appointing and or promoting L J Mojapelo, Sipho Zwane, F Malibane, R E Mabulelong and W M Mofokeng;

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# Model town's R1-m debt

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

THE Daveyton Town Council, long regarded as a model council, is R21 million in the red — and all efforts to reduce the deficit have up to now flopped.

The latest effort to reduce the deficit was an intended rent and service charges increase, some of 300 percent, which were rejected by about 2000 residents who attended a public meeting at Sinaba Stadium at the weekend.

The Mayor of Daveyton, Mr Shadrack Sinaba, who addressed the meeting in the company of nine of his 13-member council, confirmed the deficit and the residents' rejection of the pending rent and service charge increases. Former Daveyton mayor, Mr Tom Boya, attended the meeting.

## Meeting

Mr Sinaba said his council has arranged for a meeting with officials of the Transvaal Provincial Administration to discuss the resolutions adopted at the meeting.

The residents called for an appointment of a commission of inquiry to investigate the use of council money by councillors and officials.



# OFFICIAL DENIES ILLEGAL TRADE

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A FORMER chief executive officer of the Central Transvaal Administration Board in Atteridgeville sanctioned the illegal operation of a food business inside the local hostel premises, a disciplinary inquiry heard yesterday.

Mr Solly Rammala, the town clerk, denied allegations that he was actively involved in the illegal "pap and vleis" business inside the Saulsville hostel. Mr Rammala has pleaded not guilty to 12 counts of alleged irregularities before an inquiry chaired by Mr V Hiemstra, a retired judge.

Mr Johan Stipp, who is appearing for Mr Rammala, yesterday put it to a witness, Mr Noel Madiba, a council employee, that the illegal business

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was run by Mr Joe Tshabalala and a certain Mr Kruger.

This business was sanctioned by Mr G Smith, who was the chief executive officer and who did not think a trading license was essential to operate the business, Mr Stipp submitted. He added that Mr Tshabalala was granted permission to test the feasibility of the business by both Mr Smith and a Mr Steyn, who was the hostel manager.

Another witness, Mr Henk Viljoen, senior township manager, told the inquiry that he was instructed by Mr Rammala to issue him with another residential permit in respect of house no. 51 Masjuane Street last year.

Mr Rammala held a residential permit in respect of house no. 2 Moloantoa Street at the time.

## Housing

Mr Viljoen said the issuing of another residential permit to Mr Rammala was a contravention of a council resolution because of the massive housing shortage in the township. Mr Viljoen said he issued a permit on instruction of Mr Rammala because "he is my boss."

According to the charge sheet Mr Rammala contravened a Government Notice 1036 of June 14, 1986.

Mr Madiba, an executive member of the Transvaal Association of Employees for Black Local Authorities denied suggestions by Mr Stipp that his trade union was instrumental in drawing up the charges against Mr Rammala.

Mr Davis Smith, who is leading the evidence, submitted that Taebla, following a mandate from its members, who are all council employees, called for the resignation of Mr Rammala because of alleged irregularities perpetrated by the town clerk.

(Proceeding)

## Taverners invited to meeting

THE Diepmeadow Tavern Association is inviting all shebeeners in the area to an urgent meeting scheduled for the Diepkloof Hall starting at

# Homes - new twist

THE Soweto City Council yesterday agreed to transfer ownership of more than 50 000 rented houses to tenants in the area.

This was announced in a joint statement by the municipality and Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) after a six-hour meeting held at the council's offices.

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The council has agreed to the transfer of all rented houses to the people of Soweto — only the details need to be worked by it," said the Rev Frank Chikane, who led the SPD delegates with the Rev Lebamang Sebidi.

The delegation said

Soweto's rent arrears were no longer a focal point as the council had asked "us to leave this matter to them." The council had also pointed out that the matter would be settled without Soweto residents having to pay the money.

The SPD had urged the council to seek a single tax base for Soweto and Johannesburg as a solution to the

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council's financial problems.

The SPD met a council delegation led by the mayor, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, and his deputy, Miss Esther Mkhabela. Other SPD members included former UDF president, Mrs Albertina Sisulu and Mrs Ellen Khuzwayo.

The delegation rejected the recently announced flat-rate service charge because the council could not show how "it had arrived at the rates", and that they were not consulted on their formulation.

The SPD is to present to the council its own rates "within the next few days."

Both parties also agreed to meet later this month, to resolve problems in the area.

The SPD is to hold report-back meetings at various venues in Soweto as from next week.



# 'LEAVE THE MAYOR ALONE'

THE fight for the mayor's position in the Lekoa Town Council has been taken to the Rand Supreme Court where it will be heard again on May 23.

Mr Justice MacArthur has ordered that Mr Samuel Kolisang, the ousted mayor, be reinstated as mayor and Mrs Kate Sibongile Ngwenya as his deputy.

It was further ordered that they should be

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permitted to occupy their offices and that the 10 councillors listed as respondents in the application by Mr Kolisang and Mrs Ngwenya should not interfere with them.

The judge said that Mr Jacob Selebalo should hand over the mayor's official car, a Toyota Cressida KKM 179T to Mr Kolisang. The other

respondents should hand over the deputy mayor's official car, registration number KZL 455T, also a Cressida, to Mrs Ngwenya.

It was further ordered that the respondents should be interdicted and restrained from in any way assaulting, molesting or hindering Mr Kolisang and Mrs Ngwenya from performing their duties as mayor and deputy mayor, or

with the occupation of their offices on the premises of the City Council of Lekoa.

The respondents are: Mr Jacob Selebalo, Mr David Nosenga, Mr Edwin Neko, Mr Gladstone Sonjica, Mr Esau Mtimkhulu, Mr Jonathan Meloa, Mr Moses Motsele, Mr Nicholas Mokati, Mr Chester Mottloun, Mr Michael Mkhawane and the City Council of Lekoa.



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# PROBE TO LOOFSHOP ALLOCATION

By MONK NKOMO

THE town clerk of Atteridgeville, Mr Solly Rammala, gave instructions that premises adjacent to the Thabang Bottle Store be allocated to an Indian businesswoman who did not, by law, qualify to trade there, it was alleged yesterday.

Mr Noel Madiba, testifying before a disciplinary committee investigating alleged acts of irregularities and misconduct against Mr Rammala, said he recommended that the application of Mrs Noor Mahomed be rejected by the city council because she was incompetent in terms of the Black Community Development Act (BCDA).

Advocate Johan Shipp, who is representing Mr Rammala, challenged Mr Madiba's evidence and submitted that his testimony was a fabrication.

"You are the principal actor in defrauding the council," said Mr Shipp. He said that Mr Madiba

## Applicant did not qualify

contradicted himself and he was not telling the truth. Mr Madiba denied the suggestion.

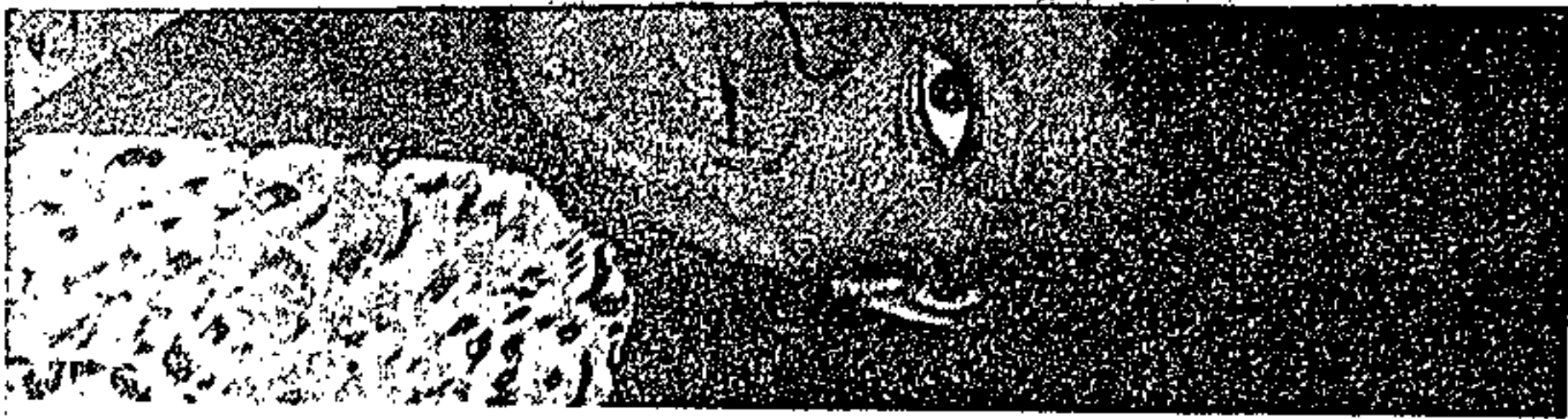
Mr Madiba said he made the first report recommending to the council the rejection of Mrs Mahomed's application for the land adjacent to Thabang Bottle Store which is owned by Mrs Mahomed. He submitted this report to the former secretary of the council, Mr George Mahlaela, who handed it over to Mr Rammala for his signature.

tions."

Mr Shipp put it to Mr Madiba that Mr Rammala was a responsible person who would not commit such an irregularity. Mr Madiba said he discussed this issue with Mr Kenneth Matime, the council's senior legal adviser. Mr Matime told him to "sort it out" with the town clerk.

Mr Shipp submitted that Mr Matime was going to deny that he ever discussed the matter with Mr Madiba. He also denied that Mr Rammala ever gave instructions to Mr Madiba.

Mr Shipp further submitted that Mr Rammala was on leave at the time this transaction took place. Mr Madiba replied that the town clerk attended official meetings even when he was on leave. (Proceeding)



## Suicide by 11 troopers

Eleven national servicemen committed suicide last year, while 294 attempted it, the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, said in the House of Assembly yesterday. In a written reply to a question from Mr Roger Hulley (DP, Constantia) he said six had died from hangings, three from overdoses, and two from other causes. Another four servicemen in the Permanent Force had committed suicide, two by shooting themselves and the other two by taking an overdose. Six men in the citizen force/commandos had



# Payment of rent arrears 'unrealistic'

By Stan Hlophe  
and Edward Moloiyane

The Soweto People's Delegation and the Soweto council last night agreed to work together to find a solution to the three-year rent crisis.

According to a joint-statement issued after a six-hour meeting, it was agreed that:

- It would be "unrealistic" to expect Soweto residents to pay R707 million rent arrears.
- The council would study the delegation's findings that there was a need to create a single municipal tax base for Soweto and Johannesburg.
- Soweto's infrastructure and services must be upgraded.
- The council would probe "gross irregularities" in the levying of service charges.
- Ownership of the present stock of houses should be transferred to Soweto residents.

Later, the Reverend Frank Chikane said the delegation did not accept the new flat rates of R50 a month suggested by mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi. The delegation was working out an "affordable" rate.

# Argus aids black staff to own homes



My home! Mr Steven Mashaba, a member of the The Newspaper Printing Company, shows off his new house in Soweto to Mrs Penny Gallon, personnel assistant, Mr Michael Ndobela and Mr Bernard Briggs, the engineering manager of TNPC.

By Winnie Graham  
The Argus Company, owners of The Star, has eased the way for its black staff to purchase their own houses.

The first three houses in Soweto built for employees of The Newspaper Printing Company (TNPC) were occupied less than four months after the company appointed a housing consultant to advise on ways in which red tape surrounding black homeownership could be cut.

The consultant, Mr Ian Bernhardt, was also able to identify pitfalls and recommend black entrepreneurs to build the houses.

Several other houses are now under construction in townships on the Witwatersrand.

When restrictions were eased some six years ago, blacks were invited to buy the "matchbox" houses they rented on a 99-year leasehold plan.

## GUIDANCE

The chronic shortage of housing remained, however, and the difficulty in acquiring property, coupled with red tape, made it virtually impossible for the average black person to work his way through the legal ramifications of homeownership.

People needed expert guidance and so the consultant was appointed by The Star.

In terms of its revised housing policy, the Argus Company will provide direct loans for deposits

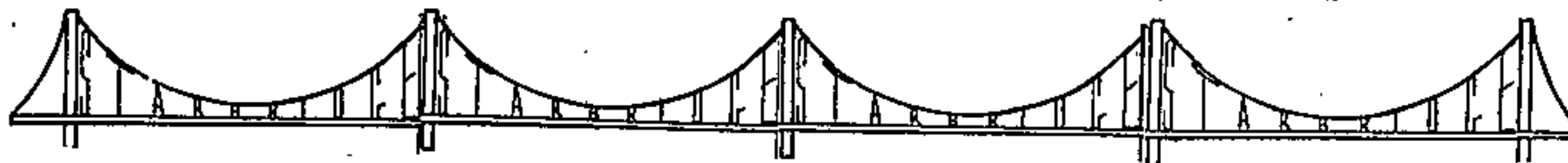
on houses as well as guarantees up to R7 500.

The company has set aside R2 million nationwide on direct housing loans and very much more in guarantees.

The three houses built for TNPC employees in Soweto cost between R38 000 and R40 000 each. They are plaster-finished, have tiled roofs and have 50 sq m in floorspace. Monthly repayments average around R480.

Several other houses, for staff of both the TNPC and The Star, are now under construction.

Company personnel managers, working through black estate agents, are looking at lower-income housing — in the R20 000 to R27 000 bracket.





# 'Report has gone missing'

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AN official Atteridgeville City Council report rejecting an application by an Indian trader to operate a supermarket near the Saulsville hostel, has allegedly gone missing under mysterious circumstances.

Mr George Mahlaela, former secretary of the council, told an inquiry into allegations by the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala, that he

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submitted a report turning down an application by Mrs Noor Mahomed to Mr Rammala for his signature during November 1986.

Mr Mahlaela said he never saw that report again and the recommendations were never tabled before the council.

Mr Mahlaela, who resigned from the council in February this year, said he was surprised when Mr Noel Madiba, the administration clerk later handed him another report but which had recommendations contrary to those contained in the first report.

Mr Mahlaela told the inquiry that he signed and approved the recommendation in the second report.

Proceeding

# R560m Soweto plan approved

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THE Soweto Council has approved plans for a R560m, high-rise, residential complex of about 8 000 apartments housing about 40 000 people — to be built where a hostel now stands.

The project, first announced last year, is the brainchild of the Foundation for Community Development (FCD), a Section 21, non-profit company established three years ago to devise ways of providing affordable housing.

Soweto housing director Estelle Bester confirmed at the weekend that the whole project had been approved by council.

FCD spokesman Poen Burger said the project was being financed by a consortium of companies as yet unidentified. Construction — set to take about three years — would begin within the next couple of months.

"Now that the new council has approved the project as it was planned, we will finalise guarantees and expect to start construction in three months," Burger said.

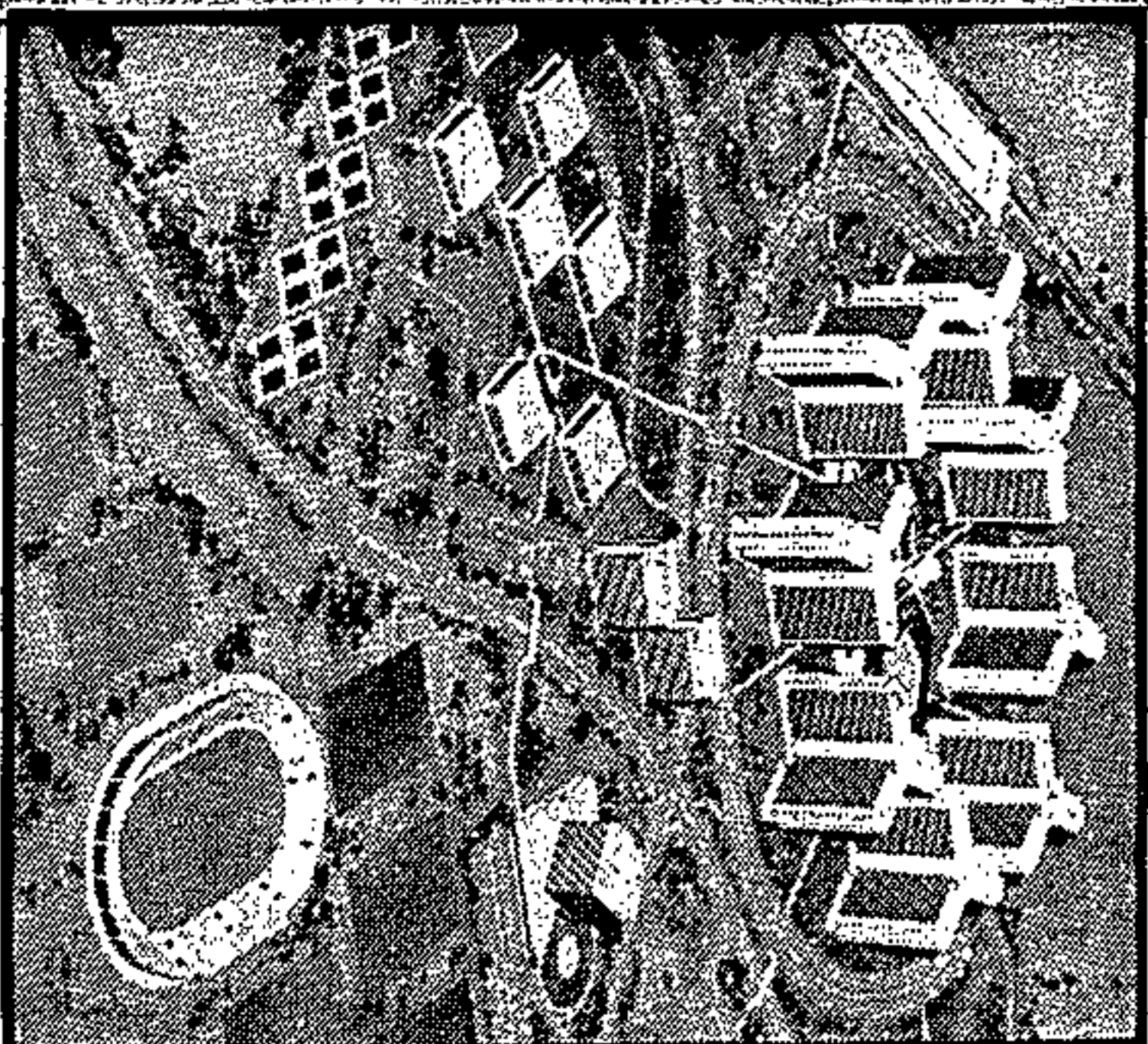
The company sold the idea to the council as a

way of easing the land problem, since the apartments will be built in 20- to 25-storey blocks housing 40 000 people, whereas the two hostels house 4 000.

Nearby, 24 schools will be housed in six three-storey blocks, each with a core area for common use and for use by adults after school hours. There will be playing fields and other recreational facilities for multiple use.

A retail component will contain about 40 000m<sup>2</sup> of lettable space. There are also plans for two office towers and a hotel. Burger said the foundation had had discussions with some hotel groups and preference was for conference facilities.

The development is aimed particularly at people with access to subsidies, and rather than being rented out, the flats will be available on sectional title sale.



A model of the planned new development.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA



# Alexandra's woman mayor qualified as a nurse in '52

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By Sue Olswang

Mrs Jacobeth Agnes Poo, the first woman mayor of Alexandra township, began her working life as a nurse.

Last year, Mrs Poo was elected (unopposed) as a councillor in Alexandra township and was subsequently elected as mayor for the year 1989.

"A number of black councillors have been persecuted because they were elected unopposed or because their communities perceive them to be some sort of government puppets," says Mrs Poo, "but I have only received acceptance from my community."

Mrs Poo was recently elected "Woman of the Month" by Kontak, a non-party political organisation with the aim of improving relations between South Africa's various population groups.

A desire to help people, encouraged Mrs Poo (64) to study nursing at Baragwanath Hospital where she qualified in 1952. She was then employed at the Edenvale Hospital from 1954 to 1972, when the hospital was moved to Tembisa. Mrs Poo retired from nursing in 1985.

"I witnessed a great deal of suffering during my nursing years and my desire,

always, was to help.

"As a nurse I was able to help people suffering from physical pain, but now, as mayor of Alexandra, I want to help those who are suffering because they are homeless," says Mrs Poo.

"The 'old' Alex was established as a unit of houses which were built mainly for migrant workers. You would find 10 houses/rooms built for 10 'migrant' workers, but today most of those migrants are permanent residents. And, they now have families of their own, so accommodation has become a problem."

## Solution

The obvious solution is the provision of more housing, but Mrs Poo points to costs and the lack of available land.

"We are extending Alex to the east, but this is the only direction in which we can extend. Alexandra township is like an island which is surrounded by other developments.

"Our housing situation can only be described as painful havoc — we have 5 000 names on our waiting list, so we desperately need more houses, but we don't have enough land.

"Many people have been forced to erect

shacks, mostly tiny and squeezed in among existing structures, because they have nowhere else to live. The shacks are built from cardboard, corrugated iron and plastic — basically anything they can lay their hands on — and they are a thorn in our side. There is a tremendous lack of toilet facilities for these people.

"Most of Alexandra's shack people are living here illegally so they are reluctant to make use of services like our health clinics — we had an outbreak of polio last year and more recently we had an outbreak of measles. This type of thing would not happen if the shack people sent their children to be inoculated."

While the shortage of housing is one of Mrs Poo's main concerns, she is also worried about Alexandra's unemployed and the high crime rate.

Mrs Poo belongs to the Anglican St Michael's and All Angels Church, where she is a member of the parish council and chairman of the Anglican Women's Fellowship. She is also a chairman of the Allied Professional Nurses and Paramedics group in Alexandra and a former member of the Housewives' League.

# Mayekiso is returning to Alex streets

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ALAN FINE

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By Abel Mabalané

## Tembisa to have 10 by-elections

The Tembisa Town Council has invited nominations for candidates for municipal by-elections in 10 wards on June 24.

Tembisa does not have a full council, which should normally number 17 members, because the number of candidates elected in October last year did not form a quorum. The chairman

of the board of administrators, Mr Gert Muller, said there were only seven councillors and 10 vacant posts in the council.

Nominations must be accompanied by a deposit of R300, which is refundable to the candidate if he is elected or re-

ceives more the one fifth of the number of votes cast in favour of the successful candidate.

### ARREARS

Candidates who are in arrears with their rent for three months or longer will be disqualified.

Nominations close at the office of the electoral officer, Mr P L Harms, on May 10.

In Ward 3, polling will take place at Tlamatlama primary school; in Ward 5 at 128 Temong Section; Ward 6 at Lifateng Seotloana primary school; Ward

7 at Gahlanso primary school; and Ward 8 at Modupo primary school in Umsuanyani Section.

Polling in ward 11 will be at Ethafeni hostel office; Ward 12 at Esiziba Primary School; Ward 13 at Igqagga municipal office; Ward 14 at Emmangweni primary school; and Ward 15 at Khula-Sizwe primary school, Mgantsa Section.



# 'Heartening' improvements in East Rand black areas - ERRSC

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## East Rand Bureau

Members of the East Rand Regional Services Council (ERRSC), recently travelled about 1 500 km on a five-day survey tour of 32 local authorities under their jurisdiction.

In an interview with The Star, the chairman of the ERRSC, Mr Leon Ferreira, said it was very heartening to see the improvements which had taken place, particularly in the black areas, where substantial sums of

money had been spent on the upgrading of the infrastructure. The money had been spent roads and stormwater drainage, kerbing and channelling, as well as the provision of sewerage and electricity.

"Community projects such as new libraries, extensions to existing libraries, sports fields, clinics and others to name a few have also received attention," Mr Ferreira said.

He added it was very discern-

able that a new spirit of optimism prevailed, particularly in the black towns.

"Everywhere we went we were very cordially and warmly received and the impression gained is of tremendous appreciation of the work done by the ERRSC."

He added that local authorities were very appreciative of the interest taken by the ERRSC in promoting the quality of life and the living conditions in their communities.

# Councillors accused of selling sites for gain

By Sally Sealey

Former Soweto City Councillors have been accused of selling, for personal gain, sites that were supposed to be allocated to the low-income group.

At least 250 sites in the Zola Buffer Strip were divided up among 25 ex-councillors by Soweto City Council. They were told to allocate their 10 stands to people in their wards in need of low-cost housing.

The only cost involved was a stand price of R2 468,68 due to the council. However, some residents eventually ended up paying R6 000; the extra R4 000 went to councillors and developers.

A developer who did not wish to be named, for fear of being denied further sites, said councillors, including former mayor Mr Nelson Botile, were each given 10 stands just before last year's local authority elections. Some councillors offered their stands to developers in the area for R5 500, which added a further R550 to the total cost of each stand.

Mr Botile said: "I'm shocked at the allegations. I wasn't aware of councillors approaching developers."

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## 29 newly built houses could be threat to occupants — SABS

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A BUREAU of Standards (SABS) report on 29 Soweto houses built last year by Linco Project Developers highlights several defects which, it said, could pose a threat to tenants. 9/10/89

Lawyers representing the tenants have threatened legal action against the developers if they do not remedy the situation.

The SABS report said it was evident that the houses, in Zola township, were built in "swamp-like ground conditions" and this could affect foundations and infrastructure. If some of the houses were built under the flood-line, it could pose a threat to the inhabitants.

Some houses were not built according to plans, and the report urged that the issue be taken up with Soweto Council.

Among other points of poor workmanship mentioned in the report are that walls were not straight, window-sills in the same wall were not in the same horizontal line, outer walls had cracks, electrical boxes were not properly fixed, and drain pipes, taps and roofs leaked.

Linco Project Developers said yesterday that they did not agree with the report, but steps had been taken "to remedy genuine complaints".

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## Gravel township road less than ideal

Controversy over who is responsible for the building of a road bordering a new cluster complex in Jabavu Extension 3, Soweto, continues.

Time Housing, the contractor, has refuted the Soweto City Council's claim that they were responsible for the building of an access road.

The managing director of Time Housing, Mr A B Smith, says: "In the Jabavu Extension 3 agreement, it is not Time Housing's responsibility to provide the road in question. In fact, the road does not even fall in the Jabavu Extension 3 township — it is part of adjacent Moroka."

Mr Smith said he fully understood the residents' complaints. "We are obviously unhappy with the situation as they are our clients and the situation reflects badly on us. If the road had been our responsibility we would have constructed it as a matter of course, and it would have been costed in the sale price of the houses."

### NOT IDEAL

Now both the developer and the contractor have undertaken to build a temporary gravel road.

Mr T van Schalkwyk of Soweto's roads department said after conducting an on-site survey, the Council returned to the area with graders and has since built a gravel road.

"The road is not ideal but the best we could do under the circumstances. It connects the houses to the tar road and at least the people have access to their homes."

Time Housing, however have said they too were prepared to grade the gravel road. "We have undertaken to grade a roadway there, at our expense, to allow them access until a proper road is constructed by the council."

Residents in the cluster complex say however they are not satisfied with the gravel road, graded by the council.

Mrs Catherine Mohlabane said: "The road is full of holes and it is always muddy. We are still parking our car at least 500 m from my house."



# LP has aided forced removals—MP

## Political Staff

THE Labour Party had effectively supported the "forced removal" of blacks from the Kabah-Langa area near Uitenhage which they had occupied since 1920, the MP for Schauderville, Mr Charles Redcliffe, said yesterday.

He was commenting on a reply given by the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, dur-

ing an interpellation yesterday.

Mr Curry told the House his department had made representations to the Group Areas Board on the future of the Kabah area on March 15.

He said the town planning consultants had shown that an additional 377 ha of land — excluding Kamesh — would be required for coloured housing by the year 2010.

Mr Curry said it had been

mentioned that if the higher- and middle-income groups could be accommodated in Kabah, Kamesh could be made available for the lower-income groups where the demand was more urgent.

During the interpellation, Mr Redcliffe said the Administration wanted the Kabah area declared a coloured group area. The Labour Party was in charge of the Administration and therefore supported what was done by its

officials. He said that since 1920 the area had been occupied by blacks.

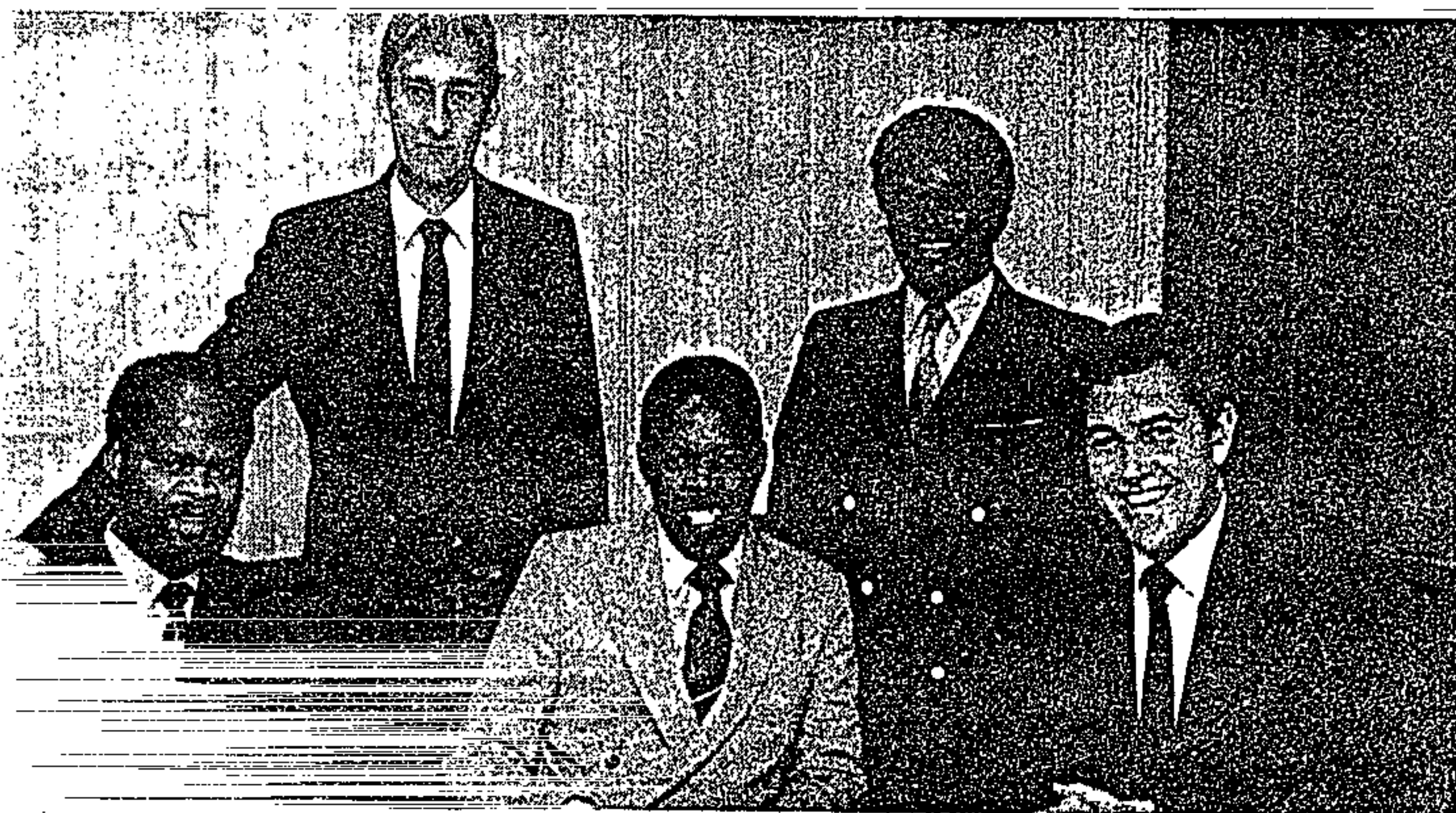
If the Administration now wanted them moved in terms of the Group Areas Act, then the Labour Party must accept responsibility for this.

Mr Redcliffe quoted a report in which the regional planner at the Port Elizabeth office of the House of Representatives, Mr D B Stupart, had stated

that it did not matter if Labour Party leader the Rev Allan Hendrickse was opposed to the Group Areas Act. It existed, and it was the department's job to find land for coloured housing in terms of the Act.

Mr Redcliffe stressed that the whole Kabah-Langa area was sensitive as it was at Langa that 19 people had been shot and killed by the police in March 1975.





Members of Tri-Time, a co-operative venture to tackle the immense black housing backlog. They are (from left) Mr AH Molathloe, Mr Pat Collins, Mr Winston Mokoena, Mr Nel Khumalo and Mr Mike Graham.

# Answer to the housing problem lies in:

## Black and white

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CO-OPERATIVE ventures between white and black builders are one of the most effective ways of tackling the country's grim black housing backlog, according to Mr Mike Graham, managing director of Time Housing.

Mr Graham said in an interview that Time Housing had long realised that white and black partnership in the building industry was the only logical and realistic way to solve the chronic housing shortage.

He said partnership between Time and black builders in Witbank resulted in the completion of 96 homes in KwaGuqa in less than four months.

"About seven months ago we teamed up with a

group of black building entrepreneurs to form Tri-Time (Pty) Ltd and this partnership is already yielding fruit," Mr Graham said.

The new company has just recently completed three houses in a 50-home project to upgrade two blocks in Alexandra township.

### Delight

Mr Nel Khumalo, director of Tri-Time, said clients were delighted at the results.

Nearly half the homes are being built on vacant sites and all of them were snapped up in four weeks.

The company's homes are designed for the middle and the upper

income groups and sell between R39000 and R64000, including the cost of the land. Homeowners have more than 100 designs and finishes to choose from.

Tri-Time has also drawn up a time-table which will see it expand its activities to Soweto and other metropolitan areas in the Transvaal this year.

"My partner, Alf Molathloe and I have many years of experience in the industry. However a small building company needs a strong partner to really make an impact. Time Housing's input, its administrative, financial and management expertise are invaluable to us," Mr Khumalo said.



**T**HE institute has questioned figures given by both the Bureau for Information and agents of the Government on the number of blacks who voted in the 1988 municipal elections.

In a publication entitled *Fragile Figures - the 1988 PWV Township Elections*, the institute's research officer, Mr Harry Mashabela, concludes that fewer than one in five residents in the PWV voted.

The research covers 26 Black Local Authorities in which the elections were held.

Mr Mashabela says both the Government and its opponents considered the October elections in the townships as perhaps the most important in the country's history.

He says: "For the Government the township polls were a test of the security strategy it had followed in these areas, particularly after the declaration of the state of emergency in June 1986.

"It had repeatedly claimed that intimidation by 'radicals' in African areas was responsible for low polls for the black local authorities, which remain the chief channel for African political representation outside the homelands.

"The elections were a test of this claim: if it was accurate, and if security strategy had succeeded in stifling opposition, large numbers of residents should have turned out to vote."

Mashabela also notes that the Government had taken additional steps to ensure a higher poll — it outlawed campaigns against voting, introduced the prior vote

# The truth about last year's polls

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**Did fewer residents than expected vote in the 1988 municipal elections or, as the Government claims, more blacks voted last year?**

**A survey by the South African Institute of Race Relations has attempted to answer these questions.**

system, giving voters 10 days to cast their votes before polling day, and stationed the army and the police in the townships.

"It also ran an expensive publicity campaign to persuade

residents to vote and granted the municipal vote to inhabitants of informal settlements which fall within local authority boundaries. In townships such as Soweto, these 'squatters' made up a large proportion of those voted."

Mashabela says three possible explanations could be given if a higher poll was not achieved:

- Security action was not successful. Although it appears to have stifled organised campaigns for a boycott, the period prior to the election was marked by insurgency attacks on local authority property and, allegedly, on at least one building which was, according to rumour, to serve as a polling station.

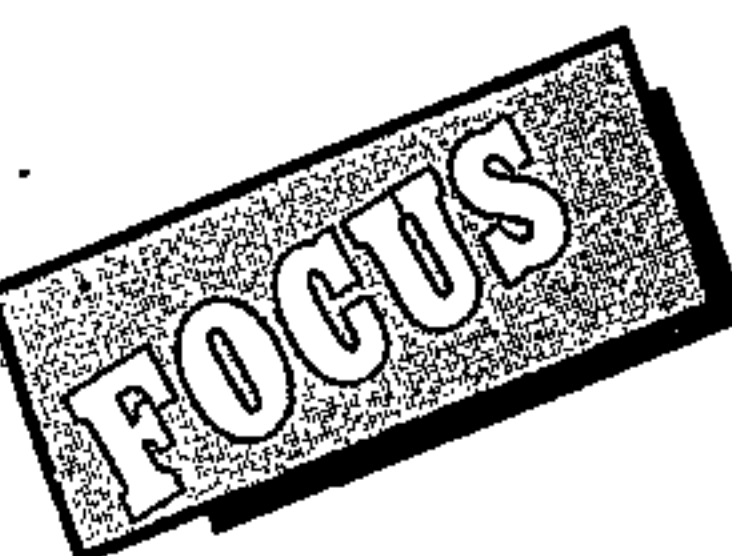
## Voters

"It is conceivable that these incidents may have deterred potential voters from voting. However, there is no concrete evidence that these incidents did have a significant effect on the polls and conclusions as to their effect must therefore remain speculative.

"After the election, police statements indica-



**VOTERS at a polling booth in Soweto.**



**By THEMBA MOLEFE**

allay voters' fears, it is conceivable that, in some cases, it had the opposite effect.

"Instead of convincing residents that it was safe to vote, it might have led some to believe that there was a serious likelihood of unrest at polling stations and that it was, therefore, safer to stay away from the polls. Again, this possibility must remain a matter for speculation in the absence of detailed evidence either for or against.

- The most plausible reason is that the official local government system had failed to win greater active participation even in circumstances which were conducive to participation and that security action had failed to confer legitimacy on the Government's chosen structures in the

tional structure and for the 'reform' process which it initiated.

"Its opponents, on the other hand, insist that, when measured against the total adult population of the townships, the proportion of people who voted was lower than it was last time."

Mr Mashabela also questions the method used by the Government to determine the percentage poll in the townships. He concludes that in the township polls, the large number of uncontested wards reduces the reliability of this method.

## Wards

"Little more than half the wards in the PWV — 175 out of 321 — were contested, either because only one candidate was nominated or because none were.

"In most PWV townships, at least a third of the wards were uncontested and in several the proportion of uncontested wards was so high that the number of people who had the opportunity to vote were



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The writer notes that the Government insists that the poll was higher than that in the 1983 elections.  
"It believes that it confirmed growing support among township residents for its constitu-  
polls.  
• "While the police and defence force presence at the polls was designed to

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"It cannot be assumed that, had the majority had the opportunity to vote, the same percentage — or even a similar one — would actually have done so."

Mashabela concludes the survey by saying:

"Far from indicating an endorsement of the present constitutional system, the polls suggest that the Government is unlikely to achieve long-term stability in the townships unless it is willing to alter the present local government system significantly."

It must begin dealing with all township groups, including those who oppose the system, in an attempt to frame an alternative which enjoys wider support.



# HOME BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT

## Homes, sweet homes!

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**BUILDING** high-quality, yet affordable, brick homes has helped a firm of black building entrepreneurs. DTZ Building Construction of Johannesburg, carve out a niche in the highly-competitive black housing market.

The company is currently building 60 homes at Dobsonville and 50 homes at Mofokeng, near Randfontein. For both projects, DTZ is using affordable quality bricks from Corobrik Transvaal's Gold Reef range.

The Dobsonville development — 2 193 homes in all — is a first for the SA home building industry in that it is the first time black contractors are servicing land.

### Main

In 1987, one of the three main developers of the project, the Family Housing Association (FHA), set up a consortium, Mafube — made up of DTZ and two other black contractors, Pamodzi and Vukoma — to service 300 of the stands. The Soweto Builders Association also participated in the project.

Most of DTZ's homes in the development have already been sold. The firm has thus far completed 36 of them. The remainder are expected to be completed by December.

The 100 metre square three-bedroom homes sell for R50 000, including land. Most of these homes are built according to home-buyers' individual plans. Standard luxury features include exotic floor and wall tiles in kitchens and bathrooms, roomy built-in cupboards, clay roof tiles and Meranti ceilings in lounges and dining rooms.

Front elevations and side walls are in Corobrik Transvaal's affordable clay face brick. DTZ offers its prospective homeowners five attractive colours and textures from which to choose.

Says Thabo Mokoena,

managing director of DTZ: "The Dobsonville project has been our most exciting and successful to date."

### Sales

"Not only were we given the opportunity to acquire valuable first-hand experience in the cost-effective servicing of land but sales have exceeded all expectations."

"We would like to believe that we provide an affordable but attractive and individualistic end-product. Face brick is certainly one of the key ingredients of the package we offer clients. "Although we shall continue to co-operate as an independent entity geared to the needs of individual clients, we believe that the formation of the Mafube consortium was an important step which gives us an edge in this highly competitive market."

"Pooling resources and invaluable expertise in large-scale projects, thus being in the position to offer clients good value for money and excellent service, is particularly important to particularly important for black entrepreneurs."

"And the growing importance of the black entrepreneur should not be under-estimated."

The Mafube consortium runs a successful paint and building materials supply store in Soweto and expects to become involved in a major project in the Johannesburg area.

Formerly Thabo's Construction, DTZ Building Construction was formed by Mr Mokoena and his brother Aubrey in 1982. The company started off

modestly with small projects but rapidly became a fully-fledged building enterprise and today provides employment opportunities for more than 100 professionals.

Since 1982 the company has built more than 400 outbuilding structures and 320 conventional homes throughout the PWV. About half of these homes are in clay face brick.

### Serve

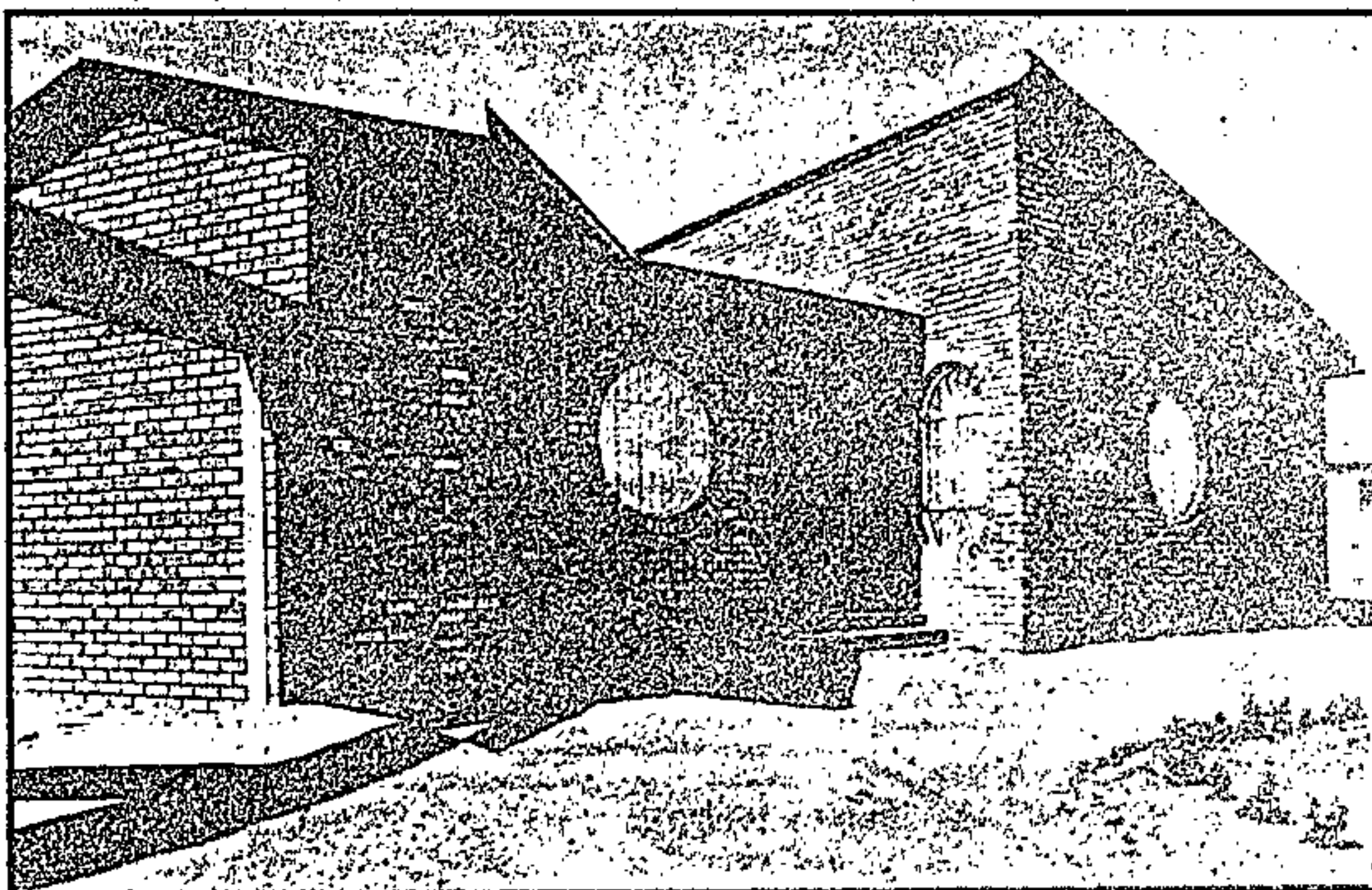
The Mofokeng development could eventually number more than 5000 homes, meant primarily for mineworkers in the area. About 300 homes are currently being built — 50 of them by DTZ.

Says Mr Mokoena: "The project is piloted by JCI who gave us the opportunity to serve our people."

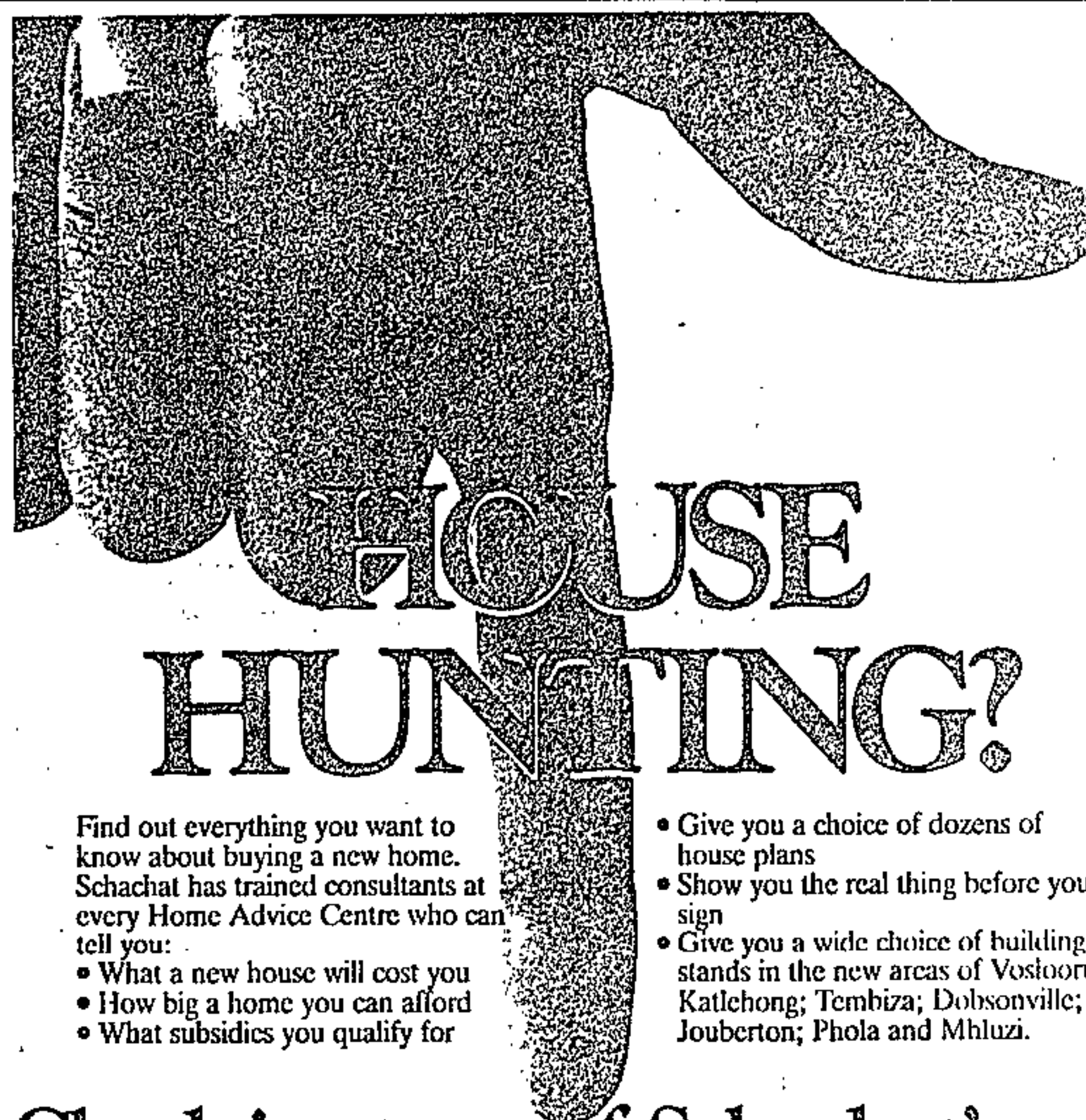
The first phase of the project is scheduled for completion by February next year. DTZ's homes average 60 square metres and have two bedrooms each. They sell for R32 000, excluding land. About 25 of them have been sold and 20 completed to date.

Says Chris Dickinson, marketing manager of Corobrik Transvaal: "We are excited at the potential of black entrepreneurs such as DTZ Building Construction."

"We believe that through developing and supplying a range of cost-effective products and systems such as our economic Gold Reef range of 32 face bricks, 5cm bricks and training in the Fast Track system of building that we can make a meaningful contribution towards the alleviation of the enormous black housing backlog in this country."



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## HOME IMPROVEMENTS

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A SOUTH African company has developed a unique and cost effective construction system in an effort to solve the chronic shortage of housing in the country.

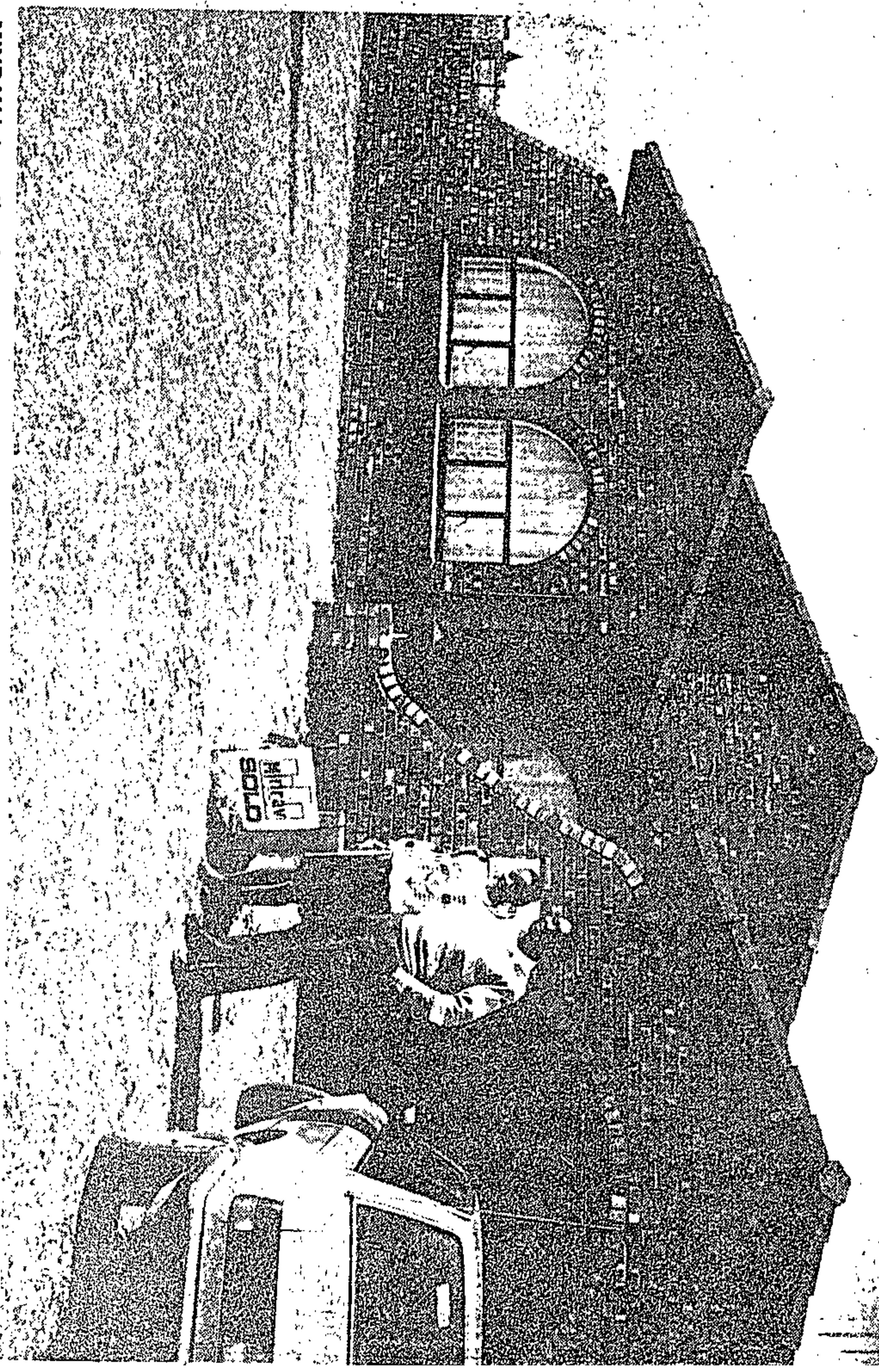
Mr T D Berbeyer, marketing manager of Ultraplan Systems Limited, said the newly invented system was based on a dry stacking interlocking system with numerous features, making it the most economical system available in the country to date.

He said the system was designed in such a way that no cement was required for adhesion, thereby eliminating the need for a team of labourers to mix and supply dagha to the bricklayer.

"The Ultraplan blocks are delivered on site as a package and put together as a kit. By eliminating the mortar mixing team, costs of labour and materials are considerably reduced," Mr Berbeyer said.

He said blocks were designed in such a way that they fitted into one another. This feature, Mr Berbeyer explained, eliminated the need for skilled labour. Once the initial layer of blocks had been laid, the rest were stacked easily and quickly.

"Since the size of the Ultrablock is the equivalent of about eight conventional bricks and is much lighter, the construction of a house requires much less time than a conventional brick house," he said.



MINRAV International, an Israeli-based construction company, has over the years made an invaluable contribution in the provision of houses in the black townships. The company's houses are easily identifiable. They are durable, yet relatively inexpensive. This is one of the houses the company built on the Peet.



# Dream coming true

WHEN Lifetime Homes was formed in 1987, the managing director, Mr Peter van Zyl, predicted that within three years the company would be a force to be reckoned with in the mass housing field.

A scant 20 months later, the company is poised for an explosive growth, especially in the most sought-after townships in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal Triangle area

where it has acquired more than 5 000 stands.

Currently Lifetime Homes is involved in a housing development comprising 356 stands in Tembisa.

About 210 of these stands have been sold and construction of houses is already underway.

The development, at Elindonga Section, is fully serviced with low-level street lighting, tarred roads and landscaped gardens.

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## HOME IMPROVEMENTS



DWELLINGS such as this are fast becoming things of the past as the Gold and Uranium Division of the Anglo American Corporation commits itself to the total urbanisation of its workers on the mines.

# HOUSING HOPES FOR MINERS

THE Gold and Uranium Division of the Anglo American Corporation has set aside more than R82 million for the development of housing projects to accommodate thousands of its employees working on the mines.

The division says it has always been its commitment to move away from the migratory labour system and to employ people on a permanent basis so that they could settle themselves with their families near their workplaces.

It says it could not achieve this objective until in 1986 when the influx control regulations were abolished and freehold rights were extended to blacks.

After the abolition of the Act, the division acted quickly and a home ownership scheme was launched the same year.

A market survey, conducted in 1986, revealed that more than 24 000 people employed on the mines were likely to be urbanised within three years.

"To make home ownership a viable option for our married employees, we developed a financial scheme which subsidises bond repayments down to five percent interest. The

scheme requires only two-and-half percent deposit and also provides for collateral to building societies in order that employees may have access to such financial institutions," the division said.

The subsidy provided by the division ensures that all employees who are married and those at the lowest levels of the wage structure are eligible for home ownership.

The division has since embarked on four major housing developments in

Wedela, near Carletonville, Klerksdorp, Welkom and Odendaarsrus, the biggest of which is in Wedela where more than 7 000 stands have been serviced.

### Owning

According to Mr Willem van der Post, manpower consultant of the division, about 700 employees were owning their homes by November 15 last year.

According to Mr Van der Post, the biggest problem facing the

division is infrastructure.

He said the anticipated urbanisation of mine workers over a short period of time in townships which were already overcrowded and suffered from inadequate infrastructure raised severe problems.

"Land for development, bulk services and storm water drainage are the most pressing needs. Public transport services, recreational facilities, educational facilities and health services also have to be provided, he said.

He said he believed

that these services should be provided by the Government.

"So far very little has been done. Without adequate infrastructure, the progress of the home ownership scheme will be seriously impeded," he said.

He said during the next decade alone, 134 schools would have to be built in the four regions to meet the educational needs of the inhabitants.

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# Plans to develop

RABIE Property Developers is to develop more than 1 300 homes in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal Triangle area this year, according to sales director, Mr Dave Harris.

Mr Harris said the company experienced rapid expansion of its operations since it moved into the Transvaal a few months ago. He said, however, the unavailability of land was a major obstacle.

Despite all this, the company is offering new homes in a number of townships in the PWV area, including Alexandra, Daveyton, Duduza and Spruitview.

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He said the company would soon build a show village and an information centre in Spruitview.

"The centre will be manned by five of our professional sales staff seven days a week. It will have models of typical Rabie homes and examples of finishes which prospective buyers can choose from.

"From there, our sales staff will take the buyer to the show village. Each of the four homes in the village are fully furnished and landscaped with lawns, plants and shrubs," Mr Harris said.

## Low-cost homes

THE South African Housing Trust has, in conjunction with the Professional Builders Federation, embarked on a multi-million rand housing development in Vosloorus to cater solely for the lower income group.

The project, to comprise more than 500 low-cost housing, was started last month and is expected to be completed by February next year. (242) (S)

The stands were allocated to PBF, a recently formed organisation of small black building contractors and merchants, sometime last year. (S)

The SAHT is assisting with certain aspects of the development while Time Projects, member of Time Holdings, was awarded a contract to manage the project. Sowetan 27/4/89

Mr Ron Henderson, managing director of Time Projects, said the company had developed comprehensive computerised systems to cater specifically for the needs of the low-cost industry.

He said the company would also conduct comprehensive workshops and seminars.



# Services increase means severe blow

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RESIDENTS of Wattville on the East Rand, may soon be dealt a severe blow if the local town council's wide ranging proposals to increase tariffs for essential and other services could be approved by the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

By SY MAKARINGE

The proposals, published for comment in the smalls section of the *Sowetan* yesterday, will come into effect as soon as they had been approved by the TPA and published in the Provincial Gazette.

The council has also invited individuals and other interested groups to lodge objections within 21 days of the date of publication.

The proposals mean, among other things, that it will very soon cost too much to die in Wattville.

The council has recommended that grave fees for adults be increased from R8 to R40 — an increase of 250 percent. Children's graves have also been increased from R4 to R20.

If the proposals are approved, residents will also pay for services which were offered free of charge in the past. They will pay the council R200 to reserve a grave, R150 to exhume a body and R50 to erect a tombstone.

## Tariffs

Taverners and owners of "sphaza" shops have also not escaped the council's net. Taverners will soon have to pay R60 a month while "sphaza" shop owners will be charged R50 a month.

The council has also recommended to increase water tariffs from 56 cents a kilolitre to 72 cents a kilolitre.

Domestic electricity consumption will go up from 9.31 cents a unit to 13.06 cents a unit.

According to the notice published in the *Sowetan* yesterday, hostel dwellers will soon pay R22 a month a bed, an increase of about R4.

## Disgusted

Although gate takings at the township's stadium have been reduced from 15 percent to 10 percent, users will have to pay about R3 000 ground rental for sporting activities. People who will hire the stadium for religious gatherings will be charged about R1 000.

Mr H Anderson, town clerk of Wattville, was not available for comment yesterday.

Miss Nomonde Japha, projects co-ordinator of the Imbeleko Women's Organisation and a resident of Wattville, described the proposed increases as disgusting.

She said it was clear that the council viewed funerals as a "money making market". She said because of the council's "shortsightedness and unsympathetic attitude" towards the residents, it would now be impossible for people to bury their dead.



MR DOMINIC MAGAGULA and Mr Brian Longley at the launching of a new housing concept at Siluma View, Kaitliahong, last week.

# Concept means faster service



## AS EASY AS 1-2-3

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THE FHA Homes, an Urban Foundation utility company which has been offering housing on the owner-built scheme in Kaitliahong, has introduced a new concept in an attempt to solve the

housing crisis in the township. The new concept — known as the contractor-built scheme or the FHA 1-2-3 system — will, according to Mr Brian Longley, chief executive officer of the company, minimise the time spent on building a house. The concept will be applied in a new housing development to be embarked upon by FHA Homes in Siluma View and Moleleki section in Kaitliahong within the next few months.

Mr Longley said at a function in Kaitliahong last week that about 1400 houses would be built in the new development. In the past the only form of housing offered by FHA Homes in Kaitliahong has been that

the owner builds his home himself. This scheme proved to be a success as the homeowner could raise his capital over an extended period of time. Another advantage was that the initial deposit required was far lower than the normal 10 percent.

However, it became apparent that the alternative scheme being offered by FHA Homes in other projects should be offered in Kaitliahong as well, particularly as time is a crucial factor in the completion of a home. It is often preferable to employ a contractor who, through

experience, is able to minimise the time spent on building," Mr Longley said. Explaining the FHA 1-2-3 system, Mr Longley said it involved (1) the signing of the contract by the home buyer, (2) the contractor builds the house, and (3) the client moves in.

With this scheme, FHA Homes offers a full package deal and ensures that the owner eventually moves into a completed house while all details are being taken care of by us," he said.

Mr Dominic Magagula, mayor of Kaitliahong, said at the function

that the new scheme housing crisis generally could not be over emphasised. He said the official housing list in the township topped 6000 excluding thousands of people living in shacks. "The self housing scheme proved to be a success, but it was not appropriate enough to meet the needs of the people. The new concept will be accepted. All future developments must also be coupled with a high level of infra-structure," Mr Magagula said.

## HOME IMPROVEMENTS



# Soweto high-rise plan dubbed a disaster

THE R560m high-rise housing complex planned for Soweto is being dubbed a recipe for disaster.

Soweto council and the TPA should halt the scheme, former Johannesburg and provincial councillor Dr Selma Browde said yesterday.

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Group chairman Conrad Berge said it was a big risk both socially and financially.

The Foundation for Community Development (FCD) had the scheme, which includes 8 000 apartments housing about 40 000 people in 20- to 25-storey blocks, approved by the Soweto Council last week.

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# ROW OVER HOUSE

A SOWETO family — living as sub tenants in a house at the Meadowlands transit camp — claims they were evicted by the Diepsmeadow Town Council without proper notice and in the absence of the owner.



Mrs. JEMINA Mogotsi ... evicted without notice.

Mrs Jemina Mogotsi, who lives with her husband, said that they were ordered by the director of protective services, Mr T Mabambe of the council's police force to move out of the house.

"He came with his policemen on April 19 and told us to vacate the house not later than 9am the following day," she said.

"As legal lodgers in the house, the township manager never called us

to the office so that we should discuss the matter," she added.

The house belonged to her brother-in-law, Mr Michael Mogotsi, a former employee of the council now working in Bophuthatswana.

Mr Mabambe, who

evicted the couple, said he was merely carrying out a council resolution and would not comment on whether the correct procedure was followed or not.

He said the house was given to Mr Michael Mogotsi who was employed with the council as a condition of employment.

By SONTI MASEKO

## Shows to raise funds

MISSISSIPPI BURNING, a film recently released in Johannesburg, will be shown in a fund-raising drive for Uwezo College. The shows will be at Kine Centre, Commissioner Street, Johannesburg, at 5.30pm on May 2 and 3.

Tickets will be sold at R10 each and bookings should be made.



not be applicable in respect of any building, land or premises in the area defined in the Schedule hereto, subject to the condition that such building, land or premises may only be occupied or used for trading, commercial, professional or religious and educational purposes in terms of a town planning scheme which is in operation or binding under any law in that area.

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Republic of South Africa at Cape Town this Seventh day of April, One thousand Nine hundred and Eighty-nine.

P. W. BOTHA,  
State President.

By Order of the State President-in-Cabinet:

J. C. HEUNIS,  
Minister of the Cabinet.

#### SCHEDULE

##### AREA H2: KNYSNA

Beginning at the northernmost beacon of Erf 469, Knysna; thence south-eastwards along the boundaries of the following erven so as to include them in this area: The said Erf 469 and Erven 470, 471, 472, 473, 474 and 475, to the southernmost beacon of the last-mentioned erf; thence south-eastwards along the boundaries of the following erven, so as to exclude them from this area: Erven 3546 and 449, to the southernmost beacon of the last-mentioned erf; thence along the south-eastward prolongation of the south-western boundary of the said Erf 449, to the point where it intersects the middle of Gray Street; thence south-westwards and north-westwards along the middle of the said Gray Street and of Nelson Street, to the point where it intersects the south-westwards prolongation of the north-western boundary of Erf 5019; thence north-eastwards along the said prolongation and boundary of the said Erf 5019 across Erf 5015, to the south-eastern beacon of Erf 5014; thence north-eastwards along the boundary of the said Erf as to exclude it from this area, to its north-eastern beacon; thence north-eastwards in a straight line across Mellville Street to the westernmost beacon of the said Erf 469; thence north-eastward along the boundary of the said Erf 469, to its northernmost beacon, the point of beginning.

#### GOVERNMENT NOTICES

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

##### CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

No. 820

28 April 1989

##### ENQUIRY INTO THE ALTERATION OF THE AREA OF JURISDICTION OF THE CITY COUN- CIL OF MAMELODI

Notice is hereby given in terms of section 7G (1) of the Promotion of Local Government Affairs Act, 1983 (Act No. 91 of 1983), as amended, that the Administrator of Transvaal has, in terms of section 7F (1) (a) of the said Act, requested the Demarcation Board for Local Government Areas to hold an enquiry into and

37 en 40 van genoemde Wet nie van toepassing is nie ten opsigte van enige gebou, grond of perseel in die gebied omskryf in die Bylae hiervan, onderworpe aan die voorwaarde dat die gebou, grond of perseel slegs vir handels-, kommersiële, professionele of godsdienstige en opvoedkundige doeleindes geokkupeer of gebruik mag word ingevolge 'n dorpsaanlegskema wat kragtens die een of ander wet in dié gebied in werking of bindend is.

Gegee onder my Hand en die Seël van die Republiek van Suid-Afrika te Kaapstad, op hede die Sewende dag van April Eenduisend Negehonderd Nege-en-tagtig.

P. W. BOTHA,  
Staatspresident.

Op las van die Staatspresident-in-Kabinet:

J. C. HEUNIS,  
Minister van die Kabinet.

#### BYLAE

##### GEBIED H2: KNYSNA

Begin by die noordelikste baken van Erf 469, Knysna; daarvandaan suidooswaarts met die grense van die volgende erwe langs sodat hulle by hierdie gebied ingesluit word: Genoemde Erf 469, en Erwe 470, 471, 472, 473, 474 en 475, tot by die suidelikste baken van laasgenoemde erf; daarvandaan suidooswaarts met die grense van die volgende erwe langs sodat hulle uit hierdie gebied uitgesluit word: Erwe 3546 en 449, tot by die suidelikste baken van laasgenoemde erf; daarvan met die suidooswaartse verlenging van die suidwestelike grens van genoemde Erf 449 langs tot by die punt waar dit die middel van Graystraat kruis; daarvan suidweswaarts en noordweswaarts met die middel van genoemde Graystraat en van Nelsonstraat langs tot by die punt waar dit die suidweswaartse verlenging van die noordwestelike grens van Erf 5019 kruis; daarvan noordooswaarts met genoemde verlenging en grens van genoemde Erf 5019 langs oor Erf 5015 tot by die suidoostelike baken van Erf 5014; daarvan noordooswaarts met die grens van genoemde Erf 5014 langs, sodat dit uit hierdie gebied uitgesluit word, tot by die noordelikste baken daarvan; daarvan noord-ooswaarts in 'n reguit lyn oor Mellvillestraat tot by die westelikste baken van genoemde Erf 469; daarvan noordooswaarts met die grens van genoemde Erf 469 langs tot by die noordelikste baken daarvan, die beginpunt.

#### GOEWERMENSKENNISGEWINGS

##### DEPARTEMENT VAN ONTWIKKELINGS- BEPLANNING

##### STAATKUNDIGE ONTWIKKELINGSDIENS

No. 820

28 April 1989

##### ONDERSOEK NA DIE VERANDERING VAN DIE REGSGEBIED VAN DIE STADSRAAD VAN MAMELODI

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge artikel 7G (1) van die Wet op die Bevordering van Plaaslike Owerheidsaangeleenthede, 1983 (Wet No. 91 van 1983), soos gewysig, dat die Administrateur van Transvaal ingevolge artikel 7F (1) (a) van gemelde Wet, die Afbakeningsraad vir Plaaslike Owerheidsgebiede versoek het om ondersoek in te stel na en hom van advies

# R8m project to upgrade KTC

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THE Administrator of the iKapa town council, Mr Faan Naude, yesterday announced the start of an R8-million project for the upgrading of KTC.

Speaking at a meeting hosted by the Masincedane committee in KTC, Mr Naude also said 2 442 serviced sites would be established by 1992.

The area to be upgraded is bordered by Miller Road, Terminus Road and Great Dutch Street. The CPA, the Regional Services Council, the iKapa Town Council and the KTC community would co-operate in running the project, he said.

Since the project would be completed in phases, serviced sites would become available as they were completed, Mr Naude said.

Mr Gladstone Ntamo of the Masincedane committee said that while he appreciated the project, 1992 seemed "a long time away".

He asked what was going to be done in the meantime about homes which were being flooded by the winter rains.

He also said he hoped the CPA had noted that people had asked to be left to build their own homes on the serviced sites since they could not afford houses which cost R42 000.



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- (2) whether it is the intention to allow Soviet officials to enter South Africa; if so, for what reasons?

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†The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

- (1) I myself or the Deputy Minister did not hold any meetings with the Soviet Ambassador in Mozambique during the latter half of 1988. It is possible that the South African Trade Representative met with the Soviet Ambassador at social functions.

- (2) Yes. In terms of the agreements reached on the implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 435 and Cuban withdrawal from Angola.

Comdr C J DERBY-LEWIS: Arising from the hon the Minister's reply, would he mind telling us what apartheid has to do with the Cuban settlement as raised by the Russian representative recently in Cape Town?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Absolutely nothing! [Interjections.]

Ciskei Ministers: meeting attended

\*14. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

With reference to his reply to Question No 8 on 11 April 1989, (a) which senior Ciskei Ministers attended the meeting on 12 February 1989, (b) how many persons from East Peleton were present at this meeting, (c) at what time did the meeting (i) commence and (ii) finish and (d) what issues were discussed at it?

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The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

The Government of Ciskei has supplied the following information:

- (a) Three senior Ciskei Ministers visited the area on the said date.  
(b) A survey of the number of persons present was not made.  
(c) The visit took place during the morning.  
(d) Discussions revolved around the attainment of peace and stability in the area.

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- (3) No.

- (a) and (b) In my statement of 2 June 1988 in this regard, the Government fully indicated which proposals were acceptable and which were not.

Mr H H SCHWARZ: Mr Speaker, on a point of order! what remedy is available to an hon member when he asks a question and the Minister concerned does not get up? In the circumstances I would submit that if the particular Minister is present the member is entitled to require that the Minister should at least get up and say that he will or will not answer.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! That is for the presiding officer to decide; not a member.

Mr H H SCHWARZ: Mr Speaker, I am raising a point of order.

Mr SPEAKER: Order! My ruling is that it is for the presiding officer and not for a member to decide. [Interjections.] In respect of Question No 1, is the hon the Minister or the hon the Deputy Minister present? I then put Question No 1 to the hon the Deputy Minister of Finance.

Reserve Bank: proceeds to mining houses

\*1. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Finance:

Whether his Department authorized the Reserve Bank to pay mining houses the proceeds of their gold sales in dollars; if so, (a) what are the advantages to South Africa of this course of action and (b) whose responsibility will it be to see that the proceeds of these gold sales remain in South Africa?

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†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE:

On the recommendation of the South African Reserve Bank authorisation was granted to pay the mining houses the proceeds of their gold sales in US dollars, with effect from 1 February 1989.

- (a) The Reserve Bank credits the \$-accounts of the mining house concerned with the proceeds on day of delivery at the current \$-price of gold. The mines therefore do not receive the dollar proceeds in a foreign country, but the dollar amount to their credit must within 7 days be sold to authorised South African foreign exchange dealers.

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In this way the local exchange market is broadened and its effectiveness promoted, since private bodies can themselves offer dollars for rand, with the result that the exchange rate of the rand reflects, more effectively, the balance between supply and demand. The South African Reserve Bank, at its own discretion, intervenes in this market in order to stabilise the exchange rate when the market is in disequilibrium.

- (b) The fact that the proceeds must be sold in South Africa within the confines of the banking system, and within 7 days, as indicated, obliges the mining houses to treat these proceeds just as does any other receiver of foreign exchange. It necessarily imposes a responsibility on the Reserve Bank to ensure that this system operates within the parameters of the exchange control regulations.

Windmill Park: free settlement area

\*3. Mr H J COETZEE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

- (1) Whether the Free Settlement Board is investigating the possibility of establishing a free settlement area in Windmill Park, Bosburg; if so,  
(2) whether the lawful residents of Windmill Park have applied to this board for free settlement area status for their suburb; if so, (a) when and (b) what are the names of these applicants; if not, at whose request is the board investigating this possibility?

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

- (1) Yes.  
(2) The Act does not make provision for residents of an area to apply directly to the Free Settlement Board. In this case the Free Settlement Board has been requested in terms of the Act by the Minister's Council of the House of Assembly.

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# TEACHER IS TOLD QUIT HOUSE

AN East Rand school teacher is to be evicted from the municipal house she occupies because she "enjoys a Department of Education and Training subsidy".

By JOE MDHLELA

Miss Muriel Tsoari of Tokoza said she had been informed by the local city council that her right of occupation on house No 3277, Everest, Tokoza, had been cancelled.

She said the council wrongfully claimed that she was an illegal occupant of her house "because I enjoy a department's subsidy and that I also own a house at Tokoza Gardens".

"The council has no right to evict me. The house was allocated to me," Mrs Tsoari said.

The council's acting secretary, Mr C J Pelter, said Miss Tsoari's residential rights had been cancelled because she enjoyed a housing

subsidy provided by the department.

He said she had been informed that she should vacate the house and that failure to do so would result in legal action.

The chief director of DET's Highveld Region, Mr Hannes Booysens, said a teacher who owned a house and was subsidised by the department has to occupy that house.

He said if that teacher were to have another house, this would affect the subsidy.

"I cannot recommend on the decision by the council as this is a domestic matter," Mr Booysens said.



MISS MURIEL TSOARI... residential permit cancelled.

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**Soweto  
train is  
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THOUSANDS of Soweto commuters were yesterday morning left stranded and had to walk to seek alternative transport after a train was derailed between New Canada and Mzimhlophe railway stations.

Pic: ROBERT MAGWAZA



# Steve Kgame bloodied, unbowed

By Stan Hlophe

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The black moderate political leader, Mr Stephen Kgame (62), who was shot six times last month by three unknown gunmen, will continue serving the community — despite his ordeal.

This is the bold message from the former Dobsonville mayor, now director of the Urban Councils Association of South Africa (Ucasa).

Speaking from his Dobsonville home for the first time since he was shot on the night of April 6 outside his shop minutes before closing time, Mr Kgame made it clear that he would not be deterred.

The former senior journalist on the *Rand Daily Mail* yesterday revealed that he was standing for election to the local council in by-elections to be held in his ward on June 3.

This comes after his surprise defeat in last October's municipal elections.

"My goal is to serve my community to the best of my ability. At this point in time I have made myself available to the community to make use of my able leadership. With determination God will spare me to see my work reaching fruition.

"As a leader involved in civic affairs for the past 20

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years I am aware that leaders always have enemies. A dedicated leader will not be deterred from the road of serving the community," the politician-cum-businessman explained.

Asked if he blamed anyone for the second attempt on his life, he said it was the job of the police to find the gunmen and bring them to book.

Recalling the nightmarish Thursday night when three gunmen "left me for dead", he said it was only through God's grace that he was still alive today.

The father of three said he had fully recovered, in spite of his right arm being in a sling and his neck still being bandaged.

Mr Kgame reiterated his willingness to take part in the national statutory council as that was Ucasa's standpoint.

On the breakdown of unity talks between Ucasa and a splinter group, the United Municipalities of South Africa he said the two were poles apart: like the Democratic Party and Conservative Party.

Asked if he would reinforce security at his home he declared: "I am not scared. You die once in this world and the killer will go through the same thing but will die the painful way."



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# Praise over accord

THE Ministers United for Christian Co-Responsibility this week praised the Soweto City Council and the Soweto People's Delegation for the agreement on the transfer of council owned houses to residents.

Muccor also congratulated the people of Soweto for their patience during the rent crisis. Most praiseworthy was the unity of the Soweto residents, said the statement delivered by the Reverend M Mbande.

Muccor said it was a step ahead for both parties have agreed:

- That the rent crisis would be solved through negotiations and not by force;
- That there would be no solution without attending to the residents' genuine grievances such as poor services and irregularities in service charges;
- That the Soweto council's financial problems could only be solved through the creation of a single tax base; and
- That Soweto residents were unable to pay the rent arrears.



# CROWDS WEEP FOR WEBSTER

JOHANNESBURG. — Emotions ran high at the funeral service today of Wits lecturer Dr David Webster who was gunned down in front of his home this week.

Crowds thronged outside St Mary's Cathedral in central Johannesburg well before the start of the service at 10am, weeping, singing freedoms songs and waving posters bearing Dr Webster's picture.

Streets had been cordoned off with police cars and trucks stationed at all the major intersections.

## Emotive tribute

Although there was a heavy police presence — an estimated 1200 police were on duty — the men in uniform kept a low profile and remained a distance away from the front of the church.

The Rev Paul Verryn and Father Smangalis Mkhathshwa conducted an emotive tribute to Dr Webster, with speakers including veteran anti-apartheid campaigner, Mrs Helen Joseph and musician Johnny Clegg who arrived clad in black minutes before the service.

Others speakers included Mr Glen Moss, editor of the labour journal Work In Progress, UDF representative Mr Mohammed Valli, Dr Phil

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by JANINE LAZARUS  
Weekend Argus  
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Bonner from Wits and SACC representative, the Rev Frank Chikane.

Chanting continued outside throughout the service, with members of Cosatu forming a circle and dancing in front of the church.

## Posters confiscated

Shouts of "Viva" and "Amandhla Awet'hu" filled the air together with the sound of police helicopters. The people who could not get into the church raised their fists in the black power salute.

The service was followed by the funeral at West Park cemetery with Dr Beyers Naude and Human Rights Commission member Dr Max Coleman speaking at the graveside.

Towards the end of the service police were seen confiscating posters from mourners. Two people were detained for questioning and released minutes afterwards.

Meanwhile, the mystery witness who gave police chillingly detailed descriptions of Dr Webster's assassins, went to ground this week as the probe deepened.

The eyewitness, who police refuse to identify "for fear of endangering his life" was so observant the day Dr Webster was gunned down that he noticed a dimple on the chin of one of the suspects and a dark moustache "with drooping pointed ends" on the face of another.

A resident of the Troyeville street of death, who asked not to be identified "for fear of reprisals", was baffled that someone who managed to get so much detail on the assassins, failed to get at least part of the registration of the getaway car.

"Whoever killed Dr Webster obviously planned the whole thing meticulously. They lay in wait and timed the murder perfectly," she said.

Watersrand police liaison officer Colonel Frans Malherbe said although there were no positive leads yet, "we are in a strong situation to solve the matter".



# 'Umsa not involved'

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TWO of the organisations reported to have taken part in the formation of the "National Forum" at the Nasrec Showgrounds at the weekend have denied doing so. (343)

They rejected the forum as "collaborationist."

The president of the

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

United Municipalities of South Africa, Mr Tom Boya, yesterday said his organisation did not take part in the formation of the forum. (10/2/89)

The meeting was chaired by the Transvaal Provincial Administration, MEC, Mr John Mavuso, on behalf of the Minister of Constitutional Affairs and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis.

Mr Boya said: "I concede that some Umsa members attended the meeting which discussed the formation of the national forum but they did so in their personal capacities. We are a

democratic organisation and could therefore not stop any of our members attending the meeting".

The president of Federal Independent Democratic Alliance (Fida), Mr John Gogotya, said his organisation was not invited and no one represented it at the meeting.

"Fida rejects the new forum and calls for a genuine platform where all the various political organisations will be represented. We reject the forum as 'collaborationist' because it does not address the national grievances of the people," said Mr Gogotya.

# Rent rise battle

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

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WATTVILLE residents have launched a petition and are seeking legal advice to fight the proposed 250 percent rent and service charge increases.

The petition was launched at a meeting held at the Anglican Church in Wattville on Saturday. The resolution to seek legal advice was among several others adopted at the meeting.

The residents expressed dissatisfaction that they had not been consulted and accused the present councillors of being "toothless", undermining and misrepresenting residents' interests."

Residents resolved that even if they were consulted it would have been "impossible" for the councillors to expect them to pay the increased rates on top of suffering high inflation due to increase of food and fuel.

A report-back meeting will be held at the local Anglican Church tomorrow at 6pm. Top of the agenda will be legal opinion.

The mayor of Wattville, Mr George "Master" Nkosi, yesterday said his council had called for a meeting to be held at the Davey Social Centre on Sunday at 9am.

He said the meeting will discuss the proposed rent and service charge increases which are still open to objections by residents, traders and other affected and interested parties. Mr Nkosi and his five-man council were elected to office during the countrywide October municipal elections last year. The councillors before them resigned under pressure during the height of the 1986 uprising in the Vaal.

A 1987 report by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said Wattville had 35 000 residents while another Government report put the figure at 31 000. There are presently 2 515 houses in the township. Of these houses 400 were built between 1941-8 and 2 000 between 1951-5.

For decades Wattville residents have been confined to 34 hectares of land. Recent development of houses in all townships in the East and West Rand has not had any effect on Wattville except for 50 privately built houses. Stagnant development is expected to be one of the highly heated issues for discussion at the weekend meeting.



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# Upgraded services in black areas

From NORMAN CHANDLER  
in Johannesburg

**T**HIS could well be the last winter during which the people of Soweto will need to shiver because of a need for electricity, and it could also be the starting point for a bold new venture to bring power, water and other services run by a single corporation to all deprived black towns and cities nationwide.

Eskom has disclosed that it has submitted to the Administrator of the Transvaal proposals for normalising the supply of electricity to Soweto, in particular. The plans call for a joint venture between the utility corporation, private enterprise and the people of Soweto.

But it is not only electricity which is under discussion — services

which are taken for granted in any other city and town in South Africa are also involved in the in-depth investigation which has been undertaken.

Soweto is already 70 percent electrified — but as a result of the rent boycott and reluctance on the part of residents to pay service charges (such as electricity and water), very little income has been generated from Soweto residents since the start of the boycott in June 1986.

Eskom is now determined to turn this around.

The utility has what it calls a "vision for the future" — and that includes providing electricity for all the people of South Africa, the firm belief that Southern Africa as a whole has the potential for growth, and being the top power utility in the world.

Eskom is taking each "vision" one

step at a time. Soweto is part of the first step, and is obviously interlinked to the other stepping stones to success.

The organisation's credo is wrapped around the fact that South Africa cannot stay in what it terms "low gear" in terms of electrification, and as a result has been looking at opportunities.

There is no doubt now that the utility has had its appetite whetted for joint ventures with the private sector as a result of its experience at Uitenhage's KwaNobuhle.

There, a utility called Kwanolec has been established to provide power to every sector of the vast township populated by thousands of people uprooted from the old Langa area. That has led to approaches from other towns and cities in the eastern Cape, western Cape, Natal and Transvaal.

THE Free Settlement Areas ball is rolling, with Diepsloot and a portion of Midrand already under consideration for reclassification, and portions of Boksburg, Durban and Mayfair to come under scrutiny shortly.

According to Christian Saaiman, assistant secretary of the Free Settlement Areas Board (FSAB), the proposed reclassification of Windmill Park, in Boksburg, the Warwick Avenue Triangle, in Durban, and a portion of Mayfair adjoining the existing Indian township of Fordsburg will be advertised this Friday.

The Mayfair proposal does not, he says, include either Arthur Block Park or the E.P. Bowman School.

The proposed reclassification of a block of 22 plots totalling 880ha in Diepsloot, and three adjoining sites totalling 315ha in Midrand, was advertised on April 26. The Midrand sites are the headquarters of Secosaf and the Development Bank of SA, and Countryview, a 150ha site proposed for township development. Meanwhile, the controversy surrounding the

# Diepsloot rezoning row at a new peak

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rounding the proposed rezoning of Diepsloot has reached a new peak. Two separate issues — Diepsloot's reclassification as an open area and its rezoning for township development — have become inextricably entangled, with neighbouring residents — under the Greenbelt Action Group (GAG) banner — coming out strongly in favour of reclassification, but resisting development.

According to Stuart Alchison, chairman of the Diepsloot Residents' and Landowners' Association, the Board

(DRLA), the owners of at least three properties under consideration for reclassification claim to be either opposed to or ignorant of the proposed development of an open township in the area.

## Objections

In terms of the Act, residents have 28 days following publication of the advertisement in which to lodge any objections — and, says Saaiman, "all relevant objections will be taken into account when the proposal comes before the Board".

However, according to Diepsloot residents, neither the Act nor FSAB chairman Hein Kruger have clarified exactly whose comments will be considered relevant. "I told Kruger I lived next door to the proposed Diepsloot township and wanted some say with regard to what happened in the area," comments Peter Fitcher, treasurer of GAG. "All he could tell me was that only a potential developer could apply for the reclassification of an area — which ignores the potential for open rural areas. And he indicated that only the opinions of residents of the

area actually under consideration would be considered relevant." Kruger was not available for comment.

According to GAG chairman Eric Fletcher, Diepsloot residents attending a public meeting with Kruger last week were "unanimously" opposed to the development of a township of any description in the area. At least 70% of those present, Fletcher estimates, were in favour of an open rural area.

## 'Recreational asset'

"The neighbouring municipalities see the area as it stands as a recreational asset to their inhabitants. And they are also unwilling to undertake the expense of upgrading their own road systems, for instance, to cope with through traffic from a township in Diepsloot," he says. And town planner Fanie Haacke, of Haacke Belling Partnership, believes

the developers' proposed "dream township" would degenerate into a slum for lack of demand.

"Establishing a township in the area would be a totally artificial development serving no social or economic purpose," claims Haacke.

"Affluent blacks can already, through intermediaries, own property in good white areas, while there would be no need for whites to move that far out," he adds.

However, United Municipalities of SA (UMSA) president Tom Boya disagrees.

"There is a tremendous demand among wealthy blacks for quality residential properties — and the density of a rural area would be too low to make a real impact," he says.

Boya stresses, however, that stand sizes should be kept above a minimum of 800m<sup>2</sup> — considerably more than the 600m<sup>2</sup> previously suggested by Alf Levin, one of the developers with an interest in the area.



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## New township in the offing

Bankorp Property Services and Schachat Cullum have concluded a R15,6 million deal which could result in the development of a major new black township north of Tembisa, near Kempton Park.

In the deal, 520 ha of residential land was sold to Schachat Cullum. The land is part of a 1 200 ha tract being developed north of Tembisa, to be known as Ivory Park. It is estimated that the total land available could provide over 22 000 residential erven.

Bankorp Property and Schachat Cullum might also develop the entire area to meet demand for housing on the East Rand. — Sapa.

# Boom town

Wedela is growing fast

ABOUT 10 years ago Wedela was a one-horse residential area tucked away in a remote and isolated part of the Western Transvaal countryside.

Today it is one of the fastest growing black townships in the Transvaal — thanks to the Government's abolition of the influx control regulations.

The mining township of Wedela — an acronym for Western Deep Levels and Elandsrand gold mines — near Carletonville, has in a short time developed into a fully-fledged and close-knit community with a population of just over 3 500.

In the past, black employees on the two mines were not allowed in terms of Government regulations to settle with their families near their workplaces. Only three percent could bring their wives and children to stay with them in mine houses, while the majority were living in the mines' hostels — hundreds of kilometres away from their loved ones.

By SY MAKARINGE

It then conducted a study among its workforce and found that more than 20 percent — or about 6 000 workers — in Western Deep Levels and Elandsrand were in favour of being urbanised.

The land on which Wedela is situated was then proclaimed in terms of the 99-year-leasehold, more hectares of land purchased and a plan to promote home-ownership among mine workers set in motion.

Today, Wedela has more than 750 new houses and is continuing to grow in leaps and bounds. It is a fully-fledged township with four schools, including a high school and a technical college, a large supermarket owned by 25 of the township's residents, a clinic which is open six days a week, a creche that can accommodate 200 children at a time and a modern multi-purpose community centre.

## Plans

Plans are also afoot to establish a central business district and other community services in the township.

The mines have also applied to the Government for the township to be declared a local authority. Presently, the township has nine councillors who were elected by the residents.

Mine bosses are so ecstatic about the home-ownership scheme that they are working on a 15-year Masterplan to develop the township in order to realise its objective of housing their employees near their workplaces.

Mr Nico Theunissen,

project manager of Wedela, said however that many mine workers were not keen on the relatively new concept and wanted to maintain their rural ties.

To make the home ownership scheme a viable option for employees, the gold and uranium division of the Anglo American Corporation developed a financial scheme which subsidises bond repayments down to five percent interest.

The scheme requires only two-and-half percent deposit and also provides collateral to building societies in order that employees may have access to financial institutions.

The subsidy ensures that all employees are eligible for home ownership.

Mr Theunissen said the housing projects in Wedela catered for both the lower and the higher income groups.

## Vacant

"We have at present 500 serviced stands that are vacant. Employees can choose their own builders and designs," he said.

He said the mines

hoped to provide more than 10 000 houses within the next 10 years.

"Our wish is to have all our workers completely urbanised, but because many of them still want to maintain their rural ties, the hostel system cannot be completely phased out," Mr Theunissen said.

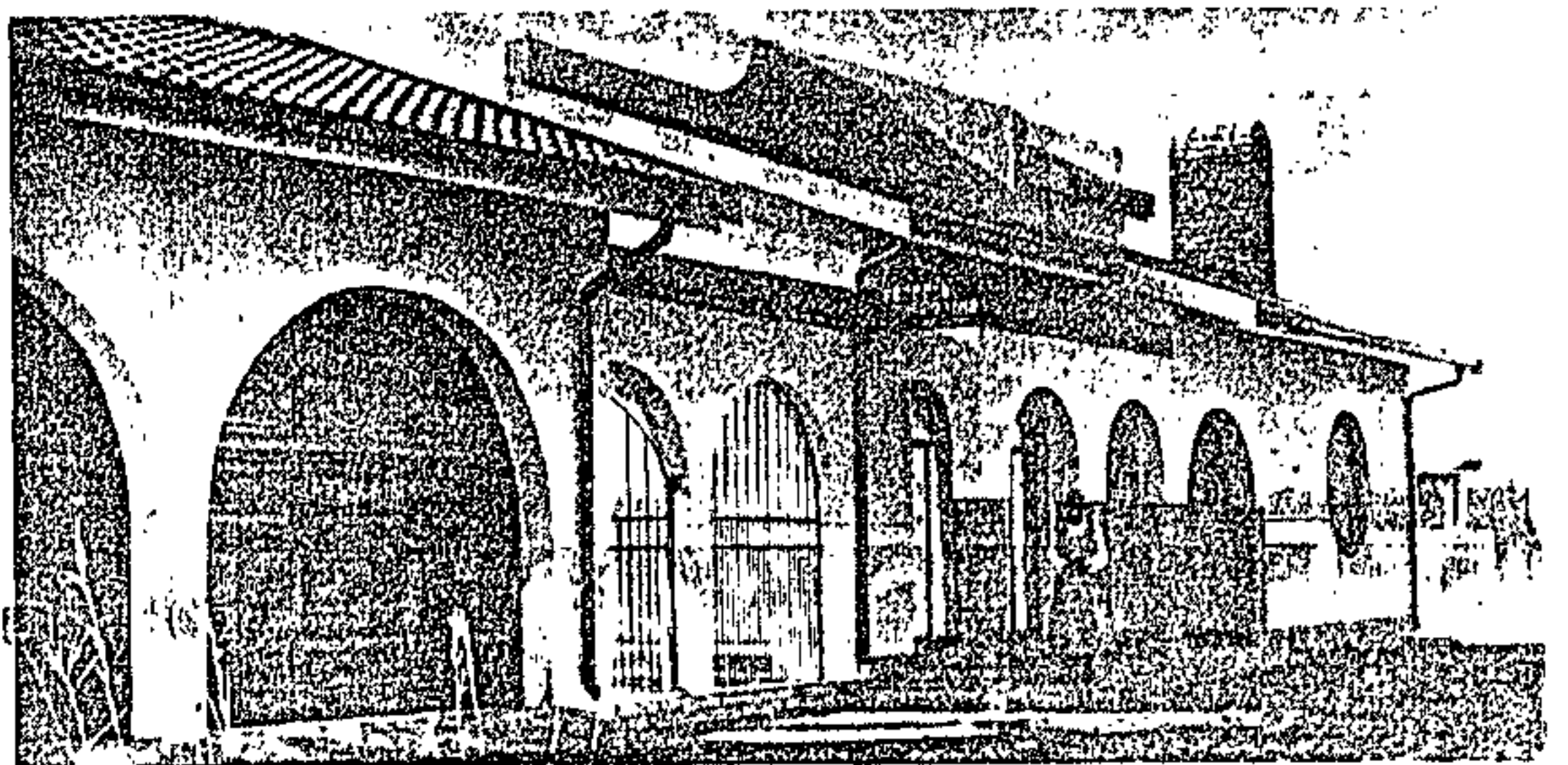
He said besides this, the mines employed thousands of workers who came from countries such as Mozambique and Lesotho who were regarded as aliens by the Government and who because of that, did not qualify for the home ownership scheme.

## Relax

After a hard days' work, workers can relax and enjoy their drinks at the Wedela Recreation Club, for a membership fee of only R12 a year.



Children playing at the modern creche.



One of the houses built at the fast-growing Wedela township.

Pic: PAUL TSHABALALA

## Fighting

In the meantime, the Anglo American Corporation, which owns several mines including Western Deep Levels and Elandsrand, was, together with other bodies, fighting for the scrapping of the influx control regulations and other laws which restricted people's freedom of movement.

When the regulations were finally lifted in 1986, the corporation decided there and then to do away with the migratory labour system so as to create a stable labour force.



# CALL TO SCRAP RENT DEBTS

A REPORT-back meeting attended by more than 500 Soweto residents at the weekend endorsed recommendations contained in research commissioned by the Soweto Rent Delegation arising from the three-year rent boycott in the township.

The meeting was held at the Methodist Church in Rockville. It was one of the three called by the SRD to discuss and take decisions on the progress made by the delegation since the last report-back meeting.

## Meetings

The other meetings were held at St Philip's Catholic Church (Moletane), Modisi Yo Botse Church (Diepkloof) and St Martin School (Orlando West).

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The recommendations are that the rent arrears amounts be written off; the housing stock be transferred to the ownership of Soweto

residents; Soweto's infrastructural services be upgraded to an acceptable standard; an affordable service charge be designed and a single tax base for Johannesburg and Soweto be established.

The Reverend Frank

Chikane, general secretary of the South African Council of Churches and a member of the seven-member delegation, told the meeting that they were disappointed that the Soweto Council had failed them in March. Instead the council went

to announce its own "solution" to the rent problem at a recent public meeting.

Mr Chikane said the council was under pressure from the joint management committee or the police not to talk to the delegation.

## Mum speaks out on ban

THE ban on the unveiling of the tombstone of journalist, Malkompo Kutumela last week showed the hypocrisy of the Lebowa homeland leadership, the Kutumela family said at the weekend.

Speaking in an interview with *Sowetan*, when the family expressed thanks and gratitude to Mwasa, Azapo and Azasm, Mr Kutumela's

mother, Mrs Annah Kutumela said the homeland's Chief Minister, Mr M N Ramodike, had been using her son's alleged killing by the police as an election issue.

## Elections

He goes about denouncing the killing saying a former Minister of Police had ordered it. But when we want to

unveil a tombstone in honour of my son, his police ban the service and harass the people who came from far and near to pay their respects," Mrs Kutumela said.

Mr Kutumela died in police custody at the Mahwelereng Police Station on April 5, 1986. He had been arrested the previous evening with six other Azapo members — some of whom were also

beaten and had to be admitted to hospital.

Police banned the unveiling and ordered people to disperse. The unveiling, however, went ahead with only about fifty relatives allowed by the police to attend.

Mrs Kutumela paid special tribute to Mogodi Memorials of Seshego who apparently donated the expensive tombstone free of charge.

# Court acquits AWB leader on all counts

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By Glen Elsas,  
West Rand Bureau

Mr Eugene TerreBlanche, leader of the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (AWB), was acquitted in the Krugersdorp Magistrates' Court yesterday on charges of malicious damage to property and crimen injuria.

The magistrate, Mr SW van Niekerk, found part of the testimony heard in the State's case "unbelievable and of no value".

Mr TerreBlanche had pleaded not guilty to the charges, which arose from an incident at the Paardekraal Monument last year in which the gates to the property were damaged by a car, a lock forced and two policemen sworn at.

Mr Terreblanche was accompanied by *Sunday Times* columnist Jani Allan at the time.

Mr van Niekerk said the court could not prove who had damaged the gate and the lock on the gate of the monument.

Mr van Niekerk said there were three versions of why the police were called to investigate an incident at the scene and the court could not determine which was the correct version.

Mr Nico Kearney, who lives opposite the monument, said he called the police as the gates were being broken.

Constable Colin Page, who, with Constable Carlos Mitchell, went to investigate the complaint, said the police were called as two shots had been fired, while Constable Mitchell said they had been called to investigate a complaint of a drunk white man.

When the policemen arrived at the scene they asked the accused whether he had a gun, but did not ask him whether he knew anything about shots.

If Constable Mitchell's version that they were looking for a drunk white man was correct, why did they not see if the liquid in the bottle at the scene was alcoholic, or confiscate the bottle and act accordingly?

At no stage of the investigation did anyone ask Mr TerreBlanche how he entered the gates and if he broke the gates and the lock. The charges were never put to the accused.

The court could also not understand why Lieutenant Smit, the duty officer who took over at the scene, and Jani Allan were not called to testify. Both, according to the court, were cardinal witnesses.

Mr van Niekerk said, regarding the crimen injuria charge, that there had to be serious damage to a person's dignity and honour for it to succeed.

The court questioned whether either policeman was seriously tarnished when sworn at. If they had felt so badly slandered they would have insisted on laying charges straightaway, and would not have realised they were insulted and injured when the investigating officer approached them weeks later.

Mr van Niekerk concluded by saying that there had been enough facts before the prosecutor to warrant a trial. It sometimes happened, however, that these facts were watered down through cross-questioning and the case then became weak.



# I'M SHOCKED SAYS TSHABALALA

**Sofasonke Party leader reacts on alleged assaults**

THE president of the Sofasonke Party, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, said he was shocked at this week's Press reports that a party member was allegedly involved in the abduction and assault of five schoolboys.

One of the boys died later.

In a statement Tshabalala said:

"I want to make it clear that the Sofasonke Party does not believe in violence of any kind. To my knowledge, no party member was officially representing the party at 'any meeting or any other occasion' when the said incidents allegedly took place.

"I wish to state that we as a party are investigating the matter. We shall definitely take disciplinary measures if we find that one of our members was involved in the terrible tragedy concerning the youths.



**Ephraim Tshabalala**

In a statement the mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, said the council wished to express its sincere condolences to the families and friends of the youths involved.

# Rent meeting delayed

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A MEETING between the Soweto City Council and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) which was supposed to take place at the council chambers in Jabulani, Soweto, this week has been postponed to May 17.

The mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, yesterday said they had postponed the meeting to give the Soweto People's Delegation enough time to draft its version of flat rates for service charges to be charged in Soweto. Both parties will discuss the drafts and if agreed

then the one deemed suitable and "affordable" will be adopted.

The talks were part of an undertaking by both parties to continue meeting to discuss options and suggestions towards resolving the rent boycott facing the council.

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The SPD reportedly phoned to say it had not completed its draft of flat rates. The talks are specifically aimed at finding a compromise solution to the non-payment of rent and service charges in Soweto which started three years ago.



MR SAM MKHWANAZI



## BUSINESS

PROVINCIAL authorities in the Transvaal favour self-help housing schemes — but are not having much success in acquiring the land for such schemes, as speculators push up prices on land set aside for blacks.

Bokkie van der Hoven, chief director, land use, in the community services branch of the Transvaal Provincial Administration, revealed this at a conference of the South African Property Owners' Association (Sapoa) in Johannesburg this week.

In areas earmarked for black development, Van der Hoven said, land values had increased to the extent that the TPA "does not see its way open to buying the land for black housing".

In the area west of Soweto, earmarked two years ago for black housing development, "the private sector can't make a profit on developing the land as residential erven, so how can the government participate to provide for the underprivileged?" The land was in the process of being proclaimed a black development area in terms of section 33 of the Black Community Development Act, he said.

He added that prices for land earmarked for black development reached between R15 000-R30 000 a hectare. The TPA worked on 20 stands a hectare, so it would be prohibitive to use the land for affordable site and service stands.

Further evidence comes from the latest South African Institute of Race Relations *Social and Economic Update*, which reports that in Zuurbeekom, west of Soweto, speculation increased prices by 75 percent after the government announced that it was to be developed as a black area, ensuring the land is beyond the reach of many potential buyers.

Speculators took up options for the land before the announcement. The *Update* explains that white land owners can ask a developer to apply for their area to be proclaimed for black use: if the application succeeds, competition for scarce land ensures that owners can ask inflated prices.

*Update* research indicates that land remains scarce despite government moves to provide land for black housing in urban areas. It calculates that 225 000 houses could be built on the land freed by the government for black development in 1988 (at a density of 14 stands per hectare), but the

## Speculators drive up black property prices

A conference on property hears that land values have risen so high that provincial authorities cannot afford to buy land for black housing. By HILARY JOFFE



Speculators have pushed land prices beyond homebuyers' reach

Urban Foundation has calculated the shortage of houses for black people outside the homelands at 800 000.

Van der Hoven told the Sapoa conference that "it seems we might be able to provide enough erven for black housing development in the not-so-distant future if enough land is available at a cost which would fit the end-user".

Van der Hoven said the system had advanced to the stage where "we will only be able to provide an erf with services, and the owner of the land will be responsible for erecting a house for himself according to his needs and what he can afford". He added that these should be "rudimentary service facilities", such that people could survive but could also improve on the services when their finances improved.

He said the upper end of the black housing market, where the private

sector had been pursuing market opportunities, was slowly starting to be saturated. The upper end was the "easy market", and financial institutions and developers were not operating at the lower end of the market. This was left to the provincial authorities and "at that level we have difficulty making an erf available at an affordable price".

"We are pleading for a new ap-

proach to township development — the private sector must try to accommodate the need at a profit, but cut corners to the extent that housing becomes affordable to people who need it."

Van der Hoven also threw some light on why, even though black people can now own land on freehold, very few do. He said in the two years that the TPA had been dealing with black housing in the Transvaal, there had been very few applications for the proclamation of townships where freehold could be given.

Township developers could sell off erven at an early stage on a leasehold basis and get the cash flow, and then tended to lose interest in getting the development proclaimed as a township, Van der Hoven said. "Leasehold is available but freehold is very scarce because very few townships have been through the whole process of being proclaimed," he said.

According to the *Race Relations Update*, by February 17 this year, 817 African freehold titles had been registered since property rights were restored in November 1987 — 606 in the Transvaal. By contrast, 28 200 leasehold properties were registered by Africans in 1987 and over 50 000 in 1988.

The *Update* quotes legal experts as saying that township registers — the prerequisite for freehold — are being opened slowly because there are multiple title-deeds in existing townships and this complicates the opening of registers. "As more township registers are opened, the pace of registrations is expected to increase," the *Update* says. The figures on freehold and leasehold do not necessarily reflect the number of new homes built. Freehold can be conferred on vacant land, and leasehold registrations include both new houses and state housing stock bought by township tenants.

## Black builders hindered

Weekly Mail Reporter

BLACK entrepreneurs need increased access to capital and to skills if they are to survive, a South African Property Owners' Association (Sapoa) conference on the future of black business heard this week.

Black builders had no credible involvement in the construction industry and their progress was hampered by a shortage of capital to acquire land, lack of skills and expertise, lack of access to the legislature, and bureaucratic obstacles, said Baker Mogale, president of the Transvaal Black Builders' Association.

He said the key issue in South Africa was the need for permanent, rather than temporary solutions to the housing problem. It was necessary to involve blacks in addressing this, and in preparing a national agenda on homelessness.

Mogale said black builders could make gains by collective action, but his association believed the private sector could and should help make the effects of centuries of discrimination fade faster.

A small black business infrastructure was necessary to make black business competitive.

Constraints hindering black builders from being competitive in the market were stressed by Neil Fraser, director of the Building Industries Federation of South Africa (Bifsa), who focused on the lack of costing skills among inexperienced black builders. They often faced heavy losses because they failed to incorporate overhead or contingency costs in quoting for tenders, he said.

"A large number of builders, usually through total ignorance, underquote prices and then abscond before their contracts are completed, leaving clients with unfinished projects but with fully utilised budgets ... and the building industry thus continues to develop a bad name," Fraser said.

The Small Business Development Corporation had stopped giving out small builders' loans due to massive bad debts, he added.

Fraser said the formal building in-

dustry had to provide training and education for the rapidly developing informal sector. And white construction companies had to select black staff who could be trained in skills such as estimating and costing.

Bifsa has started the Foundation for Entrepreneurial Skills Training, funded by the IBM Projects Fund, to train small builders in management skills, Fraser said.

Former African Bank chief executive Gaby Magomola outlined further reasons for the inability of black township entrepreneurs to compete with established businesses.

These included distance from wholesale suppliers, which raised transport costs, and lack of electricity, which necessitated high capital outlays for generators or gas equipment.

Black entrepreneurs were often driven "underground" by their inability to comply with the huge number of laws and restrictions, and they became informal sector operators.

Magomola called for the private sector to erect shopping centres in black townships, to remedy the lack of suitable premises for entrepreneurs. He urged Sapoa members to treat this as a priority and become more "activist" in this regard.

Such centres would not only bring convenience to the black shopper but would help create jobs and "provide a tax base for the fiscal management of those residential areas", which would continue to exist as low-income areas even after racial discrimination had disappeared.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration's Bokkie van der Hoven also supported the development of commerce and industry in black townships as a way of making them more self-sufficient. He said the TPA was considering new kinds of title deed which, for example, would allow residential properties to be used for business as well.

## Privatisation yielded billions in 1988

TOTAL proceeds from privatisation sales by governments around the world amounted to more than \$40-billion (about R100-million) last year, according to the newsletter *Privatisation International*.

In a league table of the leading merchant banks, the newsletter says that N M Rothschild led the field for advice on privatisation by a short head last year. The number of privatisation jobs handled by the bank totalled nearly 90 in 21 countries.

In the course of 1988, Rothschild completed 11 different projects in eight countries. It was closely followed by Schroders and Morgan

Grenfell who each worked in six different countries. The major American players are said to be Credit Suisse First Boston and Goldman Sachs.

Accountants and consultants tended to work on smaller projects, with the total of more than 140 different jobs in 15 countries. Price Waterhouse led the field with 46 jobs in 13 countries.

The study says that privatisation is now an important and distinct business for investment banks in several countries. The bank is normally needed to advise on the feasibility of privatisation, the form it should take, the price and the state of the market. — The Guardian, London

## National Welfare Policy Conference

Fri 19th May 1989 — 6 - 9.30pm

Keynote address: Mohammed Valli Moosa "Toward a Democratic Welfare System" Cultural event - A Tribute to David Webster

Sat 20th May 1989 — 9am - 6.30pm

Toward a Democratic Welfare System - Options and Strategies. Speakers include Prof. Wilson, Jeno Barrett, Stephen Gelb, Leila Patel. Venue: John Moffat Building, University of the Witwatersrand. Registration: R30 (including meals)

Convened by: Concerned Social Workers, SA Black Social Workers, Society for Social Workers (Wits), Social Workers Forum-Cape Town, Durban Committee Against the Welfare Policy.

Enquiries: (011) 852 6016/7 (8.30-4.30); 648 7716 (alt) We urge all democratically-minded social workers, welfare organisations, progressive social service organisations and trade unions to join us in evolving a democratic, non-racial and unitary system for all.



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# Finance Crisis looming

BLACK education is not the only state service which is suffering from the country's poor growth rate, according to the South African Institute of Race Relations' latest *Social and Economic Update*.

The publication, which is written by institute researcher Elaine Cosser, notes that government attempts to improve black facilities are under increasing pressure — and various schemes currently being initiated or exploited face financial and political problems.

While privatisation schemes run up against affordability problems, attempts to ensure white subsidisation of black services via the regional

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services councils (RSCs) face resistance from some white municipalities, who fear a backlash from their constituents.

In the face of these problems, together with an overall lack of finance, *Update* argues that during the period under review there is evidence that the burden of funding some services is being shifted back to black communities.

Officials have said sanctions and disinvestment are largely responsible for the government's inability adequately to upgrade black services.

Examining plans to extend and improve electricity to black areas,

*Update* expresses the view that township residents may be unable to afford partly-privatised electricity (although the authorities believe this kind of service should be cheaper and more efficient).

While Escom's intervention has created some momentum for the extension of electricity to black areas, the research has found that there is no agency pressing for adequate water and sewerage, and these services are poor in urban as well as rural areas.

*Update* suggests that if services like these are to be subsidised by the RSCs, white consumers will have to foot the bill and white municipalities might face a backlash from their constituents.



Pupils need bursaries.



# Bond rates send families reeling

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By NTHABI MOREOSELE

THE increase in mortgage bonds has sent residents of the townships' elite sections reeling.

Many bought homes when the rates were about 13 percent. The house was affordable and there was extra money for school fees, furniture, groceries and clothing. Then the bond rate was raised to 16 percent. There were grim faces but the bond was paid.

When the bond was increased to 18.75 percent, many families tightened their belts and economised on a large scale. The bond has now been increased to 20 percent.

Miss Pearl Mogae, a single parent with two children lives in a three-bedroomed house in Daveyton. She does not receive maintenance from her former husband who is unemployed. Miss Mogae says that budgeting her finances would be a pointless exercise.

"You cannot budget if practically all your money goes to pay the bond on the house," Miss Mogae said.

"I stopped thinking about buying clothes at the last increase. The current increase will make my situation worse. It means I have to buy essentials only. Polony, cheese and milk are luxury foods now.

"Forget about red meat. It is now a month-end treat. We live on eggs, mince and wors. I will have to cut mince if the rates go up again.

"We live from hand to mouth. I look forward to payday with desperation."

Miss Ros Monaheng of

Garankuwa has cancelled a deal to buy a house.

"Anyone would be crazy to move into a new house right now," she said.

"The rates are too high. Who knows, they may be worse in the very near future."

A resident of Spruitview who declined to be named, said many people were talking of cancelling

their houses or selling them.

"Everyone is reeling from the news," she said. "It is a nightmare. At present we are paying R900 a month. This is steep but the new rates will paralyse us.

"Those caught with unpaid furniture bills are unfortunate. I do not see how they will keep up payments.

"The bills were paid with the money that will now be gobbled up by the bond," she said.

A single corporation to run electricity, water and other services is being envisaged for Soweto and, later, other black towns and cities. The lead has been taken by Eskom as part of its vision for the future. **NORMAN CHANDLER** reports.

# Eskom hints at new plan

the part of residents to pay service charges (such as electricity and water), little income has been generated from Soweto residents since the start of the boycott in June 1986.

Eskom is now determined to turn this around.

The utility has what it calls a "vision for the future". That includes providing electricity for all the people of South Africa, with the firm belief that southern Africa as a whole has the potential for growth, and being the top power utility in the world.

Eskom is taking each "vision" one step at a time. Soweto is part of the first step and it is interlinked to the other stepping stones to success.

The organisation's credo is wrapped around the fact that South Africa cannot stay in what it terms "low gear" in terms of electrification and as a result it has been looking at opportunities.

There is no doubt now that the utility has had its appetite whetted for joint ventures with the private sector as a result of its experience at Uitenhage's KwaNobuhle.

There, a utility called Kwanolec has been established to provide power to every sector of the

vast township — populated by thousands of people uprooted from the old Langa area. That has led to approaches from other towns and cities in the eastern Cape, western Cape, Natal and Transvaal.

The most difficult approach, however, is that regarding Soweto.

And it really has been difficult, top Eskom sources have confided to The Star.

The first thing that Eskom as well as the Soweto City Council, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Government has discovered is that the non-payment of electricity charges is not political — but the rent boycott is.

Certainly Eskom and its partners have found a link between the two, but essentially the complaint is that people in Soweto are paying more for their electricity than those in Johannesburg.

This has been the case since the start of the multi-million-rand electrification scheme in Soweto and at one time the city council even approached private enterprises to check electricity meters because of the flood of complaints.

When lights and power supplies in general are cut off for non-payment, it takes far longer to

have re-connections take place than in "white" Johannesburg — with the result that consumer relations are at zero level. In some cases, up to a week has been the norm for domestic users, while shops have had to wait 48 hours with the result that thousands of rands worth of perishables have been ruined.

And that is something which Eskom's dynamic chief executive, Mr Ian McRae, refuses to accept or allow.

He told me: "We want people to have trust in us. The present situation simply cannot be allowed to continue and we will not let it continue."

The behind-the-scenes discussions which have been taking place — with all manner of parties, even including taxi owners — have been dramatic to say the least.

Hostility was the name of the game at the start but as events have turned out, there has been a major shift in attitude on all sides; a shift which has been indicative of the desire to get things moving.

A plan of action has now been hammered out to the mutual advantage of all concerned and it is at present a question of waiting for the Transvaal Provincial Administration to give the green light to a very ambitious scheme.



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# Soweto council probe begins

By MOJALEFA  
MOSEKI

SEVERAL people made statements at the offices of the commission of inquiry investigating irregularities in the Soweto City Council yesterday.

Some of the residents complained about their houses which they claimed had been illegally sold to other residents without their consent.

The inquiry will be sitting until June 9.

Soweto residents who feel they were cheated in one way or another by former councillors are invited to give statements to the commission for further investigation.

The offices open at 9am and close at 3pm or later according to demand.

The three-man commission of inquiry was appointed to investigate possible irregularities and corruption after several complaints were received from residents by the present Sofasonke Party dominated council.

# R180 000 GOLDEN HANDSHAKE OFFER

THE Atteridgeville City Council offered the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala, nearly R180 000 and the withdrawal of the disciplinary inquiry against him if he immediately resigned from his post, a Sowetan investigation has revealed.

By MONK NKOMO

On May 2 1989 the council offered to pay Rammala R179 972.23.

It also proposed paying him R20 858.13 as accumulated leave

pay immediately on receipt of his resignation.

The balance of R159 114.10, which included his pension, was to be paid to him within two weeks after his resignation.

Lawyers representing the council also wrote a letter to Rammala's legal advisers informing them that the disciplinary inquiry into allegations of irregularities

against Rammala would be withdrawn if the town clerk accepted the council's offer.

The lawyers also notified Rammala's attorneys that they had been told by the council that not only the council but also most local residents and council employees (many members of the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities (Taebila) were against Rammala returning to his post.

The acting town clerk, Mr

Daan Mouton, yesterday confirmed that the offer was made and added that Rammala's lawyer also made counter offers.

Mouton declined to comment when asked if Rammala's lawyer had turned down the offer.

According to the council, the offer was extended to Rammala in an effort to settle the matter sooner and to cut legal costs.

Rammala has denied before the chairman of the inquiry, Mr Justice Hiemstra, a retired judge, allegations of 12 counts of

irregularities. The inquiry, which was adjourned two weeks ago, resumes in the council chambers today.

The council's lawyers informed Rammala's attorneys that "by making this generous offer our clients are in no way conceding the disciplinary inquiry in favour of your client."



## Fewer blacks require any housing subsidy

The proportion of blacks able to afford housing without subsidies had increased from 16 percent to 19 percent over the past two years.

SAIRR researcher Elaine Cosser said that over the same period the number of blacks able to contribute to their own housing costs had more than doubled — having risen from 25 percent to 55 percent between 1987 and 1989.

Calculations by the National Building Research Institute indicated that about 71 percent of blacks now needed a subsidy to afford any housing at all (as against 84 percent in 1987), and 45 percent of the total black population could not afford to make any contribution to housing.

Despite the improved situation, finance remained the greatest obstacle to housing provision and almost half the black population still had to rely on informal dwellings. Land shortages in some areas, exacerbated by the Group Areas Act, were also a constraint on housing provision.

As a result speculators had been able to take advantage of artificially scarce land and had driven prices beyond the reach of many potential buyers. In Zuurbeekom, west of Soweto, speculation increased prices by 75 percent after the Government announced that it was to be developed as a black area.

"The availability of land, and the authorities' willingness to countenance informal settlements, will have a crucial bearing on most people's access to shelter," the report says.

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## New tariffs for Soweto announced

By Montshiwa Moroke  
The Mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, yesterday announced new proposed electricity and service charges.

The figures were due to go to the full council today, but Mr Mkhwanazi said the new charges had already been implemented and accounts would be sent out at the end of the month.

Details of the new tariffs were released to the media hours after members of the council had met a Soweto people's delegation as part of the ongoing talks in an

attempt to resolve the two-year-old rent crisis.

Announcing the new charges, Mr Mkhwanazi also said the council had had "many rounds of talks with many groups".

● The figures for monthly electricity tariffs are R30 for Jabavu 1-3, Orlando East, Mofolo South and Klipspruit two rooms. The rest of Soweto will be charged a uniform R50.

Other charges will be R17,50 for improved flats and R12,50 for unimproved flats.

Service charges will be R15 for

Jabavu 1-3, Orlando East, Mofolo and Klipspruit two rooms and R17,50 for some parts of Dube. The highest tariff — R37,50 — is to be paid in areas such as Pimville (Selection Park) and Protea South Extension.

The rest of Soweto will pay R22,50.

Tariffs of R52,50, R72,50 and R92,50 are to be paid for different flats in Chiawelo and Jabulani.

Women in hostels in Zondi and Orlando West are to pay R8,50 and R6,50 respectively.

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# Mayor urges people to pay

By MOJALEFA  
MOSEKI

THE Soweto City Council urged residents to start paying the newly announced flat-rate service charges which came into effect on May 2 — following a meeting with the Soweto People's Delegation yesterday.

Soweto mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi said residents should pay the flat rate as explained at Orlando Stadium during a Sofasonke Party meeting in April.

He said his council had taken that decision and informed the SPD after the delegation had failed for the second time to provide the council with its "affordable" flat-rate to be paid by Soweto residents.

The SPD has asked the council to accompany it in meetings with the Escom, Jo'burg City Council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration in its efforts to establish an "affordable" rate.

## Survey

"We told the delegation (SPD) that we had conducted a wide-ranging survey to establish our flat rate, but they challenged it. We then asked them for their version of a flat rate. They have failed twice to present their version and today they told us that the company they had engaged for a report on rates had advised that they meet with the authorities — all of whom we met before establishing our rates. We are now going ahead while awaiting the SPD results," said Mr Mkhwanazi.

The SPD is supposed to complete its talks with the authorities within three weeks. Mr Mkhwanazi is expected to leave on a 10-day visit to Canada where he will attend the International Mayor's Conference in Halifax. He will be accompanied by the town clerk, Mr Sarel van Rensburg.

# Umsa suspends Forum members

Members of the United Municipalities of South Africa (Umsa) who held executive positions with the National Forum have been suspended from all Umsa activities.

The motion was passed at an Umsa meeting at Khutsong, near Carletonville, yesterday.

Umsa president Mr Tom Boya said the National Forum was rejected by Umsa and the majority of blacks. — Sapa.



# SCA rejects rents move

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THE Soweto People's Delegation and the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) yesterday rejected the flat rate proposed by the council last week.

A spokesman for the SCA said the association rejected any announcement that the people of

By MOJALEFA  
MOSEKI

Soweto should start paying while talks between the council and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) were still continuing. It said efforts to pressurise residents to start paying will breed conflict in the

townships.

A statement released by trade unionist, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, who led last week's talks with the council on behalf of the SPD, stated that the SPD was "not in a position to recommend to Soweto residents that they start payments of

service charges" the council has called upon the people to pay as from May 2.

The SPD said it is still to meet with the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) which grants "bridging funds" to the council and Eskom and the Rand Water Board which supplies Soweto with electricity and water respectively. The SPD will also meet the Johannesburg Municipality on the issue of a common tax-base.

The SPD also stated that: The Soweto council was R1 billion in the red — and was slipping deeper into debt.

- Soweto was grossly overcrowded — with an average of 10 people for each house. There was a shortage of 66 000 houses in greater Soweto, and no improvement was in sight.

- The low level of service provision in Soweto posed a health hazard for residents, particularly children, the elderly and sickly people.

- Soweto residents were unable to pay the high rent charges — a factor which led to the rent boycott, which is the only peaceful way in which residents could highlight their plight.

- That the government would like Soweto to be self-financing. For this to be realised residents will have to pay R250 a month rent.

The statement added: "Lasting solution to the problems, however, do not lie in Soweto. Not only does the Soweto City Council have insufficient resources and lacks credibility, it also has too little independence from the Transvaal Provincial Administration."

# Soweto residents ponder rent status

To pay or not to pay is the question many residents will ask themselves following statements at the weekend by the Soweto Peoples' Delegation (SPD) and the Soweto Civic Association (SCA).

The two community organisations said they rejected last week's announcement by the Soweto mayor, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, that the people of Soweto should start paying flat rates proposed by the council.



Soweto houses ... rents still disputed.

while talks between the SPD and the council were continuing.

They said efforts to pressurise residents to start paying would breed conflict in the townships. Residents have not been paying rent since June 1986.

Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, who was part of last week's SPD delegation, said the SPD was "not in a position to recommend to Soweto residents that they start payments of service charges".

On the eve of his departure for Canada, Mr Mkhwanazi said residents were expected to pay the new rates from May.

The SPD said it still had to meet the Transvaal Provincial Administration which grants "bridging funds" to the council, Eskom and the Rand Water Board.



# Council hosts 17 top businessmen

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THE Soweto City Council is to host 17 businessmen from the Netherlands before the end of this month, chairman of the management Mr Payne Tshabalala said yesterday.

The visitors will tour Soweto with a view to investing in the area, especially the establishment of factories. The visitors will be part of groups of expected businessmen who have been approached locally and overseas to find if they can invest in Soweto. To this end the council raised about R39 000 from the private sector to promote business tours to Soweto.

Part of that money was used to send the mayor, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, to the International Mayor Conference in Halifax,

Canada, which is still in progress.

Mr Mkhwanazi is expected to make new contacts for possible investments; invite business leaders to visit Soweto while in South Africa and promote tourism to Soweto.

Mr Tshabalala said: "We want businessmen to invest in Soweto and build factories in our industrial sites so that we can have a tax base to fund the council's projects and create employment for Soweto residents. Presently Soweto has no funds because it is a dormitory for Johannesburg industry".

He said his council has been fighting to get the Devland industrial area, near Baragwanath Hospital, transferred into

Soweto and for more industrial land to be incorporated into the township.

Mr Mkhwanazi was accompanied by the acting town clerk, Mr Sarel van Rensburg, on the 10-day trip which started last Friday. Companies which donated to the council are: Old Mutual; First National Bank; Delmas Milling; Van Wyk and Louw Consultants; Price Forbes; Federale Volkshuis; and Honnibal Construction.

## TRANSVAAL RENT ARREARS REPORTED TRICKLING IN

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ADELE BALETA

THE MEC responsible for local authorities, Olaus van Zyl, could not say yesterday how the R451m rent arrears in the Transvaal would be repaid.

The problem, he said, was complex because reasons and circumstances for arrears varied among local authorities.

Constitutional Minister Chris Heunis said in Parliament on Tuesday that township residents countrywide owed R555m. He stressed no provincial administration had authorised or approved the write-off of arrears.

Van Zyl said tenants were, in some areas of the Transvaal, paying back what they owed.

Of a total of 80 black local authorities, 33 had made collections of more than 100% of the accounts levied for December.

"This indicated black residents were willing to pay back

their debts," he said.

Soweto, which accounted for R210m of the arrears in the Transvaal, and Lekoa local authorities were still having low repayments.

Reasons for non-payment in the Transvaal varied.

Some newly elected local authorities needed to establish communication links with tenants before applying pressure for money. In other areas rent boycotts prevented people from paying back.

Time for repayment would vary and could take longer than two years, Van Zyl said.

"Some local authorities will get their money back, but some arrears were not valid and needed investigation," he added.

## African peace suffer setback

LONDON — Peace prospects improved in only two parts of Africa last year — the Maghreb in the far north and southern Africa — and international diplomacy played a key role in both areas, the International Institute for Strategic Studies reported yesterday.

Most African countries suffered major economic and financial problems, compounded by political turmoil or ethnic disputes, the London-based institute said in its annual global survey.

"In northern and southern Africa, international diplomacy had a substantial impact on local prospects for peace."

The survey said the peace agreement to remove Cuban forces from Angola and bring independence to Namibia was made possible by the "untiring efforts" of US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs Chester Crocker.



# Vlakfontein cleared to become 'open' area

Staff Reporter

The farm Vlakfontein will not be included in a development area west of Soweto, in order to make it available as an "open" industrial area, Mr Roelf Meyer, the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, said yesterday.

He said since the announcement that an area to the west of Soweto would be designated as a development area, representations had been received not to include

Vlakfontein — a potential industrial area. This was to ensure that the Vlakfontein area could be made available to all population groups.

"In view of the fact that it is Government policy to develop industrial areas for all population groups, the request has been granted," Mr Meyer said.

A notice defining the remaining area as development area will appear in the Government Gazette today.

# Councillors under attack

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Pretoria Correspondent

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An Atteridgeville resident made an application for a business and a taxi licence and these were both rejected by the local city council.

Mr John Makuruntshi, a former employee of the Red Cross and chairman of the newly-formed Atteridgeville Concerned Citizens' Party (ACCP) yesterday told the Kriel commission of inquiry into alleged irregularities in the Atteridgeville City Council that no reasons were furnished for the rejection of his applications.

Mr Makuruntshi tabled a memorandum before the commission in which he stated that Atteridgeville councillors — with the exception of a few — did not have leadership skills.

Mr Makuruntshi said the councillors — past and present — could not explain the difference between house rent, house tariffs and rates.

He added that according to an article in the February/March issue of the council's newsletter, the city council was bankrupt or almost bankrupt.

Mr Makuruntshi said according to evidence previously given to the commission, 40 to 42 percent of the rent received was set aside for salaries and allowances.

"At this rate, the council has to do something drastically internally and not increase the house rent."

Mr Makuruntshi said two businesses in the township — Thabang Supermarket and Itumeleng Supermarket — were run by Indians.

"This is causing great concern in the township."

The commission was adjourned until June 12.



# Lekoa gives warning to CP council

By Melody McDougall,  
Vereeniging Bureau

A dispute between the Lekoa Council and Vanderbijlpark's Conservative Party-dominated town council over the new township of Tshepiso may lead to black consumer resistance in Vanderbijlpark if it is not resolved soon, says Mr MacDonald Njuze, Lekoa's executive council chairman.

Mr Njuze says negotiations over the land earmarked for the new township — between Sharpeville and Boipatong — have reached deadlock.

In Sebokeng yesterday, Mr Njuze said the land in the Vanderbijlpark magisterial district was promised to Lekoa by the Government in 1986 to alleviate the housing shortage.

But now Vanderbijlpark's new CP-controlled council seems reluctant to part with the land. It has apparently indicated its intention to move all blacks in the area to Sebokeng in the next 50 years.

Accusing the council of "using their politically motivated policies" to rob Lekoa of the land, Mr Njuze claimed the development was also being hampered by Vanderbijlpark council's representatives on the Vaal Triangle Regional Services Council.

Mr Cas Pieters, chairman of the Vanderbijlpark management committee, was not available for comment.

# Shop owner alleges council 'irregularity'

AN Atteridgeville man who was in rent arrears totalling about R8 000 had his shop closed down by the council which did not take similar action against four other shopowners, including a councillor, who also owed rent, it was alleged yesterday.

Johannes Moshidi told

By MONK NKOMO

a commission of inquiry that his shop was "given to another man without my consent" after summonses were served on him by the council's lawyers. He added that the shop and goods, some of which were still on hire purchase were

sold by the lawyers despite an agreement he had with the council's attorney that he was prepared to make arrangements to pay the debt.

Moshidi said at the time legal action was taken against him, he was aware that four other shop owners were also in

rent arrears totalling a huge amount. The shopowners included the Reverend Enoch Sibanyoni, councillor and chairman of the management committee Mike Peta, manager of a hotel A Mokgathane and Mr D Lebala, he said.

Testifying before

advocate Willie Kriel, chairman of the inquiry, Moshidi said he also requested a recommendation from a council official, Noel Madiba, for a taxi licence but in vain. Madiba informed him that council recommendations to the Transportation Board had been stopped.



## SOWETO STALEMATE ON RENT PAYMENTS

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THE Soweto rent arrears crisis was still in a stalemate this week with government refusing to write off the R210m rent debt and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) refusing to advise residents to pay up.

SPD delegate Cyril Ramaphosa said yesterday the position of the SPD had not changed despite Constitutional Affairs Minister Chris Heunis's speech in Parliament on Tuesday when he said that rent arrears had not been written off.

Heunis said township residents countrywide owed R555m in rent arrears. Transvaal local authorities alone were owed R451m and, of this amount, Soweto residents were R210m in arrears.

Ramaphosa said the question of arrears was no longer an issue. The people did not want to pay. "It does not matter what the Minister says as it is of no effect. The Soweto Council has put forward our view to the Provincial Administration," he said.

He warned government's insistence on rent payments could set the scene for further tension and turmoil in Soweto.

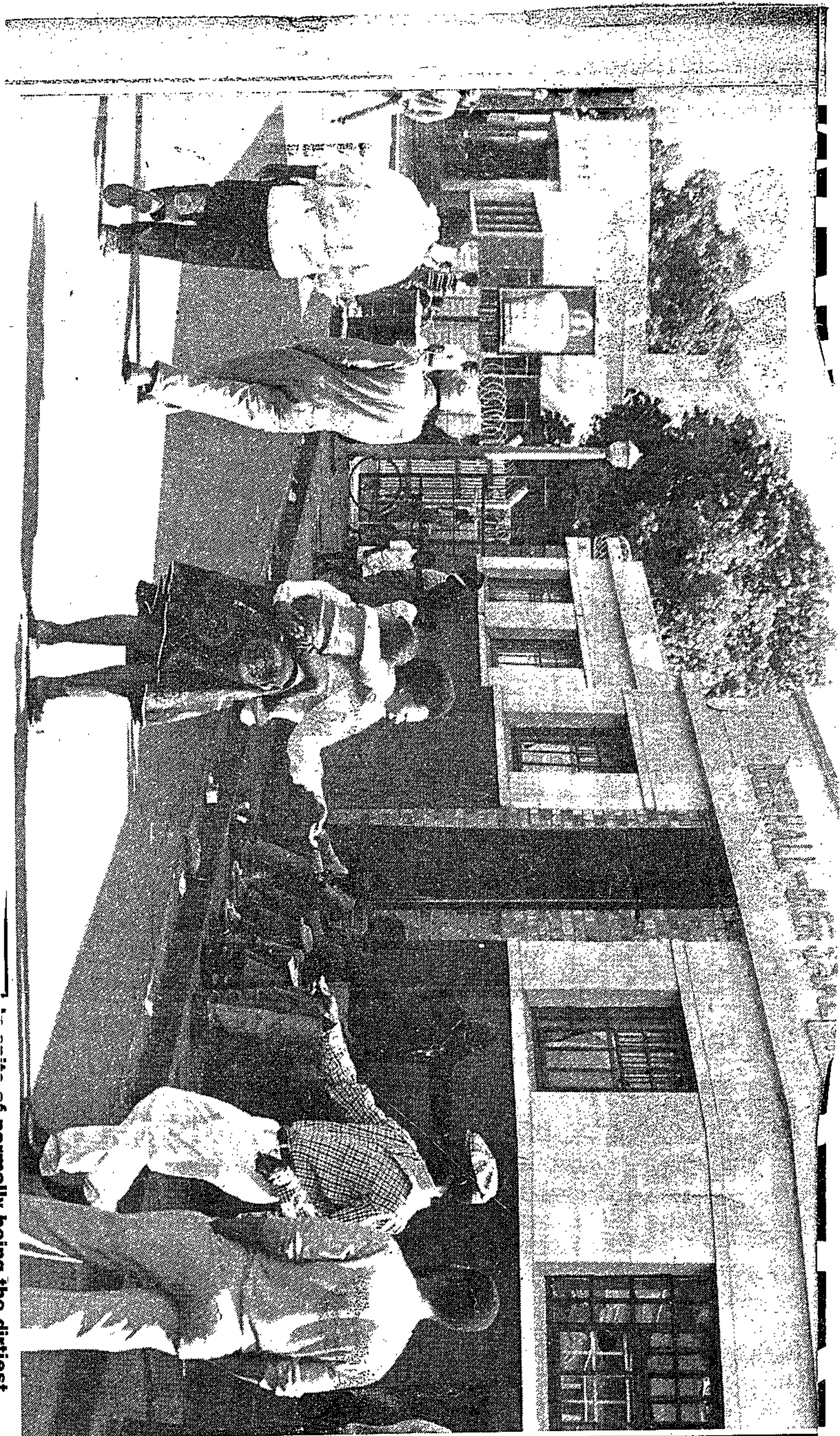
He said the SPD was still waiting for a meeting with the TPA to discuss Sowetans' demands and the bridging of finance provided by the TPA.

Soweto Mayor Sam Mkhwanazi is on a visit to Canada and could not be reached for comment.



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## STUCK IN THE INDUSTRIAL SITES

# Friendliest Rand township

By LULAMA LUTI

**SO full of life — The sweet and good life. That is the Wattville you can see on the surface.**

But behind that friendly mask lies discontent, anger, frustration and abject poverty.

These are the ingredients of human suffering. However, to get to know this, you need to get closer to Wattville, talk to its people and discover what lies under its friendly atmosphere.

It is full of life from the surface — friendly smiles, frolicking kids and all the good things in life.

It is a clean township indeed, but the good points end there.

This is a small township, a far cry from the usual densely populated black South African townships.

Situated at the heart of the industrialised area of Dunswart, south of Benoni, the township has a reputation of being the quietest on the East Rand

## Wattville hit by internal political rumblings

and the friendliest.

Although established in the late 1940s — when there was an influx of people into the cities in search of jobs, it has had no houses built for almost 25 years.

The township hosts a population of about 40 000. And all those people live in fewer than 5 000 houses.

On average, a family of about seven shares a five-roomed house.

This is where the nearby metal factories — most within walking distance of Wattville — draw their labour force, which is highly unionised. Few people in Wattville work outside the boundaries of Benoni.

### IRONY

The irony of the situation is that despite the many factories, an unofficial estimate of Wattville's unemployment rate is about 40 percent and rising.

An elderly resident told City Press that people used to be highly active and most of them had jobs, but because of unemployment the township was experiencing a sharp increase in crime-related incidents.

Rumblings from the residents abound. Many are unhappy about:

- Divisions among the five-man council at the helm of Wattville's administration;

- A lack of recreational facilities — a monotonous refrain which is a feature of every black township;

- The high rents, "for no valid reasons" whatsoever;

- The housing shortage and lack of drive to cater for the needs of the homeless; and

- The lack of development and upgrading.

Also at issue is the council's proposed increase in service charges, a decision according to a spokesman for the newly

elected residents' committee, that was taken without consultation with residents.

The spokesman, who prefers to remain anonymous said: "We reject the proposals, some are for increases of up to 250 percent. Ever since these councillors were elected last year, they haven't called a single public meeting.

"They have not done a thing for the people of Wattville. Because of division among themselves, they have personal grudges at the expense of the community — they take decisions which we learn about from the newspapers."

The lack of houses in the area has always been explained by a shortage of land — "because Wattville is surrounded by industrial sites".

The spokesman said this was no problem at all: "There is land available just outside the township

which is said to belong to the Actonville Town Council.

We have reason to believe they can sell this land to the Wattville council. The onus rests on Wattville to approach the Actonville Council."

### HELP

He added that the factories were also prepared to help develop Wattville but there had been no approach from the council.

In answer to the allegations, Wattville mayor George Nkosi said he was not aware of any divisions among members of the council.

He confirmed there was a lack of recreational facilities in the area, but said the council had applied to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning for funds and the Regional Services Council had also promised funds. However, he could not confirm the amount.

On the issue of the high rentals, Nkosi dismissed as untrue rumours that service charges were already in operation.

He said: "Those were only proposals. The council has not yet approved them as we are still awaiting objections from the residents."

On the question of housing shortages in the area, Nkosi said that until 1985 there had been rumours the people of Wattville would be resettled at Holfontein, near Daveyton.

This was resolved through negotiation with the Transvaal Provincial Administration, when residents were granted 99-year leases.

"From then we had different councils and it's true that from that time there were no improvements made, but I cannot account for that."

He added that negotiations were underway with the TPA and the Benoni City Council to have more land made available for the building of houses.

# Tarred roads are a sign of the times

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CP Reporter

TIMES are changing in South Africa's black townships, according to Dobsonville mayor Steve Nkatlo.

Speaking at the launch of a R6,2-million road-building project in the township, he said up-and-coming youngsters were no longer prepared to tolerate what their parents took for granted.

"When I came here there were no tarred roads in the township and the residents didn't worry - they were happy to have any roads at all.

"That is difficult for our younger generation to understand. They have another lifestyle today."

The project has been financed by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council.

Standing in Dobson Drive, which he announced would be renamed Dr SK Matseke Drive after Dobsonville's best-known educationist, Nkatlo said: "This is the first road opening I have been to in my 21 years as a local councillor."

The regional council had been "a tremendous blessing" to the Dobsonville City Council in helping with projects that the township would have had neither the means nor the expertise to carry out itself, he said.

Impassable gravel roads have now

been tarred, as have 70 percent of Dobsonville's 72km of roads, Nkatlo said.

The Central Witwatersrand RSC has spent R4 million in Dobsonville on refuse vehicles, the bulk supply of services to a new extension, the upgrading of water meters, a refuse site and a cemetery.

The council also has projects costing more than R17 million in the pipeline. These range from extensions to Dobsonville's library to the upgrading of its sports stadium.

Central Witwatersrand RSC chairman John Griffiths, who cut the road opening tape, said that in the current financial year the RSC had voted R12,3 million for Dobsonville projects and was recommending further expenditure of nearly R14,5 million in the 1989-90 financial year.

"To have credibility local governments should have sufficient financial resources to perform the functions entrusted to them," Griffiths said.

"In view of the critical financial situation of the Dobsonville City Council, the RSC's assistance undoubtedly contributes to the provision and improvement of services and the relief of financial pressure. This makes it easier for the council to perform its numerous functions more effectively."



## WHERE ON EARTH ARE WE?

By OBED MUSI

**VOSLOORUS** is a bustling township which nestles along the East Rand's Heidelberg Road.

The fastest growing black township in South Africa, it is a mixture of old and new, rich and poor, age and youth.

A walk around this sprawling ghetto is an eye-opener. Three-bedroomed mansions vie with four-roomed "matchboxes" in dire need of repair. Pot-holed streets run a close second to wide, smooth, four-lane express ways.

The Afrikaans-named township was born in 1964 when about 30 000 blacks were removed from their homes in Stirtonville to make way for "coloureds".

The latter settled in Reiger Park and old Galeview, while blacks were allocated houses in Vosloorus. Researchers put the present population at 100 000.

Anomalies abound and this has led to many an angry residents' meeting. First point of friction is the name of the township.

Angry leaders like the late Neb Mokgako used to erupt: "And who the hell is this Vosloo?", while others objected to street names like MC Bothalaan and Hattinghlaan.

Town Clerk C Prinsloo says: "There is nothing we can do about those names. They are here to stay."

The more radical youth point out that right next door are aptly named Thokoza and Katlehong.

Other sore points are rent and electricity charges.

One resident, who asks that her name be withheld, tells me her rent for this month is "in the region of R500", which is what she earns a month as a domestic servant in nearby Boksburg.

I spoke to the mayor, Godfrey Montsei, and he told me that the local



A puzzled pedestrian ponders his short walk from MC Bothalaan to this street, or from next-door Katlehong to a "black" Vosloorus.

# Odd names baffle the township of success



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...was elected on an ethnic basis.

"We have no ward system here, but vote according to tribal origins."

That is why the township is divided into Sotho and Zulu sections. However, the new suburbs like Marimba Gardens and Eastfield are mixed.

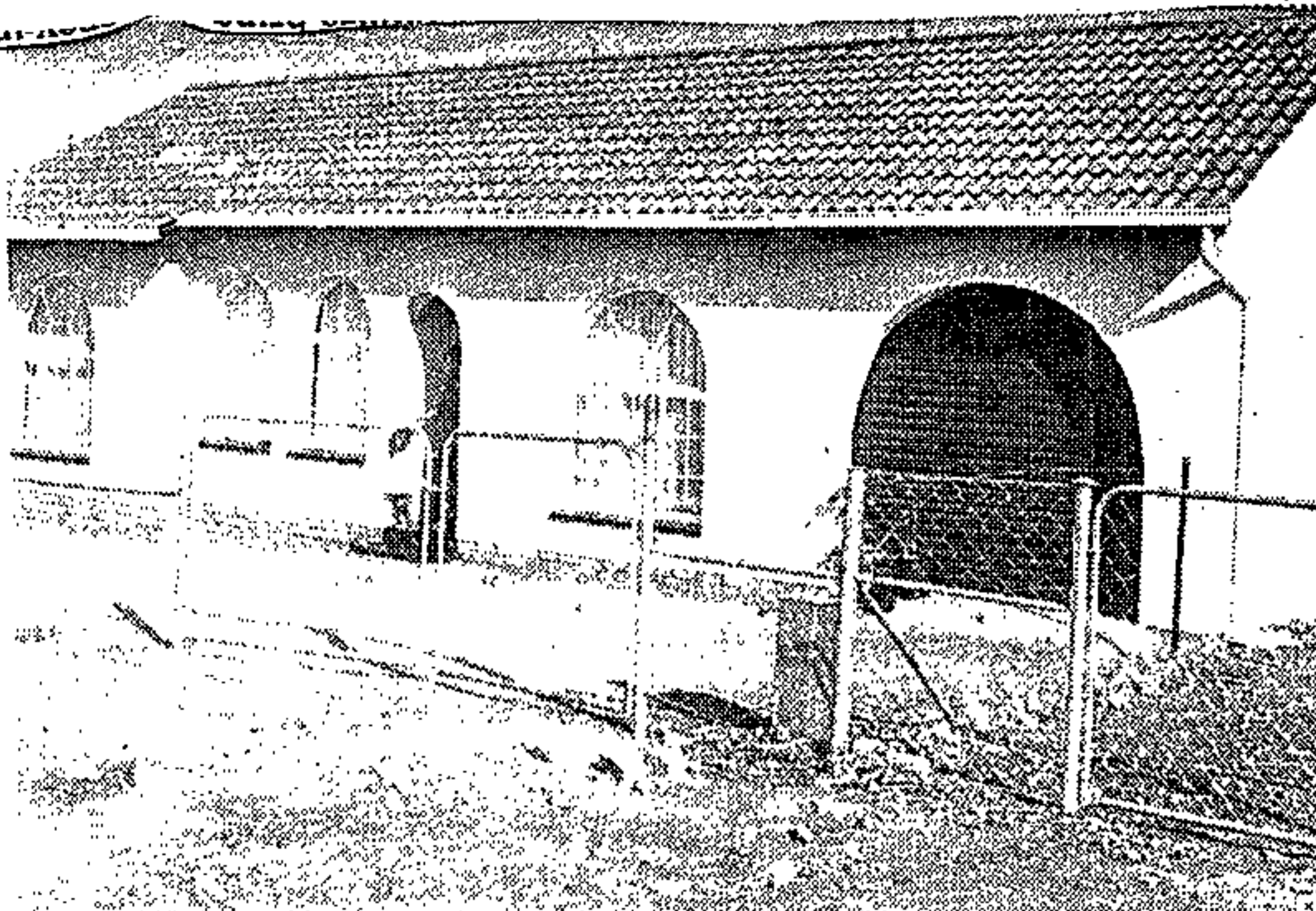
There, thanks to building society loans, not to mention assistance from progressive employers who have built houses for their employees, one could be forgiven for thinking one was in an affluent white suburb.

## Boycott

But monthly repayments are murder, one resident says. He pays R700 for the R30 000 loan he got to build his three-bedroomed house with garage and swimming pool.

But, if the residents are feeling the pinch, not so for businessmen at the gigantic R6 million CBD named Lesedi, where there are about 35 businesses ranging from a boutique to a well-stocked supermarket.

Lesedi manager Gray Thathane says turnover runs into millions, stressing that the shops have been given a boost by the boycott of



**Luxury houses with swimming pools vie with dilapidated "matchbox" homes in the sprawling ghetto.**

white-owned shops in Boksburg since the Conservative Party-controlled town council reintroduced petty apartheid.

The second mayor of the township, school inspector Phineas Xulu, says the reason why Vosloorus is booming is because there is plenty of land for development.

"All it takes is an imaginative architect and people can get the kind of houses they deserve, not the

old-style matchbox. A home, not just a house in which families are dumped and cannot live decently."

The past year has seen an influx of well-known Soweto names seeking houses in Vosloorus. A new arrival, a doctor, says he finds the place "virtually crime-free, with easy access for my children to schools and shops".

With the exodus from Soweto – and elsewhere – it seems all roads lead east.



# Land 'for Soweto' is withdrawn

PART of the 13 000 ha of land earmarked to be added to Soweto has been withdrawn at the request of the property owners, who do not want it to be made available to all population groups.

*New paper*  
This was disclosed yesterday by Mr Roelf Meyer, the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

He said in a statement that representations had been received from the owners of Brink's Vlakfontein area (Farm Vlakfontein 238 IQ) not to include the proposed industrial area in

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the overall development plan, which allowed ownership by people from all population groups.

"In view of the fact that it is Government policy to develop industrial areas for all population groups as far as possible, the request of the owners has been granted."

In addition to the land already made available, other areas have also been included. The land now stretches from Gembokfontein Compartment, near Westonaria, to Azaadville, bordering on Kagiso.

# Councils clash

VAAL Triangle residents have threatened Vanderbijlpark with a black consumer boycott if it continues to block efforts to build a new township on its borders between Sharpeville and Boipatong townships.

This emerged yester-

day when a survey conducted by the Lekoa Town Council was presented to the Conservative Party-controlled Vanderbijlpark council.

The survey showed that a large number of residents were in favour

of a consumer boycott to support the establishment of the new Tshepo township.

The vice chairman of Vanderbijlpark management committee, Mr G Smith, said no final decision had been made on the issue.



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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT

### Diepmeadow blues

The twin aims of a functioning local authority and residents who either own their homes or pay their rent, continue to elude government as indicators of having restored normality to Diepmeadow. With local authority elections around the corner, the question is whether things will improve afterwards in the municipality, which takes in the Soweto townships of Diepkloof and Meadowlands.

The Diepmeadow local authority was dissolved in December last year — not, in this case, because of constituency pressure to resign but by provincial authority because of mismanagement and a failure by the councillors to meet a deadline to get their finances in order. The former Soweto major, David Thebehali, was appointed administrator.

A solution to the rent boycott is still not in sight. Thebehali's suggestion that a way round the logjam would be to give the houses away has quietly died. In the words of a provincial official: "Thebehali is just not in the position to make a decision like that."

Thebehali must have got the message since he has not repeated his offer recently. Instead, the local authority is hoping to tempt reluctant tenants with the option of capitalising their arrears and buying the houses on a deed-of-sale scheme over the next five years. Prices range from R196-R1 900, depending on the type of unit, and are currently moving at the rate of about 50 a month, says town clerk Johan de Jager. Since the inception of the scheme to sell off State housing, 8 764 units (30,4%) out of Diepmeadow's total of 28 814 houses have been sold.

Thebehali is only in office for another two months; a new council is to be elected in

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October and his term as administrator ends on October 25.

With voter registration closed — resulting in 111 726 on Diepmeadow's roll — the focus is now on the nomination of candidates. Given the previous council's record, the question is whether candidates with the appropriate administrative skills will come forward.

In the past, the lack of credibility of the black local authority system has inhibited qualified people from standing. Distrust of councillors and the structures they represent

has been exacerbated by a perception — unfortunately all too often true — that many have used their positions to enrich themselves.

As there was no proof of corruption in Diepmeadow, no prosecutions resulted from the demise of the council, which was elected in 1983 on a 15% poll. Former councillors are, therefore, legally free to stand for election and a number are expected to do so.

The Magotla Party, which had a majority in the former council, intends to field candidates in all 20 Diepmeadow wards; so too

does the Diepmeadow People's Party. In a new development, says De Jager, a number of independent candidates are intending to stand. They have yet to make their identities and individual election platforms known to residents.

It is too soon to know whether this election will bring an infusion of new blood into the embattled black municipality system and greater acceptance of these structures. But this is required before government can claim that the black local authorities are functioning adequately.

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Since local authority legislation forbids industrial action, the strikers are deemed to have dismissed themselves. For the moment, at any rate, the union says it will not accept Malan's terms — but they may be the best available.

The strike by the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu — an affiliate of Cosatu), seemed to have the makings of a more widespread action when council workers, together with students and rent defaulters, marched to the Soweto council chambers to confront Malan. The march was defused after police action, which the emergency regulations prevent newspapers from describing.

This is the second strike by the council workers in less than nine months. In late 1987, they demanded improved pay and working conditions, removal of race discrimination in the council, abolition of the staff association, and an end to victimisation. Only the workers pay demands were met.

In addition to the outstanding demands, council workers this time want recognition of their union, and to be upgraded from grade nine to 12 in terms of government's remuneration structure for councils. This, in turn, depends on the graded level of a municipality, the highest being 15. To support their demand, the union points out that Soweto was this year promoted to grade 12.

Malan's earlier stance was that the council could not afford pay increases because of the two-year rent boycott, which has left it

## SOWETO COUNCIL STRIKE

### A little leeway

A way out of the six-week-old strike by Soweto Council workers may be on the cards. Town Clerk Nico Malan said last week the council is prepared to meet all the strikers' demands — except that only 70% of the striking workforce would be re-hired.

R150m in the red.

However, the union says the council has advertised almost all senior posts in the council, including that of the town clerk, at higher salaries than the levels the union is seeking. According to Samwu, Malan has privatised all services falling under the cleaning department (which employs 20% of the striking workers), and some whites have been appointed to senior posts during the strike. The *FM* was unable to reach Malan for comment.

Apart from turning Soweto into a health hazard and putting a stop to essential services, the strike and last week's march have been a setback for the council, which has to contend with the rent boycott as well. Before the march, it appeared some progress towards ending the boycott was being made, with Transvaal MEC John Griffiths reportedly saying that more than half the township's residents were paying their rent. But the march may have instilled a new mood of defiance among residents.

Soweto rent defaulters are refusing to budge even in cases where their houses have been put up for auction by the council. With the help of community organisations and street committees, residents are standing their ground. It appears that youths are maintaining a 24-hour surveillance of auctioned houses to ensure that new buyers do not move in.

Nthato Motlana's Soweto Civic Associ-

ation has tried unsuccessfully to negotiate with Malan over payment of the service charge component of rents. However, the leader of the 95 000-strong Sofasonke Party and former mayor, Ephraim Tshabalala, is collecting, on the council's behalf, R15 for services from residents loyal to him.

Meanwhile, to add to its problems, there is no effective education at about a fifth of Soweto's 54 high schools, according to the Department of Education and Training. ■