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## Govt's programme a 'flop'

# Not a single freehold house sold in Soweto

By Peter Fabricius,  
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Not a single house was sold under freehold title in Soweto, Dobsonville or Diepmeadow last year, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, has disclosed.

He was replying to questions by the Democratic Party in Parliament.

Mr Peter Soal, DP spokesman on black administration, said that the figures showed the Government's programme of selling housing was "another failure".

"This is a result of hopelessly inadequate planning. The Government lifted influx control and the pass laws before adequate land was available.

### Insecurity

"People flooded into the south of Johannesburg at places like Wheeler's Farm and the Government introduced anti-squatting measures to try to get rid of them.

"Instead, they should have had a properly organised campaign of advertising houses from the start.

"The ad hoc organisation coupled with the uncertainty and insecurity in the townships, and perhaps the current economic crisis,

have all turned the house-selling campaign into a huge flop."

Mr Heunis's reply did reveal, however, that some houses had been sold on 99-year leases last year.

In Soweto, 1 489 applications for 99-year leases had been granted, in Dobsonville 490 and in Diepmeadow 988.

In another reply, Mr Heunis revealed that Government funding to the nine major South African local authorities for black housing development, from the National Housing Fund, had dropped 31,4 percent over the past two financial years.

During the 1987/88 financial year, R75,6 million was allocated by the fund for the provision of infrastructure and material loans for black housing.

In the 1988/89 year, this dropped to R51,9 million.

Mr Heunis said the Government had built no houses for blacks in Johannesburg, Bloemfontein, Cape Town, Durban, Maritzburg, Pretoria, Port Elizabeth and Kimberley.

"The State does not build homes in black local authority areas.

"Funds, however, are made available to black local authorities via the National Housing Fund as loans..."

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SOME SECONDS OF NON-RECOGNITION ... THEN YOUNG AND OLD COME RUNNING AS THE HERO OF ALEX

# Down Seventh Avenue ... with

*Alexandra township was in turmoil in 1976 when Moses Mayekiso, regarded by most residents as their leader, was arrested. While Mayekiso stood trial in a months-long treason case, the authorities began an 'upgrading' programme in the old township. This week Mayekiso, free once more, walked the very different streets of Alex*

Story: SHAUN JOHNSON  
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THE last time Moses Mayekiso walked up Alexandra's 7th Avenue, its squalid shacks were framed by dark, thick smoke from burning barricades.

That was in 1986; the township was in turmoil, and Mayekiso was the man most residents looked to as their leader.

Last Tuesday, Moses walked up 7th Avenue again, accompanied by a *Weekly Mail* reporter. This time there were none of the tell-tale signs of civil war. By contrast, huge, freshly-painted blocks of flats formed a backdrop to the shanties.

They were not there in June 1986 when Mayekiso and four of his colleagues were arrested and eventually tried — unsuccessfully — for treason, subversion and sedition.

The high-rise blocks symbolise the physical changes in Alex over the three intervening years. At the same time, the triumphant re-emergence of Mayekiso shows an underlying political continuum.

Alex was identified by the government in 1986 as key example of an urban black "oilspot", a township which could erupt into rebellion at any time.

It became a testing-ground for the state's two-pronged response to this threat: the removal of "trouble-makers" like Mayekiso, and their replacement by town councillors, coupled with upgrading, to alleviate the material hardships of the community. (See accompanying story.)



A tale of two townships: To left and right, overcrowded shanties. Behind, brand-new private flats, so expensive few can afford to move in

Pictures: AFRAPIX

The detention of leading activists and a massive security force clampdown had a devastating effect on the powerful community organisations — from "yard committees" to youth congresses — which had mushroomed in the township, and security strategists hoped Alex would forever be pacified.

They would have been disappointed to see residents' responses to Mayekiso's tour of the township last week. After brief seconds of non-recognition — he had been away for a long time — passers-by, young and old, broke into broad grins and

shouted to catch his attention.

One elderly man ran after him down the dusty street bellowing: "Hey! Moss! Hey!" Mayekiso stopped. "Sidinga ukukubona njalo lapha, Moss," he said. (We need to see you here more often, Moss.)

At other points during the walkabout, matriarchs emerged from lean-tos to embrace him. The symbolism of the trade unionist-cum-community leader had lost none of its power.

Although he never tires of stressing that he is just one of countless anti-apartheid activists, Mayekiso is in many ways the embodiment of the

political transformation Alex has undergone.

As an under-educated Transkeian youth of 25 he arrived in the township in 1973 to look for work. He had fled the mines in Welkom, and lived illegally in Alex's hated single men's hostels.

He remembers thinking on first seeing Alex — ironically it was Selbourne Street, later to become the fulcrum of Alex's "Six Day War" — that it was the worst place he had ever come across.

He spent two years doing piece-work on construction sites before fi-

nally securing a steady job as a worker in the Toyota factory in nearby Wynberg.

Already the living conditions in Alex — he and his extended family never had more than a one-roomed shack to live in — had affected his political perceptions profoundly, and labour disputes at Toyota would result in his dismissal and emergence as one of South Africa's most respected trade unionists.

It was in this capacity that he could argue, in 1984, for worker participation in community issues. Two years later, with Alex in revolt, Mayekiso was elected chairperson of the Alexandra Action Committee, which spearheaded attempts to solve the crisis and give direction to the nascent popular organisation which had developed.

He was active in the AAC until his arrest on June 28, two weeks after the nationwide State of Emergency was declared, and the experience has stayed with him and the residents of the township.

Standing in the yard of the house he used to live in — it has now been sold off — he argued that the government's upgrading programme had done nothing to change the lives of the people of Alex, and that powerful political grievances remained.

The tiny rooms leading off the yard were home to no less than 13 families, each with five or six children. There was no electricity and no sewerage. There was one tap and three portable toilets.

Graffiti painted on corrugated iron on the roadside proclaimed "Viva Mayekiso". The surrounding area is still known as the "Mayekiso Section" of Alex.

The homecoming scenes were more than just touching. "Organisation is beginning to be rebuilt in Alex," said Mayekiso. "The political transformation that took place has not been destroyed by either the State of Emergency or this upgrading."

Activists had absorbed the lessons of changed conditions, he said, and were once again rallying the community: "We have had so many people coming to us and saying they needed an organisational voice again ... it's deep."

## ALEX: TESTING GROUND FOR THE NEW STATE STRATEGY

ALEXANDRA is a top-priority testing ground for the state's strategic response to the urban township rebellion of 1984-1986.

This response, according to Planact researcher Andrew Borraine, has been devised through the structures of the National Security Management System — in this case, the mini-Joint Management Centre responsible for Alex — and includes repressive and non-repressive measures.

Borraine sees the central aim of current state strategies as being "the creation and/or maintenance of a variety of social, geographical and political divisions".

Essentially, it has been accepted that the people of Alex cannot be wished away — so they must be pacified.

In addition to security action, this aim is pursued via "differentiated strategies in areas such as land allocation, black housing, the provision of township services and facilities, urban management and financing, black unemployment, health and social welfare, and access to resources".

Alex is a prime example of the policy, which releases considerable funds for township upgrading — relying largely on contributions from the controversial Regional Services Councils.

Nobody denies the need for the improvement of the physical environment; the question is what effect it has. Borraine points to the "creation of divisions within existing black town-

ships (between middle-class homeowners in new elite suburbs, and working-class people in council housing and backyard shacks) ..."

In Alex, such contrasts are becoming stark: the new "Eastbank" suburb would not be out of place in many white towns of the East Rand, while conditions in "Old Alex" grow more dreadful by the day.

Many existing houses are being sold off to local landlords, who will remove the burden of rent-collection from the authorities. Given the long-standing, almost endemic rent boycott, this is a significant shift.

The improvements in Alex are being imposed from the top down. Not even JMC members would contend that the sitting councillors are representative of the community — all were "elected" unopposed, most have sullied reputations.

The township is run by its energetic, white, appointed administrator, Steve Burger. Along with his colleagues, he plays a key role in identifying upgrading needs.

There is ample opportunity for the sowing of division under the guise of assistance. After struggling for decades as a township of "have-nots", Alex now boasts a small group of "haves".

The schism angers many long-established working-class residents, who complain of more affluent "outsiders" being brought in to make the township look more acceptable.



Burning, burning: Alex at the height of the unrest before the Emergency

Picture: AFP

Moses Mayekiso has had direct experience of the new divisions. "When I was acquitted, the people of Eastbank were warned: 'Mayekiso is out. You are now in trouble, because he will attack you with his comrades.' They locked their doors; these people were fearful, and it takes time to reassure them."

The people of Eastbank have a lot to protect, compared to those of Old Alex: house prices start from R46 200, which, according to the Black Sash, would require a household income of R1 450 a month to sustain monthly mortgage repayments of R435 under the subsidised first-time homeowners' scheme.

Even modest, unrestored houses in Old Alex are well beyond the means of the township's residents. Government upgrading policy, they believe, is not aimed at them. They are deeply alienated — perhaps even more than they were in 1986.

Some statistics about Alex are revealing. Unemployment levels are at least 50 percent. The population density is 300 people per hectare, against eight in neighbouring Sandton.

There are shack settlements on almost every one of Alex's 22 streets. As much as 80 percent of the township's population is believed to consist of squatters.

Eighty-eight percent of inhabitants have no water-borne sewerage or electricity. Only 10 percent of the "dark city's" main streets are lit.

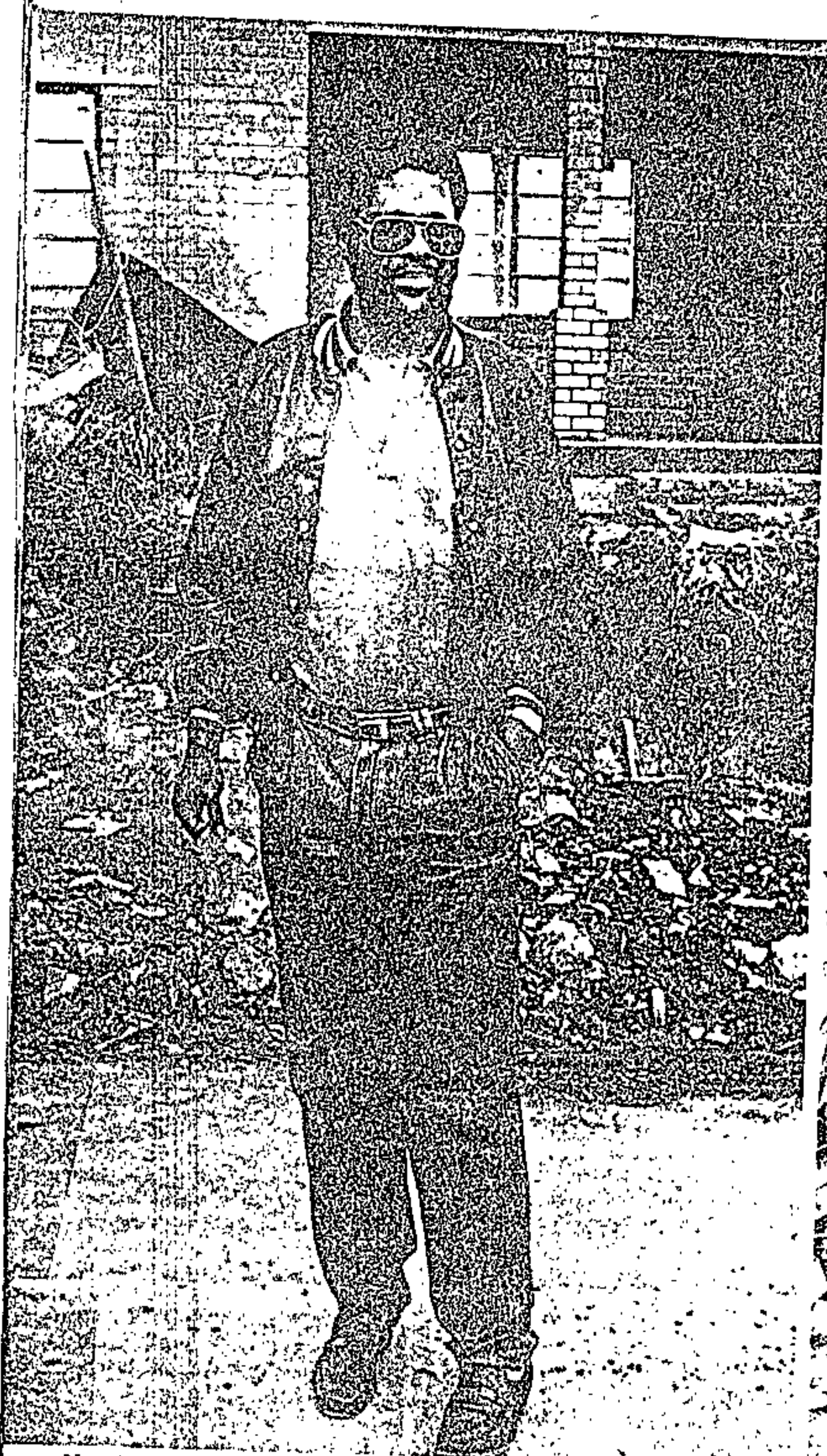
Coupled with clear signs of a resurgence of resistance organisation — and a refusal by officials to negotiate with extra-parliamentary structures — these factors lend support to Borraine's conclusion that "whatever (strategic) choices the JMC's make, it is clear that their ability to control the black township for an indefinite period ... is increasingly limited".



TAKES HIS FIRST WALK ALONG SEVENTH AVENUE

# Moses Mayekiso

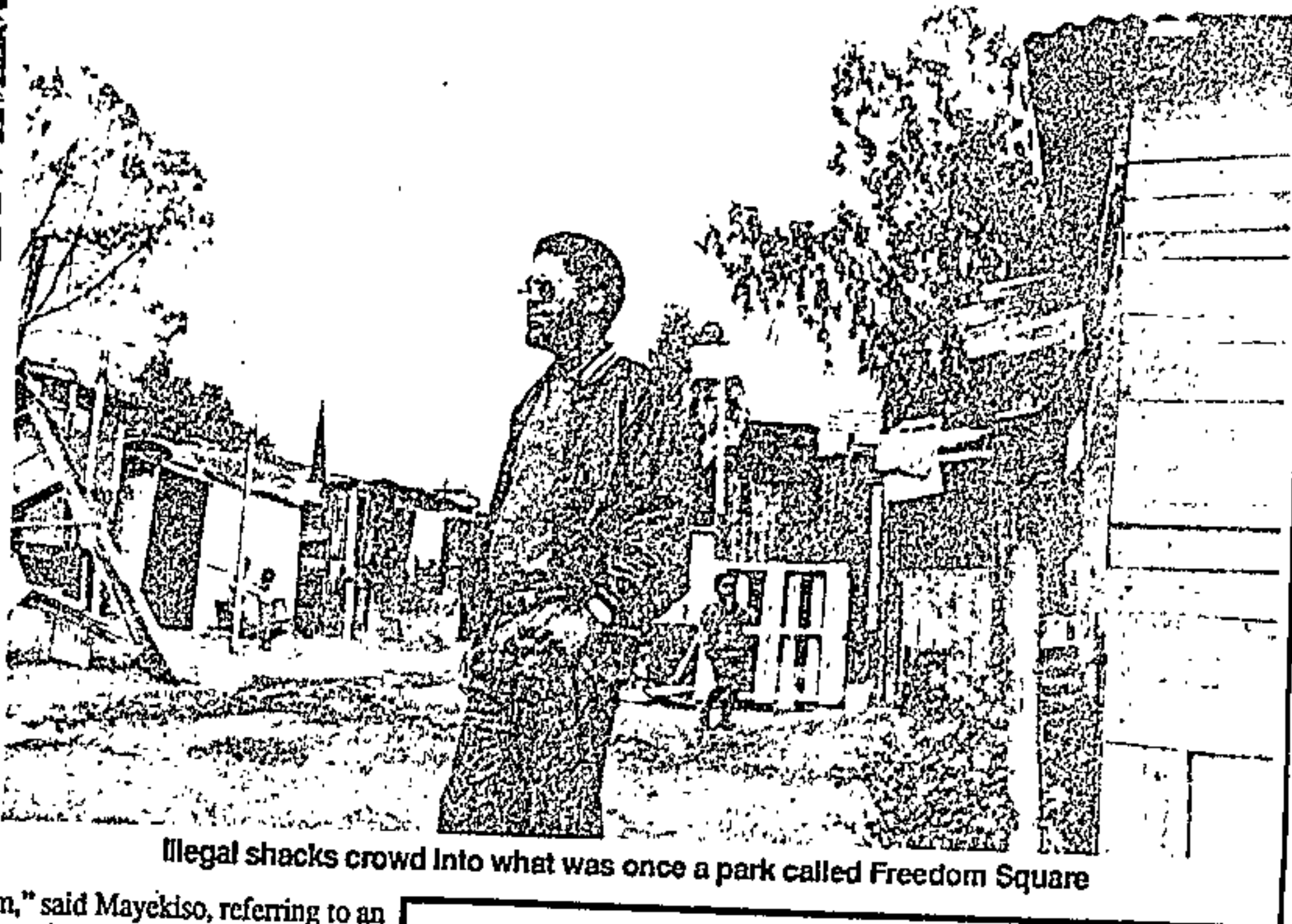
Three years on, the best-known resident of Alex takes a walk through his much-changed old township ...



Mayekiso in front of his old house. It was sold while he was in detention



Sewerage, Alex-style. A resident cleans out the alley beside her house



Illegal shacks crowd into what was once a park called Freedom Square

As he toured the crowded blocks of "Old Alex", it was easy to see why surface stability should not be confused with permanent acquiescence.

In the shadows cast by the new apartment blocks, the odd new street lights, the beginnings of electrification and sewerage schemes, tens of thousands of people still live in abominable circumstances. A frightening number of indigent people eke out a living in the cramped square kilometre of the old township — and new squatters pour in, filling the last remaining cracks.

The estimated R90-million reported to have been spent or at least earmarked by the Joint Management Centre on making Alex liveable

seems paltry when one is confronted by the real sights, smells and sounds of the ghetto.

The population bulge is crucial: "You see this new shack settlement?" Mayekiso said. "This used to be a people's park called 'Freedom Square'. It was where the very first meeting was held in '85, where it all started."

Freedom Square is now, like all the formerly vacant lots in Alex, a dense warren of shanties, constructed from the unlikeliest rubbish-dump flotsam.

The sewerage system comprises fetid gullies running unpredictably through the shack-suburb, pouring out on to the street. "These people are under threat of removal to Orange

Farm," said Mayekiso, referring to an informal settlement 50km south of Johannesburg. They are organising to resist.

Today, Alex's contradictions are on show as never before. There are glimpses of undreamt-of affluence, but they are fleeting among the spreading, deepening, grinding poverty.

The spanking-new flats say a lot about this: most are empty, too expensive for the residents, and unattractive in a community life based on close-proximity, low-rise living.

"We are back," said Mayekiso. "And we will start again where we left off."

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By DAN DHLAMINI

**KHUTSONG township, which falls under the jurisdiction of the Conservative Party-controlled Carletonville town council, has been without water for more than a week.**

Residents said they suspected the CP town council was behind the water cuts in retaliation for the residents' boycott of white businesses in the town.

However, this has been denied.

Khutsong socialite George Rampai said residents had been without water since last Thursday and there had been no explanation from the council.

Khutsong's Mayor Johannes Baard said the shortage had nothing to do with the CP as the township got its water from the Rand Water Board.

He said the water had been cut off for two days recently because a pipe had burst when sewerage trenches were dug.

However, when a *City Press* team arrived in the dusty township this week, men with wheelbarrows, women with containers on their heads and children were seen fetching water.

Young boys were making a profit out of the crisis by charging 50c for a 20-litre container of water.

Some Khutsong residents were seen washing their clothes in a stream at least a kilometre from the township.

"We have to come down to the stream because there is no water in the taps," said Joyce Maluleka.

"The only tap that has a drop of water is in the Tswana section and is swarming with hundreds of people who queue for over two hours to get water."

Maluleka said she was aware that the water in the stream was unhealthy but there was no alternative.

Rebecca Moopeloa said that, despite the fact that residents paid rent, there were no water taps in some areas.

Baard denied this, saying these sections were occupied by illegal squatters who were not going to get any water supply.

Residents who were interviewed said that although the township was near Soweto, they were still forced to use the bucket system and the water taps in the streets were less developed than those in many Western Transvaal townships.

They also complained that trenches, which had been dug in February, were still open, making the streets impassable and posing a danger to residents.

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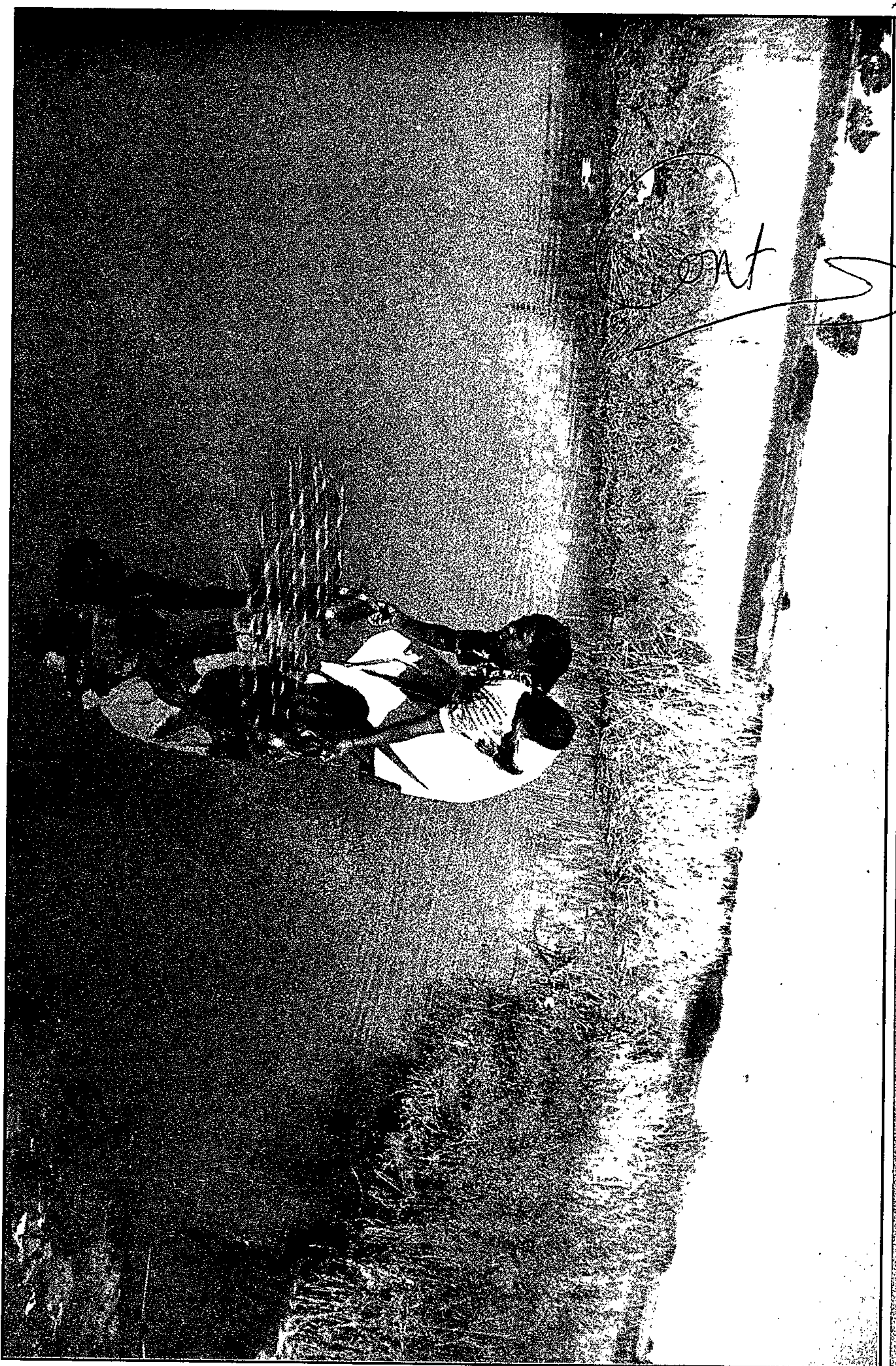


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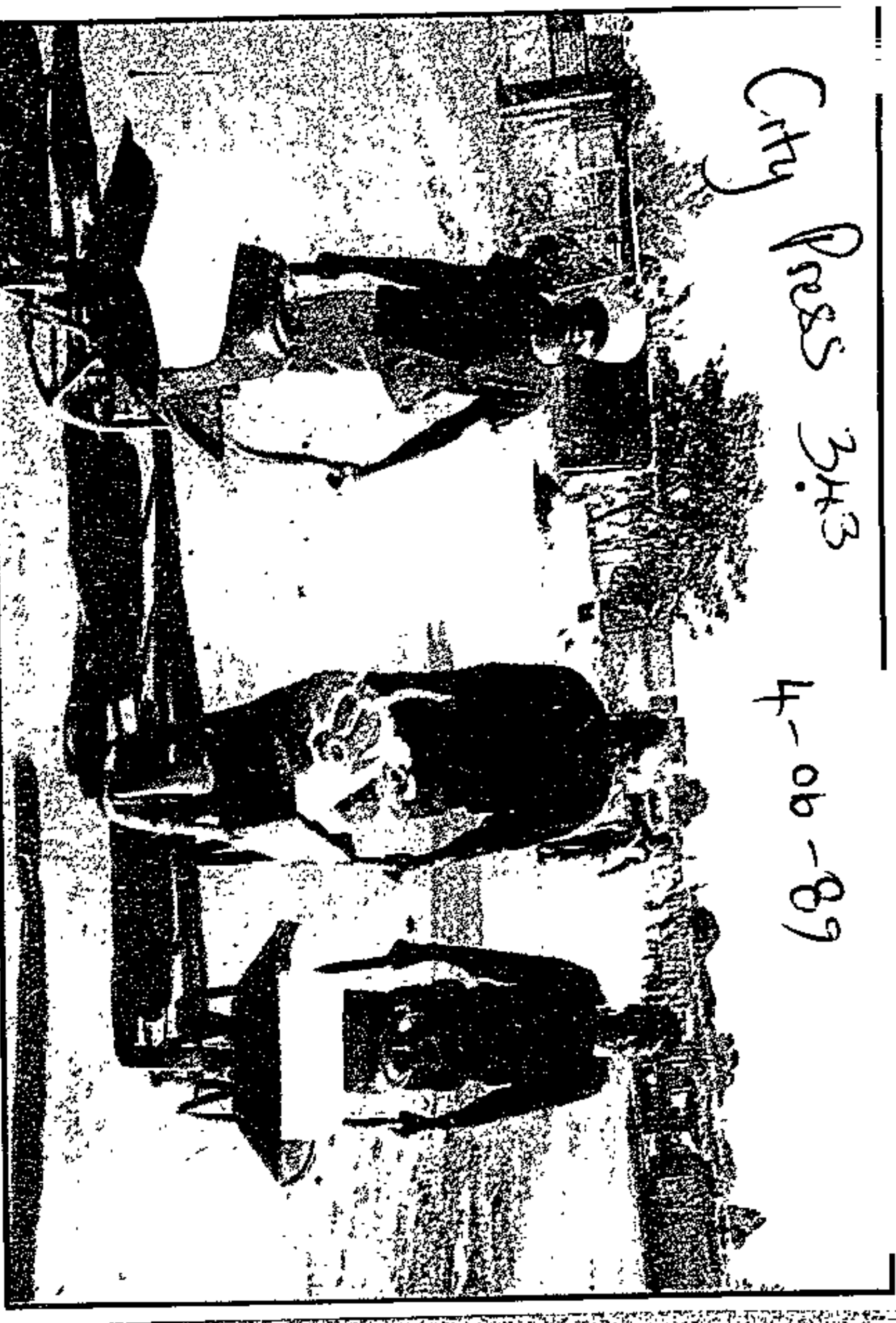
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A young mother does her washing in an unhygienic stream over a kilometre from Khutsong to avoid hours of queueing for the use of the only working tap.



# Khutsong 'drought' sparks new water crisis



Wheelbarrows are an indispensable aid in Khutsong.



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# Soweto schools to be repaired

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The spotlight is on black schools with the Soweto Council moving to repair damaged schools and the Department of Education and Training (DET) setting aside about R20-million on building new schools.

Soweto mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi sent letters to Soweto principals on Friday, urging them to list whatever needed repair at their schools.

He said the council had sought help with building material and expertise after the government had said it was not prepared to repair damage caused by pupils.

"We will get outside labour for primary schools, but will get pupils to help at high schools, thereby training those who wish to become artisans," he said.

The DET allocation was part of a plan to build new schools in Soweto and Alexandra, a DET spokesman said.



# Housing need is 'critical'



MOSES MAYEKISO

ALEXANDRA Action Committee representatives, including prominent activist, Moses Mayekiso, will meet Alexandra mayor, Mrs Agnes Poo, this week to discuss grievances relating to housing problems in the Johannesburg township.

At the launch of the "affordable housing for all campaign" in Johannesburg yesterday, Mr Mayekiso said a petition would be circulated among Alexandra residents this week. A mass meeting was planned for early July.

Mr Mayekiso, who was recently released from detention, said township structures were being "revived" in Alexandra.

"We have found there are a lot of problems in Alexandra. The housing situation has reached crisis proportions," Mr Mayekiso said.

While it was difficult to obtain accurate figures, the AAC had been informed about 1 000 shacks were being erected in Alexandra each month, Mr Mayekiso and AAC publicity secretary Obed Bapela told a Press conference.

Alexandra's total population was estimated at about 200 000 in 1986, they said.

Issues the AAC oppose include shack demolition, the removal of shack dwellers to Oranje Farm and high cost housing.

Mr Mayekiso and Mr Bapela said 30 families had moved to Oranje Farm (near Vereeniging) from Alexandra. They were living in shacks on unserviced stands. When AAC representatives spoke to them, they claimed they had been moved to the area after

signing papers they did not understand.

The AAC had already consulted the Legal Resources Centre and planned to set up a law clinic for Alexandra residents, they said.

An AAC sub-committee of shack dwellers would also be formed this week "so they can have one voice", Mr Bapela said.

Claims by the authorities that no land was available for housing at Alexandra were untrue. They have the land to build expensive houses people at Alex cannot afford.

"A golf course is also being built south of Eastbank (to the north of the township). We don't know who is doing this, but that land should be used to build affordable housing."

Another problem for Alexandra residents was the

sale of houses or stands by the authorities, sometimes without prior consultation with the people living on the stands.

"The Alex people believe this is a plot by the authorities to counter the rent boycott and to create conflict amongst the residents. People are now being pushed by the new standowners to pay rent."

They said the AAC would meet new standowners to ask them to charge reasonable rents — about R60 a month for a six-room shack and R40 for a four-room shack.

Mr Mayekiso said they had a group in mind who would meet the need for affordable housing, but said he did not wish to name them because "they are already there. I wouldn't like to jeopardise their position." — Sapa.



~~Standards had not been met.~~

## Standards to fall in cities, says Meyer

Star 7/16/89

Urbanisation would probably cause a decline in living standards in South African cities, the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Roelf Meyer, told a housing congress at Sandton yesterday.

He said this was so because the largest increase in population would occur in urban areas and among the poorest people.

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"What is now urgently required is for the State and the private sector to jointly further adjust and develop policies that will facilitate both the upgrading of existing informal housing and the establishment of new site and service schemes," Mr Meyer added. — Sapa.

## Lebowa rejects Govt forum

Star 7/16/89

By Dirk Nel, Northern Transvaal Bureau

PIETERSBURG — The National Forum was not acceptable and "would not stand the test of time", the Chief Minister of Lebowa, Mr Nelson Ramodike, told Mr F W de Klerk yesterday.

He said Lebowa favoured a "Transvaal Indaba", instead of all the existing liaison bodies between the Government and individual self-governing states.

Mr Ramodike also called for the release of political prisoners, saying this would give the Government's stated reform plans more credibility.

He also appealed for the scrapping of the group areas, separate amenities and population registration Acts, and said multiracial areas should be proclaimed nationwide.

Black people did not want to overwhelm their white compatriots.

"If people can simply be seen as people, irrespective of the colour of their skin, South Africa will be a happier country," he said.

Mr de Klerk's election as NP leader had come at a "make or break" time in the country's history. He had the power to effect the changes needed.

## Schlebusch leaves R3-m estate

Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN — Former MP Mr Adi Schlebusch, who was murdered on his farm Waterbron near Bloemfontein on May 8, has left an estate of about R3 million.

Immovable assets are given as R467 750 and movable assets at just over R1 million. Claims in favour of the estate amount to R1 536 000. According to a will Mr Schlebusch leaves his pension money, car, furniture, belongings and R20 000 in cash to his wife Suzanne.

The rest of the estate, and money from insurance policies, will be shared between his four children — Barend Jacobus Schlebusch, Hester Cornelia Eksteen, Jan Adriaan Schlebusch and Ludick Schlebusch.



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## Council to boot out 'rebels' <sup>(343)</sup>

THE Sofasonke Party-controlled Soweto City Council is set to evict about 12 "rebel" former councillors living at Power Park, Soweto, before the end of July.

The councillor for Orlando East and Power

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

Park, Mr A Nyathi, is adamant that former councillors would be evicted from Power Park by the end of July. To this end the Soweto

council has scrutinised the files of all councillors living at Power Park; referred the matter for investigation to the present three-man commission of inquiry

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## Boot <sup>(343)</sup> for <sup>Soweto</sup> <sup>8/6/84</sup> <sup>(2/20)</sup> 'rebels'

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into corruption within the council and has briefed lawyers who will act if the councillors refuse to move during a stipulated time period.

Nyathi said: "We will be issuing all former councillors with notices to vacate the houses shortly. If they do not move out we will go to court in July. We will also charge them with fraud for selling themselves council property."

The mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi and the Sofasonke Party vice-president, Mr M Mazi-buko, recently stressed that the former councillors were to be evicted.

The Sofasonke Party president, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, told 25 000 people at the Jabulani Amphitheatre, in his first public meeting after the October elections, that he would evict the former councillors at Power Park to make room for teachers, nurses and other professional people who served Soweto.

Nyathi said the former councillors will be charged with fraud because, firstly, they were paying R120 while all other people living in the same houses at Power Park pay R450 a month.



## R20-m for upgrading of Tembisa

By Abel Mabelane  
East Rand Bureau

Tembisa Town Council will spend about R20 million on the upgrading of hostels, water supply, electricity and roads in the township during the current financial year.

Mr Gert Muller, chairman of the Tembisa Board of Administrators, said the money had been given to the council by the National Housing Trust (NHT) and the East Rand Regional Services Council (ERRSC).

The council received R5 million from the NHT, R3 million of which would be used for the upgrading of the Vusumuzi and Sethokga hostels.

Mr Muller said the council had also received R14,8 million from the ERRSC.

He said the council had already spent R9 million on the tarring of roads in Tembisa during the 1987/88 and 1988/1989 financial years.



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## R11,8-m Soweto barracks is opened

By Craig Kotze,  
Crime Reporter

South Africa's most modern single living quarters for policemen, which cost R11,8 million to build, were yesterday officially opened by a top SAP general in Soweto.

Called "Umziwethu" — "where we stay" — the new barracks can house between 800 and 1 500 policemen and is designed for cultural living, incorporating a library, reading and writing rooms and other facilities.

An orchestra building is still being built.

### PARADE

The complex, in Protea, was the best-equipped of its kind and showed the SAP cared for its members, said Lieutenant-General Bert Wandrag, the SAP's Counter-Insurgency chief.

He officially opened "Umziwethu" after a parade in which 12 black policemen were awarded decorations and medals, some the Police Star for faithful service.

"The design concept of this project reflects its domestic and recreational character.

"With this building we show that we see to the needs of our members and this contrasts with the horrific deeds and empty promises of the ANC and its allies," General Wandrag said.

He said unrest and instability were on the increase and that the "ANC/Communist Party/UDF alliance" was out to physically and psychologically intimidate people.

"We will find counters for every attempt by the revolutionaries to rob our people of spiritual stability and material prosperity. We will thwart their plans by making our people strong in every sector to guarantee their security and freedom," he said.



## Residents baffled by water cuts <sup>Soweto</sup> 8/6/89

RESIDENTS in the at about 6pm daily and  
"plush" Zone 14 suburb they would remain  
of Sebokeng in the Vaal without lights.

Triangle have been Lekoa town engineer,  
baffled by frequent Mr P A van der  
electricity and water cuts Westhuizen, yesterday  
which intensified when said the water cuts  
the cold spell began two resulted from alterations  
months ago. in the supply system in

The residents say their the area and that the  
electricity supply gets cut work was nearly finished.



# New township to be ready next year

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ZUURBEKOM, the vast area west of Soweto earmarked for the establishment of a township for blacks, will only be ready for development next year.

This was said by the

By MOJALEFA  
MOSEKI

Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) MEC, Mr Olaus van Zyl, who is responsible for all black local authorities in

Soweto on Tuesday. He was addressing Soweto councillors, including the mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, on the progress and future planning of Zuurbekom. The meeting was requested by the Soweto Council which

has been reportedly inundated with requests from residents eager to move out of Soweto to the new area and developers who are trying to beat competition in being first to start developing.



# Improving quality of urban life

Staff Reporter 343

Environmental guidelines were presented to delegates to the annual meeting of the Institute of Town Clerks of South Africa in Kempton Park last week.

The guidelines, drawn up by the Council for the Environment (CE), are designed to help local authorities conserve and improve the urban environmental quality in their structure planning.

According to Mr Brian Egan of the CE, introducing publications on these concepts to urban administrators could contribute towards a higher quality of life.

Urban structure plans should also provide for environmental impact assessments in respects of water, air, noise and visual pollution, and the socio-economic consequences of development plans, according to the guidelines.

To promote participation from residents and businesses, incentive packages such as tax rebates and the easing of building regulations have been suggested. Copies are obtainable from Mr Egan at Private Bag X447, Pretoria.



# Sales of houses to blacks rising steadily, says Stoffel

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THE sale of houses in black urban areas to the low income group had exceeded the 105 500 mark and sales were climbing steadily, Information Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said in Pretoria yesterday.

Bureau for Information statistics showed the number of black home-owners had more than trebled over the past four years, he said.

Of the 332 919 houses available for purchase by blacks, about 32% (106 605) of them had already been sold by April this year.

This compared well with June 1986, where of the 344 477 houses available only 13% (45 522) had been sold.

On the Witwatersrand the figure for April was 28,6%.

In the far northern Transvaal nearly all government houses offered for sale were bought by blacks.

In the northern Transvaal the sale figure was 44,3%; in the Northern Cape 53,33%; and in Natal 44,6%.

The average sales of about 2 000 houses a month began declining in June 1988. This was because of the municipal elections in October.

"During this time, sales took a back seat in order to utilise more personnel for the administration of local authorities," Van der Merwe said.

He added that — despite the damping influence of sanctions and boycotts on SA's economic growth rate — the state had paid more than R332,3m for further housing development during the past financial year up to the end of March 1989.

## Civil servants

Disinvestment had also left its mark on the housing market as home-owners and potential home-owners who had been dismissed were left without an income.

Over the past two years more than 24 600 black civil servants, including teachers, had bought their own homes.

Van der Merwe said the increase in black home ownership was "spectacular" in the light of economic sanctions and "sluggishness" affecting the economy, and was indicative of a new social order developing.



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## Out in the cold 16/6/89

The major crisis of homelessness unfolding among Johannesburg's inner city blacks this week has been prompted by Supreme Court orders defending the common law rights of landlords — who have begun to evict black tenants. But the problem, say opposition groups, is government's refusal to acknowledge and cater for blacks living in the cities.

Police this week began moving in to arrest 100 black residents of Allandene Court in Berea, among them 10 young children, including infants, who moved back into the block after police evicted them at 6 am on Monday in near zero temperatures. The charge is likely to be trespassing.

The Democratic Party (DP) councillor for the area, Cliff Garrun, says those evicted moved back "because they had no alternative." He says DP councillor Judith Briggs's requests for a council truck to assist in moving the pavement people and their belongings to an emergency night shelter in Hillbrow drew the response, "not our area of jurisdiction" from the city council's management committee — all of whose members belong to the National Party (NP). No truck was made available.

According to Garrun: "Allandene is a disaster area. I got the council to issue a statutory order giving (landlord) Claudio 'Clay' Cerasoli 30 days to deliver services. Floors and windows were broken, there is no electricity, the place is a mess. We were preparing prosecution when he obtained the court order."

Some lawyers argue that as long as a landlord observes his notice period, there are little grounds for defence against the evictions in terms of common law. Others do see grounds for appeal based on breach of contract. A petition for leave to make such an appeal is currently being considered by Chief Justice Michael Corbett in a case involving Waldorf Heights in Hillbrow (*Current Affairs* May 12).

Garrun says: "We are looking at a situation where all preparation and planning have been carried out for a white city under apartheid. Buildings have fallen into decay and the council has no teeth to keep the places in repair. There is an element of inertia and

indifference where the management committee just sits back in fear or waits for instructions from above."

Allandene residents pay rents of between R275 and R350 a month for a single room without kitchen or bathroom. The two-floor block has four toilets and a "half-completed" communal kitchen. It would seem, however, that the tenants' refusal to pay rent since February, because of these conditions, has weakened their case.

Actstop spokesman Cas Coovadia says the defiant reoccupation by evicted tenants, with the assistance of "hundreds" of sympathetic neighbouring tenants, was the second this month — and there could be more. Three weeks ago 250 families were legally evicted and moved back *en masse*. The landlord has apparently not yet taken action.

Coovadia charges the council with being "unchristian" — not least for its refusal to provide a truck to transport those evicted.

Actstop believes tenants are prepared to invite the wrath of the law on this issue because of the shortage of black housing. The Urban Foundation in 1987 found there were some 2,5m homeless in the PWV area, and a need for 832 000 black houses, while there was a white housing surplus of 37 000 units.

Actstop has called for the Group Areas Act to go, but meanwhile challenges the council to declare a moratorium on evictions "while all reasonable people put their heads together to find a solution."



# 'EX-MAYOR

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# OWES

# R215 000'

THE former mayor of Atteridgeville, Mr Joe Tshabalala, participated illegally in interviews for a business site which was eventually allocated to him by the council at a cost of R215 000 which he did not pay, it was alleged yesterday.

Mr Dan Mashao, deputy president of the local Chamber of Commerce and Industries told a commission of inquiry that Tshabalala had not yet paid the council and three local traders legal costs totalling R7 000 after a Pretoria Supreme Court interdict was granted against him last year stopping him from developing Buys Mbatha Square into a shopping complex.

The inquiry heard that Tshabalala, who was declared insolvent on July 13 1976, was present when interviews for a business site measuring 12 432 square metres were conducted in 1983.

This site was eventually allocated to Tshabalala while he was still mayor but until yesterday he had not paid the R215 073,60 for the site.

## Accused

Mashao said traders near this site were later threatened by Tshabalala who accused them of trespassing. The traders twice went to complain to the council but to no avail.

Mashao, who described certain council officials as being "insensitive", said they asked the council to furnish them with information relating to the allocation of this site. This request was turned down.

The three traders near Buys Mbatha Square took court action when Tshabalala started excavating the area. The traders were inconvenienced by the dust and their shops were flooded during rainy days as a result of this operation.

The inquiry heard that the three affected traders took the matter to the



MR JOE TSHABALALA

Pretoria Supreme Court citing Tshabalala and the council as respondents.

Tshabalala, after an out-of-court settlement agreed to pay the applicants R4 000 legal costs. He also promised to pay the council's costs which totalled R3 000. Although the agreement was made an order of court, Tshabalala has not paid this amount, according to Mashao.

He also accused the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala, of being "unco-operative" and said he was not sympathetic to the problems that faced local traders.

ed within the six-week time- in Windhoek was optimistic, and privacy now," a camp supervisor said. — Reuter.

## Blacks 'positive' about owning homes

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By Esmaré van der Merwe, Political Reporter

The Government's socio-economic reform programme has progressed well under the "security umbrella" provided by the state of emergency, says Information Minister Stoffel van der Merwe.

At a press briefing in Pretoria yesterday, he revealed details of the Government's housing scheme for low-income blacks and the State's efforts to promote black home-ownership.

Dr van der Merwe said the improvement of living conditions was an important aspect of a balanced reform package.

By accepting the permanence of black citizens

in all parts of South Africa, the Government had reversed the policy of previous governments.

Over the past two years, more than 24 600 South African black civil servants, including teachers and other categories of civil servants who qualified for government housing subsidies, had bought their homes in urban areas.

The sale of government houses to blacks in the lower-income group of the private sector now exceeded the 105 500 mark.

"These facts not only indicate the important role blacks play in the civil service but also provide an insight into a new social order that is developing, in which home-ownership and full property rights occupy a prominent position."

Dr van der Merwe said the positive approach to private home-ownership among blacks demonstrated that "socialism is not all that attractive".

A recent Bureau of Information opinion poll found 85,1 percent of blacks on the Reef favoured private home-ownership. Only 6,1 percent opposed it, while 8,8 percent held no opinion.

Among the higher-income group earning more than R1 500 a month, support was the highest.

Black civil servants were the owners of 80 percent of all middle-class homes erected in black residential areas since 1985.

The number of black home-owners outside the homelands had more than trebled since 1985.

Dr van der Merwe said that despite sanctions and boycott actions, the State had paid out more than R322,3 million for further housing development during the financial year to March.

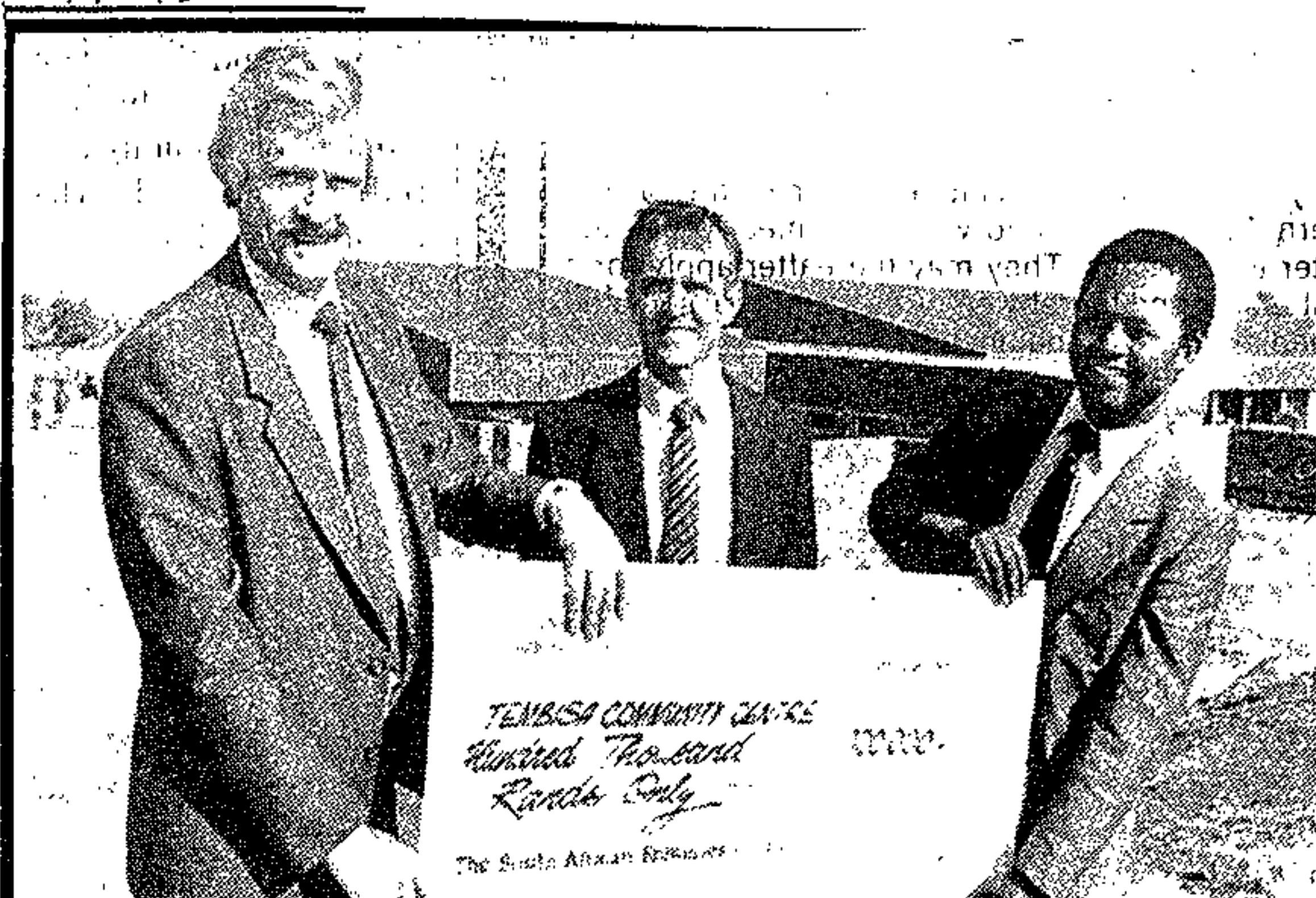
## Strydom's bid to obtain leave to appeal postponed

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Pretoria Bureau  
The bid by mass murderer Barend Hendrik Strydom to obtain leave to appeal against eight death sentences has been postponed by a day.

Strydom (23) was to have applied to the Pretoria Supreme Court today but the date has been changed until tomorrow.

Strydom was found guilty in the Pretoria Supreme Court by Mr Justice Louis Harms of murdering eight people and of the attempted murder of a further 16 during an orgy of violence in central Pretoria and at the Weiler's Farm squatter camp near De Deur in November last year.





The Tembisa Trust, a fund established for the construction of a much-needed community centre in the township, has received a R100 000 boost from SA Breweries. Here SAB public affairs manager Frank Johnson (left) presents the cheque to Mr Harry Lavery, a trustee, and centre manager Sam Makholowa (right).

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## R3,5-m community boost

THE Tembisa Community Trust is to build a R3,5 million community centre to provide facilities for more than 300 000 people.

Funds for the project have been made available by a number of East Rand companies which draw their workforce from Tembisa. These include SA Breweries, Amalgamated Beverage Industries and Natbev.

SAB's public relations manager for Isando, Mr Frank Johnson, yesterday said the project was an investment in the minds of people.

Phase one, now nearing completion, includes multi-purpose halls, a soccer pitch, ablution facilities, a kitchen, store rooms and a covered terrace.

Phase two includes a R190 000 library and information centre.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Johnson said work on this phase was due to start in August with completion set for the end of the year.

He said SAB's corporate social responsibility programme operated from two platforms:

- "We determine the community's needs and wants. Whatever project we support must be run by the community itself. The money is almost secondary because the project boosts teamwork and this leaves the community stronger and more self-reliant.

- "A project must generate an atmosphere of understanding and mutual responsibility between business and the community. We believe this library project will do that," he said.



Mr Solly Rammala... appearing before commission of inquiry.

## Bid for Sowetan 21/6/89 top job 343

ATTERIDGEVILLE town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala who is appearing before a commission of inquiry has been interviewed for the position of housing director by the Diep Meadow Town Council.

Rammala confirmed yesterday that he was interviewed for the R5000 a month job by officials of the council.

"I saw advertisements in newspapers and I decided to apply. I am interested in the job. No indication has been given whether I will get the job or not so far," he said.

Sources within the

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council disclosed to the *Sowetan* that Rammala applied for the job after he was advised to do so by his uncle, Mr Johannes Matala, mayor of Diep Meadow.

They said the council had decided to delay the employment of the new official until the outcome of Rammala's case on June 28.

However, Matala said the council has interviewed many people for the post, including Rammala. No decision has been taken so far, he said.

He denied that Rammala was his relative. "As far as I know Rammala's mother comes from the same village as myself at Phaahla near Nebo in the Northern Transvaal. I am not related to them.

"As far as I am concerned there is nothing wrong with the man. I have no problem with him," he said.

Argument in the inquiry headed by Mr Justice Hiemstra is to be heard in Pretoria today.

## Start of classes

THE Supedi Winter School started classes in English and Mathematics for Standard 6 to 10 pupils at Dobsonville yesterday.

The school caters for 100 pupils who are allocated to classes according to their ability and not their school standards.

Supedi Winter School offers classes in English and Mathematics on Saturdays and during school holidays. Classes at Dobsonville will start at 9am. For more information, phone Elizabeth Sithole at 984-1347 or at 930-2184 or Jane at 880-6218 or 880-6642.



# Rammala inquiry findings out soon

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JUDGMENT in the disciplinary inquiry investigating allegations of irregularities against the town clerk of Atteridgeville, Mr Solly Rammala, will be delivered by Mr Justice V Hiemstra on Wednesday June 28.

The prosecutor, Mr David Smith, and Mr Johan Stipp, who represented Rammala, finalised their arguments on Wednesday afternoon.

Smith, who has asked Hiemstra to convict Rammala on six of the 12 counts, submitted that the inquiry should also adhere to the staff regulations governing black local authorities formulated to stamp out corruption and irregularities within the council.

Smith added that he was "hamstrung" by the

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respondent's advocate who made objections to amendments and the leading of certain evidence.

"Having regard to case law, the Criminal Procedure Act and other relevant facts such objections were untenable, baseless and without any credibility," Smith submitted.

Referring to an allegation that Rammala did not have permission from the council to be involved in a business, Ikageng (Pty) Ltd during 1982 and 1985, as is required by the regulations, Stipp argued that the inquiry had no jurisdiction to investigate Rammala's conduct

during 1983. Stipp submitted that Rammala at the time was an employee of the Community Council or the Development Board for Central Transvaal.

The inquiry had been told Rammala was a director and shareholder of Ikageng from 1982 until he resigned in 1985. He never sought or got permission from the council to be involved in this business.

Referring to an allegation that Rammala recommended a car loan to his personal assistant Anastasia Moremi, who did not have a driver's licence, Stipp submitted that it had not been proved that Rammala had no authority to waive the requirement for a licence.

# MAYOR'S HOUSE BOMBED

THE family of Kagiso mayor Mr Lesaoana Moeketsi, was rudely shaken when a petrol bomb was hurled at their home late on Saturday night.

No-one was injured and only slight damage was caused to the house.

Moeketsi (57) said the family was still watching

TV when a petrol bomb exploded against the wall of his home at about 11pm.

"The assailant apparently wanted to throw the bomb through the sitting room window. He

missed and it exploded against the wall," Moeketsi said.

"The attack was perpetrated by certain characters who are just plain silly. I will not take precautionary measures as I regard the whole thing as a big joke," he said.

He had been mayor of the township for the past eight years and no-one had made any threats against him or his family during his term of office, he said. (343)

Moeketsi said he had reported the matter to the police.



## Ex-councillors cling to Power Park homes

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FORMER Soweto councillors who sought refuge at Power Park will fight any attempt by the present council to evict them from their posh homes, a spokesman for the ex-councillors said yesterday.

Mr Johnson Mokoena said the Sofasonke Party will be contradicting itself by evicting them because when it campaigned for elections it promised to stop all evictions.

He also charged that after eight months the council was still talking and doing nothing. He said the Sofasonke Party has accepted that it failed because it promised Soweto residents a rent

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bonanza of R15 a month but recently announced flat rates of R72 a month.

Mokoena, who with former deputy mayor, Mr Glen Jwara, claimed that corruption was rife within the present council. "This council is also bogged down by maladministration," he said.

Mokoena was responding to a decision by the council to evict all the 26 former councillors at Power Park by the end of July. The former councillors include chairman of the management committee, Mr Letsatsi Radebe, and mayor, Mr Nelson Botile.

# SOLLY CLEARED

A JUDGE ruled yesterday that the 12 counts of irregularities Atteridgeville town clerk Mr Solly Rammala was accused of were "false and baseless."

Delivering his 30-page judgment as chairman of a disciplinary inquiry investigating Rammala's conduct, Mr Justice Hiemstra, said he was impressed

By MONK NKOMO

by Rammala's "patience and unfailing courtesy in the face of bitter and false accusations against his honesty and integrity".

Judge Hiemstra is a former Chief Justice of Bophuthatswana.

Rammala had denied the 12 allegations — six of which were dropped during the inquiry that started on April 17.

Mr Justice Hiemstra yesterday ruled that "far from being inefficient or unfit for his duties, I find him a particularly capable and cautious man. Rammala gave his evidence excellently, never hedging, never trying to evade."

## Hypocrisy

Acquitting Rammala on a charge of having recommended that Mrs Noor Mahomed, an Indian trader, be given permission to develop a vacant site near her bottlestore in Saulsville, Justice Hiemstra said that Rammala was on leave at the time the area was allocated to Mrs Mahomed.

He said the council's "story" and concern about Indians in the

## Claims against town clerk

## false and baseless - judge

township "is nothing but a red herring and blatant hypocrisy".

"It was general knowledge at all material times that Mahomed traded on a large scale in Atteridgeville through companies having 51 percent interest in black hands. That was fronting, happily supported by black businessmen," the judge said.

He dismissed as

"vague hearsay evidence" that the leasehold of Madibakwena Enterprise, Mr. Paul Sambo, was "fronting" for Rammala.

"The town clerk did not need a front because his interest in the business was not kept a secret. He informed the council of his interest in letters dated October 27 and November 30 last

year," Mr Justice Hiemstra said. Referring to an allegation that Rammala did not report back to the council the issuing of trading licences to Mahomed, Mr Justice Hiemstra said the town clerk made "humble apology" to the council, immediately after this allegation which led to his suspension.

He accepted Rammala's evidence that it was Mr Noel Madiba's duty to report licences to the council. He remarked: "Why Rammala's apology could not have been accepted and why the council persisted in harassing him, seems very strange."



Mr Solly Rammala... appeared at inquiry into alleged irregularities.



# Umsa out

THE Daveyton Town Council yesterday resolved to sever all relations with the United Municipalities of South Africa and stop further subscriptions to the organisation. (343)

The president of Umsa, Mr Tom Boya, who is also a local councillor, said he was saddened by the decision.

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# LPG gives power to the people

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MORE than 70 percent of homes in the country's 208 black townships do not have electricity, according to latest Government's statistics.

One of the townships is Alexandra, situated only about two kilometres from the affluent suburb of Sandton.

It is against this background that Easigas (Pty) Limited has called on all developers to look to other energy sources in order to meet the ever-increasing demand for power supplies.

## Logical

Mr Collin Harris, marketing manager of Easigas, said Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) was the most logical and practical solution to this

enormous problem.

"It fulfills all power needs of the ordinary household, cooking, lighting, heating, hot water and even refrigeration. As a heat source, LPG is tremendously popular in this country because of its convenience," Harris said.

He said Easigas staff were always on hand for free advice on applications and siting installations. The company also assisted home owners to prepare the necessary plans to obtain permission from local authorities.

## Cheap

"Appliances, installation, the LPG itself, back-up maintenance and service of appliances, are available through our extensive distributor network. We see LPG as possibly the only practical option for housing developers in areas where no electricity is available. It is an alternative cheap power source," he said.



## New building laws too restrictive, says Boya

BLACK local authorities had to play a pivotal role in addressing the housing shortage crisis because an effective system of local government was the prerequisite of any community development, the president of the United Municipalities of South Africa, Mr Tom Boya, said yesterday.

Launching the Rabie Homes in Spruitview Gardens, he said black local authorities would have to streamline procedures to escalate private sector involve-

ment in housing developments.

He said the new building regulations promulgated last year still did go far enough.

Black local authorities had to insist on being exempted from certain aspects of these regulations, which failed to take into account the peculiar circumstances of their communities.

"We must allow people to provide their own shelter using the best materials and methods they can find without

being unduly restricted by building regulations designed for more affluent people."

To address the backlog of applications for housing units, black local authorities had to persuade the Government to move away from planning based on ideology and make more land available.

He said it was necessary to revise prevailing attitudes towards the provisions of housing for lower income groups. — Sapa.

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## Mayor won't sell

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THE mayor of Diep-  
meadow has refused a  
council offer to buy him a  
R140 000 car and a 30-  
seater luxury bus for  
councillors.

He said it will be a  
heavy expenses for the  
ratepayers.

Mr Johannes Mathala  
said he declined the offer  
in a R37,6 million budget  
for 1989/90. He said he  
was comfortable with the  
car he drives now which  
was owned by his  
predecessor, Mr J C  
Mahuhushi.

### Meeting

As for the bus, Mr  
Mathala said councillors  
could hire it when the  
need arose.

Meanwhile at the  
council's meeting on  
Wednesday, it agreed to  
Umsa's request that  
Diepmeadow host its  
indaba on July 22.  
Mathala said they would  
look for sponsors to host  
"this important event."



## New housing scheme near Randfontein

By Kaizer Nyatumba 343

A housing scheme for low to middle income groups, to cost between R25 000 and R52 000, was launched at Mohlakeng near Randfontein on Friday.

Because of the limited availability of land, FHA Homes would release only 450 stands, varying in size from 250 to 400 sq m, and the housing packages would also include land, spokesman Mrs Tammy Taranto said.

The new township, Mohlakeng Extension 3, is close to Johannesburg, Soweto, Krugersdorp, Roodepoort, Randfontein and Mohlakeng, and residents will benefit from facilities in nearby Mohlakeng.

Present at the official launch of the housing scheme on Friday were members of the Mohlakeng Town Council, representatives of financial institutions, major employers and community figures. Star 317187

"We believe that this project offers prospective home-owners an excellent chance to live in a well-established and convenient area," Mrs Taranto said.

# Fire Rammala says union

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THE executive committee of a trade union representing employees of the Atteridgeville City Council yesterday received a mandate to lay criminal charges against the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala.

At a special meeting yesterday the workers — all members of the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities — filed a petition calling on the council to dismiss Rammala because "we will never be able to work with him again."

The workers said that the only course open to the council was to dismiss Rammala "on grounds that he is incompatible with a substantial number of employees and that he will not be able to do further work for the council effectively or at all."

The trade union also rejected the findings of Mr Justice Hiemstra, a retired judge who acquitted Rammala on 12 counts of irregularities last week.

They also rejected Judge Hiemstra's re-

marks in his judgment that "Taebela emerges very poorly from this inquiry."

The union lashed out at Hiemstra and accused him of casting Taebela in a bad light. They stressed that the charges against Rammala were laid by the council and not Taebela. Council officials who testified at the inquiry did so as council workers and not as members of Taebela, a spokesman for the union said.

## Mandate

Hundreds of employees who attended yesterday's meeting gave a mandate to the union's executive committee to lay charges against the town clerk as soon as possible. The type of charges to be laid against Rammala were not spelt out at the meeting. A spokesman for Taebela said they had already sought legal advice on the matter and only needed a mandate from the employees to act.

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# UMSA tottering

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THE future of the United Municipalities of South Africa is in the balance following the withdrawal of two member councils from the organisation in the last week.

First to cut ties with Umsa, was the Daveyton Town Council a week ago. The Kagiso Town Council on the West Rand withdrew from the organisation a few days later.

Both the Daveyton and Kagiso councils are founder members of Umsa.

Mr David Modiba, deputy mayor of Kagiso, is believed to be behind the withdrawal of the Kagiso council from Umsa. He is the general-secretary of the NF.

## Suspended

Problems within Umsa started in May when the organisation suspended four of its senior officials for joining the National Forum on May 6. Umsa boycotted the meeting.

Those suspended are Umsa's vice-president, Modiba; public relations officer, Mr Edwin Motebang; chairman of the United Municipalities of the Transvaal, Mr Fanyana Mahlangu and; executive member of the United Municipalities of the Orange Free State, Mr Elias Mpholo.

Umsa's president, Mr Tom Boya, said Umsa was not worried by losing councillors who were joining rival organisations.

He said: "As long as we remain with committed councillors, Umsa would survive. It will separate the boys from the men."

Boya is a member of the Daveyton council and former mayor of the township.

One of the four suspended councillors, who asked not to be named for fear of reprisals, said he would not resign from the NF. He added his three colleagues were also not prepared to leave the NF.

They will know their fate on Sunday.

## Hold-up

All member councils of Umsa meet at 10am in Agisanang township, near Sanieshof, to discuss the suspension of the four. When they were suspended, Umsa gave them 21 days to put their case or be expelled.

They met Umsa last month and their case was postponed to Sunday.

A source close to Umsa said if the four refused to resign from the NF, they would be sacked.

"According to Umsa's policy, we cannot have a member serving in a rival organisation. It is against our interests," the source said.





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**PEACEFULLY - PEACEFULLY - PEACEFULLY!!!**  
 WE SAY NO TO TRIBAL AUTHORITY  
 WE WANT TWELVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF  
 THE THREE FARM DAGGAKRAAL NO. 1 & 2 & 3  
 LOCAL AUTHORITY, AND THEIR NINE  
 WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO RUN OUR OWN MANDATE, AND WE  
 ARE ASKING FOR THE FUTURE FARM OF THIS COUNTRY  
 TO BE

**PEACEFUL PROTEST.** Leader Abner Dlamini holds a placard with his community's demands



**NOT WELCOME.** Daggakraal residents tell Constitutional Development and Planning Commissioner FJC Piek they do not want a community council

JOHANNESBURG. — The government made a mistake to choose the battle-hardened community of Daggakraal as a first target for a "rural community council".

And it was not surprising that an official of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning was chased away by angry landowners in Daggakraal as he tried to conduct elections in the community two weeks ago.

Daggakraal is one of several communities which resisted forced removal and among the few which still enjoy freehold rights.

The commissioner for the Amersfoort district, Mr FJC Piek, had to postpone the elections to July 22 when he failed to control the angry crowd.

At a meeting attended mostly by elderly landowners, Piek was told, amid shouts and heckling, that he did not have a mandate from the 45 000 strong community to conduct elections in Daggakraal.

The government had failed since 1912 to recognise Daggakraal's leadership structures and negotiate with their democratically-elected "Committee of Twelve" nor recognise its constitution.

The elections, according to Piek,

# Rural poll standoff

*The government came off worst in a standoff with the Transvaal rural community of Daggakraal last month. As in many other parts of the country, the government is attempting to foist a community council on this Eastern Transvaal community. But the people of Daggakraal, which successfully resisted forced removals several years ago, are equally adamant in their rejection of community councils. MONO BADELA reports:*

was supposed to be held in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act.

Meanwhile, more than 340 angry Daggakraal landowners waited for Piek to come and put his case.

## Toll of sweat

Some of them carried placards which called on Piek to "Leave Us Alone in Peace", "We want no authority from you" and "We have our own Committee of Twelve".

In an interview, Mr Abner Dlamini, 70, a leader among the landowners, said a decision had been taken against the introduction of a black local authority for the area.

Dlamini, whose father, Alexander Dlamini, was the general secretary of the African Farmers Association when its chairman and ANC co-founder, Pixley Ka Seme, bought the land in 1912, said his forebears had bought the farms through toil and sweat.

"We shall maintain our unity in defence of these farms against any outsider who threatens to either remove us forcefully or impose upon us any method of administering our farms."

"We reject both the Tribal Authority and the Community Act which the government is ramming down our throats."

He said the landowners were doing so in favour of their own "Committee of Twelve" elected by

the people to administer their land.

"The government wants to subdivide the Daggakraal and Vlakplaats land and turn them into townships where migrant workers from the mines and factories can rent houses built by the government.

"It also wants to introduce the unpopular system of councillors in those townships. The government will simply nullify our title deeds.

"We have free-hold title deeds for our plots. The people are adamant that they want to continue under our constitution," Dlamini said.

Another prominent landowner at Daggakraal Two, Chief Popo Moloi, said:

"We realised that should the Community Act plan succeed at Daggakraal, it would weaken the people of Driefontein who are also resisting this kind of Act."

Chief Moloi said the community favoured the "Committee of Twelve" which had administered the three Daggakraal farms since the late Pixley Ka Seme drew up their constitution.

"Our people have peacefully occupied their land for 77 years and their wish is for their descendants to inherit this land.

"We will strongly resist any disruption or interference with the present patterns of ownership and occupation," Chief Moloi said.

## No subsidy

"We have received very little or no government support or subsidy.

"We've provided our own water supply, school buildings and roads. These have been sufficient to the extent that the community has been relatively healthy notwithstanding the lack of a basic health services," Moloi added.

Overcrowding is a big problem in Daggakraal.

This was because Daggakraal had been used as a "dumping ground" for black tenants evicted from neighbouring white-owned farmlands, Moloi said.

But the residents are strongly attached to Daggakraal as "their home". Not only is it ancestral land, but has provided a relatively good life for them.

It is one of the rare rural areas in South Africa where black people can own land outside the homelands.

This accounted for the strong resistance to removal several years ago when their land was threatened by the Bantu Authorities Act.

In January last year the government announced that the people of Daggakraal would not be removed.

The reasons given were flimsy, said Dlamini.

The area is only now returning to normal — although both the community and the land itself still bear the scars of the period when the future seemed insecure.

"Now the government is trying to force down our throats the system of town councils. But it will happen over our dead bodies," said Moloi.



**LANDOWNER.** Chief Popo Moloi



**WATER.** Children at one of the many boreholes at Daggakraal



# R300-M BUDGET

## Townships to get a facelift

*Sowetan 10/7/89*  
THE Soweto City Council has approved a record budget of nearly R300 million for the financial year 1989/90.

By MOJALEFA  
MOSEKI

The budget was passed on Friday.

The council, which is under a financial squeeze because of the prolonged rent boycott, budgeted for a R99 million deficit. The budget sum is R294 878 350.

The council estimated it would collect R195 326 850 from services and rental charges this year.

The largest single allocation of R202 million was for capital projects. Some of the projects include road-works, stormwater

drainage, and the supply of electricity and water.

Several other services will be upgraded.

The only part of the budget deferred for further consideration was the allocation to the cleansing section which has been privatised.

The budget still has to be sent to the chief of the Transvaal Provincial Administration, Mr Danie Hough and to the Ministry of Finance for approval.

The council could not give a comparison between this year's budget and last year's, but all officials approached said the present budget was "substantially higher" than for all the past years.

The main source of the council's finance is rental and service charges. New flat rates were announced by the Sofasonke Party nominated council on May 2 this year but were opposed by the Soweto People's Delegation and the Soweto Civic Association.

The council has also deferred a proposed rental increases for business sites. Councilors are still discussing the proposal with Soweto business community.

# Power Park houses row rages on

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ALL but three of the 26 former councillors living at Power Park have other houses in Soweto, mayor Sam Mkhwanazi said yesterday as the row over the occupation of the houses in Power Park continued to rage.

Eviction notices were served on the 26 several weeks ago, which they have resisted claiming their eviction was unfair. They maintain as residents of Soweto they have the right to buy houses they live in if they can afford to.

They occupied these homes at the height of the unrest in Soweto after a councillor was killed. Councillors in other parts of the country also fled their homes.

## Action

At a Press conference at Power Park last week the 26 said they would not move out. The conference was addressed by former deputy mayor Isaac Buthelezi, Mr Johnson Mokoena, Mr Glen Jwara and Mr Daniel Rasmeni.

Yesterday Mr Mkhwanazi said the council had submitted the files of these former councillors to its attorneys who would then take the necessary action to effect the eviction.

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

He said as 23 of the 26 had other houses in Soweto they were unfair in expecting continued accommodation at Power Park.

According to him the three councillors whose houses in Soweto were burned down are Mr P Gaboutloele, Mr Johnson Mokoena and a Mr Khumalo. But they could also have had their houses

rebuilt as they were covered by the council's insurance.

Mr Mkhwanazi said council employees and the former councillors who claimed they had now bought their Power Park houses would have to prove their claims as they were only granted provisional ownership when they were allocated the houses.



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# Posh town ship still in the dark

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By MARTIN  
NTSOELENGOE

**RESIDENTS** of about 500 new houses in Kagiso, the biggest of the West Rand townships, are completely in the dark.

And they don't know who to hold responsible for the lack of electricity.

Contractors who built the houses say the local council is responsible for the electricity but the council says the contractors should have installed it.

In the meantime, the residents have to make do with candles in their huge homes.

It all started with the expansion of Kagiso when modern, middle-class homes were built to give the township a new look.

However, there was no power supply to light up the lives of the upmarket home-owners who are now reeling under the strain of increased bond repayments.

The desperate home-owners were told they would first get a roof and then electricity. It was a "gentleman's agreement" and they moved in, no questions asked.

Months have gone by and there is still no electricity.

A building contractor said the power supply was the responsibility of the council.

The council says nix! Those who built the houses received their money and should have installed electricity.

One contractor, Quantum, has already threatened to sue the council. According to another contractor, an agreement was reached with the Kagiso Town Council on June 23 last year that the council would supply the electricity once the houses were built.

The company said it bought stands and built houses on the understanding that the council would do its bit.

The council was obliged to provide services such as water, sewerage, storm-water drainage, tarred roads and electricity for the new houses.

The company said it paid for the installation of electricity, the laying of

# Council, builders in power dispute

cables and connection fees.

But this was news to town clerk Michael van Rensburg, who denied any company had paid for electricity.

He said the builders had no contracts with the council. If they persisted with their claims, they would have to produce receipts.

Fuming residents told *City Press* their posh houses were rapidly depreciating because they were forced to use candles, paraffin stoves and lamps.

They also use braziers, which damage carpets and turn newly painted walls black.

SATS ticket examiner Michael Mokoena bought a house for R60 000 in November last year and was told by the council that electricity would be installed.

His visits to the council's offices proved futile but he later agreed to pay an extra R1 000 for installation.

When *City Press* visited him, his wife and five children were crowded around a paraffin heater to warm themselves. He has several electrical appliances but cannot use them.

Laboratory worker Joseph Mswane said he had paid for electricity but it had not been installed. There are more than 500 houses without electricity.

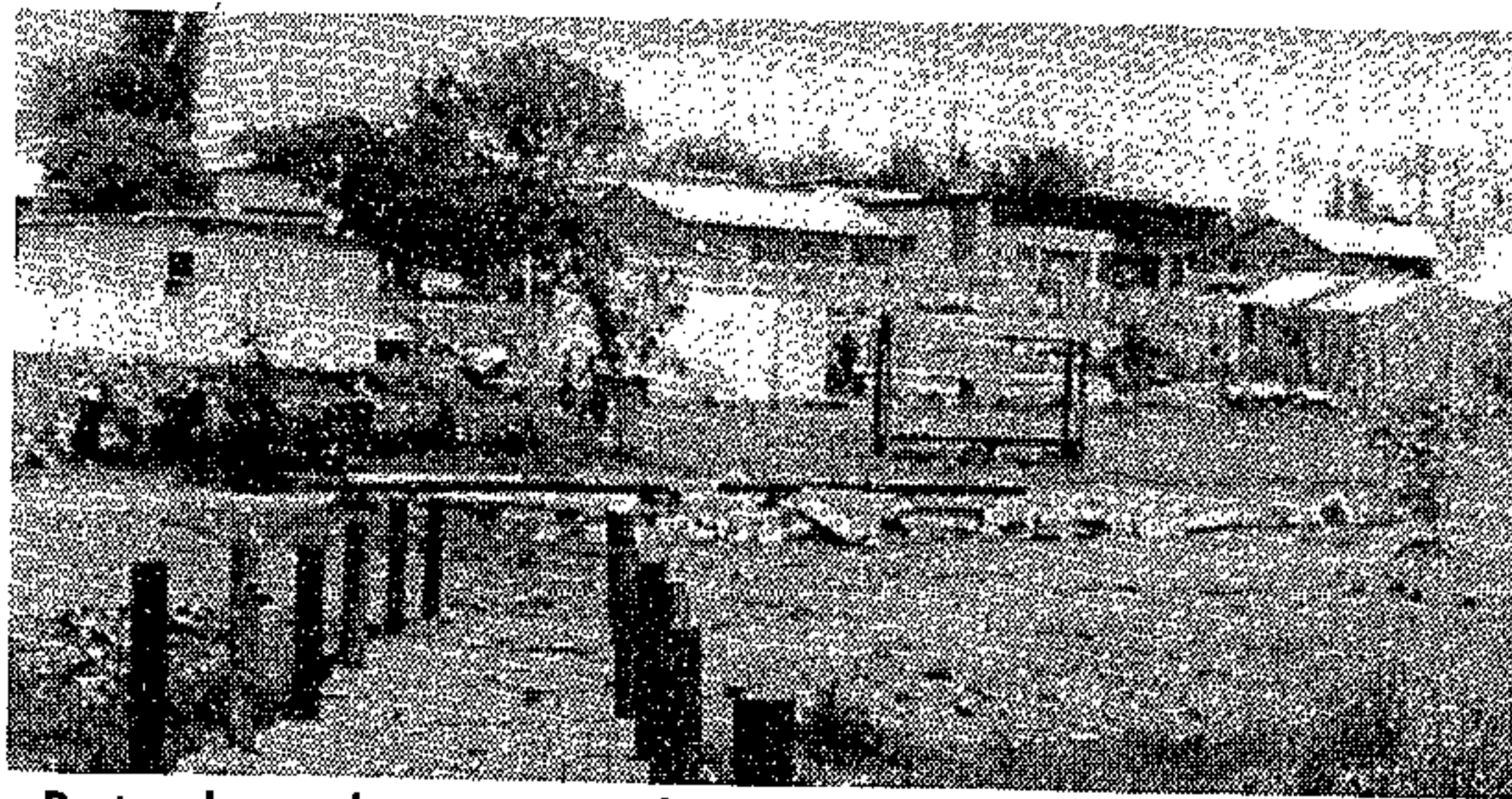
Mswane and other concerned residents met Van Rensburg in July last year. He promised them something would be done but they are still in the dark.

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**Michael Mokoena's electricity is still not switched on and he uses a paraffin stove.**





Dust and more dust . . . a typical view of the country's biggest township.

## Dusty area is to become one of Soweto's 'firsts'

By Sue Olswang

A large, dusty expanse in the black residential area of Protea North, within Soweto, will soon be transformed into one of the country's first shopping centres geared for black consumers.

The new centre, with a lettable area of 5 964 sq m, will house a post office, a supermarket, "line" shops, a business mall, a medical suite, a cinema and a taxi rank.

"Black businessmen have never before been given decent, lettable facilities in black areas," said development manager Mr Tony Figueira.

Also due to start going up soon is a multi-million rand regional shopping centre in Dobsonville, the

middle income black residential area close to Soweto.

Designed by Italian architect Mr Alessandro Festonazzi, the new 6 500 sq m centre is likely to include a supermarket, a bottle store, banks and building societies, shoe and clothing shops, take-away food stores, a restaurant and nightclub, one or two cinemas, and an office and medical block. The centre will also make provision for a taxi rank and a bus stop.

Mr Jonathan Malkin, one of the members of the development team, said the new Dobsonville centre will be developed on a freehold site, close to schools and a community centre, with plans to sell space on a sectional title basis.

## Call for trees and greenery in townships

By Sue Olswang

Mr Jonathan Malkin, a member of the team responsible for the development of two shopping centres in the black residential areas of Dobsonville and Protea North, Soweto, has issued a challenge to fellow white businessmen to start a "greening" campaign in the country's black townships.

"It breaks my heart to see open, dusty velds and parks, and pavements without grass and trees," Mr Malkin said during a recent interview.

"Let us, as white businessmen, help to beautify the areas we intend operating in.

"The trees could either be planted by the township councils or by the businessmen themselves."

Mr Malkin has suggested that white businessmen, and more especially those with direct interests in South Africa's black townships, purchase trees and greenery to help beautify black residential areas.

He said businessmen would perhaps be more attracted to such a project if they were able to put up signs saying, for example, "This tree donated by XYZ manufacturing."

## No lights in Kagiso

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RESIDENTS of Kagiso township's posh suburb of Hillside are taking the Kagiso council to court for failing to supply them with electricity in a test case which could set a precedent countrywide.

Some residents from other sections of Kagiso's elite suburbs, such as Extension Six and Riverside, have marched twice to the council's offices last month demanding electricity. A spokesman for the protesting residents told *Sowetan* they demanded electricity from the council because they had paid a R1 000 connection fee for laying of cables and connection to their houses.



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## 'Basic services 20 years out of date'

East Rand Bureau

The basic infrastructure and municipal services in the black areas were 20 years behind and would need about R6 000 million to bring them up to date, the deputy chairman of the East Rand Regional Services Council (ERRSC), Mr A W Kors, said yesterday.

He said these estimates did not include excessive growth through increased urbanisation which was an international phenomenon.

Mr Kors said the ERRSC had budgeted R321 million for black towns during the current financial year for the installation of infrastructure.

About R85 million would be spent in white towns, R13 million in coloured towns, R7 million in Indian towns and R41 million for common projects in all these towns.

He said the RSC spent money through sponsored projects that were undertaken by local authorities on their own, or through their consultants.

# RSCs improving black townships

Staff Reporter

A new deal is on the way for black local authorities now that regional services councils (RSCs) are in operation.

Speaking at a press briefing in Pretoria yesterday, the MEC in charge of RSCs, Mr S A S Ferreira, said black townships would benefit greatly from the RSC system.

RSCs would give priority to providing infrastructure where it was most needed.

This meant that, initially at least, most of the councils' budgets would be spent in black residential areas.

Mr Ferreira said RSCs would be playing an important role in improving black living conditions. They would also be providing infrastructure in the poorer white areas.

Few if any white or black local authorities in the past had been able to raise funds out of taxes for infrastructural development.

This meant they had to borrow for essential works, which was expensive.

Mr Ferreira said that at present interest rates, a R100 000 loan could ultimately cost a local authority between R341 000 and R630 000.

But the RSCs would now give local authorities a grant for essential projects and would also follow this up with funds for the maintenance of these facilities.

Mr Ferreira said he

saw RSCs as a means of transferring wealth from rich parts of a region to the poorer parts.

Blacks had a right to expect RSC funds to be spent in their areas. The levy on wages meant that part of their earnings was being used to finance the RSCs.

They were also contributing funds to the RSC through the levy on firms' turnover.

The Transvaal RSCs would have an income of about R467 million this year. But when everyone who was liable to contribute to the RSCs was doing so, their income should be about R600 mil-

lion.

Firms trying to avoid paying the levies should realise that these funds could be collected retrospectively and that interest would have to be paid on outstanding payments.

RSCs' income would also rise in line with inflation as wages and company turnovers rose.

Mr Ferreira said RSCs did not need to spend their budgets within the fiscal year if they could get a cheaper quotation by delaying a project. It was also RSC policy to have funds that had been allocated for a project to be spent in the same area.

# 343 Sowetan 19/7/87 CORRUPTION ALLEGED

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE building of 412 houses for low-income groups has been halted in Daveyton near Benoni because of alleged corruption over prices being charged.

A joint housing scheme by the Daveyton Town Council and the South African Housing Trust in Etwatwa Extension 7 was suspended last Thursday at a meeting in the council chambers.

Conditions put by the council and the SAHT were that:

- \* Stands and houses be granted to Daveyton residents only.

- \* Only people earning less than R800 a month

would qualify for housing in the area; and

- \* Prospective owners buy their houses from agents appointed by the SAHT and not from other builders.

An investigation conducted by the Sowetan has revealed that all these conditions were violated by both the council and the SAHT. Each party is blaming the other for the confusion surrounding the housing scheme.

In one case the Sowetan found that a person earning R1 631 a month was sold a house and according to documents in the possession of the Sowetan, he was charged R23 120 for a house worth only R22 295.

This new price was allegedly decided upon by an SAHT estate agent without his organisation's approval.

This was confirmed by Mr W Peterson of the SAHT who said they were still re-assessing the selling procedure of houses in the area. He refused to elaborate.

Mayor of Daveyton Mr Shadrack Sinaba also confirmed that the housing project had been suspended.

He said the council had decided that first priority should be given to Daveyton residents before outsiders could be considered. He said this was not done and the council decided to suspend the project and to launch an investigation.

Mr M P Dzingwa, the estate agent appointed by the SAHT to sell the houses, said the council was not happy with the way he was conducting business in the area.

"As far as I am concerned I have done nothing wrong," Dzingwa said.



# Mega-city planned south of Reef

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GOVERNMENT's recently gazetted plans to make 12 650 hectares of land west of Soweto available for black housing will probably have to be abandoned if geological surveys of the area prove correct.

Instead, the Transvaal Provincial Administration is considering proposals for a new black mega-city to the south of Johannesburg, between Vereeniging and Lenasia.

The move comes in the wake of growing pressure on government to set aside more land for black expansion. The Witwatersrand's burgeoning squatter population has been estimated at over 2.5-million.

If approved, the new city will encompass the existing settlement areas of Grasmere and Evaton, making it bigger than Johannesburg itself.

In its search for suitable land for black development, the TPA has encountered stiff resistance. White opposition to the prospect of black neighbours has often outweighed development needs, officials say. The land west of Soweto was, however,

perceived as a relatively safe route for the city's expansion, since it does not border closely on any white area. (262) 343

Eleven farms in the area were re-zoned as a unified "black development area" in May — officially making them available for expansion to the city. However, the original proposals for the so-called "Soweto-West" expansion immediately came under fire from geologists, who pointed out the area's geological instability. (27)

They claimed only a relatively small area of 1 500 hectares immediately to the west of Soweto was suitable for urban development. Most of the rest lay on a dolomitic base which made it unsuitable for high-density development.

Expenditure on municipal services, like water and sewerage, would have to be doubled to make the area safe, geologists said.

## Ex-councillors vow to fight off eviction attempts

# Power Park row continues

By Jovial Rantao

The wrangle between the Soweto Council and former councillors over the occupation of "fortified houses" in Power Park, near Baragwanath Hospital, continues.

The council is determined to get the 26 former councillors out of the houses, but the councillors say they have paid deposits for the houses and will fight any attempt by the council to evict them.

The houses were bought from the Johannesburg City Council at the height of the Soweto uprisings by the Transvaal Provincial Administration on behalf of the Soweto council, which needed them to house councillors temporarily.

### Soweto Council says:

The mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, said the council would instruct its attorneys to take legal action against the 26 former councillors if they refused to move out of the houses.

He said the councillors had paid deposits on their houses in November last year, after they had been told they were going to be evicted.

The Soweto council, he added, was investigating charges against the persons who accepted the "illegal" deposits from the former councillors.

"They have been claiming that they have bought the houses from the council and not one has

paid more than R5 000 on those houses," Mr Mkhwanazi said.

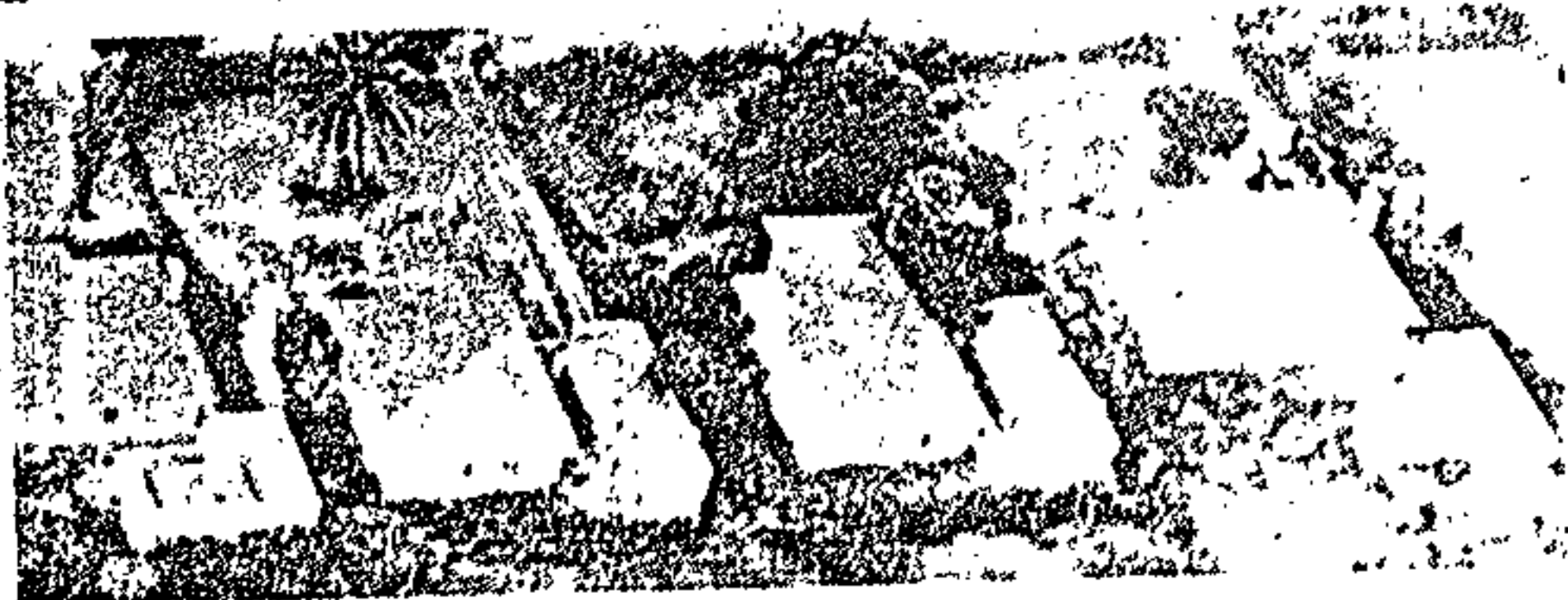
According to Mr Mkhwanazi, Power Park is earmarked for professional people and students who are studying at Vista University and other institutions around Soweto.

He said it was never the intention that the councillors would occupy the houses intentionally.

The houses were bought by the Transvaal Provincial Administration on behalf of the Soweto Council.

"The councillors were placed in those houses temporarily because of the unrest situation in the township two years ago.

"They have other houses in Soweto and council by-laws do not permit a single person to own more than one house."



The subject of the dispute . . . houses in Power Park.

### Ex-councillors say:

At a press conference at Power Park this week, the councillors said they would defend any legal action taken against them.

Led by a former deputy mayor, Mr Isaac Buthelezi, they said the council should recuse itself from the matter since the houses were bought by the TPA.

"It is surprising to realise that after eight months in office, the members of the present council seem only to be obsessed with the issue of Power Park and the former councillors when there is such a lot of work to be done by the council for Soweto residents."

The former councillors said

they found it strange that the council wanted to prosecute the official who received their deposits when it did not bring charges against those who imposed levies on Soweto residents in the "backyards of the Sofa-sonke Party".

"The mayor's vindictive obsession with us is a smoke-screen to cover up his failure to address the real issues and needs of the community."

The former councillors urged Mr Mkhwanazi to call a meeting between the two parties.

"He can come to us as veterans for advice on how to run Soweto if he is having problems in the council."

One of the former councillors showed The Star a receipt which showed that he had paid a deposit on his house in April 1988.



# Shops for blacks

BIG shopping complexes are planned to serve thousands of blacks in the Pretoria and East Rand townships.

Store Owner magazine reports that a R5-million Bestbuy Cash and Carry is to be opened near Mamelodi soon. In addition, businessmen plan a R50-million shopping centre at Spruitview between Johannesburg and Heidelberg.

The group hopes the centre will attract other developments to turn the site into one of the first black central business Districts.

Construction should be completed by the middle of 1992.

# 7 000 sites for the homeless

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THE mayor of Soweto, Mr Sam Mkhwanazi, yesterday said he had secured 7 000 sites at Orange Farm for Soweto's low-income families, especially Mshenguville residents.

He said residents wishing to be allocated sites at Orange Farm should report to his office at the Jabulani chambers today.

He has arranged a bus to take residents to Orange Farm to inspect the place and buses which will leave Mshenguville on Sunday, July 30, at 10 am. Orange Farm is near Grasmere, on the way to Evaton.

There is a train station near Orange Farm and buses and taxis drive past the area from Evaton and Sebokeng, said Mkhwanazi.

"I would like all residents of Mshenguville to apply for sites at Orange Farm as this is the council's last resort in resettling them. Those who fail to apply for sites will never get a chance as the council has no other land to accommodate people," said Mkhwanazi.

He said 1 000 sites will be reserved specifically for Mshenguville residents. Residents

should have at least R50 deposit for the sites they apply for.

The 7 000 sites will be serviced by the Government which is presently installing water taps and providing ablution facilities.

Residents of the 1 000 sites are expected to build

their own temporary accommodation and to build houses of their own choice later.

The other 6 000 sites will be developed for low income and middle income families. Residents can buy the houses which will be priced from R20 000 and more.



# Alex activists are back on the streets ... with brooms

By KEITH MADONSELA

THE Alexandra Action Committee is back on the streets again.

The committee, lead by trade unionist Moses Mayekiso, is spear-heading a township clean-up campaign which began at the weekend.

The AAC is back in action after three years, following the lengthy treason trial of five of its members, including Mayekiso. The five were acquitted earlier this year.

According to a statement by Mayekiso after the event: "The whole of Alexandra township was full of activity for the first time since early 1986, when all such activities were clamped down upon."

It seems the AAC can still count on the support of the Alexandra residents. More than 3 000 people participated in the clean-up, which was supported by the Alexandra Youth Congress (Ayco), and Alexandra Student Congress (Asco).

This follows the failure two weeks earlier of a clean-up campaign called by the Alexandra Town Council. Residents believe the call by the council was intended to pre-empt the action of the AAC. But residents ignored the council's campaign.

On Saturday people piled refuse from backyards and hostels in front of their gates and on street corners, which was later collected by refuse trucks organised by the AAC.

People sang while they cleaned — undeterred by the presence of the security force. Members of the South African Defence Force and South African Police monitored the proceedings, filming with video cameras.

## Welcome for Winnie

A GROUP of women dressed in the khaki, green and black uniform of the Federation of Transvaal Women stepped out of a minibus in Alexandra township last weekend — they had come to help with the "clean-up" campaign organised by the Alexandra Action Committee.

There was a familiar figure among those bending to gather up the scattered refuse: Winnie Nomzamo Mandela. She was greeted with warm smiles by the knots of residents who had gathered.

It was yet another sign of her gradual reintegration into the mainstream of anti-apartheid organisations — and Alex's leaders saw it as such.

According to AAC chairman Moses Mayekiso, Mandela's presence "strengthened the clean-up campaign ... youths started singing, despite the presence of soldiers patrolling the township".

The AAC says Mandela warmly accepted the invitation to take part in the campaign. Mayekiso added: "The invitation to Winnie should be seen against the background of the mass democratic movement's stated wish to integrate her back into the structures."

Mayekiso added: "When I phoned to invite her, she was preparing to attend a meeting of Fedtraw. And she has promised to help in future campaigns in Alex."

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# Rammala in a new storm

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By MONK NKOMO

**ABOUT 700** employees of the Atteridgeville City Council staged a sit-in yesterday in support of their demands for "overdue" wage increases and the dismissal of the town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala.

The workers, who included policemen, staged the sit-in following a resolution taken at a meeting on Wednesday. They demand a 13,1 percent wage increase which they say they were to have received in October last year after promises by the council.

They also demand a 15 percent general increase which they claim was budgeted for with effect from January this year.

## Rent

The employees are all members of the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities (TAEBLA). The sit-in is expected to affect the payment of rent at the administration offices, the running of creches and essential services which include the collection of refuse.

At their meeting on Wednesday, the workers condemned the findings of Mr Justice Hiemstra who recently acquitted Rammala on 12 counts of irregularities.

The workers called on the council to fire the town clerk "because we are convinced that he is guilty".

Allegations by a senior council official that some of the workers were forced to sign a petition calling for Rammala's dismissal were found to be untrue when the workers confirmed at Wednesday's meeting that they signed the petition voluntarily. Rammala was yesterday not available for comment. His office

reported that he was "still out."

The mayor, Mr Velaphi Mathebula, told the Sowetan that the council had not yet taken a decision on the petition which was hand to the executive committee last week. Mathebula said he was going to ask Rammala to call a special council meeting next Tuesday to discuss the petition which was signed by about 92 percent of the staffers calling for his dismissal.

A similar "sit in" was staged by employees of the Mamelodi city council on Monday. The workers also demanded "long overdue" wage increases dating back to 1987.

The council, after negotiations with the executive committee of TAEBLA, agreed to pay the increases from Monday, July 31. The workers were also promised a 15 percent pay hike at the end of August.



Atteridgeville town clerk, Solly Rammala.

## Mamelodi shooting inquest adjourned

Sowetan 28/7/89  
THE inquest into the police shooting of 12 Mamelodi residents has been adjourned until January 15 next year.

When the hearing resumes in January, it will be more than four years after the incident in which police opened fire at people who had gathered at the local administrative office to present their grievances.

The hearing was set down for three days this week for further cross examination of a policeman who killed two men in the township. The hearing was in the Pretoria North Magistrate's court.

## BOYCOTT AT VISTA

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MORE than 1 000 students at the Mamelodi campus of Vista university are boycotting lectures in protest against the increase of fees and other education-related issues.

A spokesman for the Students Representatives Council (SRC) said the boycott which started last Thursday was sparked off by the announcement by university authorities that fees for first and second year courses would be increased from R350 to R470 and that fees for third year courses would go up from R600 to R840

with effect from January next year.

Students also complained about the library which they claimed was "congested and did not have enough reference material".

## Students

According to a spokesman for the students, the scope of study at the campus was not "open" and no sports facilities were available for future teachers who had to be sports orientated.

Professor Elwyn Jenkins, the campus director of the university, could not be reached for comment yesterday. An answering machine at the switchboard replied: "This campus is closed and will reopen on Friday July 28. Please call again".

A representative of the students complained that African languages were taught in English and accused the university authorities of not fulfilling their educational role meaningfully. The students also complained

about the "make-shift structures" within the campus.

The spokesman for the SRC said: "The university authorities made a promise four years ago to build a permanent structure similar to the one in Soweto. This has not been done. We are aware of the inflation rate and the fact that things must go up. We are also prepared to pay but we just cannot pay for nothing."

"We will boycott classes until our demands are met".

## Bus fares will not increase

Sowetan 28/7/89

PUTCO has assured commuters in Mamelodi that fares will not be increased because of the recent hike in the price of fuel, according to Mamelodi's mayor, Mr. Zikhali Ndlati.

The mayor made this announcement during the Mamelodi City Council's monthly meeting when reporting on a meeting held between the council and Ptep officials on July 6.

In a letter addressed to Ndlati, Putco's public relations officer in Pretoria, Mr. Bruno Mantla, stated that his company was aware of the financial problems the community was facing.



# RAMMALA WARNS

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ATTERIDGEVILLE town clerk Mr Solly Rammala has warned three local city councillors that they will be stripped of their status if they did not pay their rent arrears totalling nearly R5 000 within 14 days.

The councillors, who have been warned in terms of Section 9 of Act 102 of 1982 as amended, include two former mayors, the Reverend Enoch Sibanyoni and Mr Matthew Mahlangu. The other councillor is Mr Victor Zobane.

The *Sowetan* yesterday established that Rammala also owes R1 080,56 in rent and service for his No. 2 Molantona Street house.

## BY MONK NKOMO

All the letters sent to the councillors were signed by Rammala who could not be reached for comment yesterday.

His office said he was busy in a meeting.

Rammala informed Sibanyoni in two letters dated August 1, 1989 that he owned the municipality R2 842, 39 in respect of rent and service charges for his shop

## Councillors must pay or else...

which is situated inside the Saulsville Arena and R255 78 in respect of his house at 36 Motsepe Street.

In similar letters, Rammala informed Mahlangu and Zobane that it had come to his notice that they owed R611, 24 and R1 132, 93 respectively for rent and service charges.

Rammala urged the three councillors to pay their amounts in full immediately.

He added: "Kindly take notice that if you remain in default to pay this amount in full within 14 days as from the date upon which this letter is served on you, you will in terms of Section 9 of the Black Local Authorities Act 102 of 1982 as amended, no longer be competent to be a member of the council and shall be deemed to have vacated your office upon the expiry of the said 14 days."

Sibanyoni and Zobane yesterday said they had

not yet received the letters.

Zobane however said he heard about the letters but stressed that he did not owe rent. Zobane's August rent accounts yesterday reflected arrears of R1 138, 93 as stated in

the letter from Rammala. Zobane said the arrears reflected followed a misunderstanding of his rent stop order.

Sibanyoni said he would go to the administration offices to make arrangements to pay his arrears. Mahlangu was not available for comment yesterday.

# New judgment sets aside restrictions on Oukasie

*Our Times Own Correspondent*

JOHANNESBURG. — A Pretoria Supreme Court judge yesterday set aside the Administrator of the Transvaal's decision in May last year declaring the settlement of Oukasie, outside Brits, an emergency camp.

Mr Justice K van Dijkhorst also instructed the administrator to pay the cost of the application brought by four Oukasie residents, headed by Mr Joseph Makama. He granted the administrator's request for leave to appeal against the ruling.

The judgment means sharp increases in rent of almost 70% and tight controls on residents will be lifted. People outside Oukasie will be allowed to visit residents without requiring permits. Home renovations can be made without official permission.

About 6 000 people are living in Oukasie — an area settled more than 50 years ago — in defiance of authorities' attempts to move them to Letlhabile.



## Soweto junior council

THE Soweto City Council has decided to start a Junior City Council as part of its involvement programme, the mayor, Mr S Mkhwanazi said.

The date planned for the JCC elections is late October or beginning of November.

A committee under councillor Hazel Nkosi, chairman of the Soweto Cultural Committee, has been formed to take steps which will lead to the election of the junior council.

Mkhwanazi said the aim of the JCC was to involve the youth of Soweto in local government, to give the youth an opportunity to get acquainted with local government and to start a communication process between the council and the youth.

Invitations would be sent to all secondary schools and youth clubs to nominate possible candidates.

Mkhwanazi said the junior council will not be formed out of any one group (political or otherwise) but will consist of a cross-section of the youth community.

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## COUNCIL'S DENIAL

THE Soweto City Council had "definitely not" suspended all sales of houses in Soweto, the council said in a statement yesterday.

It said there had been a misunderstanding. The council had suspended sales earlier this year but "only on the old stock houses - no new houses were affected".

The council also stated it wished to expedite the sale of new houses and would assist building societies "in every possible way".

"The council will confer immediately with all building societies currently fin-

ancing house loans in Soweto. This is regarded as a matter of urgency.

"The council's executive committee has resolved to abolish form 189 but it will be replaced by a new form as an individual step to protect the rights of registered tenants and dependants in the sale of property.

"There are still matters to be cleared up as the sale of the old stock of houses are concerned. The housing committee under the chairmanship of Mr S Mkhize will release further details in due course." - Sapa.



# Rammala fired

THE Atteridgeville City Council has fired its town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala. This followed the passing a motion of no-confidence in him during a heated and tension-filled special meeting on Wednesday night.

Rammala left the council chambers at exactly 10.30 pm after his services were terminated during a dramatic session where he was accused of having denigrated three councillors whose rent arrears were exposed by the *Sowetan* last week.

Rammala had warned councillors Enoch Sibanyoni, Matthew Mahlangu and Victor Zobane in letter dated August 1, 1989, that unless they paid their arrears within 14 days they would be stripped of their status.

The treasurer, Mr T J Van Strijp, said he wrote the letters and took them to Rammala for his signature.

## Leakage

He added that the leakage of the letters to the Press was being investigated by the police. Councillor E Ntshaba submitted that Rammala should have retracted the letters and accused the town clerk of having denigrated councillors.

Mahlangu, who accused Rammala of having "embarrassed" councillors who owed rent, proposed a motion of no-confidence in the town clerk and asked that he be dismissed forthwith.

After a heated debate and a counter-motion by Councillor H Ntshabeleng, the mayor,

## Council's motion of no confidence

By MONK NKOMO

Mr Vclaphi Mathebula put the matter to a vote.

Seven councillors, including the mayor and Sibanyoni, who is chairman of the management committee voted in favour of the motion.

Four other councillors voted against the motion. Mathebula then closed the matter and refused Rammala the right to comment and instead advised him that although his services had been terminated forthwith, he could remain in the meeting until it was closed.

However, Rammala left the meeting after the four councillors who

voted against the motion objected to the mayor's decision. Van Strijp was then elected acting town clerk.

## Comment

Asked if he was going to challenge his dismissal in court, Rammala said it was still premature to comment.

The council also resolved to temporarily suspend the evictions of rent defaulters in the township.

Mr D Mnguni said officials must first inform councillors before evicting families and "throwing them out in the street."



Atteridgeville councillors passed a vote of no confidence in Solly Rammala after he embarrassed them with disclosures of their rent arrears.

## Women's Day meetings

TWO seminars will be held on Sunday, one in Central Johannesburg and the other in Kaituma township to observe Women's Day.

The Commercial Catering and Allied Workers Union weekend seminar whose theme is "Defeating Capitalism, Racism, Sexism" will be held at the union's offices at 1 Kerk Street.

According to a spokesman for the union, among the topics to be dealt with are the role of women in the struggle, women and the law and discrimination against women.

Speakers will come from Cosatu, Imbeleko, Numsa, Cosatu and AWO. *Sowetan* 11/8/89

Imbeleko will hold a seminar at the Kaituma Art Centre, Phooko Section, according to the organisation's chairperson, Rose Ngwenya.

Services will start at 10am.

At the end of Imbeleko's service at 12, the Community Health Awareness Project (CHAP) will conduct a free health clinic at the same venue. This will be the 11th free health clinic to be conducted by the organisation on the F.R. Rand since January.

## R20 000 prize winner

THOUSANDS of entries for the African Life Homes "Two rooms and a garage" competition were received and the lucky winner is Mr Joseph A Magugumela (47) of Kaituma, near Germiston.

Run in conjunction with *Sowetan*, this exciting competition offered a prize worth R20 000, consisting of an African Life Homes add-on home improvement

Mr Magugumela, a family man, was

delighted with his win and said that the extra accommodation his prize would provide for his family would be greatly appreciated.

"The overwhelming response to the competition has revealed that black home owners are becoming serious about adding extra accommodation onto their existing homes and thus increasing the value," the company's general manager, Mr Guy Leitch, said.

## Treason trial

THE Delmas treason trial involving 12 alleged ANC members has been postponed to next Tuesday. Defence counsel asked for further particulars on the charges and for time to prepare their case.

It is alleged that the men murdered three policemen in Atteridgeville on March 18 last year. *Sowetan* 11/8/89



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# Soweto to receive lion's share of RSC allocation

By Stan Hlophe

The Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (RSC) has set aside R162,8 million for the upgrading of services and projects in 14 councils in the PWV area for this financial year.

Soweto will receive the lion's share of R50,6 million, Diepmeadow (R31,6 million), Alexandra (R24,8 m) and Dobsonville (R6,2 million). The five townships have been allocated a total of R113,2 million.

The balance goes to Davidsonville (R1,5 million), Ennerdale (R14,3 million), — Johannesburg (R14,3 million),

## Council provides 'basic facilities'

Municipal Reporter

The Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council last year provided nearly 97 percent of Soweto's R202 million capital budget, said chairman Mr John Griffiths at last night's meeting.

He said very little would have been provided without the RSC.

Professor Harold Rudolph, independent councillor in Johannesburg, said 86 percent of the RSC budget of about R250 million was spent in black areas, eight percent in white areas and three percent in coloured and Indian areas.

"It is true to say if there is a shortage of facilities in one area, there will be a lack of sleep and peace in others."

According to chief executive Dr John Mortimer, the council's initial aim is to supply basic facilities to ensure health and safety.

Priorities are water services, sewerage, basic roads, refuse removal and electricity. Other goals are the provision of recreational and health facilities.

Lenasia (R4,6 million), Randburg (R2 million), Roodepoort (R6,8 million), Sandton (R2,5 million) and South Western (R3,6 million).

According to Mr J M Griffiths, RSC chairman, the RSC was a mechanism to create a forum where all population groups could meet and decide on the distribution of funds.

The body was formed to help local authorities which have no revenue for development.

"It is a model of consensus. No group takes a decision to the detriment of others. The RSCs are able to provide cultural, recreational, and health facilities at cheaper tariffs to the consumers.

"We provide most funds at non-repayable rates except for electricity, water and sewerage where the local authorities pay back at an interest rate of 10 percent.

"More than 45 percent of the total budget has been allocated to smaller councils. However, every local authority is given the right to apply for funds annually. All the local bodies have at least one representative and maximum of five," he said.

## Computer equipment

Mr Griffiths said in his annual report that his council had recently approved a report on the feasibility of providing computer equipment to enable Soweto, Diepmeadow, Dobsonville, and Alexandra to upgrade the system for the collection of rents.

Projects which are under way in Greater Soweto and Alexandra include: the reconstruction of old Potchefstroom Road, existing roads, storm-water drainage, electrical reticulation, high-mast lighting, service reticulation, repair of meter cubicles, upgrading of hostels, libraries, taxi ranks, purchase of refuse bins, renovating stadiums, golf courses, swimming pools, and wiring of old houses.



# Move to improve housing subsidy

The acute shortage of housing in the townships could improve if the South African Government reviewed its housing subsidy scheme offered to black families, the chief executive officer of the FHA Homes, Mr Brian E Longley, said this week.

The subsidy is offered to first time home buyers whose houses are valued between R40 000 and R65 000. The Government pays the subsidy, an average of R147 a month, for seven years only.

Longley said his organisation, formerly known as the Family Housing Association, a subsidiary company of the Urban Foundation, had set up a commission of inquiry to investigate ways of improving the subsidy scheme.

He said the findings of the commission would be sent to the Government for its recommendations. The FHA hopes to complete the investigations within the next 12 months.

"In the past two years housing sales had dropped because of the ever escalating prices of new houses and the mortgage bonds. If the country's economic situation does not improve in the near future, the purchasing of houses would drop further," said Longley.

He said the FHA was in favour of the families being granted a capital subsidy which could be used to help them pur-

chase their stands. "By doing so, the Government would be helping thousands of homeseekers to buy houses," said Longley.

He said since the subsidy was paid out according to the purchase price of a house, white families always got better subsidies, because they bought houses costing more than R60 000.

Longley said the majority of homeless families were in the low-income group. "These are the people who are most stranded and need help. At least those in the upper and middle-income groups can manage to buy houses in the lower-income group if the going gets tough up there," said Longley.

## Problem

"But what about those families in the lower-income class. Where do they run to?" he asked.

He said the squatting problem in the country will not be eradicated in the many years to come but could be reduced if the FHA recommendations were accepted by the Government.

The FHA was established six years ago to provide housing for the low and middle-income groups in the Transvaal's black townships.

"We buy land from farmers, service it by providing infrastructure, including water, sewerage and electricity facilities.



Brian E Longley, chief FHA executive officer of Homes.

We later sell the stands to other private building construction companies who will put up houses," said Longley.

FHA also builds houses for the lower-income group.

Since its formation, FHA has built 8 000 houses and serviced 28 000 stands in most of the black townships in the Transvaal. Longley said most of their building projects were mainly in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal Triangle area.

He said their stands were priced at R6 000 and R12 000 and their houses were valued at between R15 000 and R34 000.

Longley was appointed to his new position last August. He took over from Mr Matthew Nel, who has been promoted as the managing director of the Urban Foundation's construction division.

# A'ville council suspends town clerk Rammala on full pay

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The Atteridgeville City Council rescinded its decision to fire its town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala and instead suspended him indefinitely with full pay at a special meeting on Monday night.

The council also appointed a three-man commission of inquiry to investigate certain allegations against Rammala. The inquiry, comprising two councillors and a legal advisor, is expected to be held in about a month's time and the prosecutor will be a Mr Deventer, a lawyer attached to the council's new attorneys, Couzyn, Hertzog and Horak. The council's decision to set aside Rammala's dismissal followed his threat on Monday that he would

**By MONK NKOMO**

take court action unless he was reinstated because his dismissal was unlawful.

Mr Ezekiel Tshungu, the deputy mayor, explained to the council that the meeting was held to "legalise" all aspects before Rammala could be dismissed. He added that they had been informed by their legal advisors that Rammala's dismissal last Tuesday was unprocedural.

According to the regulations, a special

meeting should be convened where only the dismissal of the town clerk should be discussed. A number of issues were discussed at last Tuesday's meeting and this meant that Rammala's dismissal was unlawful.

The majority of the councillors also resolved that Rammala should be prohibited from using council facilities including his office and car telephone which is being paid for by the council.

"The last time he was suspended Rammala used the car telephone and the account was in excess of

R700," Tshungu said.

The council also resolved that the acting town clerk, Mr T J van Strijp immediately occupy Rammala's office and bar him from using any of the council facilities.

Tshungu told the council that Rammala, who was recently cleared on 12 counts of irregularities during a disciplinary inquiry chaired by Mr Justice Heimstra, should be given a fair hearing and allowed legal representation during the forthcoming inquiry.

The commission's verdict would be forwarded to the Administrator of the Transvaal for a decision.



THE nondescript Free State township of 42nd Hill, near Harrisburg, looks like many other black areas in South Africa, but its politics are unique.

With a 49 percent poll in last October's municipal election — the highest turnout in the country for the poll — 42nd Hill is probably the only township where councillors enjoy substantial support from their community.

The high turnout came about as a result of months of talks between local activists and the official structures, consultations which have continued even after the election.

Local activist Makhosini Msihi, an executive member of a "progressive" civic body, the Development Committee, said there had been a growing dissatisfaction in the township against councillors as early as 1985.

The residents' grievances centred on overcrowding, shortage of houses, the installation of electricity and sewerage, high rents and service charges, incomplete projects and lack of facilities.

Most of the overcrowded township's 3 000 houses have no electricity or sewerage and only 10 percent are connected to water supplies, with the rest relying on standpipes.

"We felt we should form a civic association comprising students, youth and workers to mobilise residents on the issues," said Msihi. A community organisation called *Vuka Afrika*

# The people's councillors govern on 42nd Hill

The people of 42nd Hill have elected a town council whose members were, until recently, more inclined to fight against the system than within it. PHIL MOLEFE reports on the township that has taken a little power into its own hands

*ka* (Wake up Africa) was formed in 1986 with members drawn from youth and students congresses and workers, he said.

But when the State of Emergency was declared in June 1986 activists were harassed and detained, and the students refused readmission to schools and colleges after their release.

As a result *Vuka Afrika* collapsed at a time when dissatisfaction towards councillors was increasing, with widespread reports that the former town council had borrowed money from the Orange Vaal Development Board for

projects which were not carried out or completed.

When last year's municipal elections were announced, a number of activists held discussions to work out a strategy to oust the old council from office.

"The basic idea was to set up some of our people in the council in order to create a platform," Msihi said.

"The community had had enough of the old council, which had been in office for almost 10 years and it was time to find ways of pushing

them out."

"Much as we reject community councils, it was felt that, as a strategy, the council should be used to address residents' problems," he said.

Msihi said he himself did not stand for election because he was opposed to the system but supported the strategy.

Seven new candidates, who stood as individuals, were voted onto the council, out of eight contested wards. Only one councillor from the old town council, E Maphalala was returned unopposed. Residents have since signed a petition calling for his resignation and re-affirming their support for the new council.

"We needed the platform because everytime we set up a civic structure, the system was out to crush us," Msihi said.

The new council was installed at the end of last year with Johannes Mosikili as mayor.

Mosikili told the *Weekly Mail* that the new council's first task was to check finances, loans and projects undertaken by the old council to justify the community's suspicion that things had not been done properly.

"We discovered that the old council had acquired a loan of R2,9-million from the development board. R1,6-million of this is unaccounted for," said Mosikili.

"The town council decided to suspend payment of loans until we got all documents from the provincial administrator to explain what happened to the money."

Mosikili said the servicing of this debt required more than the total revenue of the town committee, making progress on any other projects impossible.

"We decided to resign as a council as we could not make any progress with the present financial set-up and went back to the community to inform them about our position," he said.

At a mass meeting held early this year, the residents called on the new council not to resign but to set up a consultation with the provincial administrator, local community structures and other outside bodies experienced in handling township matters.

Last May the Development Committee (DC) was formed to act as a "mouthpiece" for residents and was given a mandate to be part of all consultations involving residents' problems.

According to Msihi, the DC and the town council are two different bodies but maintain sound working relations.

Before the DC was formed, Mosikili had proposed in February that residents should form their own civic association, independent of the council, to air the community's grievances.

"I had proposed that residents should form street and block committees and have a civic association which could seek affiliation to a political organisation of their choice," he said.

He said he had twice been visited by security police, who questioned him about his proposed civic association.

He abandoned the idea but later residents nevertheless went ahead and formed the DC.

On August 24, the council held its consultation with the Free State provincial administrator, the Development Committee, the Rural Advice Centre, the African Development Bank and a legal firm from Johannesburg, Webber Wentzel, to discuss on the council's debts and other problems facing 42nd Hill.

The council informed the consultation of its investigation into its predecessor's financial malpractices and the alleged corruption of its town secretary, Johan Randles.

The old council had failed to provide financial statements and Randles had not informed the new council about a banking account with the Permanent Building Society, Mosikili told the *Weekly Mail*.

"When we got into the council we were only told about the council's account with the Volkskas but did not know that the council had another account with the Perm," he said.

Randles, who did not attend the August 24 meeting, resigned from his job the day after the consultation without serving his notice, Mosikili said.

At a public meeting called on September 17, the council told 42nd Hill's residents that it would ask the provincial administrator to produce copies of loan agreements and locate all documentation relating to the R1,6-million debt.

The council would appoint a working group to analyse loan documents and project files and the provincial administrator would undertake to complete and produce annual statements by January next year, residents were told.

It was proposed at the public meeting that the council should undertake to pass its budget provisionally and not to resign for the present.

The meeting further proposed that the Development Committee should undertake to encourage the community to support the council and pay rents and service charges.

The residents were told that the August 24 consultation would hold a review meeting in January 1990.





Soweto Deputy Mayor Esther Mkhabela adorns Planning and Development Minister Hernus Kriel with a ceremonial zebra skin. Picture: BRIAN HENDLER

## Residents must pay — Kriel

THEO RAWANA

THE Soweto City Council should get payment from residents for services it supplied if it wanted to operate as a viable local government, new Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel said yesterday.

The Minister, accompanied by Deputy Minister Andre Fourie and Transvaal Provincial Administrator Dante Hough, paid a courtesy visit to Soweto with a view to familiarising himself with the situation there.

Kriel acknowledged that Soweto had fallen behind in development, financial ability and other matters. It was also a fact that some of the people of Soweto could not afford to pay in full for municipal services.

But he added: "There are, however, large numbers of residents who are in a financial position to pay, but they fail to do so for various reasons."

"Having said this, it is my view that a solution must be found along the lines that those who can afford it, pay their full dues, while those who cannot, will at least pay as much as may be reasonably expected from them."

He said while the central and provincial governments were prepared to assist local governments as far as possible, "we cannot condone failure to take the necessary responsible steps. Councils should bear this in mind when they approach provincial administrations to waive outstanding debts."

### Courageous

The Soweto council will have to decide whether it really wants to stay in business. If the answer is 'yes', the council will have to be courageous enough to take a decision to recover some or all of the moneys owing to it," he said.

Kriel was taken on a short tour of the township complex, visiting such places as the Mshenguville squatter area, Orlando East sub-economic township, Chicken Farm squatter area, Protea South up-market suburb, Jabavu Clinic and Zurbekom, which the council wants included into Soweto.

## Incorporation of Soweto 'not acceptable'

EDYTH BURRING

REINCORPORATION of Soweto into Johannesburg would present enormous problems and was not likely to be acceptable to that city's municipal electorate, Johannesburg CBD Association chairman Nigel Mandy said yesterday.

Speaking at the Transvaal Municipal Association's congress, Mandy examined the problems of urbanisation and the unequal resources existing between the white municipalities and black local authorities.

Soweto had no assessment rates and incurred a loss on electricity sales, so it was not paying its way, Mandy said.

However, a transfer of part of Johannesburg's existing revenues to Soweto was not an option.

Transferring some industrial townships to black local authorities would avoid the issue and would introduce administrative inefficiencies to which businessmen would object.

Independent municipal status was meaningless when facilities and resources were so vastly unequal, Mandy said.

### Accelerated

The interests in the metropolitan areas were so intertwined that no local authority could enjoy full autonomy. All interested parties shared problems such as the allocation of land uses, transport and the creation of employment opportunities.

By the year 2000 the total SA population would have accelerated to nearly 50 million. The rapid population increase would overwhelmingly occur in the vicinity of the established cities and towns of "white SA", not in the new decentralisation points.

Municipal revenues derived from business activities were frequently skewed in favour of those areas where the jobs were situated.

Although the RSC's were providing much needed services, problems remaining were the cost of normal operation of non-white municipal areas, the provision of sub-economic housing and how to handle the ever-mounting subsidies for transporting poor commuters long distances to work places.

Best prospects for a solution would therefore appear to lie in an expansion of the role and functions of the RSC to create a two-tier form of metropolitan government on a federal model, with the separate interests of the constituent municipalities taken into account, Mandy said.



# Soweto - city of the future

By Norman Chandler,  
Pretoria Bureau

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Committee, consisting of representatives from parastatals, private enterprise, and provincial and government bodies.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has earmarked Soweto as the city of the future.

Massive amounts of money are being spent on the city, Transvaal Administrator Mr Danie Hough said in a statement released in Pretoria yesterday.

Spearheading the effort to "solve the problems of Soweto" was a new organisation, the Soweto Policy Co-ordinating

## PARTICIPATION

Mr Hough said one of the objectives of the committee was to get public participation and resources involved in the development of the giant city.

If all went according to plan it "could well result in Soweto becoming the city of the future", he said.

## Attorneys sue The Citizen for defamation

Own Correspondent

DURBAN — Two Durban attorneys brought a defamation application against The Citizen in the Durban Supreme Court yesterday, following a report published in 1987.

Leslie Marcus Closenburg and Charles David Paul, practising attorneys in Durban, sought an admission from The Citizen, saying the report published on September 30, 1987, under the headline "SAP asked to hold lawyers' passports" was defamatory. *bidm 7/7/87*

The report stated police had been asked by the Natal Law Society to seize the passports of the men and their former partner, Peter Helman, following the alleged disappearance of more than R1m from the account of the Caister Lodge Luxury Retirement Development Complex in Berea, Durban.

Closenburg and Paul claimed the report meant and was understood to mean that they had been guilty of criminal conduct, more particularly to the theft of large sums of money. They also claimed police had been furnished with information which suggested they had been parties to criminal conduct. Each claimed damages of R20 000, legal costs and alternative relief.

The Citizen 1978 (Pty) Ltd and Die Perskorporasie van Suid Afrika Beperk opposed the application, denying they had defamed the attorneys. The newspaper claimed they had the right to inform the public of the facts in the report.

The hearing continues today.



## Hough calls it city of the future

By Winnie Graham

Plans have been set in motion to turn Greater Soweto into a major metropolis.

The Witwatersrand Central Regional Services Council (WCRSC) is spending hundreds of millions of rands in an all-out bid to upgrade the three cities of Soweto, Diepsmeadow and Dobsonville which form part of Greater Soweto.

The Transvaal Administrator, Mr Dannie Hough, has described the area as "the city of the future".

He said a new organisation, the Soweto Policy Co-ordinating Committee consisting of representatives from the parastatals, private enterprise, the provincial and Government bodies, was working to get public participation and resources for the development of the giant city.

The Soweto City Council has earmarked the vacant land adjacent to its Civic Centre as the central business district where shops, malls and highrise buildings will provide residents with elegant new facilities. Upmarket residential housing is already available and the council is negotiating for industrial land.

Dr John Mortimer, chief executive of the WCRSC, believes the face of Greater Soweto will undergo a dramatic change as it sheds its "dormitory" status and the three cities start developing a new look.

He said the three local councils had commissioned in-depth urban studies to determine the shortcomings of their cities and would present their vision for the future once they had received the eagerly-awaited re-

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# to benefit from major improvements

ports.

Dr Mortimer said at the year ending in June 1989, R354 million had been committed to upgrading "internal reticulation" in the three black cities.

The supply of potable water, he added, was regarded as a top priority with access to an upgraded waterborne sewage system and better road and storm-

water facilities next in line for improvement.

Improved electrical, recreational and cultural facilities would follow later.

"In 1989/90 the CWRSC will have an annual income of R160 million — or nearly R14 million a month — of which 85 percent will be spent on upgrading the black cities," he

said. "It is the policy of the RSC to upgrade under-developed towns, regardless of whether they are white or black."

A total of R152 million had already been allocated on improving water supplies and more had to be done. Expansion plans included the provision of "primary" water supplies, such as the erection of reservoirs and main

pipelines.

The RSC, Dr Mortimer added, had commissioned a study to identify problem areas in the sewage system because it wanted to determine whether the problem was "a lack of maintenance or a lack of capacity."

The study had shown that although there were capacity problems in some places, block-

ages were also causes of overflowing sewers in parts of Greater Soweto.

In Orlando East there were numerous illegal structures on the 3 000 stands.

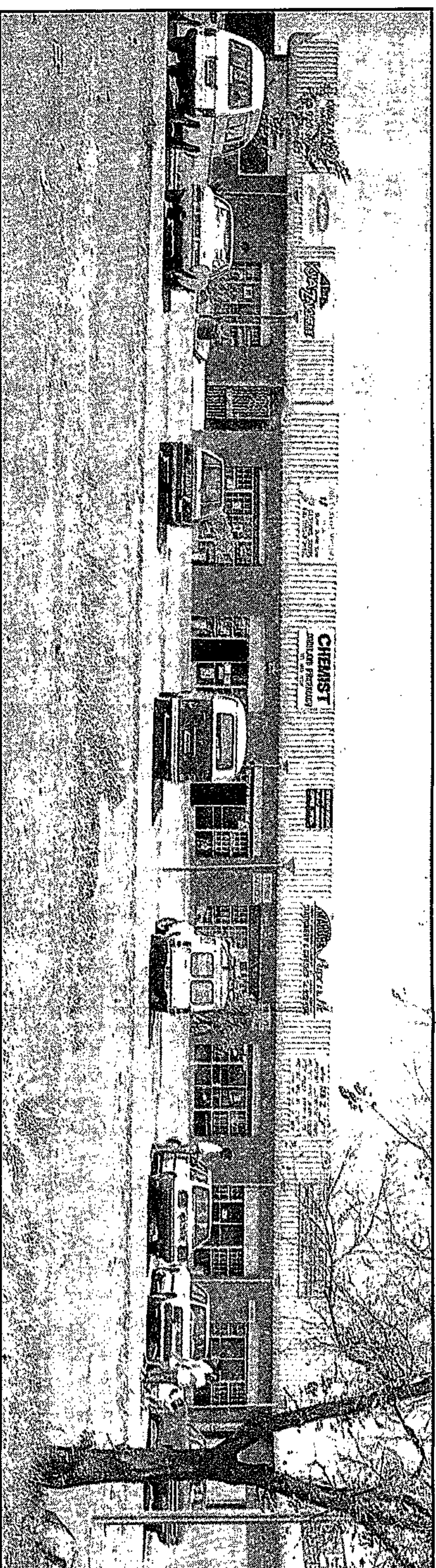
"The RSC has just approved the purchase of new vehicles at an estimated value R1,8 million," he said. "Often maintenance crews have been unable

to reach problem areas simply because the crews had no transport."

One of the proposed improvements in Soweto was the upgrading of the single-sex hostels. They were to be transformed into family housing units with the aid of the South African Housing Trust.

Dr Mortimer said the R had agreed to donate R9,2 million to provide infrastructure for the conversion of the Du hostel which would be converted into about 1 300 townhouses providing homes for an estimated 6 500 people.

"In time, all the hostels will be converted into attractive homes," he said.



The shape of things to come . . . One of Soweto's new shopping centres. ● Pictures by Peter Mogaki.



# Residents upset by <sup>(343)</sup> water <sup>21/9/89</sup> cut-offs

By Stan Hlophe

Residents of Thokoza Gardens near Alberton are angry with the town council which, they claim, frequently cut off their water without notice.

In a letter to The Star, residents of the elite township said they had been without water for the past two weeks.

## Residents say:

"The authorities out here have a nasty habit of cutting off water without any explanation to the community. As we write this letter, it is now two weeks we have been without water.

"The houses we stay in are built with baths and toilets inside. Heaven knows what we go through without water. For us to cook, our families have to walk about 2 km to the factories to get water, only to be hassled by the security people at the gates.

"What bothers us is that our township is on the border of Brackenhurst and a coloured area known as Edenpark. These places are never affected in any way.

"We are also rate-payers like residents of these suburbs. Why are we penalised? Is it because we are blacks living in a conservative municipality who decides and knows people's needs better than the residents? We also have to drink, cook and water our gardens like our white and coloured neighbours."

## Council says:

Mr F A Masondo, chairman of the Thokoza council management committee, says: "This is an exaggeration because water was cut for only two days. The cause was the bursting of two main pipes which supply Thokoza and Katlehong following road construction in the area.

"The pipe has since been repaired and water was restored last Friday. The council was also without water and had to ask the Transvaal Provincial Administration to provide us with water tankers. There is nothing to worry about any



# Large amounts voted by RSC for Soweto projects and repairs

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By Shirley Woodgate,  
Municipal Reporter

About 60 percent of the security and street lights in Diepmeadow are not working because of defective photocells and over 40 percent of the poles and fittings have been damaged through vandalism or traffic accidents.

This was revealed in a report to the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) last night.

About R2,2 million was needed to repair all the damaged lights, said chairman Mr John Griffiths, after R1,1 million was voted for repairs.

Soweto plans to build three new public swimming pools to augment its present four, and the CWRSC voted R500 000 towards the construction of one in Pinville.

The CWRSC unanimously approved R1 million towards a R3 million art centre for the Motolo Art School in Soweto.

An amount of R154 000 was allocated for the upgrading of roads and pathways at the Johannesburg Zoo and the irrigation system at the zoo farm.

A request by the Randburg Town Council for R100 000 for the completion of Bond Street was unanimously approved.

The balance of voting power in the CWRSC, determined by the amount spent on bulk services by the 11 participating members, has shifted since the inception of the regional body

two years ago.

While the number of representatives has remained constant, Soweto, where expenditure on water, electricity and sewage purification has increased to about R83 million, now holds 17,27 percent of the votes.

Johannesburg, which spends R194 million on services, still carries most weight with 40,28 percent of the voting power, followed by Roodepoort with 15,34 percent.

## Proclamation red tape a big obstacle

# Bold joint venture to boost housing

By Norman Chandler,  
Pretoria Bureau

A bold new plan to cut through the red tape which is strangling efforts to beat South Africa's housing crisis is being developed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The Southern African Development Bank, the private sector, regional services councils and economic development boards are working with the TPA to put together an urban development support programme (UDSP).

Mr Andre Cornelissen, director-general of the TPA, told a black township development conference at Broederstroom yesterday that the UDSP was "equal to the best such programmes in the world".

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By Norman Chandler,  
Pretoria Bureau

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# Grenade blast in Duduza kills youth

By PHIL MOLEFE

DUDUZA township, near Nigel, was rocked this week by a loud, devastating bang when a man was blown to pieces by a hand-grenade.

Solomon Kgopi Rakosa died instantly on Wednesday night after the grenade exploded in his hands.

His mutilated body was found in a pool of blood 50m from his home

According to his sister, Wilheminah, 25, the incident took place at 10.20pm shortly after Rakosa had left their parents' home with a friend, Ben Tlatse.

"Ben arrived at about 9pm looking for my brother. They sat together chatting in the dining room and left shortly after 10pm," she said.

Ben was carrying a blue and white bag and acted suspiciously, Wilheminah said. However, no one "took the matter seriously" as the two were very close and were active members of the local youth congress.

Wilheminah said her family was surprised Ben had not come back to tell them what happened to her brother.

Rakosa, a former member of the banned Congress of South African Students (Cosas), was detained briefly when the State of Emergency was declared on June 12 1986. He was a matric pupil at MO Seboni High School in Duduza.

The South African Police public relations division in Pretoria said arrests have been made but it was unknown at this stage what kind of device or explosive was used.



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## BUSINESS

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration's ultimatum this week to the Soweto and Lekoa town councils to get their financial houses in order appears to be a desperation measure.

It may also illuminate some of the factors which led it to enter negotiations last month with the Soweto People's Delegation over the future of the giant township, no doubt in the hope that the talks would bring some resolution to the four-year boycott of rent and service charge payments.

The TPA's bridging loans to black local authorities totalled nearly R890-million, Olaus van Zyl, member of executive committee for local government, said this week.

"For various reasons it is no longer feasible to continue rendering that form of aid," he said.

Provincial officials are said to have admitted to the SPD last month that the administration had run out of bridging finance. And this week Van Zyl publicly admitted it: in a memorandum he said funds were no longer available to provide bridging loans to local authorities.

"The situation developed where the TPA could, at the end of October, only assist local authorities to pay the salaries of their staff," he said.

If the councils failed to settle their accounts with bulk suppliers of services (such as Eskom or the Rand Water Board), this would inevitably lead to the suppliers "terminating" the services.

And he referred implicitly to the negotiations with the SPD, which demanded that arrears resulting from the boycott be written off. Van Zyl clarified the TPA's position: it was prepared to negotiate about part of this debt but "any remission of debt must be accompanied by a *quid pro quo* from the council and the residents".

The boycott of rents and service charges has caused township city councils to run up massive arrears. While payments by residents cover, on average, 70 to 80 percent of expenditure in the country as a whole, the figure for Lekoa, the complex of townships in the Vaal Triangle, and Soweto is between 20 and 30 percent. Soweto is estimated to be losing between R5-million and R7-million a month on electricity alone, depending on the season.

Van Zyl said this week the Soweto City Council had failed to collect "outstanding debts and rent and service levies" of almost R279-million. The council "completely ignored" tariff increases this year by Eskom and

# Province says it won't foot the bill for PWV townships

**The Transvaal Provincial Administration has run out of money to keep the crisis-ridden township councils afloat. Now it has threatened action against Soweto and Lekoa. HILARY JOFFE reports**

the Rand Water Board and this has resulted in a R3,3-million loss.

"The residents will eventually have to make up these losses, which will probably cause an excessive increase on their monthly accounts." He said estimated operating losses on consumer accounts for the past financial year totalled R20-million.

The administrator of the Transvaal has served notice on the town clerk, mayor and councillors of both Soweto and Lekoa.

He has charged the Soweto council with rendering poor services to the community, failing to act against residents who do not pay their municipal accounts, failing to collect debts and rent and service levies, failing to sell houses to the community and failure to observe its financial regulations.

Van Zyl said the Transvaal administrator believed the Soweto council's actions — or lack thereof — had led "to the deterioration of the rendering of services to the community of Soweto to such an extent that the community is suffering as a result".

Van Zyl said if the Soweto council did not submit representations which satisfied the administrator within 60 days, he might give final instructions with target dates to the council. If the council failed to obey these, the administrator could take steps to rectify the council's actions or authorise "another person or body" to take steps on behalf of the council.

It's not clear whether this is significant in the light of negotiations taking place between Eskom and various organisations, particularly the Soweto People's Delegation. Eskom plans to set up a private company, with community support, which would take over the supply of electricity from the Soweto council. In terms of the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982 the council is the only body authorised to

## Survey reveals 2 million live in Greater Soweto

IT's official — Soweto's population is two million.

The latest figure, given by the Transvaal Provincial Administration this week in a fact sheet on the township, contrasts with previous official figures — such as the 1,2-million and the 1,5-million given by then Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Chris Heunis at different times last year.

The fact sheet also reveals the official housing backlog is 31 995 and there are about 40 509 shacks in Soweto — but that there are only 12 762 building sites available in Greater Soweto.

It refers to "excellent progress" with the upgrading of existing houses, financed mostly by the private sectors, with alterations and additions to more than 3 600 houses in Greater Soweto underway at a cost of R30-million.

From 1980 to 1989, 9 238 new houses have been built, and 150 building plans at a cost of R4,6-million had been approved by September 1989.

According to the TPA, R103-million has been spent on upgrading Soweto's essential services — including such projects as bus stations, bridges, roads, stormwater drainage and water pipe-lines.

supply electricity in the township. Councillors have been resisting giving up this function because it would narrow their power base.

The administrator's ultimatum this week to the Lekoa councillors differed from the Soweto one in that TPA threatened to dismiss the councillors or dissolve the council altogether if it should fail to observe province's instructions.

Van Zyl said since last year's municipal elections four different executive committees had been elected in



Chris Heunis

And R181,7-million has been spent on electrifying Soweto.

The TPA says Soweto has about 3 000 shebeens, 1 227 trading sites, 10 banks and building societies, 11 bottle stores and two industrial parks.

Lekoa, the municipality which covers the Vaal Triangle townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong, Bophelong, Zamdela and Refengkgotso, accommodates about 650 000 residents.

The central business district in Sebokeng has a supermarket and bank and building society agencies.

Lekoa, with meetings taking place in a "hostile atmosphere, hindering proper decision-making and, as a result, the community suffers". He said the TPA had to act against the council because of the extent to which its financial situation had deteriorated.

"Power struggles and changes of power seem to be in the order of the day in the city council of Lekoa, to such an extent that important work that would have benefited the residents do not receive the necessary attention."

The administrator has ordered the Lekoa council to collect monthly levies and outstanding debts, to act to determine tariffs and institute proper budgeting and budgetary control, to complete its financial statements and to hold orderly meetings.

Van Zyl said the Lekoa council had asked for a total of R31-million in bridging loans this year but the TPA had only agreed to give R20-million "essential assistance to enable the city council to survive financially".

The TPA is clearly trying to hold the crisis-ridden black local authority system together — and it is also acknowledging the crisis as never before.

In a memorandum issued this week Van Zyl stressed the importance of "sound local government" and referred to the "democratic tradition" in which the 1988 municipal elections took place — although he also referred to the "unrealistic expectations" councillors had raised with elector promises of lower tariffs.

"The present elected councillors are recognised by the TPA as the only official representatives of the communities concerned in so far as local government is concerned," he said, but added that the TPA was prepared to negotiate with "other groups in the communities which may be able to play an important part".

And Van Zyl went some way to admitting a point which has been stressed by both the SPD and the Development Bank of South Africa in a recent report — that the financial crisis of the black local authorities arises from their very narrow revenue base, and that, in turn, is a legacy of apartheid geography.

Township residents can't afford services and the councils can't raise revenue from commerce and industry — where township residents work — as the white cities do.

Said Van Zyl: "It is accepted that the policies of the past contributed to the fact that black communities were adversely affected and that conditions ... leave much to be desired." He referred to "a poor economic base for, among other things, the reason that local authorities have few or no industries within their municipalities". He also admitted many residents could not afford to pay for services.

However, he stressed it was policy that township residents must pay for services — but people who could not afford to do so should be "accorded humane treatment".

# Mums in striptease protest

## Police petrified by action

BY JAPIE MOKWEO

**HOMELESS** Tembisa women this week took off their clothes and invited senior police officers to arrest them.

The local head of the SAP raid unit, a Captain Theron, turned pale and could not believe his eyes, witnesses said.

The incident took place near Oakmoor station where homeless families have been staying in the open since their shacks were demolished on October 2 by town council police, the SAP and the South African Defence Force.

As the police went to tell the families to move away from the area or face arrest, they were faced with an unexpected response.

A 54-year-old mother of nine, Doris Moema, told *City Press* the police arrived in the morning and told the squatters to vacate the area.

"We told them we were not moving an inch as we had nowhere to stay. Things got out of hand when the police started beating us with batons when we refused to be loaded into vans.

"One woman was grabbed by a policeman who dragged her towards a van. She pulled herself loose and started undressing.

"She was completely naked but police still hauled her into a van. Then we all took off our dresses and demanded to be arrested.

"The police were petrified. After some time the arrested woman was al-

lowed to join us and the police drove off," she said.

Adjutant Pieter Nel confirmed the striptease had taken place.

He denied that anyone was arrested or baton-charged by the police.

"They were told to move from the area. There was no reason for them to strip naked," said Nel.

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# Homes plan could cut backlog by 33 percent

By Michael Chester

The Urban Foundation estimates that no fewer than 264 000 black families would now have their first chance to buy homes of their own as a result of its new R1 billion black housing drive. *Stew 6/10/89*

This represents about 33 per cent of a current black housing backlog of 800 000 that had threatened to grow to 2 million homes by the year 2010.

Banks and building societies have intimated they are prepared to boost the R1 billion package of new home loans to as high as R3 billion as the scheme gathers momentum.

But the Urban Foundation (UF) and associates behind the scheme have underscored that government action to remove the Group Areas Act will be crucial to the ultimate success of the housing drive.

## ENOUGH LAND

Mr Matthew Nell, managing director of the UF residential development and construction division, calculated that there was enough land available for new building operations in the metropolitan areas to meet the scheme's needs for the next three to four years.

Beyond that, he said, it was vital that all inhibitions and restrictions such as the Group Areas Act were dismantled.

At the launch of the scheme, Dr Nthato Motlana, chairman of the Soweto Civic Association, said that overseas backers of the initiative, including the British, German and Swiss governments, should insist on the scrapping of the Group Areas Act as a strict condition of their cash contributions.

British Ambassador Sir Robin Renwick also launched an oblique attack on group areas legislation. Britain had launched a number of projects to help black South Africans that were all aimed at trying to undo the effects of such legislation as the Group Areas Act, the Bantu education laws and land laws in general, he said.

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# Ambitious plan to 343 revitalise Soweto 4/16/83 8/11/83

The Argus  
Correspondent

PRETORIA. — A plan to revitalise Soweto financially and socially has been described in a major report released by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA).

Author of the report, Dr Simon Brand, chief executive of the Development Bank of Southern Africa, said yesterday that Soweto's financial problems were "not hopeless" although they were certainly difficult.

He said that if the financial plan he devised was acceptable, the existing R94,1-million deficit could be translated into a surplus of R40,4-million by 1992-93, rising to R116,5-million the next financial year.

## TARGETS

The report sets out guidelines and makes recommendations on how to "improve the direction of revenues by addressing the rent boycott, and to see what can be done in the interim to help Soweto. The report does not set any unrealistic targets".

In tabling the document at a Press conference Mr Brand said: "The Soweto council, the TPA and other authorities should agree on a systematic plan for the next few years to recover revenue, in terms of which a further agreement on planned levels of expenditure can be decided upon.

"The plan would include standards for the provision of services, and would be a more orderly process of budgetary systems."



# SOWETO

## The Simon Brand Report

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration released a report this week which, if accepted and implemented by the Soweto City Council, could help to enhance Soweto both socially and financially. This report comes barely a week after the TPA gave the Soweto City Council until December 31, to "get its house in order".

The Simon Brand Report, as the plan came to be known, generated a lot of interest on how the finances and economy of Soweto could be revitalised. Today City Press publishes an edited version of the report.

THE PWV area has the highest level of income a head in South Africa and comprises the industrial heart of the country.

Soweto lies adjacent to the country's major city, Johannesburg, which presents Soweto with economic and financial opportunities to job seekers.

Any development strategy for Soweto must therefore take into account the potential and possibilities afforded to it by the economic base of the sub-region, as well as the potential for developing its own internal economic base.

The long-term goal of such a development strategy for Soweto must therefore form an economic point of view as a dynamic, growing satellite city of Johannesburg - with an appropriate range of internal services, employment opportunities and improved functioning of internal markets.

Soweto suffers severely from low levels of services, compared to the more developed cities and towns that surround it.

### SERVICES

The health care services are inadequate and lack facilities and staff. Welfare services and the care of the aged are hampered by lack of funds.

Education services show large backlogs of waiting children and have been seriously set back by the upheavals of the past decade.

This state of affairs can, to a large degree, be ascribed to:

- The absence of a clear and coherent view of the economic future of Soweto;
  - The inadequate and eroded financial base of the Soweto City Council in relation to the responsibilities it must carry out; and,
  - Certain weaknesses in the institutional arrangements that are in place.
- Soweto residents need income-earning opportunities. This will improve the capacity of households to satisfy their own needs.
- An assured and adequate revenue base for local authority and other public sector functions.
  - More efficient and effective local administration and urban management.
  - An innovative, open-ended plan-

ning process and a systematic development policy which includes physical elements such as an urban development plan, a health-care master plan and a land-use master plan.

The increasing numbers of wage earners with rising wages and higher income levels among a small percentage of Sowetans, has produced significant internal markets.

Most prominent among these are building, home improvements, household equipment, general retail, transport, leisure and entertainment.

### MARKET

To capture this market it is not necessary for all the activities in which Sowetans earn their incomes to be moved to Soweto.

Incorporating nearby industrial and retail areas into Soweto, could in the long term, strengthen the revenue base of the SCC.

Soweto is a stable community in terms of the length of residence and occupation of dwellings.

Vast educational needs still exist, but the residents are among the best educated and trained black people in southern Africa.

From the interim report of the working group, it is clear Soweto's present financial system does not allow the SCC to repay capital servicing commitments, maintain essential services and further develop the economic and social infrastructure of Soweto.

Structural shortcomings in the financial base were made worse in recent years by the rent boycott, which strained the SCC's financial capacity.

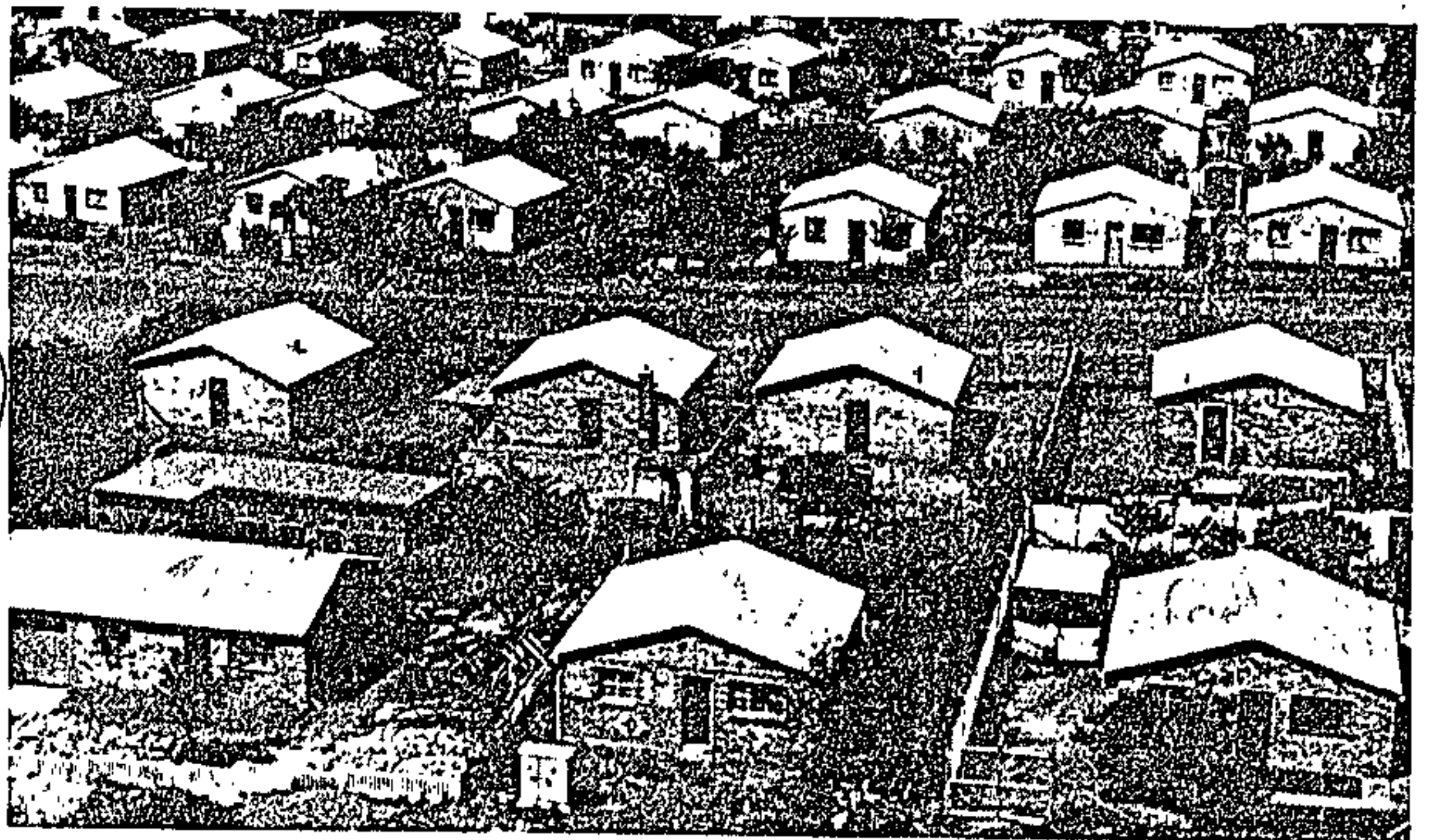
The Transvaal Provincial Administration advanced R142 million in bridging finance to the SCC to September 1987.

It is now necessary to devise a new financial framework so the SCC can meet its responsibilities on a long-term basis.

First, measures must be to restore the flow of revenue from the SCC by ending the rent boycott.

Second, rates and charges levied on the existing revenue base must be brought in line with the cost of providing the relevant services.

To reduce reliance on external assistance, the SCC must take care to keep expenditure at a minimum by providing services at affordable levels.



Soweto, the giant black township situated a short distance from the country's biggest city, has this view of the countryside from one of the suburbs serviced by the Soweto City Council which the TPA warned to get itself financially viable by the end of the year and issued a report on how and why this should be so. On the right, a group of shoppers enjoy a morning shopping spree at one of the many supermarkets and stores springing up at strategic spots around greater Soweto.



## Report recommends long-term strategy for future growth

THE Simon Brand Report has recommended a long-term development strategy to make Soweto a dynamic satellite city of Johannesburg.

According to the report Soweto must have an appropriate range of internal services and employment opportunities, while markets must be strengthened.

The following recommendations have been made:

That industrial development should focus on smaller industrial firms aimed at the local market.

New infrastructure must be developed for larger industries.

An industrial incentive for Soweto must be investigated.

The housing market in Soweto must be normalised by speeding up

private ownership.

More lenient conditions of sale must be provided.

Active support must be given to local entrepreneurs involved in the home improvement market.

That development of all property and commercial development normally found in a city with the population and income spectrum of Soweto be encouraged by addressing the non-commercial risks that discourage investment.

That further deregulation and diversification of transport in Soweto be pursued, to enable Soweto residents to continue working in Johannesburg and adjacent towns.

That a co-ordinated approach to physical planning be introduced and

carried through:

■ Subject to suitable standards of services being determined in consultation with the community using contractors wherever possible.

That the provision of social amenities should be based on:

■ A clear demarcation of the responsibilities of Soweto City Council vis-a-vis other levels of government, and the private sector.

It is also recommended that:

- A distinction be drawn between that part of the accumulated bridging finance received by the SCC from the TPA which can be attributed to arrears on payment of recoverable service charges, and that part which can be attributed to weaknesses in the institutional and financial structures of the SCC.



# Housing backlog

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Billions of rand needed



John Mavuso

By SOPHIE TEMA

AN ESTIMATED R10-billion will be needed to erect lower-income houses and R8,2-million to obtain land and provide serviced sites for blacks presently living in squatter structures, according to John Mavuso, MEC for housing and community development.

The backlog in the provision of housing for blacks in South Africa is believed to be between 1,4 million and two million units.

Mavuso told the Corporate Business Responsibility conference the era had passed in which only the familiar "matchbox" houses were erected by government – which was responsible for the provision of black housing.

He said present government policy was to establish a free market system in housing for all, and the policy implied that sufficient land and services should be made available for development.

Mavuso said building societies were not very keen to grant home loans for amounts of less than R20 000, which put bonds beyond the reach of lower income groups.

The Urban Foundation and the Society of Financial Institutions say individual loans can be granted to suitable applicants for an amount as low as R12 500.

At the present mortgage interest rate of 20 percent a year over 30 years a monthly instalment of nearly R210 will be required – meaning a loan of R12 500 can only be afforded by applicants with a minimum income of R840 a month.

Mavuso said that according to a scientific survey accepted by the committee of ministers involved with housing, 91,8 percent of blacks earned less than R800 a month.

These figures implied that only 10 percent could be granted housing loans by financial institutions.

The SA Housing Trust requires a monthly income of R600 a month

before considering an application, and according to the same survey 83,5 percent of blacks earn less than R600 a month.

It therefore appears that by far the largest portion of the black population cannot be granted housing loans by either financial institutions or SAHT.



# Decay worsens in bankrupt Soweto

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Soweto is bankrupt and dependent on government handouts to keep its diminishing infrastructure from sliding at a faster pace, says the Democratic Party leader in the Johannesburg City Council, Mr Ian Davidson.

He said yesterday there is evidence everywhere in Soweto of structural decay. Civic government has broken down completely and this decay is reflected in the state of services provided in the sprawling township.

The level of services provided constitute a hazard to the physical, mental and social health of the community.

Refuse removal, supposedly collected twice a week, is scattered and piled on roadsides. Most secondary and tertiary roads can hardly be called roads at all and the electrification programme had ground to a halt, Mr

Davidson said.

Water reticulation was inadequate and sewerage reticulation suffered frequent blockages.

Mr Davidson said the Soweto City Council did not have adequate funds to rectify the serious situation.

Soweto's 1988/89 budgeted deficit of R60 million was a fictitious figure based on the false assumption that rentals and service charges would be collected. He said a figure closer to R160m was more accurate.

Added to this, he said, were total arrears of at least R200m — a loss covered by "bridging finance" and R440m outstanding loans from the Development Bank and the US government for electrification and upgrading of certain services. Soweto then had a debit level in excess of R800m.

Mr Davidson said it was true the rent boycott was an integral part of both the problem and solution to the crisis facing Soweto.

However, it was interesting to note Central Witwatersrand RSC

chairman Mr Gerrit Bornman's observation that even if Soweto was able to collect all its rentals and service charges, it would still not become economically viable.

The first step in solving the problem was recognising that Soweto is an inextricable part of Johannesburg.

Sowetans spent between R750m and R1,4bn in Johannesburg each year, a figure the Development Bank indicated was a very high leakage from the Soweto economy.

Soweto's buying and labour power contributed significantly to the development of Johannesburg's commercial and industrial areas.

He said at least 400 000 Sowetans worked in Johannesburg, earning over R2bn a year in 1987, according to an estimate by Central Statistical Services.

"We have to tear down our own Berlin Wall. The present situation cannot carry on, not only for Soweto's sake, but for Johannesburg's sake," he said.

# 6 hurt as Ermelo violence erupts

PRETORIA. Six policemen were injured, a mayor's home badly damaged in a petrol-bomb attack and five people arrested when violence broke out in Wesselton township near Ermelo yesterday, police reported.

The violence erupted when police tried to halt a march to Ermelo by about 10 000 people who were protesting charges against 88 residents for electricity arrears.

The 88 residents were to appear in the Ermelo Magistrate's Court this week.

Police said the march was staged in contravention of an undertaking given by the organisers, the Wesselton Action Committee, on Tuesday. They had been informed during talks that the march would be illegal.

In Wesselton, while other people marched to Ermelo, a mob attacked municipal offices and the mayor's house. The mayor's home was badly damaged when one of two petrol bombs tossed at it exploded. Six people were hurt when police fired on a mob to disperse them. Five people were arrested.

Another 397 people were arrested outside the Ermelo Magistrate's Court after police called in the defence force.

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## BUSINESS

# Soweto people negotiate over power — and end the boycott

ESKOM and the Soweto People's Delegation are in the advanced stages of a negotiation process which could see an end to the four-year boycott of electricity bills and an upgrading of the township's electrical service.

If negotiations succeed, a new independent company established by Eskom with community participation and support would take over the supply of electricity from the Soweto City Council — if the council agreed to grant it the rights of supply.

A permanent consumer structure and direct representation to give consumers a say in the quality and cost of their electricity supply would be part of the deal. In the interim, a phase is envisaged whereby the service would be restored while a suitable permanent supply authority is organised.

Consumers are also expected to have an input in this phase.

A technical committee comprising SPD and Eskom Soweto Project representatives has been meeting regularly since August, following talks between senior Eskom officials, including chief executive Jan Macrae, and an SPD delegation which included leaders such as Reverend Frank Chikane, National Union of Mineworkers general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa and Fedtraw president Albertina Sisulu. This round of talks has now ended and the SPD is considering Eskom's proposals.

Eskom has set up a subsidiary, Econolec, as the interim vehicle to establish the new system. For the project to be established, Econolec has to negotiate with many community groups and leaders and the city council. But the company has made it clear that it views the SPD as representing the interests of a broad sector of the community and, among others, an important negotiating partner in establishing a new electricity supply service.

An Eskom spokesman says they estimate R100-million will have to be invested over a two-year period to upgrade Soweto's electricity infrastructure and the administrative support system, in addition to the R25-million a year which the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council has committed to capital maintenance and upgrading of the system.

It is intended that the additional funds would come from the Development Bank of South Africa as "soft" (low interest) loans, on a "subordinated" basis — in other words, interest has to be paid only

**There's a bright light on Soweto's horizon — Eskom and the city's representatives are negotiating a deal to improve the electricity supply. By HILARY JOFFE and ELAINE COSSER**

once the company starts making operating profits.

Eskom projections put the company as breaking even only after 10 years, since it will take seven years to cover the debts incurred in the first three years.

Soweto is South Africa's fifth largest domestic user of electricity, with 125 000 supply points — so that the vast majority of formal households are electrified. But electricity in the township is costly and subject to frequent blackouts.

In a position paper presented to Eskom earlier this year, the SPD outlined a series of criteria which would have to be met by the new scheme for it to gain the support of Soweto residents. These included:

- Non-racialism
- Exclusion of the Greater Soweto local authorities
- Efficient supply of electricity
- Establishment of a new entity
- Non-profit basis
- Grant finance
- Arrears must be written off
- New tariff structure.

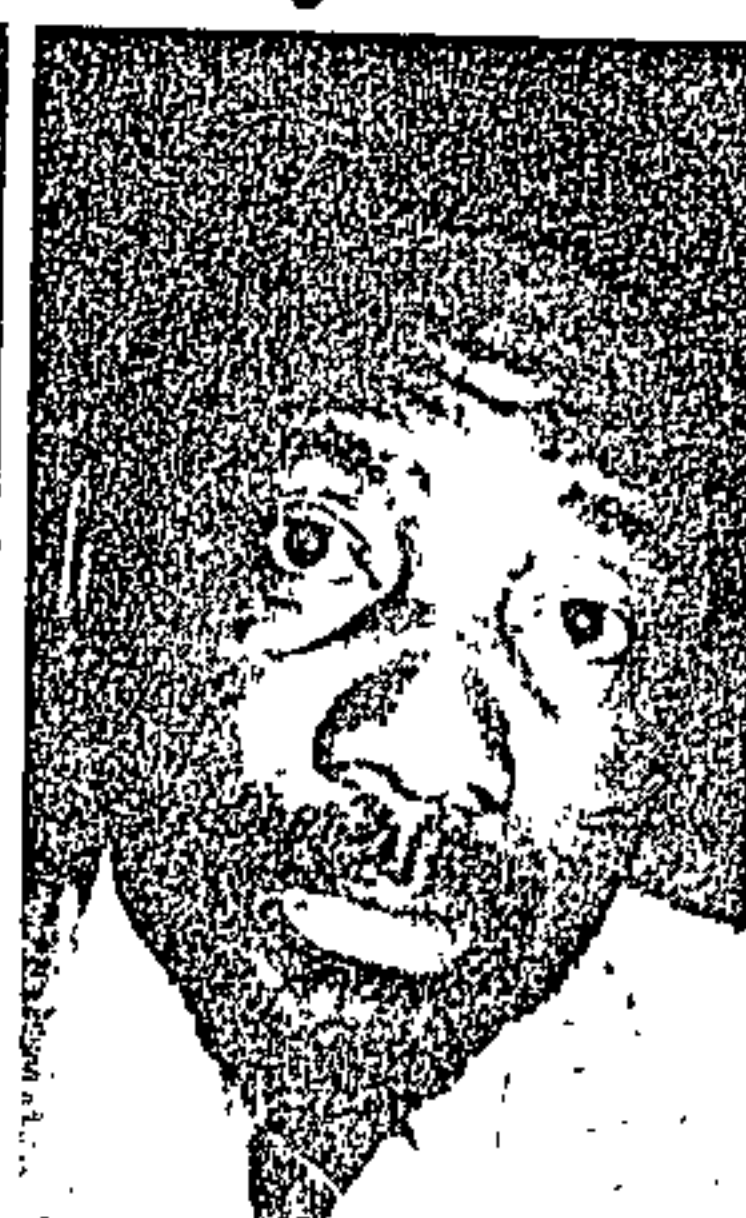
The two sides are likely to agree on many of these principles, although some, an Eskom representative stresses, touch on areas in which the electricity corporation is "not a player". He also said Eskom must *ipso facto* recognise the position and functions of the local authority.

A key issue is the SPD's demand that electricity arrears be written off. Eskom has agreed with the delegation that the new company will not take responsibility for Soweto's historical debt. Thus there is no question of it trying to recover past arrears through higher tariffs once residents start paying. But Eskom has stressed writing off the debt is a government decision.

State and provincial officials publicly reject writing off all the arrears, arguing this would be unfair to town-



Albertina Sisulu



Cyril Ramaphosa

ship residents, in other townships as well as Soweto, who have paid rent and service charges.

The SPD's historic recent meeting with the TPA, and the beginnings of a process of SPD-province negotiation, may therefore be the essential backdrop for the success of the electricity project.

Eskom and the SPD have also agreed that the new scheme must involve community participation, although the nature of this has not yet been decided.

It could take the form of community representation on the board of the new company, but it is more likely that in the short term it would take the form of a some sort of consumer board with which the new company would liaise.

Another important area of agreement is tariffs. Eskom has agreed that tariffs in Soweto will be no higher than those in Johannesburg.

At this level tariffs will initially not cover the costs of the project. The sides have jointly identified a number of ways in which costs can be reduced to make it viable.

But the affordable tariffs issue touches on a key SPD proposal: non-racialism. The delegation has called for Soweto and Johannesburg to be

one city, with a unified tax base.

This is a national constitutional issue — and in Eskom's view it cannot be a player in the political debate that will determine this.

But it is also an economic issue, one which may be vital to the success of the new project in ensuring affordable electricity tariffs.

Eskom can't change the constitution — but it acknowledges that there may be considerable economic advantages for Soweto in having its electricity network linked to Johannesburg's.

Electricity experts say if it were to link the Johannesburg and Soweto systems, electricity costs would drop in both areas because the usage pattern would change. Eskom supplies electricity in bulk to the Johannesburg and Soweto councils, charging on the basis of the relative pattern of peak-load and base-load usage. If the two grids were linked, this pattern would change such that the total bill would be cut by several million a year.

There appears to be broad agreement between Eskom and the SPD about the quality of service which consumers would find acceptable.

This covers such issues as reliability of supply, responses to customer queries or problems, frequency of meter reading and audit meter read-

ings. Around five percent of electricity bills are wrong because of human error or damaged meters; a big problem in Soweto at the moment is that the council insists people pay their accounts and does not do audit readings if they complain.

One issue which Eskom and the SPD still have to sort out is tariffs for the poorest consumers.

The Soweto delegation called for "a new tariff structure involving subsidisation mechanisms designed to address the issues of affordability, basic needs and differential paying capacities".

It is estimated about 3 000 to 4 000 families (about two percent) have formal incomes of R2 500 a year or less and would be hard-pressed to pay anything for electricity.

Econolec is opposed to direct subsidisation of the poorest, on the grounds that it would be economically unhealthy for the company to run on this basis.

One possible obstacle which has still to be resolved is the role of the black local authorities. For the plan to go ahead, the councils of Dobsonville, Diepsmeadow and Soweto will have to transfer their responsibility for electricity supply to the new company. But some members within these councils fear a loss of status and the admission of defeat if they allow another party to take over one of their functions. They may also stand to lose financially because councils are graded and their officials remunerated based on their gross turnover, of which electricity supply comprises a major part.

Provincial officials have assured councillors this issue will be attended to. Legal experts have noted that the provincial administrator does not have the power to over-rule a council should it refuse to transfer authority over electricity to Econolec. But they note that in the current political climate this would damage the credibility of the councils which the province is keen to protect.

One other area on which Eskom and the SPD have yet to agree is the eventual structure of the new project.

Econolec has been registered as a "shell" company awaiting the conclusion of negotiations and is intended by Eskom to be a partnership with the community and with private business. Under Eskom's control, the company will arrange the physical upgrading of infrastructure, implement a large scale customer service system and reorganise the accounting system, which is in disarray.

The company will act in an interim capacity as it is not clear what shape the final supply entity will take.

Possible options are electricity supplies could be administered by a non-profit company or by local community-based co-operatives. Eskom would like to see responsibility for the project eventually handed over to the Soweto community.

Eskom's involvement in the Soweto talks is in line with its mission of Electricity for All — in terms of which it wants to see affordable electricity made available to the estimated 60 percent of black South Africans who currently have no access to this. At present many other initiatives are underway around the country.

But it is also an attempt to pre-empt a situation in which Soweto finally runs out of money and Eskom has to cut off the "juice".

The four-year boycott of rent and service charges by Soweto residents has so far not affected Eskom, despite the fact that the township's arrears on electricity are running at between R5-million and R7-million a month. The Transvaal Provincial Administration has been providing bridging finance to cover the debts of the Soweto City Council, which in terms of the Black Local Government Act of 1982 has sole right to supply electricity in the township.

But Soweto's debts are vast — up to R1-billion in total — and the TPA admitted in talks last week with the SPD that it had run out of bridging finance for the Transvaal's townships and this month is drawing from a special fund to cover township debts.





Frankesh at yesterday's Press conference on the hospital fire row.

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## 60 000 to get leasehold rights

PRETORIA — More than 60 000 blacks in the Transvaal will be able to acquire 99-year leasehold title on their properties from January 10.

These are people who, before 1978, built their own houses on government land, or bought council ones; or who as businessmen built or bought business premises on government land. *Monday 29/1/84*

An announcement on these properties was made yesterday by Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough.

Hough said in a statement this development followed the decision by the Transvaal Executive Committee to approve the regulations drafted in terms of the Conversion of Certain Rights to Leasehold Act, 1988 (Act 81 of 1988), that was to be promulgated on January 10.

The figure included 14 851 people who had built their own houses, 45 150 who had bought council homes, and 1 669 businessmen who had bought or built business premises.

Hough said it had to be emphasised that the Act did not apply to rented houses that were allocated by virtue of a residential permit.

Tenants of these houses could have acquired leasehold rights from December 15 1978 in terms of Regulation 2 471 (of December 15 1978). However, they had preferred to continue renting their property.

Any expectations among tenants of such rented houses, therefore, that they too would be able to obtain leasehold title on their houses from January 10, were without foundation, Hough said. — Sapa.



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# Casspirs to go, says SAP

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JOHANNESBURG. — The SAP's newly appointed regional commissioner to Soweto, Major-General Johan Swart, yesterday announced that the Casspir would be gradually withdrawn from patrol services in Soweto as part of an effort to get relations between the SAP and the Soweto community back to normal.

During a speech to mark his appointment yesterday, General Swart — who replaces Major-General Johan Viktor — said that for starters, six Casspirs would be immediately withdrawn and replaced with ordinary patrol vans.

General Swart said the withdrawal of all Casspirs was a "costly" project which could not happen overnight.

But he said the move should be seen as a "tangible" sign of goodwill on the part of the SAP.

Meanwhile, UDF acting publicity secretary Mr Murphy Morobe said yesterday that removing the Casspirs "does not remove the problems lurking inside the Casspirs. They will only be transferred to ordinary police vans". — Own Correspondent and Sapa



**Council  
must go,  
say angry  
residents**

# Tembisa toilet crisis becomes big business for homeowners

RESIDENTS of Alice-  
dale's Kwanonzwakazi  
township have called for  
the resignation of commu-  
nity councillors and the  
dismissal of the township  
superintendent. (343)

At a meeting this week  
between senior Cape Pro-  
vincial Administration  
(CPA) officials and the  
community, residents  
said superintendent CJ  
Erasmus treated them  
like "baboons" and they  
had to bribe the council-  
lors to be allocated  
houses. (343)

GPA regional represen-  
tative OJ Bezuidenhout  
told the 1 000 residents at  
the meeting he had no  
authority to dismiss the  
councillors.

He suggested the com-  
munity elect a deputation  
to meet the council and  
express their grievances.

He said the councillors  
and Erasmus had raised  
money for the upgrading  
of the township through  
the regional service coun-  
cil. C/P 14/1/90

"They are not able to  
do more as the communi-  
ty does not contribute  
enough to the council. On  
average, households are  
seven months in arrears."

Resident Samson  
Gonqwe challenged Be-  
zuidenhout to choose any  
of the residents in the  
packed community hall  
and ask them if they were  
in arrears with their pay-  
ments. C/P 14/1/90

"Anybody who says we  
are in arrears is a liar." -  
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Mayor Solomon More ... emergency camp.

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## Jhb industry against single municipality

JOHANNESBURG. — Organised commerce and industry has come out against the concept of creating a single municipality for Soweto and Johannesburg.

The concept, seen by the Democratic Party as one of the priorities for the 1990s, is being backed by the Soweto People's Delegation.

Witwatersrand Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Mr Aubrey Pitt says a single municipality will make little business sense and is not practical.

The Development Bank estimates the amount of money disposed of by Sowetans in Johannesburg as between R750 million and R1,4 billion.



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mix changing from about 1:3 to 1:7. This will also lead to massive land demands. He estimates a long-term land demand for an additional 200 000 ha to provide for the black population growth in the area over the next 30 years.

To ease the potential trauma of converting the rural migrants into becoming part of a stable urbanised metropolitan community, a long-term planning strategy is required for the PWV. This should follow the existing east-west gold axis "which consists of a number of self-contained towns linked very closely by means of a rail and road transportation system. This east-west axis is well-developed and is, in fact, virtually one continuous urban corridor from Randfontein to Nigel," he notes.

Complementing this natural axis are the two north-south axes. These are the so-called steel axis linking Pretoria with Vereeniging via Kempton Park, Germiston and Alberton by means of a railway line; and the motorway axis linking Pretoria through Johannesburg to Vanderbijlpark.

"It is of interest to note that this structure was not based on any grand master plan developed by any planner or by government decree. It evolved as a result of market forces generated by the private sector," says Rosmarin.

"However, the planning and location of the non-white towns have not been a result of market forces. These generally low-income labour pools are located in pockets adjoining the development corridors and arise out of the policy of separate development," he adds.

Rosmarin says the central Witwatersrand, East Rand and Pretoria contain about 60% of the total work force in the PWV, with the central Witwatersrand containing the greatest number, "being concentrated along the aforementioned gold and steel axes. This structure is so well entrenched that no artificial government control will ever be able to redirect it, certainly not in the short to medium term.

"This is where the majority of people want to live and work. Furthermore, the bigger the city, the greater, wider and deeper the demand for labour of all kinds, thus we have a snowball effect. We can therefore expect an increasing demand for all kinds of urban utilities in and around the Witwatersrand," he says.

This "relatively efficient system" has "minimum blighted conditions and an attractive and livable environment. It could be said that gold will not really be SA's saviour, but rather that this efficient economic machine called the PWV, which is centred on the all-important Witwatersrand, is SA's real economic treasure trove of the future."

While the area boasts the natural economic dynamo, however, it is also limited by

several constraints. Physically, dolomitic and mining land limits urban expansion, while the massive need for additional land for black urbanisation is also restricted by the Group Areas Act.

Another constraint is the lack of an overall policy for a public transport system, says Rosmarin.

"All we have is an outdated PWV motorway plan that is not only going to be too expensive to implement but, more importantly, has not been based on an updated long-term land use plan. Furthermore, the lower-income groups, for which we urgently need to plan, will require mass transport and therefore there will be less demand for a number of new motorways planned along the traditional 'American' formula."

Correct regional transportation planning should utilise selected transportation corridors including rail and motorways to connect the urban growth into new towns separated by an open space network.

"What message is the marketplace giving us? I read the main message as stating that the existing system which has been efficiently created by the marketplace functions well, and we should, as much as possible, adhere to its established, tried and tested systems. Physically, this means the continued creation of nodes linked by means of transportation systems along urban corridors, that is 'the Witwatersrand formula.'"

The corridors should continue to contain the major places of employment with the residential areas being situated along the peripheral parts, he adds.

## Future planning

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Urbanisation can (343)  
prove traumatic (235)

After any country becomes more than 50% urbanised it experiences "changes in its very personality often leading to traumatic social, economic and psychological upheavals."

John Rosmarin, Johannesburg urban planner, also believes that "this is something which we are all, to a greater or lesser extent, experiencing."

The Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging (PWV) area is being subjected to enormous pressures, with the total population projected by some analysts to increase from 8,4m in 1985 to 24m in 30 years' time.

Rosmarin says this will lead to a change in the ratio between whites to blacks, coloureds and Indians from 1990-2020, with the racial

## PWV's central role

### ■ Black urbanisation to transform the PWV (343)

The current pattern of commuting and commodity flows shows "a high degree of functional integration between the core nodes of the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging (PWV) area," says Urban Foundation executive director, urbanisation, Ann Bernstein. FIM 19/1/90

And "when you project future land or space needs for the various nodes into the future, you find that the cities and towns coalesce into a single multi-nodal metropolitan region," she told a conference on the Witwatersrand in 1989. (233)

By the year 2000, almost 25% of SA's total population will live in the region. With almost half of the country's Gross Domestic Product already deriving from the PWV, it will continue playing a crucial role in economic development, and also in any proposed national urban development strategy.

"Future events within the PWV will largely shape future social and economic developments within the rest of the country. Surely this reveals the genius of urbanisation in respect of economic development. Despite government controls, the PWV has demonstrated how the relatively compact combination of productive forces in a small region can yield extraordinary economic levels of output.

"It is this fundamental economic strength of the urbanisation process that we must seek to build upon in future. Either we will meet the challenge of urbanisation in this part of the country — or we will fail in the task of developing a new and effective urbanisation strategy," says Bernstein.

One of the key issues is to manage greater concentration at the centre.

"Despite government curbs on industrial development and their policies of deconcentration, by the year 2000 the greatest absolute increase in employment and in population in the PWV region is projected to occur in the Central Witwatersrand. This region represents the pinnacle of the economic hierarchy in SA. Therefore a prime national demand is to sustain and promote the inevi-

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table economic growth and social change that it has experienced and will continue to experience," she adds.

While the Central Witwatersrand comprises only 10% of the PWV area, its population is expected to grow from 2,25m in 1980 to almost 3,5m in the year 2000, says Bernstein.

"The prime spatial problem is one of access from, to and between the Central Witwatersrand's major centres of work and its places of residence," she says. "With blacks still residing in areas well removed from their places of work, this has complicated the growing problems of transportation, the provision of infrastructure and the complementary growth and control of competing land uses."

But the historical legacy of residential apartheid is now being overtaken by the rapid move of black people into "every sector of inner city employment," as well as the move of blacks into the numerous blocks of flats in central Johannesburg.

Future planning for the PWV region must therefore take these changing patterns into consideration, "cutting right across traditional government thinking on the cities," says Bernstein.

"Are we to continue to respond to changing our cities by ad hoc crisis management or are we going to accept the demographic and economic realities and face the challenges of the present and the future with some vision and leadership?" To do this, we must do away with racial thinking on urban issues, she says.

"The future of this city is absolutely critical to the economic and political future of our country. Do we (the citizens, the authorities, the government) understand the consequences of failure?" asks Bernstein. ■



## UPGRADING ALEX

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The Central Witwatersrand RSC (CWRSC) is not alone in financing the upgrading of Alexandra. It is, nevertheless, playing a vital role in improving the neglected infrastructure of the black Johannesburg township.

Apart from the R41m grant for Phase C of Alexandra's urban renewal project, the CWRSC also financed an essential R2,1m new bridge linking the old township with the new east bank development.

All roads in the new township have already been tarred, while roads in the old town will be tarred as soon as the essential services have been provided.

Other developments at Alexandra include:

□ A 340 ha extension on the east bank, with 6 000 additional units to be developed by the private sector;

□ The CWRSC is also financing the building of a new library, upgrading of a

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soccer stadium, street cleaning units, and provision for parks and recreation;

□ It is financing a proposed R4,2m, 18-hole, nonracial golf course, to be developed to PGA standards, on a portion of land granted to Alexandra by the Johannesburg City Council. Work will commence in 1990;

□ With 85 soccer clubs and only four soccer fields, about 10 new soccer fields will be developed on the east bank, as well as a soccer stadium to seat about 25 000 people; and

□ Alexandra's three refurbishment phases will also include the upgrading and building of about 5 800 houses, which should help in relieving housing pressures for the township's 130 000-odd people.

Other improvements include the provision of steel refuse bins, the building of flats and the creation of work for local contractors in the process.



# Alex's success story

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 Alexandra undergoes a transformation

Alexandra lies in the valley of the Jukskei River, next to the industrial areas of Kew, Wynberg and Bramley, and borders the plush suburbs of Sandton.

It was long seen by officialdom as a notorious eyesore — one that had to be removed to the south-western areas of Greater Johannesburg. But this was not to be.

Today Alex is emerging from its ugly cocoon with urban services and housing being upgraded to First-World standards. New sports fields, community centres and libraries, as well as upgraded roads and essential services, are combining to create a model new town.

Alex is SA's oldest black township. It was created in 1905 by Alexandra Vasco da Gama, a Portuguese American who owned the land stretching from Alexandra to Kyalami. Originally it was established for white occupation. But its situation far to the north

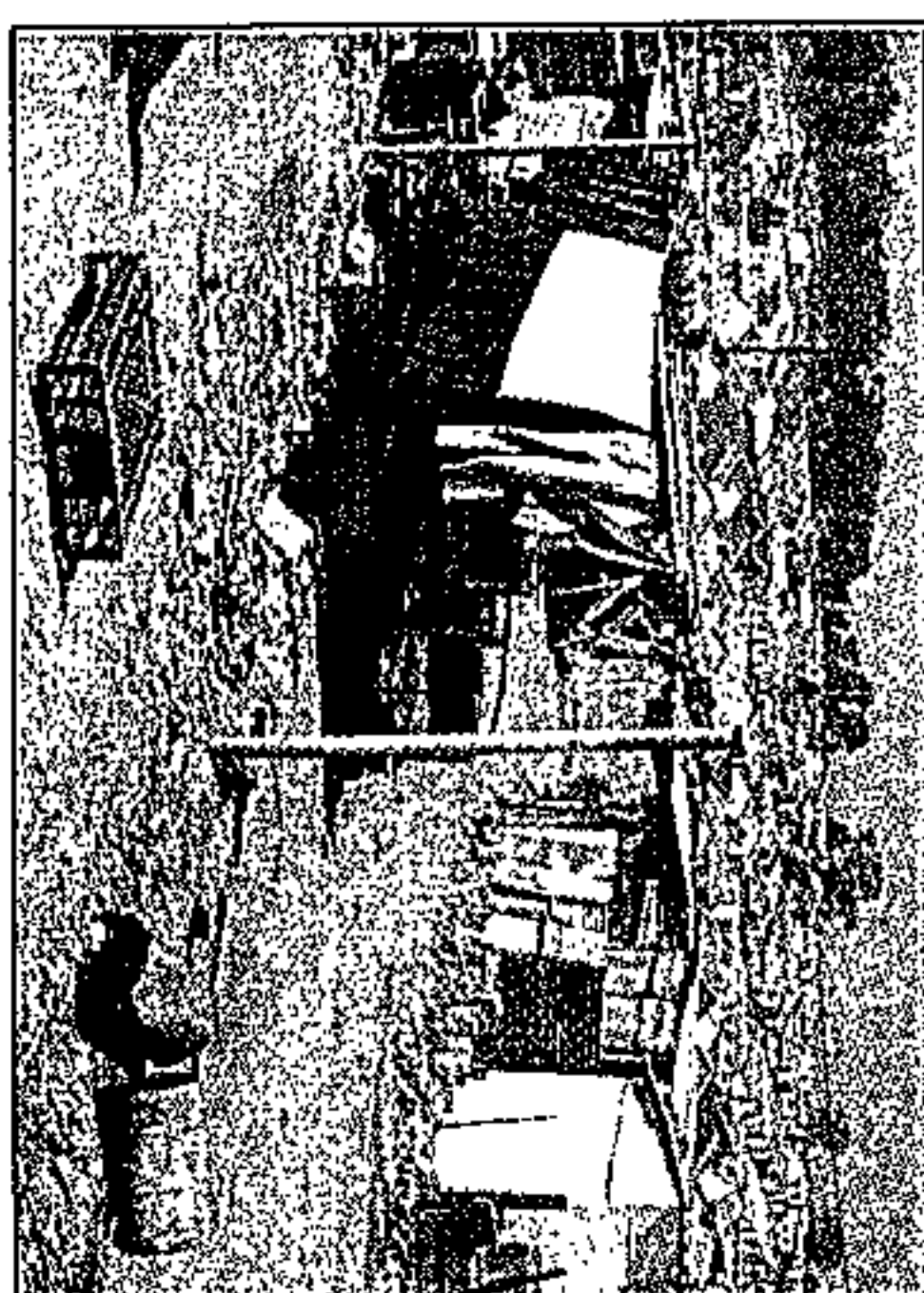
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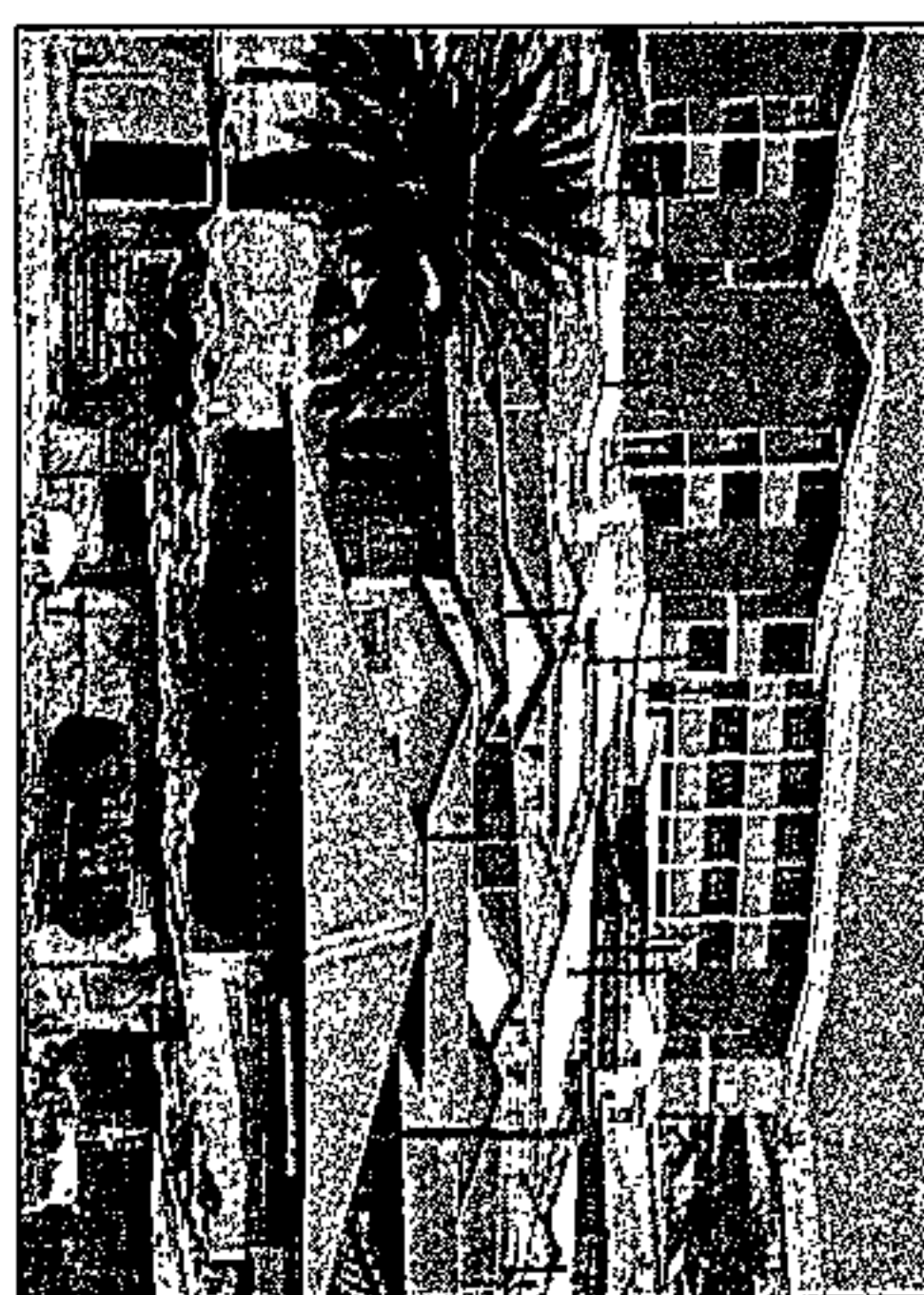
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garbage cans that have been provided by the CWRSC," says Burger.

More than 840 new houses are being developed on the east bank. These have been 95% completed, all have been sold on freehold basis to new black owners, and about 650 of the new houses have already been occupied. This development was undertaken and is being financed by the private sector, with the council acting only as project manager, adds Burger.



Alexandra . . . RSC levy funds are used to create a new city



of the then existing urban developments around Booyssens and Langlaagte, and the bad roads which separated it from central Johannesburg, made it unattractive to whites.

Steve Burger, until recently township administrator appointed by government until the new town council again took up its responsibilities, says the original 332 plots were subdivided into 2 500 large residential sites in 1912.

"Just prior to the promulgation of the 1912 Land Act, the sites were made exclusively available to blacks and coloureds," says Burger. As the town had no sound tax base, a white "health committee" was formed in 1918 to jointly administer the town, together with six to eight elected black representatives.

Until World War 2, Alex developed at a snail's pace. But as suburban growth took off towards Sandton and Randburg, and with new industrial developments at Kew and Wynberg, thousands of rural blacks moved into the township to take up the job opportunities that became available.

"Existing black landowners (landlords) extended their houses and built rows of rooms for new tenants," adds Burger.

With its low tax base, however, the town had to be satisfied with gravel roads, no waterborne sewerage and pollution from

tion that a new master plan for the town's upgrading was implemented," says Burger.

The master plan of the Alexandra Liaison Committee, under chairmanship of the Rev Sam Buti, was approved by government early in 1980. This provided for the demolition of the old Alex in 13 phases over 12.5 years by relocating people temporarily, subdividing and rebuilding the area and then resettling them.

The process was not very successful as many people refused to relocate — even temporarily.

"By the end of 1984, urban unrest broke out and by May 1986, the whole town council was forced to resign. As no elections could take place in the existing political climate, I was appointed township administrator in June 1986. With my committee members, I took immediate steps to establish contacts with all existing organisations in the townships. This helped to create a joint focus on the upliftment of the township and a new

master plan for this purpose was created in the next six years," says Burger.

The new plan provided for the retention of all structurally sound houses which would become available for sale to the ex-owner, family, or those who had been residing there for the longest period. With little being made available, the project had wide support. Implementation began in early 1987.

"Bulk and link services (water, outfalls, sewers and electricity intake stations) first had to be provided. These were followed by secondary services (civil and electrical services, including roads, stormwater drainage water reticulation, waterborne sewerage stormwater outlets and terraced earthwork and other services," says Burger.

Alexandra was split into three areas. Three separate phases of refurbishment started in the second half of 1987.

Phase A, a R40m scheme funded by the National Housing Commission, is now 80% complete and will include all the essential bulk, link and secondary services for the area concerned. Phase B, a R54m scheme financed by a loan from the Development Bank of Southern Africa, is about 30% complete, while Phase C, funded by a R41m grant from the Central Witwatersrand RSC (CWRSC), is about 40% complete.

"By the end of 1990, Alexandra will boast the completion of full services to the township. The transformation is unbelievable. Old houses are being refurbished and so off, while brand-new houses are being built in the old Alex as well as on the new extension on the east of the Jukskei River. Civic pride is also evident, as residents use the

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In 1958, government established the Peri-Urban Health Board to oversee "non-prescribed" areas outside existing council jurisdiction. This board took over control and administration of Alexandra in 1958, and by 1963 government had decided it was to be relocated to Diepkloof and Meadowlands.

But, as freehold rights existed, expropriation had to take place.

"By 1964, about 45 000 people had voluntarily moved, but few of these were landowners. It took from 1963-1984 to finish the expropriation process — but as residents were relocating, more people were moving in from the homelands. The result was that Alexandra had a bigger population in mid-1975 than in 1964. By 1979, government decided to reverse its 1963 decision, on condi-

# Decision soon on Lekoa and Soweto

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) will reach a decision on possible action against the Soweto and Lekoa councils within two weeks, TPA spokesman Piet Wilken said yesterday.

Wilken said the TPA executive committee discussed the issue in a meeting yesterday but reached no decision.

Both councils had been warned to get their houses in order or some of their powers would be taken away.

The Soweto City Council was warned to submit representations by the end of last year on its failure to act on the rent crisis, failure to sell houses, and for other alleged mismanagement — or another body would be authorised to act for the council.

Failure to collect rent and service charges has cost Soweto R279m in arrears payments.

The Lekoa Town Council held unproductive council meetings, did not exercise proper budget control and failed to collect levies and debts which cost the council R105m in rent arrears, the TPA said.

Power struggles were "the order of the day" in the Lekoa council meetings, the TPA said.

The Soweto council started billing residents for electricity and services at the beginning of January.

THEO RAWANA reports MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl had given the council 60 days from the end of last October to rectify the situation which had "led to the deterioration of services in Soweto".

TPA director, local government, Frik Pelser said the council had gone some way towards complying with the TPA's ultimatum.

"The council has taken a number of ac-

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tions to comply and reports from the regional director are to be considered by the Administrator (Danie Hough) and the executive committee.

"These will be valued to see to what extent the council has gone," Pelser said.

He refused to say what steps the council had taken, saying the issue could not easily be finalised.

He said the Administrator would be able to make a statement in a month's time.

In reply to Van Zyl's statement in November, the Soweto council had warned the Administrator against the "harsh administration of by-laws and the collection of monies".

## Crippling

Mayor Sam Mkhwanazi, after listing steps the council had taken to improve the lot of the Soweto people since it was voted into power a year earlier, had told a Press conference: "We have urged him not to take action... without first giving us an opportunity to discuss these issues in depth with him..."

"The Administrator apparently fails to take any account of the crippling effect of government policy in relation to Soweto over the past 40 years.

"Its policy of regarding our inhabitants as temporary sojourners has meant that Soweto has now got inadequate infrastructure.

"We realise people must pay for what they use — even the people realise that — but then we must consider fair accounts and historical situations as a basis for progress."



# Verwoerdburg town clerk accepts Soweto challenge

VETERAN Verwoerdburg town clerk Piet Geers is to take over the top Soweto administrative post Nico Malan left after a highly publicised row with the council.

Geers, who is credited with transforming Verwoerdburg CBD to its present modern state, takes over as Soweto town clerk from March 1.

Malan, generally regarded as the strongman who held sway over the previous Soweto council, was forced to resign after he tried to rescind an earlier decision to quit during a dispute with the new council.

Soweto council public relations officer Johan van der Westhuizen said Geers had 35 years experience in local government administration. He had been Verwoerdburg town clerk since 1974.

"He has had a wide experience in the total spectrum of local government. He is well-known as the architect of the very successful CBD project in Verwoerdburg," Van der Westhuizen said.

The council decision to appoint Geers was in line with mayor Sam Mkhwanazi's announcement last year that the council would try to attract the best expertise available in administration,

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Van der Westhuizen said.

Geers said from his Verwoerdburg home he saw his appointment as an opportunity to assist the Soweto councillors, who were a group of dedicated people with a sense of belonging.

He said their approach, which sought the development of Soweto as a priority, and their opening of communication lines with the people, would help Soweto people to take pride in their city.

Saying the RSCs were a good structure for the provision of services, Geers added: "Soweto can be a place where people see the practical things being done for them and, although they can pay so much for services, will develop a sense of pride in their city."

Asked how he felt about taking over from Malan, who had left in controversial circumstances, Geers said he had never met Malan, but thought he had done a good job.

Van der Westhuizen said acting town clerk S van Rensburg, who had held the position since Malan left, would become deputy town clerk.

## Cohen meets Tutu and four Ministers

CAPE TOWN — Visiting US Assistant Secretary of State Herman Cohen had a 45-minute meeting with Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu yesterday.

A US embassy spokesman said Cohen had, earlier in the day, met four Cabinet ministers — Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, Defence Minister Magnus Malan, Administration and Privatisation Minister Dawie de Villiers and Information Minister Stoffel van der Merwe.

He was scheduled to have a working dinner last night with Foreign Affairs Minister Pik Botha.

Cohen declined to comment on his talks with Tutu.

Tutu told reporters their exchange of views had been an update on a meeting they had in Washington last year.

He said although there were several hiccoughs in the SA political process it did appear the country was on the threshold of interesting developments.

"And we (he and the US Government) don't disagree for once."

Cohen is to have a Press conference in Johannesburg today before flying to Angola. — Sapa.

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**RESIDENTS** of Alexandra township are preparing for a march and mass rally on February 3 to demonstrate to the Government their "serious grievances" about housing and the township's upgrading scheme.

Should permission for the march be refused, the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) has pledged to "defy the authorities in our thousands".

Mr Obed Bapela, a spokesman for the ACO said in a statement yesterday that last year permission for two planned marches was refused by a Randburg magistrate and the Alexandra City Council.

"This led to a tense situation and the detention of members of the ACO, who immediately embarked on a hunger

# Alex plans march for third time

strike," Bapela said.

"We were surprised to learn that our applications were turned down. We do not know why, except that the council had written an affidavit to the magistrate telling him not to allow the march as we are their political enemies.

"Our people are still asking: 'Why are marches allowed in other townships and not in Alexandra?' The march

was, and still is, going to be peaceful. We demand the right to march and this time if they do not allow us, we will defy in our thousands," he said.

## Replies

Bapela said applications to hold the march and rally had been sent to a Randburg magistrate, the Alex City Council and the Sandton City Council.

The ACO was still awaiting replies.

\* A protest march is being planned by residents of the Asherville and Masizakhe townships in Graaff Reinet for the same day.

Former ANC secretary-general Mr Walter Sisulu, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches Dr Allan Boesak and regional president of the UDF in the Eastern Cape Mr Edgar Ngoyi, have been invited to lead the



WALTER SISULU

march.

The three men are to address a rally after the march.

An application to hold the event has been made to the magistrate and town clerk.- Sapa.



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# Man held for Khayelitsha

## Killer fire

Staff Reporter

A 41-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested in connection with the fire in Green Point, Khayelitsha, early yesterday morning, which killed four people and razed about 100 shacks.

Two adults and two children died in the blaze.

Captain Gys Boonzaier, police liaison officer for the Western Cape, said yesterday that the man was expected to appear in court today. He faces charges on four counts of murder and one of arson.

Neighbours said those who died were 18-year-old Miss Beauty Goba, her two young sisters aged three and five, whose names they did not know, and another elderly family member, Mrs Nomakula Goba.

They said Miss Beauty Goba's mother, whose first name they also did not know, survived the fire, which apparently began about 1am yesterday. Everyone in the shack was asleep at the time.

The fire soon spread to adjoining shacks, and dozens of people had lost

all their possessions by the time the Mitchell's Plain Fire Brigade was able to extinguish the blaze.

A fire brigade spokesman said the first call had come through about 3am. Police and residents said the fire had apparently been started at 1am.

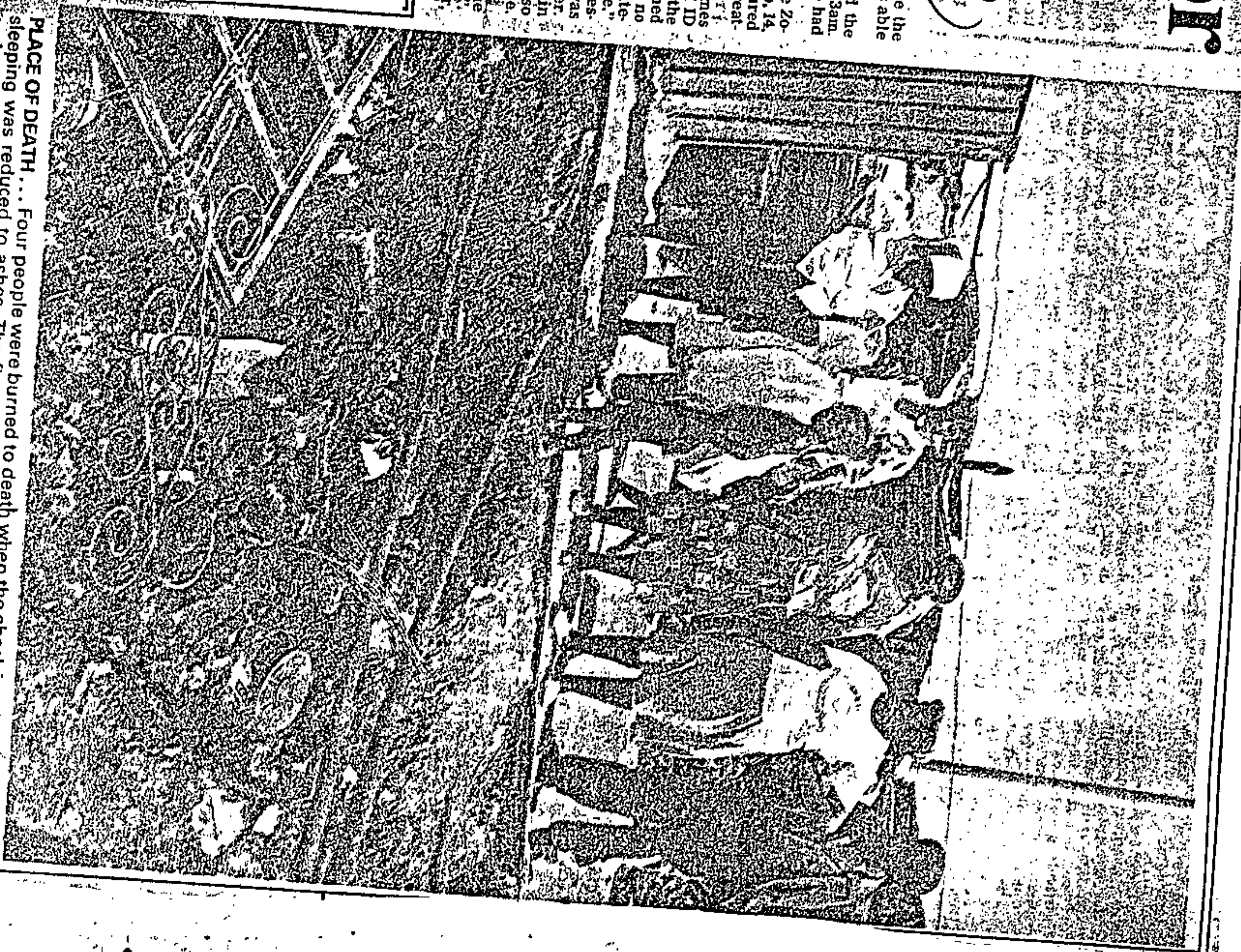
Mr Augustus James and his wife 20-lets said their two children, Sipho, 14, and Nosipho, seven, had been injured in the fire and taken away for treatment.

"Everyone was crying," Mr James said. "There were bank books and ID cards as well as money inside the houses. My TV and hi-fi set burned also. I lost everything. I have no clothes and no blankets, and no materials I need to make another house."

Mrs Palence Basile, whose possessions were also burned, said this was the third time it had happened to her.

"In 1986 we were burned out in KTC," she said. "In November we also burned. And now this is the third time. Yet still they don't move us."

Asked where she wanted to go, she replied: "Anywhere where it is safe." The houses were too close together, the residents complained.



**PLACE OF DEATH...** Four people were burned to death when the shack in which they were sleeping was reduced to ashes. The fire swept through about 100 shacks in Khayelitsha early yesterday.

Picture: RICHARD BELL



## Group aims to renovate buildings

By Winnie Graham

A black property consortium plans to lease and upgrade rundown buildings in the Johannesburg CBD and in Joubert Park and Hillbrow and then let the flats to blacks at market-related rentals.

The first building to be leased by Khubheka Investments is Manhattan Court, where renovations are already underway.

The project is seen a forerunner to developing and marketing the buildings to mainly black sectional title owners once this is legally possible.

The managing director of Kubheka Investments, Mr Stan Kubheka, yesterday appealed to the authorities to assist in making orderly and decent black residential accommodation possible in the CBD by removing legal impediments.

He said his consortium believed legal black home leasing and ownership in urban Johannesburg was the only solution to the "sickening problems" facing tenants in these areas.

He added: "Buildings are overcrowded, services are breaking down, rents are not being paid, people are being put on the street and property owners' investments are being destroyed. At the same time tenants are being manipulated and exploited not only by greedy lessors but also by the very people who purport to act in tenants' interests."

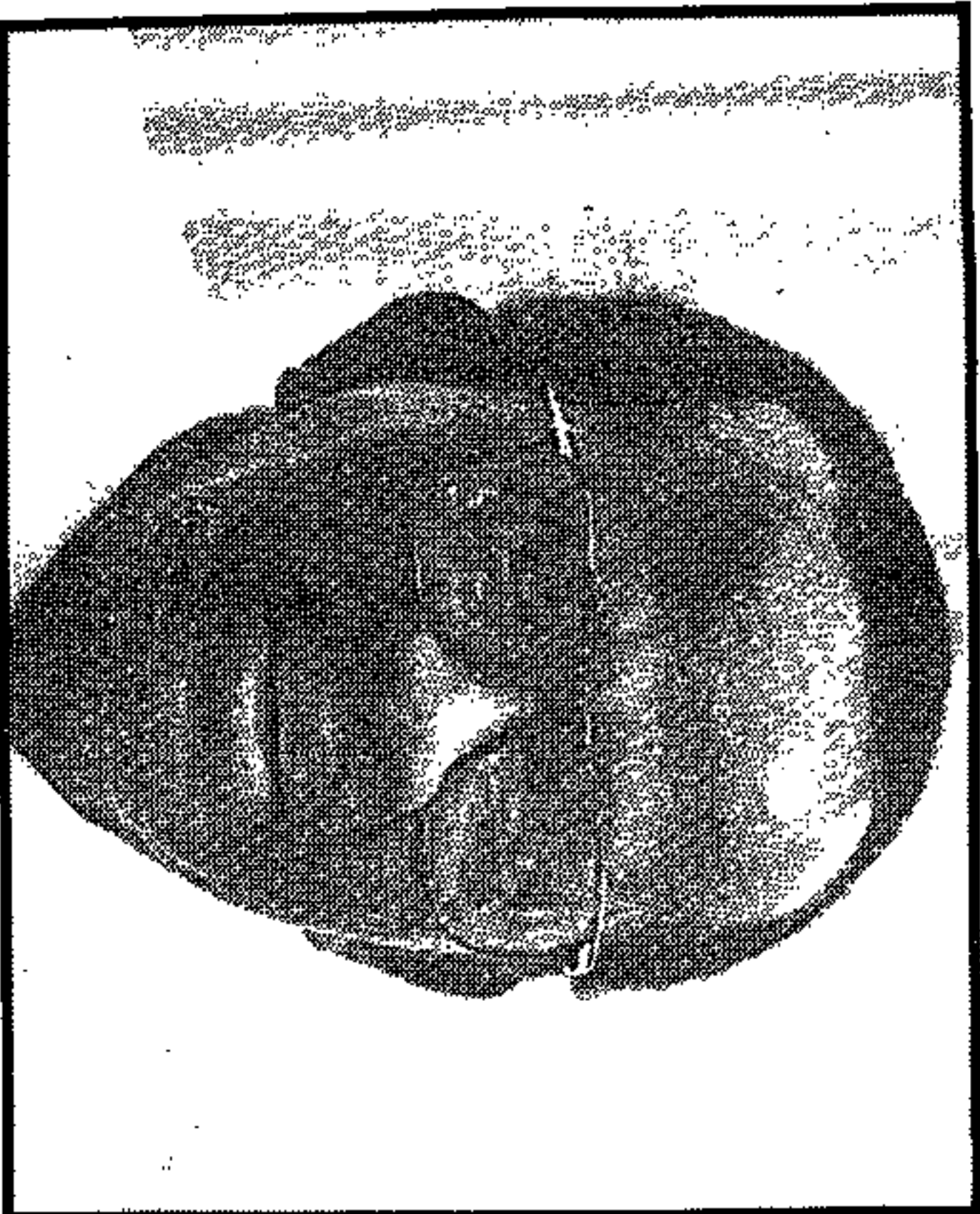
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# Crossroads - and black influx



Mr. Themba Nyati

## FACE TO FACE

BLACK influx into the Cape Town area is one of the crucial issues of the region.

Crossroads, where violence sporadically breaks out, epitomises the problem in many ways.

Mr. Themba Nyati, member of the Provincial Executive Council charged

with black local government and housing, talks about the crisis — and some of his own problems in dealing with it.

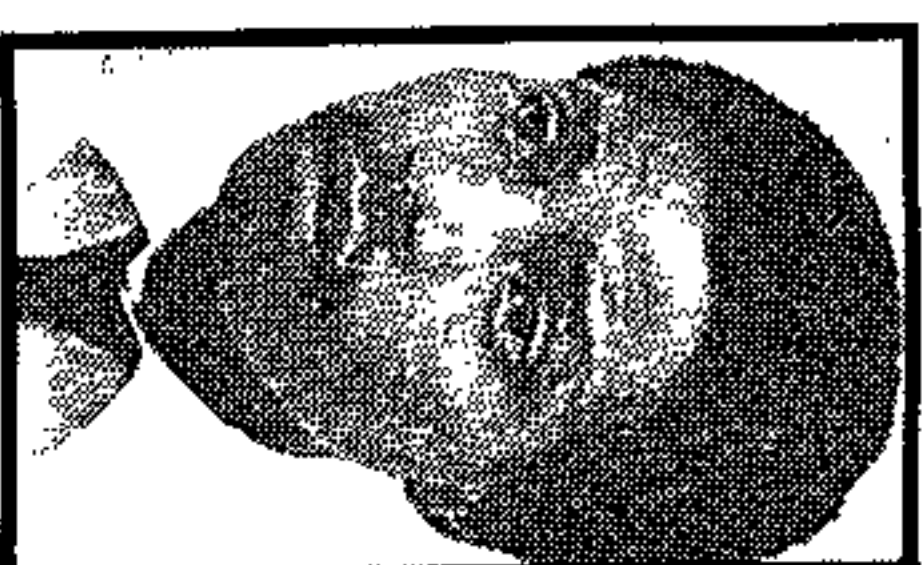
He was Face to Face with Deputy Editor Deon du Plessis, Political Correspondent Michael Morris and Staff Reporter Edward Moloinyane.



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**QUESTION:** How many black people do you think there are generally in and around Cape Town and how many specifically in Crossroads?

**Answer:** I think it could be anywhere between 300 000 and 500 000.

**Q:** The unofficial figures say well over a million in Cape Town.

**A:** It could easily be, nobody really knows exactly what the real figure is in this city and there is also this resistance to taking a census.

There is a resistance because most of the people feel their rights are being encroached on and some feel it is to do with forced removals and perhaps accusations of squatting.

**Q:** Whatever their fears are, the truth is that a very large number of black people in the Western Cape are no longer squatters, they have won the right of permanence.

**A:** Yes they have, there is no doubt about that.

The attitude of provincial government is that every man who lives in the Cape should be given a place and it should be legalised as far as possible but this has to be done with full cognisance being given to the economic and the social departments.

**Q:** Is there concern about the influx of black people?

**A:** There is a bit of concern naturally, because this makes their condition more difficult and almost impossible in certain ar-

said: "Look we have our own leaders, these are our own leaders and we believe in them."

But if they didn't participate in an election how are you going to involve them, how are you going to do justice to them? Because if you did justice to them, you would be doing injustice to those who participated in the election.

So on a purely administrative point, it becomes very difficult to get the type of satisfaction that we desire.

Now progress is being made, because when I came here, the people of Crossroads were just a political football, they were just mass of people whom nobody really cared for except for a few churches. There was no law, no order, no administration, no evolutionary development towards self-determination and towards community improvements.

It was just a slum. Nobody cared for it. We went in there and called all the leaders together and they came, and we had no reason to fear that after elections there would be complaints.

**Q:** This brings the recent turmoil in the township to mind — the fighting between Mr Ngxobongwana and other headmen who broke away. To what do you attribute this conflict?

**A:** I think it is a mixture of tribalism on the part of those people who are not standing against Mr Ngxobongwana and revolutionary on the part of the political bodies who work from out-

**Q:** Brown's Farm does not have a water tap. Is that right?

**A:** Well, we were going to service the area, but they refused to accept the offer. I believe some of them do to a measure to regret now that they did not accept the measure.

But I can understand, you know, they are tribal people and they are held together by a loose tribal system. The trouble that Mr Ngxobongwana has found himself in is as a result of the workings of a tribal system.

Before Crossroads became a local site, when they were on their own and they were ruling themselves and they had their own leaders, they did pretty well what they liked.

And the 12 headmen who are now reported to be against Mr Ngxobongwana were part of what they called the inner circle of the general. They talk about the general.

And they were members of the general, they elected Mr Ngxobongwana, they agreed to the arrangements that were made, which we opposed. We did not like them and we warned them and we said it is not right for you to choose your own leaders and have everybody pay so much a month without the proper financial management of these funds.

We suggested to them that they first become a local authority and we said, "We will now supply you with the finan-

**A:** Well, that is a very small fraction, but I would like to say in this regard that Crossroads is more viable than perhaps Soweto financially because they go according to a budget and their budget is self sufficient.

In other words they do not go on a deficit budget. But the province is putting in a lot of money, the government is putting in a lot of money for the influx action that is necessary and Crossroads would have been developed much faster, were it not for its characteristic factors.

I called them and I said: "Gentlemen I hear that Crossroads is actually situated in an area which is below sea level which means you are going to have terrible problems in winter when it rains, you will have the rain coming down on you and you will have the underground seepage and you will be almost flooded in the area. And I said to Mr Ngxobongwana and his men why don't you agree to take Phillippi, take Brown's Farm." You know what their answer to me was?

"No we cannot do it because we cannot afford to support forced removals." Now how does a whole community disadvantage itself for the sake of a foolish political ideology?

**Q:** It was the struggle they've come through.

**A:** It was a struggle that they had come through. You see they didn't believe that in the long run they might have done better if they had accepted.

make to its community, virtually on the wall.

**Q:** On the issue of influx and the fact that nobody seems to know how many people are coming into certain areas, is there likely to be a point sometime in the future when the province will feel it necessary to limit that?

**A:** Well we believe that the corporate bodies in this area will also advise in that matter. The industrialists have a role to play.

**Q:** Have they made any suggestions at all?

**A:** Well, so far they are trying to improve their capabilities in order to take in more people; they are trying to make more employment possible for people. But eventually someone, whether it be the government or whether it be the private sector, someone is going to say we are running into trouble and we will not be able to manage.

Some of the authorities have already indicated to us that we cannot manage the rate of influx, because the people are coming into our small little towns so fast that whatever services we have been able to render to the people are simply turned into useless services.

**Q:** From February 1 rentals have been increased in Crossroads. There is protest because

as you know there have been no consultations before these increases were implemented.

**A:** Well we expect the local authorities to consult with the people, we expect them to call meetings and explain these things to the people in terms of rands and cents and services which are to be made available.

When the electricity tariff in Cape Town goes up, automatically it goes up in these areas. But of course Crossroads is slightly different because it is not in the municipal area of Cape Town, it is in the old divisional area. It is under the regional services councils, so there is a slight difference there.

But after that, they have to advertise the new tariffs in the Press which they believe is read by most of the people and they have to put up notices on the notice boards of their offices. But very often because of politics, some people decide we are not going to increase the rates and I think it is an unreasonable attitude.

But if the people are against the increases, then we as a province will not be able to approve them, and the rentals will remain the same and of course the services will not increase. Naturally you understand that.

**Q:** But I'm afraid services provided leave much to be desired,

so one wonders why exactly should you pay more for for services which are not provided adequately?

**A:** Well, because things are very expensive. And as I have indicated the services in Cape Town have reached the quality they have reached because they have been developed over 100 years and more and as the people grew, they improved the services, they broke down the old services and they instituted new services.

Unfortunately in our case, we are supposed to do in one or two years, what has been done by other towns over a period of 50 to 100 years.

Now I am not trying to drag my feet over it. But you will understand also that things used to be very cheap, the same services you have to pay a fortune for today, with the result that even in the building trade where blacks say we don't want matchbox houses, you know that today they are really paying four or five times as much for matchbox houses because that is determined by the private sector again.

There is nothing that we can do about it. The only way is to increase our educational standards and our skills and to be involved in the corporate management that is necessary.



necessary services which we are planning in the area, and you can imagine how difficult it is to plan for an area and then next morning find that there are thousands more people in that area whom you have to incorporate in your plans.

It becomes physically and financially impossible to plan with the degree of accuracy that we need in order to implement our schemes.

**Q:** What is the rate of influx into the Western Cape. How many people a week are arriving here?

**A:** I really wouldn't like to make that guess.

**Q:** Is it measurable in hundreds or thousands?

**A:** It could be in thousands, depending upon what happens or what the people hear.

You know they might hear stories about progress here and thousands or more might decide, well, it is free, there is no influx control anymore, so let us take a chance and go to the Western Cape. There is life there.

People come here not for political reasons, but for economic reasons and we recognise that now. So the emphasis is on economic viability and economic measures and the quality of life for the people who live in that area.

And of course we need lots and lots of employment. But we have the problem of education or the lack of skills and very often the jobs which people think they are coming to here are not for them. And then they become frustrated.

**Q:** Who is responsible for the provision of services in the black areas in Cape Town?

**A:** Well, the local authorities are responsible for the provision of services, but the province is also fully committed to the rendering of services in the fields of hospitalisation, health and structural development.

**Q:** Who is the relevant local authority in Crossroads?

**A:** They have a town committee which was elected in 1988, in October; they were all elected unopposed.

The system was fully explained to everybody and we expected everybody to participate in the system because that is the only democratic system that is known when it comes to the election of community or municipal leaders.

**Q:** Is that local committee working to your satisfaction?

**A:** Well, I am happy to say that it is working administratively to my satisfaction, but on the other hand, there are many problems and one of them is the problem of people coming from the rural areas with no idea of what to expect in Cape Town so that the people are very backward and unfortunately in Crossroads, there is a great degree of tribalism that has made the situation very difficult.

We had elections. Some came, others did not come. But we got the impression that the degree of response was quite high in Crossroads and the mayor there, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, seemed to be a great leader.

We can only go according to the statistics of the election. But then, because these people are tribal, those who did not participate decided that no, we are also leaders.

You can imagine what would happen in Cape Town, if Sea Point for instance suddenly

decided that they can make some political privilege for themselves out of causing turmoil in Crossroads.

Crossroads is not exempt from the expressed view of some of our politicians that we will make the country our colour and Crossroads could be perhaps have been a nice place where they could detect this.

But it becomes awkward in a municipal sense to deal with matters of that nature because it has really nothing to do with the administration.

The Crossroads council is subjected to the same scrutiny, financially, as is any other local authority in SA and the auditors' report that we had from Crossroads about how they are running their services, the charges, things like that, was quite satisfactory.

But I will admit that the majority of the people do not know what is actually happening in the running of their system.

**Q:** Are they actually paying for the services?

**A:** Yes they are paying for services. In some portions they are paying R7 per month for services which include water at certain points in the streets, sanitation and the removal of garbage. But in the newly upgraded area, which constitutes roughly a third of Crossroads, they are paying roughly R14 a month for water in the house, street lighting, drainage, streets and the removal of garbage.

**Q:** Who is in charge of these services?

**A:** The town council is instituting these services with the help of the province. The province and the government have already put in something like R15 million into the provision of services in Crossroads.

But we have this problem that because of the political perceptions of the people of Crossroads, they make development very difficult for us and even more difficult for the developers, because they will not move from their area.

There was so much mistrust that they said if we move, we will be broken up and our enemies will come in amongst us. Now that concept is a purely tribal and rural concept.

That is not in any way an urban concept and those are some of the things that we will have to teach the people of Crossroads, to establish a corporate culture along with the development we are planning.

**Q:** Do you have an action plan for Crossroads?

**A:** There is an action plan. We cannot determine for how long it will stretch. The implementation of the plan is abnormal in that the people refuse to move physically, so we had to beg them to roll over and they were willing to shift from a third of the area in order to allow development.

And as we complete the development, then some people are drawn back there and then we'll roll into the second and third areas in order to develop them.

If they had accepted our plan — that they should all shift physically to an area in Philippi in what is called Brown's Farm — we could actually have offered them more there, but they said no. Because of their tribal conception they wanted to stay together

children, people of your own choice, black and white, whatever, and work in your administration and run your affairs."

Now the troubles, as far as we can gather, are personal in that they are the things that were done by these people when they were a tribal authority.

**Q:** What about accusations from these breakaway headmen that Mr Ngxobongwana collected funds which later disappeared?

**A:** We suggested that this was a criminal matter, because they are not a recognised local authority; they are not a corporate body, only the police can handle the matter.

And if they tell us they have a solid case against Mr Ngxobongwana, they are free to go to court or to lay charges against him. So far nothing seems to have come out of the charges. We are not prepared to take any sides. If it is proven that he is in fact guilty the law will take its course.

**Q:** Would you say that black local authorities are viable?

**A:** I think black local authorities are the greatest political or social inventions that have come here to the people of SA.

It is not the final or an end product, but it is a wonderful beginning. At least it turns the people's minds from the road of extinction which some of us feel the whole of Africa is walking on.

We feel this is the last chance in South Africa for Africa to get its act together and to come on the road of development like other countries have done.

In local authority a wonderful opportunity is given for black people to prove themselves. I am a strong believer that one of the greatest forms or signs of civilisation is action.

When people are not civilised the only evidence that they leave of their existence will be caves or marks on the ground. But when people are civilised they begin to build houses, they begin to build places where they can use their knowledge.

And I think that black local authorities, by providing land, by providing land on the freehold system and also on the leasehold system, is doing something which many free countries of Africa have not been able to do.

I want to say that the province has changed its stance somewhere in that we do not regard black local authority as the final product of municipal government.

The province is thinking now along the lines perhaps of having a common tax base between the various parts and the province — is saying if that is for the good of the economy of the country then why not? We do not want to be bound to the policies of apartheid or to the policies of separatism or to the policies of bureaucratic invention. We do not want that. The province is free, the province is open.

**Q:** What percentage of the money spent in Crossroads, is raised in Crossroads?

**A:** All the money that is raised in Crossroads is spent in Crossroads.

**Q:** But what percentage of the total budget is actually raised in Crossroads?

at some point in the future a single council for the whole of the Cape Town area?

**A:** As I say the thinking of the province is open today and I would like to see it, but I do not want it to be a superficial process.

I want it to be a real process involving real development. I won't have it if it is going to amount to another slump in the area. I won't have it if it is going to be another playground which is deteriorating where services are going down and the moral and ethical ground from which they operate is low.

**Q:** Is it an accurate summation of your vision that Crossroads becomes as much a suburb of Cape Town as Kenilworth or Sea Point with all the advantages those suburbs enjoy including representation on the city council? Would that be the end point of the vision?

**A:** That is to me the end point of the vision. But the people of Crossroads will have to put in a lot of work and they will have to do their homework because there is a chronological value to these places.

And it is so that Cape Town is what it is because it was built over all these years. Kenilworth is about 100 years old. Crossroads is a baby and they have got to go through those periods of growth.

As I say, the local authorities system is only a start. It lets the black people inside into the system at their own level, at their own rate.

Central government for people who have no local government viability is a dream, it's a pipe dream and this is the missing link in Africa.

The whole of Africa will remain Third World because they lack the necessary capability at local government level to stimulate the community, to stimulate development, to stimulate trade, to stimulate education, to stimulate industry and thereby stimulating agriculture and improving the quality of life.

There is a crisis. Crossroads is also involved and one of the problems that Mr Ngxobongwana has had in Crossroads is operational. His idea was: "Look, let us, the adult community and the payers of the rent, be in charge of certain things, but let the students go to school and let them study because that is their right."

One of your problems that this man has to face is that the political bodies have come in and grabbed the schools in one way or the other and they have put the student population, which has a wonderful contribution to



# Thousands protest over Alex living conditions

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MORE than 8 000 chanting, singing, and toyi-toyiing people crammed into the Alexandra Stadium near Johannesburg yesterday to hear speakers condemn living conditions in the township.

Police in one Casspir kept a low profile outside the stadium as crowds swayed to ANC liberation songs and chanted "Viva ANC".

The rally, which organ-

isers claimed to be the biggest in in the township since the "six-day war" in 1986, was attended by dignitaries from foreign embassies.

Obed Bapela of the Alexandra Civic Organisation described the rally as "stunning", saying they had worked through the night to ensure as many people as possible attended.

"We circulated hun-

dreds of pamphlets calling on the people to attend and conduct themselves in a disciplined and peaceful manner."

The stage was festooned in a host of colours of national and local organisations.

A petition demanding the upgrading of facilities was handed to council officials at the stadium. - Sapa

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## Soweto 'owes Transvaal R464m'

CAPE TOWN — The Transvaal Provincial Administration provided the Soweto Town Council with R464,6m in bridging finance between June 1986 and January 31 this year, Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel said yesterday.

He was replying to a question by P H de la Rey (CP Maraisburg), and said the council had not paid back any of this money.

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All bridging loans were made available against a debt-obligation which made provision for loans to be repaid, interest free, over a period of five years. *(266) (343)*

But because of financial difficulties being experienced by the council no instalments had been paid.



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Dipmeadow mayor MK Khumalo . . . consultant appointed.

By SOPHIE TEMBA

**DIEPMEADOW** City Council has started phasing out single men's hostels to house families who are desperate for accommodation.

This week the council announced it had been allocated R39,4-million by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) and the larger part of the money would be used to upgrade the hostel.

Early this year the council started converting the hostel and almost 200 families have already been housed in what used to be single men's units.

The people to be accommodated are families whose men have come to the city as migrant workers. Provision will also be

## R39-m allocated to council for upgrading hostel

made for those living in shacks in the Meadowlands area and the council has told them to demolish their shacks once they move into the hostel.

Dipmeadow mayor MJ Khumalo said: "The council started with this move because it is no longer prepared to put up with the appalling living conditions and the criminal elements which are characteristic of all hostels."

A decade ago hundreds of families were moved from Klipdown after their homes were flooded from

heavy summer rains and resettled at the Meadowlands men's hostel to wait for better houses.

The 13 long years of waiting have seen a community grow out of filth, squalor and hardship.

Because the hostel was originally designed for single men the communal toilets and ablution blocks were not fit for use by families.

The area was also badly lit and the crime level had become unacceptable, high and most of the communal facilities had become a health hazard.

This week, Khumalo, councillors, the press and members of the Meadowlands Hostel Committee inspected the area.

Smells from the uncared-for and blocked toilets and damaged ablution blocks mingle with those from rotten food remnants strewn around. In contrast, the area in which families live has been laid out with beautiful vegetable and flower gardens and lawns.

Said Khumalo: "In order to improve the situation, the council has appointed a consultant to investigate, in conjunction with the community, ways of improving the living conditions of all people in the hostel."

A committee had been set up for this purpose and would meet regularly.

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## Alexandra house sales stopped

THE sale of houses in Alexandra has been stopped and close to 60 000 shack-dwellers will no longer have to pay rent or service charges to landlords.

The resale of old houses and properties by the council to individual landlords in the township since 1988 was declared null and void by the Rand Supreme Court this week. (343) (200)

The order granted against the Alexandra Town Council and landlords, in a test case brought by Samuel Mothoa, will affect about 200 stand-owners whose stands and houses are to be resold.





# Boya defends

## UMSA

## men

**Mr Tom Boya**

THE mayor of the East Rand black township of Daveyton and president of the United Municipalities of South Africa (UMSA), Mr Tom Boya, on Saturday strongly rejected the notion that councillors serving in black local government represent a stumbling block to non-racial local government.

Boya told an UMSA meeting at Daveyton the organisation had always rejected racialism and domination.

He contended that the Government had created black local government structures "to curtail the inefficient and arrogant Development Boards."

Black participation in local government had become a potent weapon for bargaining and negotiating for blacks' rightful place in the governing of this country, he said. - Sapa

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~~343~~ The decision to merge the two organisations was taken at an Umsa meeting attended by about 200

**councillors in Daveyton, Benoni, at the weekend.**

The president of Ucasa, Mr Phillip Nhlapo, had earlier written to Umsa requesting a meeting to discuss the merger.

The president of  
Umsa, Mr Tom Boya,

**said his organisation was prepared to merge with Ucasa.**

**A week ago, a meeting of mayors and their deputies was held near Soweto and a committee was charged with the task of looking into the possibility of a merger.**



# TPA to meet Vlok over protection

AN URGENT meeting to discuss the protection of black councillors from intimidation would be held in Cape Town on Thursday with Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, said Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough yesterday. *By day 6/3/90.*

Hough was speaking to black East Rand councillors in Germiston yesterday.

Hough said John Mavuso, MEC for local authorities, and Olaus van Zyl, MEC entrusted with RSC matters, would meet Vlok and report back to a committee of the East Rand councillors.

He said his office had received reports that extreme pressures were being brought to bear on councillors to resign to join the radical establishment.

Alternative structures were also being

created, apparently to establish alternative government, he said.

WILSON ZWANE reports that Alexandra city councillors were being under pressure to resign from their positions, Alexandra acting town clerk Willie Khumalo said yesterday.

Khumalo said letters and petitions calling for the councillors' resignations had been received from the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO). *(343)*

Meanwhile ACO chairman Moses Mayekiso has said the period of grace his organisation had given to the city council to resign and join the struggle for non-racial municipalities expired on Saturday.

He called on the TPA to address issues like housing shortages.

## Katlehong residents in protest over rates

6/Dec 8/3/90 DANIEL FELDMAN 343

VIOLENCE broke out when about 75 000 residents of Katlehong township on the East Rand held a mass rally and march yesterday to protest against high rent and electricity rates, as well as the recent violence between rival taxi groups.

An interim police report said 28 people had been injured and admitted to Natalspruit Hospital after police used shotguns to disperse the crowd. Others were injured when police fired teargas.

Police surrounded the township.

Community leaders later rejected as insufficient a cut in electricity tariffs announced by the town council after the march.

Though relatively peaceful, the situation remained tense. Residents carried petrol bombs and an assortment of weapons.

The crowd first marched to the Administration Board office to deliver a petition calling for lower rates and then moved on to Huntersfield Stadium.

Speakers from the Katlehong Civic Association's Crisis Committee, Cosatu and the NUM addressed the crowd.

The town council said they would reduce electricity rates to R5,84 per month from the current R30-R40.

However, rents would stay at R53 per month. Residents pay rent for services which include electricity and sanitation, even though most areas of the town have neither of these facilities. The council promised to supply electricity by 1991.

Community leader the Rev Israel Klouway said: "The council's reply was very unsatisfactory. It doesn't meet any of the needs of the residents of Katlehong." Residents would refuse to pay their rents until policy was changed. Klouway called on the council to resign.

Residents were also protesting against recent violence caused by the feud between two rival taxi groups, the Germiston & District Taxi Association and the Katlehong Taxi Organisation. On Tuesday, six pupils and teachers were killed and more than 80 others injured when the taxi feud spilled into school yards.

Sapa reported that the SA Black Taxi Association (Sabta) issued a statement saying it "abhorred the wanton destruction of property and senseless killings that have taken place in Katlehong."

Sabta suspended the Germiston & District Taxi Association and announced the appointment of a one-man commission to investigate the violence.

No taxis were operating in the area yesterday. Stores and other facilities were closed.

### NATAL UNREST DEATHS

September 1987 — January 1989.....	668
February 1989 — March 6 1990:.....	671
Past 24 hours' official toll:.....	1
TOTAL:.....	1 340



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**(Transvaal United African Teachers' Association)**

**aligns itself with all just-minded South Africans in:**

# REJECTING: Apartheid and minority white domination of South Africa

# RECOGNISING: The right of all South Africans to freedom and equality in a democratic society

**DENYING:** The validity of violence and confrontation as a solution to this country's problems

## APPROVING: The steps taken by our leaders towards reconciliation

**DEMANDING:** The lifting of the state of emergency, the release of all political prisoners and the repeal of all apartheid legislation

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WEDNESDAY, 13 MARCH 1990

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A decision will be taken as soon as the investigation has been completed.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

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(2) (a) and (b).

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The Rev Thami Khumalo

# New firm aims to alleviate loan problems

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PITFALLS faced by black consumers when applying for loans and paying back the money, has forced Reverend Thami Khumalo, former urban representative of the KwaNgwane government to resign from his post and start his own company to alleviate these problems.

Khumalo, who served the KaNgwane government as their representative in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging area for the past seven years and was a pastor in the Christian Church Centre for five years, opened his registered company, Petra Promotions, in November last year.

It is based in Johannesburg.

The company, which is manned by a staff of nine, including Khumalo and his co-director wife, Thandi, offers: insurance policies, personal, home, furniture and vehicle loans.

## Interest

It also offers high interest rates on savings account and also gives advice on people faced with home, furniture and vehicle repossessions.

The goal of his company, Khumalo said, is to protect the interests of the consumers and to ensure that they did not commit themselves to too many companies at the same time.

He added that a number of cases in the past had shown that people spent a lot of money paying deposits for houses and other properties like furniture and cars and, months later, they lose them because they can no longer continue with their instalments.

## Funds

"Unlike most of the building societies who only offer home loans and the consumer has to go

BY MZIKAYISE EDM

else where to look for other funds to buy other household goods like furniture, my company offers a full service.

"We get you a house and furniture loan at once. If you need a car we also get you funds to buy you. We also offer insurance policies to our clients," he said.

## Advice

His advice to consumers is that they should stop spending beyond their income.

"This is their downfall. One should spend according to his income and should tackle one issue at a time," he said.



## Upgraded water supply for Soweto

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council is upgrading Soweto's mains water supply at a cost of R4,4 million. *Sowetan 23/3/90*

At the same time, the CWRSC will be spending R3,5 million on a computerised combined billing system for Soweto, Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Alexandra townships. All hardware has been installed and commissioned.

A further R1,6 million will be allocated to put up an eight megalitre reservoir in Soweto.

"The installation represents a major step towards creating an efficient collection system," the CWRSC said in a statement.

In Alexandra, the system has already been introduced for the new East Bank section and in Soweto, it will be introduced on April 1.

In Diepmeadow, the live implementation is imminent and some delays are being experienced in Dobsonville.

# Transvaal gives townships a pay rise

23/3 - 30/3/90  
THE Transvaal Provincial Administration will increase its spending to aid black local authorities by 21 percent to R1,2-billion this year, even though last year it had said it would have to cut back on assistance to the township councils.

The figures are provided in the *Budget Review*, released with last week's budget, which shows the TPA bailed out black local authorities to the tune of R254-million in the year up to December. It expects the total for the full financial year, ending February, to amount to R335-million.

This accounts for the TPA's over-spending on the Community Development budget last year — the budget voted was R796-million but the revised estimate is shown as R1-billion, almost 30 percent higher.

The deficits run up by the local authorities — particularly in Soweto and in the Vaal Triangle townships — are largely a result of residents' refusal to pay rent and service charges. The TPA has been trying to rein in the councils' spending and force them to collect revenue.

In the *Budget Review* it says it is "committed to more effective and economic rendering of services and to clean administration". It adds good progress has been made with "establishing a sense of responsibility by local authorities" — of which there are 80 in the Transvaal — and there has been sustained improvement in the collecting of levies and income.

The TPA notes as the background to this "the backlog existing within black communities and the weak economic basis of black local authorities

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as a result of historic factors, low income, unemployment and inadequate infrastructure".

The TPA's increase in spending on black local authorities is in contrast to other provinces' budgets for this, which have fallen in real terms, taking inflation into account.

The Orange Free State Provincial Administration is to increase spending on Community Development by only six percent to R260-million. The Natal Provincial Administration's spending in this area will rise by only 1,6 percent to R268-million, and that of the Cape Provincial Administration, 6,9 percent to R602-million.

This is in a context in which the government has cut grants to all the provinces in real terms: the statutory transfer to the Cape province and Natal have dropped by 1,5 percent and 3,3 percent respectively, while the grants from central government to the Orange Free State and Transvaal have increased by only 6,3 and 6,6 percent respectively.

The grants to the provinces, via the Department of Planning and Provincial affairs, are to total R8,8-billion this year, down 4,9 percent on last year. The provinces do, however, also collect their own revenue, so that their budgets do not simply reflect central government grants.

To finance its increase in funds for Community Development, the TPA appears to be cutting almost all its other budgets in real terms. Its spending on health services will go up by only 0,8 percent to R1,9-

billion, although this is partly because three Transvaal hospitals, including JG Strijdom, have been transferred from provincial to "Own Affairs" administration.

The reshuffling of hospital spending was reflected this week in a 23 percent hike in the House of Assembly budget tabled in parliament.

The Transvaal plans to cut spending on Works by 0,7 percent, and to raise its budgets for Roads and Bridges by only 1,7 percent. The only substantial increase is in its Library and Museum service, which goes up 30 percent to R20-million.

In its contribution to the *Budget Review*, the Department of Planning and Provincial Affairs reports:

- Through the granting of loans for material, 5 140 houses for blacks, have been erected during the 1989/90 financial year. Some 8 000 new serviced stands were provided and a further 8 000 stands upgraded. "Informal town establishment with basic services in which individuals will be permitted to erect their own structures within their means, is envisaged," according to the TPA.

- More than 25 000 hectares of land outside the "self governing territories" has been identified for black townships and an additional 7 500ha has been approved.

- R16,7-million has been applied to provide infrastructure at industrial development points

- 18 applications for free settlement areas have been finalised

- The TPA aims to finalise its policy on squatting and continue its research on urbanisation strategies.



# Soweto town clerk to promote development

Blowan 23/3/90  
NEW Soweto Town Clerk Piet Geers wants to see local traders developing the muscle to stem the flow of business to surrounding shopping complexes.

The former Verwoerdburg town clerk told businessmen gathered at the council chambers yesterday that Sowetans had the buying power which could be used to develop the area into a proud city.

To this end a forum was going to be created to facilitate communication between the council and the 400 000-strong business sector.

Currently communication was so bad that only four or five business people responded to tenders for trading sites, Geers said.

"We are creating this forum so that businessmen can be schooled in the finer points of the trade through courses conducted by experts in the field," Geers said.

"At this forum business people will be able to make suggestions and voice whatever complaints they may have," he said.

A meeting of the council and developers the previous day resolved to set up a similar forum for local developers and con-

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tractors who, through ignorance of the concept of tendering and lack of capital, had found themselves losing out to bigger developers in the acquisition of sites.

Soweto PRO Johan van der Westhuizen said that at this forum developers would be informed on available sites and educational programmes for smaller developers would be worked out.

Soweto mayor Sam Mkhwanazi had said earlier smaller developers, who had failed to respond to tenders when they were put out, had complained that sites were given to larger white developers.

Van der Westhuizen said the concept of the forum, which would accommodate all developers and in which they would have input on the planning of business and residential developments of Soweto, would be constituted on May 21.

Van der Westhuizen said the meeting looked at tender procedures currently in practice and it was decided that the council would in future place the tenders on boards at the council chambers, instead of relying only on newspaper advertisements.

SA 'netted'

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## Flat-rate billing for Soweto starts soon

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THE Soweto City Council is to implement promulgated flat-rate electricity and service charges and to start billing residents from the end of April. *5/Day 26/3/90*

But the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) says the move is unacceptable to the people of Soweto.

Soweto town clerk Piet Geers said at the weekend that the flat rates, averaging R50 for electricity and R22,50 for services, were promulgated in January.

Soweto has been in the grip of a rent and rate boycott since 1986 and is said to be owing the Transvaal Provincial Administration R464,6m in bridging finance.

"The flat rate is only a temporary measure to phase in payment, and is lower than the normal usage rate. New tariffs are coming," Geers said.

An SPD spokesman said the organisation would be holding discussions with the TPA soon. He said people could not be called on to pay charges without meters being read.

Geers said the Development Bank of Southern Africa was serving as a facilitator between the council and the SPD.



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# Daveyton calls on Boya to quit

The Daveyton Civic Association yesterday challenged the local mayor and president of the United Municipalities of South Africa, Mr Tom Boya, to resign immediately.

The civic association was responding to a statement made by Boya last week that black local authorities should be disbanded as they were financially not viable and that single non-racial councils be formed to replace them.

A spokesman for the civic association, Mr Star Motswege, said when the UDF was formed in 1983 it made it very clear that the BLA were not financially viable and that the poor people were going to pay high rents to finance that apartheid structure.

“Subsequently the whole country went on

fire and councillors were asked to resign by the different communities through their civic associations.

“In the light of the coming negotiations between FW de Klerk’s Government and the recently unbanned ANC, the entire apartheid system will have to be dismantled and so will be its structures like the Black Local Authorities,” he said.

Motswege said Boya should heed the historical march on February 28 which called for all councillors to resign and join the oppressed masses against apartheid.

In response Boya said yesterday he had no problem with resigning. “But

what will it help if only one man resigns. The problem with the people

of Daveyton is that no one is prepared to talk to another.”

Swelam 27/3/90

## Seshego residents still in the dark

By RUSSEL MOLEFE

Residents of the up-market Zone 4 in Seshego, near Pietersburg, have not had electricity since taking occupation of their houses 18 months ago because of a row between the building contractor and the Lebowa Home Affairs department over who must install the service.

This is despite an undertaking by the department's secretary, Dr P P Pheme, to NLT Housing in a letter dated March 30 last year that the department would provide services.

### Funds

The home affairs department said although it could not give an indication on when the infrastructure would be installed, it would do everything possible as soon as funds are made available.

More than 100 residents have tried in vain for the past year to resolve the matter.

The NLT housing manager, Mrs Janine Mitchell, said they were allocated stands and informed by the town council at the time that they were all fully serviced. He said, however, the town council told them it had made a mistake and that only 30 of the stands were serviced.



## Sites to be developed

THREE developers will be involved in separate projects to develop more than 2 000 sites in an attempt to reduce the huge housing backlog at Thabong township near Welkom, reports SABC radio news. (343)

A spokesman for the Thabong municipality said the South African Housing Trust planned to develop about 1 300 sites for the lower income group in two phases.

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# HOME IMPROVEMENTS

## Cheaper houses for East Rand residents

By SY MAKARINGE

PEOPLE on the East Rand who thought they would never enter the housing market can now sigh with relief - FHA Homes, the Urban Foundation's utility company, has reduced its house prices in Tsakane and Moleleki by at least R7 500.

The reduction means that a 43 square metre three-bedroomed house in Tsakane now sells for R28 867 while a similar product in Moleleki can be bought for only R33 500.

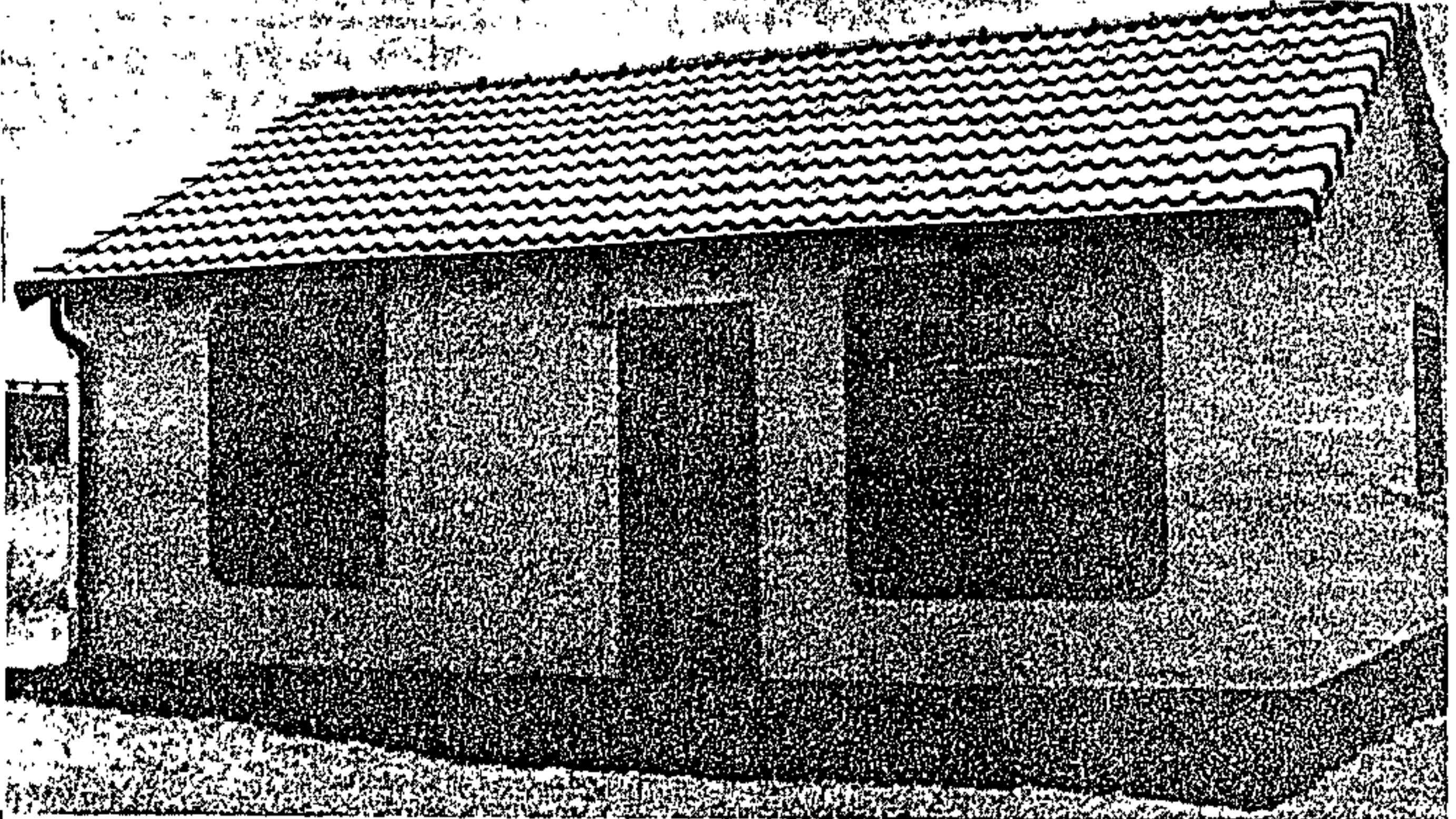
The new prices are as a result of a new housing concept FHA Homes has adopted.

Mr John Weaver, general manager of operations, said although a new concept had been adopted, the product itself had not changed substantially.

"However, certain levels of finishes have changed. In the past smooth plaster and paint was offered, now unpainted bagging plaster is offered internally, painted bagging plaster externally. Tiled roofing and ceilings in some instances have been changed for fibre cement roofing. Showers have been replaced by full bath sets," Weaver said.

He said the result of this new outlook on housing had been a culmination of extensive research into the market to assess where the greater housing need was. This was proof that FHA Homes continued to address the housing needs of people in the PWV area.

FHA Homes, he said would continue to strive towards improving the living conditions of the people of South Africa.



FHA Homes has adopted a new housing concept on the East Rand.

## Prestigious housing contest for builders and owners

COROBRIK Transvaal will, for the third time running, hold the prestigious Corobrik Transvaal Affordable Housing competition in which a lucky builder and a home-owner are to pocket lucrative prizes.

The aim of the competition is to generate awareness among current and potential home-owners of the availability of the company's extensive range of clay face

By SY MAKARINGE

bricks, with particular emphasis on the Gold Reef range.

Mr Chris Dickinson, the company's marketing manager, said he viewed the competition as a sign of "our appreciation to home-builders and home-owners alike".

### Deadline

Last year's competition was won by Reband Property Developers whose entry, a R46 000 Spruitview home built in the Sandown Rockface range, was judged as the best. The contractor received R7 000 while the owner of the house pocketed R1 000.

Runner up was a R28 000 Wessleton home, built jointly by Basil Read and Loftys Construction. The house was built in Corobrik Transvaal's Satara face brick. They received a cash prize of R5 000.

This year's competi-

tion deadline closes on June 30.

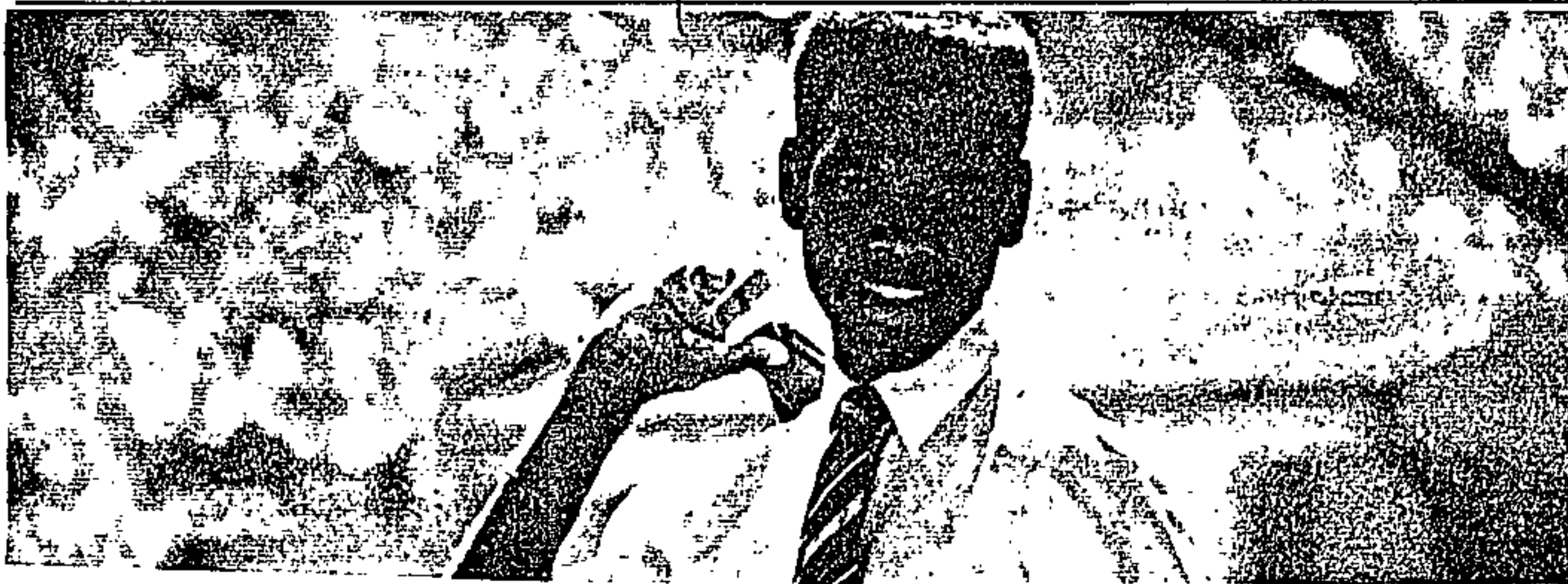
Dickinson said only new homes built with Corobrik Transvaal clay face bricks between June 30 last year and June 30 this year were eligible. He said the maximum value of the house must not exceed R50 000, excluding the cost of the land.

Alterations and additions do not qualify for the competition, he said.

The panel of judges is made up of distinguished architects and leading industry figures. Key criteria will be value for money, the ratio of size to cost, aesthetic appeal, quality of workmanship, special brick features, and quality of design and detailing.

Specific criteria are to be set by the judges and will be weighted according to a points system.

For further particulars please contact the company's marketing department at (011) or write to them at Corobrik Transvaal, P O Box 49, Germiston, 1400.





## A black and white photograph of a man in a dark suit and tie, seen from the side, walking through a doorway. He is carrying a large, dark, rectangular object, possibly a bag or a case, over his shoulder. The background shows a doorway with a patterned curtain and a small table with a lamp on the left.

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## HOME IMPROVEMENTS

# 'Cluster homes' come to Soweto

By SY MAKARINGE

THE "cluster home" phenomenon continues to gain popularity in South Africa and UFT Housing, one of the country's leading development companies, has introduced the concept in Soweto.

The company is building about 36 cluster homes in Diepkloof Extension in what is to be known as Diepkloof Gardens.

Cluster homes are generally regarded as exclusive - a reflection of style and status. This probably stems from the fact that these houses are architecturally designed around a thematic

framework, creating homes that are modern in style and practically comfortable.

Unlike a townhouse, a cluster home is an individual unit on its own piece of land. It offers security and proximity to neighbours.

## Units

A spokesman for the company said: "When you buy into a cluster development, you generally buy a complete building package, a ready-design home and garden with space for a pool and additional features.

"At the same time, many such developments allow buyers to shape the interior of their new homes to suit

their own tastes. So potential buyers are offered the best of both worlds," he said.

The 36 individually designed units at Diepkloof Gardens, which cost in the region of R86 000, will be built with Corobrik's Sandown and Travertine face bricks.

"It is UFT's policy to finish our homes in such a manner as to ensure minimum maintenance costs in the years to come. It is also our policy to build partnerships with black contractors. We provide the necessary technical and financial back-up services, as well as controlling building standards," the spokesman said.



From MONO BADELA  
JOHANNESBURG. —  
Unpopular black town  
councillors in townships  
throughout the country are  
on the run again.

As marches and attacks on  
community council premises  
continued this week, many  
councillors, mindful of the tur-  
bulence of 1985 and 1986  
when several of their col-  
leagues were killed and most  
had to flee the townships, re-  
signed.

So far 30 have quit in the  
Transvaal, leaving five councils  
unable to function.

In several of smaller towns in the  
Transvaal and Free State activists  
report that councillors are openly  
shifting their loyalty from the gov-  
ernment structures to the ANC.

The protests started in January  
when more than 50 000 residents of  
Alexandra township marched to the  
offices of the town council and de-  
manded that the councillors resign.

#### Waiting list

Housing is a serious problem in  
Alexandra where more than 60 000  
people are shack dwellers and thou-  
sands are on the waiting list.

In recent weeks similar marches  
have taken place at Etretwa near dav-  
eyton, Vosloorus (where 50 000  
residents called for the resignation of  
councillors) and 10 000 at  
Soshanguve near pretoria.

This was followed by marches in  
Tembisa and a march by 10 000  
people in Soweto last Saturday.

The Soweto march ended in chaos  
when the police blocked the march.  
At least 18 people were treated at  
Baragwanath Hospital.

The protesters demanded the scrap-  
ping of the Group Areas Act, the  
creation of a single tax base, a local  
authority for Johannesburg and  
Soweto and a solution to the hous-  
ing crisis.

Residents accused community  
councillors of "failing to deliver what  
they had promised".

A delegation handed a petition to  
Soweto's "mayor", Mr Sam  
Mkhwanazi.

# Councillors quit



Township residents preparing to march on unpopular council chambers. Pic: ELMOND JIYANE

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## Urban councils want stiffer penalties for corruption

PRETORIA — The Urban Councils Association of the Transvaal (UCAT) has asked the provincial executive committee to persuade government to amend the black Local Authorities Act to provide stiffer penalties for councillors or officials convicted of corruption.

UCAT chairman A P Khumalo said the penalties asked for were a maximum of five years' imprisonment or fines of up to R10 000.

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The association has also asked for stiff penalties, including disqualification, for councillors who exceed their authority and interfere with the work of the officials, leading to maladministration.

The large majority of officials and councillors, he stressed, were honest and should not be allowed to be detrimentally affected by a few dishonest people.



# Vlok, councillors indaba on security

THE Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, met black community councillors in Pretoria last night to discuss the rapidly worsening predicament of black local authorities.

## Pope's milk is popular

ROME - The Pope has scored another "first" - this time as a top milk-producer.

Hundreds of housewives are queueing up every morning to buy the delicious and creamy milk from John Paul's estate just outside Rome.

Sketching the background to the meeting in the Transvaal Provincial Administration building, the MEC for local government and RSCs (Regional Service Councils), Mr Olaus van Zyl, said 42 out of 690 councillors or mayors in the six Transvaal local authorities had resigned when "problems with security" had arisen on March 1 this year.

Resignations were the result of pressure, intimidation and violence against councillors.

The Transvaal councillors, represented by the United Councillors Association of SA and

United Municipalities of SA, felt they had been elected democratically by the people and had to be helped to fulfil their functions as councillors, Van Zyl added.

## Pressure

He said councillors were under tremendous pressure, and cited the examples of the Kwa-Bukwa mayor's car and house which were burnt out, and the gutting of another councillor's house near Orkney.

Van Zyl asked the Press to leave so that councillors did not "feel inhibited" when they talked to Vlok about their problems.

Vlok told the councillors he understood their fears about the security situation and promised he would listen to them.

The councillors were his colleagues at a different level of government.

The importance of local government members lay in them being the representatives of "thousands of millions of people".

While people were experiencing difficult, even dangerous, times, he admired the councillors for withstanding tremendous pressure for several years.

"You were prepared to stand up against these

radicals, you withstood the pressure against you," he said.

## Break for workers

WORKERS at Transvaal provincial hospitals will from Sunday have their work week cut from 44 to 40 hours, Mr F van Niekerk, chairman of the Transvaal Executive Committee of the Hospital Personnel Association of SA said in a statement yesterday.

He said the decision followed a meeting with the Minister for Administration and Co-ordination, Mr WJ de Villiers. - Sapa.

# Provincial rule over townships scrapped

W/Mar 30/3-4/4/90

By VUSI GUNENE

DEVELOPMENT Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe has backtracked on the decision to place the townships of Soshanguve near Pretoria and Lehlabile near Brits under the control of the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

His department said that the move, which had been due to take effect on February 15, had been postponed indefinitely, pending consultation with the communities.

It was previously decided, in 1988, that these areas would be incorporated into Bophuthatswana, but this decision was also shelved after prolonged protests.

Since the formation of the United Democratic Front's campaign against the Black Local Authorities Act in 1983, Soshanguve residents have refused to allow community councils to be established in the township.

A march by more than 40 000 Soshanguve residents planned for Wednesday was cancelled after the eleventh-hour decision.

Residents had also resolved to march to the magistrate's office on Wednesday after they had called for a stayaway.

On Tuesday afternoon, the minister informed the leadership of the Soshanguve Residents Association (Sorea) of the reversal of the decision.

A mass meeting, which would have been the starting-point of the march, was still held on Wednesday.

The publicity secretary of Sorea, Dan Marule, described the decision of

the minister as a victory for the residents of Soshanguve.

"Our victory is in line with the mood of all communities across the country to get rid of community councils and the whole structure of the Black Local Authorities.

"It is also as a result of pressure that the minister realised that forcing the incorporation of the township under TPA would not be in line with FW de Klerk's much-talked-of question of negotiations.

"We are calling for one administration for one city. Let the taxes we pay in Pretoria also serve the interest of the people in the townships.

"We also demand a democratically elected, one city municipal administration chosen by the people and for the people," said Marule.

On the morning of the planned march several marshals gathered at the local Roman Catholic Church

were arrested by white riot policemen, who allegedly assaulted them.

Community leaders intervened and after protracted talks with senior police officers, the marshals were released without being charged.

Bophuthatswana security forces fired teargas at residents of Mabopane and Winterveldt after they had attended the meeting at the Shoshanguve stadium.

A confrontation nearly broke out as hundreds of residents returning to the homeland *toyi-toyed* on a bridge serving as a border between the homeland and Soshanguve, which is not part of the homeland.

No taxis, buses or businesses operated in the township for most of the day, as thousands of residents heeded the call for a stayaway.

Opening the meeting at the local stadium, Dr Abe Nkomo, who spoke on behalf of the African National Congress, told the crowd to exercise "maximum discipline and vigilance".



# Crossroads residents in court appearance

By PETER DENNEHY

FOUR members of the Crossroads Town Committee were among 31 Crossroads residents who appeared in Athlone Magistrate's Court yesterday in connection with possible charges ranging from murder through arson to possession of arms and ammunition and theft.

The four committee members were Mr Nelson de Witt, 52, Mr Alfred Pupu, 46, Mr Alfred Geli, 52, and Mr Eric Ndzungu, 40.

They are all members of the group led by Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, the Mayor of Crossroads. Mr Jeffrey Nongwe, 63, leader of a rival group, also appeared in court yesterday. No incidents occurred, other than shouting in the crowd outside.

No charges were put to any of the 31, and they were not asked to plead.

However, the charge sheets indicated that charges of attempted murder were being investigated against Mr De Witt and Mr Ndzungu, arson and attempted murder against Mr Geli and arson against Mr Nongwe.

It was not clear from papers before the court which charges were being investigated against Mr Pupu.

Mr De Witt said outside the court

that 29 of the Old Crossroads people who appeared in court yesterday were from Mr Ngxobongwana's group.

One of them was his son, Mr Vincent Ngxobongwana, 26, who was arrested on January 4 and subsequently released on bail of R500. He faces possible charges of possession of arms and ammunition, according to his docket. His case was postponed to April 26 for plea and trial.

The arrests occurred after alleged incidents which took place in December, January and February.

Only one of the 31, Mr Mandla Sihlali, was kept in custody. He had previously been out on R500 bail and he had gone to Transkei, where he was rearrested.

A spokesman for the Cape Provincial Administration said yesterday that the CPA's attitude was that the law must take its course.

Those who appeared were: Mr Alfred Geli, Mr Eric Ndzungu, Mr Stanford Mayongo, 46, Mr Vincent Ngxobongwana, 26, Mr Rodger Mnyameli, 41, Mr Mandlenkosi Memeza, 43, Mr Benedict Matho, 46, Mr Butisi Mkhumbutu, 27, Mr Thobile Ngwandi, 28, Mr Mandla Sihlali, 33, Mr Mthunye Makatesi, 37, Mr Alfred Pupu, Mr William Nogilana, 60, Mr Airport Singocho, 48, Mr Michael Gxokwe, 35, Mr Zinikela Ndwenyana, 57, Mr Mthunye Makatesi, 37, Mr Allion Gxokwe, 37, Mr Vuyisile Jones, 51, Mr Nomsisi Mkhumbuzi, 52, Mr Mzwabantu Nyhila, 50, Mr Alfred Mano, 43, Mr Siphiso Dukashe, 22, Mr Siphelo Dukashe, 25, Ms Vamsinya Hobe, 28, Mr Makheula Xhali, 45, Mr Madoda Dyant, 25, Ms Nomavenge Ngoko, 49, Ms Nomahamba Ngokwena, 34, Mr Nelson de Witt and Mr Jeffrey Nongwe.

The magistrate was Mr J. Loots. Mr M. Wakefield appeared for the state.

# Commission refers irregularities in Soweto City Council to police

**2/4/90**  
A commission of inquiry into allegations of corruption in the Soweto City Council has referred a number of irregularities to the police and has proposed that councillor involvement in allocating resources be stopped.  
It also recommended that a councillor's code of conduct be imposed.  
The commission's report, which covered the years 1984 to 1988, was accepted in principle by the Soweto City Council last Thursday.

The commission, chaired by Prof Frans Malan, did not have power to subpoena witnesses and could not come to findings of fact. However, it identified certain kinds of misconduct and made recommendations to prevent their recurrence.  
The commission found that councillors in executive positions were often involved in cases concerning the lease of council homes and the allocation of land for development use.  
The fulfilment of executive functions by councillors could lead to irregularity and injustice, the report said.  
The impression was created that it was not possible to obtain an allocation without some kind of — often improper — councillor involvement.  
This perception had to be corrected and raised the question of a code of ethics for councillors, the report said.  
Councillors should abstain from voting

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in matters in which they had an interest and should not use confidential information gained in their capacity as councillors to their own advantage, the report said.  
The manner in which land was allocated was criticised in evidence to the commission. The impression among developers was that corruption and other irregularities occurred and procedures should be revised.  
The commission heard there were no proper guidelines such as tender provisions in the regulations for the allocation of land in terms of land availability agreements, decisions were arrived at by the

council on an ad hoc basis and without tenders being called for, and that professional officials were often by-passed when decisions were taken.  
The commission was unable to come to any finding on corruption or bribery.  
The commission recommended land should be allocated and disposed of by means of public tender and the tender documents should contain precise specifications for development.  
One example of irregularity heard by the commission with regard to site-and-service schemes outlined how a number of sites were awarded to each councillor for allocation to residents in his ward.  
The sites, reserved for an income group

of R400 a month or lower, were almost without exception allocated by the councillors to residents in the middle and upper income groups.  
Several cases regarding the allocation of council houses to tenants for rental by councillors showed that the exercise of councillor executive functions could lead to improper conduct, the report said.  
Problems experienced in the transfer of tenancy, which needed the signature of a councillor, and the abuse of the priority accommodation list was also examined by the commission.  
It suggested that the need for a councillor's approval in the allocation of houses

## Irregularities

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for leasing or sale be dispensed with.

Several cases dealing with the sale of houses and sites to the public by councillors were brought to the attention of the commission.

These cases illustrated the weakness of the system where councillors were perceived as being entitled to dispose of council property.

The commission found this unacceptable and said council procedures should be precisely formulated and made public.

The commission found that no proper records of council vehicles were kept before October 1986 and in many cases proper control was not exercised over vehicles.

It was reported that in many of the cases where vehicles had been stolen or scrapped before 1987, no documentation was available and after extensive investi-

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gation no further information could be found on the fate of the vehicles.

The commission recommended that an assets register of all council vehicles be kept and maintained by the Town Treasurer and the head of every department be responsible for the control of vehicles.

Allegations concerning misuse of council vehicles by councillors and officials led the commission to recommend that vehicles should not be used for private use.

In recommending a code of conduct for councillors, the commission said any perception that may have existed that councillors had authority to allocate land or had executive functions should be corrected.

The recommendations contained in the commission's report will be discussed individually by the council.

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# Cleaner places of rest is the aim

By MOKGADI PELA

A NEWLY formed organisation, the Soweto People's Cemetery Project, has as its major aim the renovation of long-neglected cemeteries.

Among members of the organisation's central committee priests, academics, politicians and businessmen.

Two SPCP officials, Mr Oupa Vilakazi and Mr Victor Mdluli, said the organisation was community-oriented. "SPCP and the community are one inseparable entity," they said.

Vilakazi said conditions at Doornkop, Nancefield and Avalon cemeteries "left much to be desired" and Mdluli added that it was important to restore the dignity and pride of the black community.

## Culture

"The scenario does not fit in well with our heritage and culture," he added.

They said the renovations would entail fencing the cemeteries, building reception offices and toilets, constructing tarred paths, planting trees and flowers and providing reasonable brick-built tombs to benefit the low-income group.

Mdluli said SPCP intended to establish administration offices to cater for cleaning and maintenance, thereby creating employment opportunities for people.

They appealed to the community to contribute towards making the project a success.

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## Councillors quit: Crisis for black local authorities

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Black local authorities have been plunged into an unprecedented crisis with the resignation of almost 10 percent of the Transvaal's 962 councillors last month.

And the outspoken president of the United Municipalities of South Africa, Mr Tom Boya, has revealed that plans are in the pipeline to discuss with the ANC the continued existence of black local authorities.

He has also called a special meeting of Transvaal councillors to decide whether "we should continue in the present political climate".

The unbanning of the ANC on February 2 has given new impetus to the extra-parliamentary organisations' protracted campaign against unrepresentative apartheid structures, particularly local authorities and homeland governments.

Mr Olaus van Zyl, Transvaal MEC for local government, confirmed that 61 black councillors resigned in March after severe intimidation and violence.

He denied, however, that the system of black local authorities was crumbling, saying a relatively small number of councillors had resigned.

Mr Murphy Morobe, assistant publicity secretary of the UDF, said the system was "heading for the conclusion of its crumbling" and had been destined to fall since its inception.

Reacting to Mr Van Zyl's call for the use of political avenues — and not intimidation — to voice opposition, Mr Morobe said: "That is nonsense. Mr Van Zyl knows only too well how deep the resentment goes. The people have all along voiced their opposition through political channels, as was demonstrated by the low percentage polls during elections."



Edleston believed SA would experience a deep recession if 5% of its population should not be politicised, he said.

## Administrators stopgap for council resignations

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — Administrators have been appointed in three black towns where councillor resignations — mostly because of intimidation — have deprived the councils of quorums, MEC in charge of local government Olaus van Zyl said here yesterday. Last week he said 43 councillors were forced to resign. *10am 4/4/90*

The executive committee decided to appoint administrators immediately instead of holding by-elections.

The three towns are Kwaguga near Witbank, Tokoza near Alberton and Motleng near Delmas.

Van Zyl emphasised the committee viewed democratically chosen councillors as of utmost importance and by-elections would be held as soon as possible.

The administrators' appointments are valid until March 31 next year or until by-elections are held. They will have all the powers and duties of a local authority.

Administrators at three other towns — Bela Bela near Warmbaths, Leboheng near Leandra and Tskane near Brakpan — will be appointed soon.

## Nine prison escapees flee to Zambia

*10am 4/4/90*  
NINE members of the ANC's military wing, Umkhonto we Sizwe, who escaped from an SA prison earlier this year, have arrived in the Zambian capital of Lusaka. *10am 4/4/90*

The nine men, who were arrested for terrorism and treason in 1988, said their escape from Modderbee Prison and secret trip to Lusaka had been organized by their underground colleagues in SA.

They said a pistol was smuggled into the prison and they had escaped after overpowering their guards and stealing one of their cars. — Sapa.

# Tembisa open its homes to its white neighbours

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A HUNDRED Tembisa families will open their homes to whites from neighbouring areas this weekend, as part of the Tembisa Encounter organised by Koinonia.

People from Midrand, Kempton Park and Edenvale will take part in

township life for four days on the grassroots reconciliation programme.

"Many hosting these Encounter participants have never had whites staying in their homes before," said Barry Poppleton Tembisa Koinonia co-ordinator.

"We believe that by inviting these people into their homes, Tembisa residents can provide them with an insight into the realities of township life.

"Change at national level will be fruitless, un-

less it is translated into reality at the level of the ordinary person.

"To help South Africans understand this change and understand the people we have been separated from for years, the activities of this weekend will be invaluable," Poppleton added.

Koinonia - established by Dr Nico Smith - is a Christian organisation that brings together people of different races to prepare them for a non-racial and equal South Africa.

The organisation received the international Beyond War Award last year for its work in bridging the gap between whites and blacks.

The Tembisa Encounter is the fourth of its kind in South Africa, and follows social contact between Tembisa residents and their neighbours over the last year.

Those interested should phone Koinonia Tembisa at 924-1750, or visit the office at Room 14, Tembi Centre, 232 Gqahagha Section, Tembisa.

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## HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

## QUESTIONS

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For written reply:

General Affairs:

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TV licences in Mamelodi/Soweto

182. Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs and Public Enterprises:

- (1) How many television licences were issued to residents of (a) Mamelodi and (b) Soweto before 1 January 1990;

- (2) (a)(i) how many such licences have not been renewed in respect of (aa) Mamelodi and (bb) Soweto since 1 January 1990 and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished and (b) how many inspectors are engaged on a (i) full-time and (ii) part-time basis in tracing unlicensed television sets in (aa) Mamelodi and (bb) Soweto?

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The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES:

- (1) Separate statistics in connection with television licences issued to viewers in Mamelodi and Soweto are not departmentally available as licences can be renewed at any post office in the country irrespective of the address of the viewer. The Post Office acts in this instance as an agent for the SABC and does not keep a record of television licence holders; and
- (2) falls away.

CCB: members

186. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Defence:

- (1) Whether five persons whose names have been furnished to the South African Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply, were members of the Civil

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Co-operation Bureau; if so, (a) when did they join and (b) what are their names;

- (2) whether any of them are still members of the Bureau; if not, when did each of them cease to be a member; if so,

- (3) whether any of them are still receiving remuneration from State funds for their services; if not, (a) why not, and (b) when did they last receive remuneration from State funds, in each case; if so, what are the relevant details?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

The Civil Co-operation Bureau issue is presently under investigation by the Harms Commission and in the light thereof it is not possible to answer further questions in this regard.

Members of the Civil Co-operation Bureau have already been summoned as witnesses to testify before the Harms Commission. The Civil Co-operation Bureau issue is presently also the subject of an investigation by the SA Police and the supplying of answers, as requested, may hamper such investigations.

- (1) to (3) Fall away.

Contact between SADF and two persons

187. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Defence:

- (1) (a) What is the date of the last contact between (i) officers and/or (ii) any other members of the South African Defence Force or Ministry of Defence and two persons whose names have been furnished to the Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply, (b) what form did such contact take and (c) what are the names of the persons concerned;
- (2) whether any steps have been taken by the Defence Force to aid the (a) South African Police and/or (b) Namibian Police Force to find these persons; if not, why not; if so, what steps?

The MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

The Civil Co-operation Bureau issue is presently under investigation by the Harms Commission.

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- (1) and (2) Fall away.

CCB: activities

188. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Defence:

Whether the Civil Co-operation Bureau took part in any activities aimed at a certain organisation, the name of which has been furnished to the South African Defence Force for the purpose of the Minister's reply; if so, (a) what activities, (b) when, (c) on whose instructions, (d) at what financial cost and (e) what is the name of the organisation concerned?

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- (a) to (e) Fall away.

Transkei: representations re certain person

255. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs:

- (1) Whether he or his Department has at any time made representations to any person in the Government of Transkei in connection with the pending prosecution in Transkei of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply; if so, (a) when were these representations

made and (b) what is the name of this person;

- (2) whether these representations included any (a) request that the Transkei authorities drop their pending prosecution of the person in question and (b) other requests; if so, what was the response to each specified request?

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The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS:

(1) and (2): The Honourable Member will no doubt agree that his question arises from certain recent media reports according to which Gen Bantu Holomisa was reported to have alleged that I and/or the South African Ambassador in Umtata and/or members of the Department of Foreign Affairs exerted pressure on him to withdraw criminal charges against the person concerned. I have already denied these allegations by means of a public statement.

Neither I, nor my Department, nor our Ambassador in Umtata is aware of any charges formulated against individuals. A request can, therefore, not be made to withdraw charges which do not exist.

I have an understanding of Gen Holomisa's problems. But he must also have an understanding of the problems of the South African Government.

When the State President and I visited Transkei on 11 January 1990, the State President emphasised to Gen Holomisa and his military Council that it is in Transkei's interest to speedily institute a civilian government. Gen Holomisa was of the opinion that the Military Council still required a long time to clean up the corruption of the previous government. It is not clear why a new civilian government elected in a free election cannot do this.

Initially the South African Government wholeheartedly welcomed the Military Council's motive of cleaning up corruption. In fact, my Department and I were the driving force behind the appointment on 25 February 1986 of the Commission of Enquiry of which Mr Justice T H van Reenen was chairman. Thereafter my Department and I played an active role in having the Alexander Commission appointed on 21 August 1986. We made possible the financing of the Commission.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY





Soweto mayor Sam Mkhwanazi, left, and Sofasonke Party chairman Ephraim Tshabalala, right, at a Press conference yesterday announcing the acceptance of the Malan Commission's report. 13/11/91 4/4/90 343

Pictures: ROBERT BOTHA

## Council agrees to police probe of irregularities

THE Soweto City Council is prepared to hand over to the police irregularities to be probed in terms of recommendations by the Malan Commission of inquiry into allegations of corruption within its ranks.

Speaking at a Press conference yesterday, mayor Sam Mkhwanazi said although the 1984-88 period covered by Prof Frans Malan's commission preceded the present council's term of office, the council would hold discussions on matters that fell within its scope, and hand over criminal matters to the police.

"We accept the commission's report," Mkhwanazi said.

WILSON ZWANE

The commission has recommended that a number of irregularities by the council be referred to the police for investigation.

It has also proposed that councillor involvement in allocating resources be stopped.

Also yesterday, Soweto's ruling Sofasonke Party chairman Ephraim Tshabalala said there was nothing stopping Nelson Mandela and his family from moving into their plush Soweto house.

Tshabalala was responding to Soweto Civic Association chairman Ntatho Motlana's statement in the US last week

that the Mandelas could not move into their new house in Soweto until it had been supplied with electricity and water.

"That has been attended to as a matter of urgency," Tshabalala said.

He said the water had been connected by Friday and the electricity department had instructions to connect electricity "and assist in any way possible".

He said Mandela should not be deprived of water and electricity because of a rent boycott.

When asked if Mandela would have to pay for services, Tshabalala said every Soweto resident was expected to pay for services rendered by the council.



# Eviction law is too harsh, says probe

THE Malan Commission of Inquiry has recommended that certain provisions of the Housing Act, which empowered black councils to carry out evictions, should be repealed because they were far-reaching and interfered with the jurisdiction of the courts.

This is one of the recommendations made by the commission to the Soweto Council.

The commission, under the chairmanship of Professor FR Malan, was appointed by Soweto mayor Sam Mkhwanazi to investigate possible corruption and irregularities in the council in March last year.

By SY MAKARINGE

Section 65 empowered an authorised officer, after a seven-day notice had been served, to evict people without a court order.

"The commission doubts whether a provision as far-reaching as this one, ousting the jurisdiction of the courts and affecting a sensitive and highly politicised matter such as housing can be tolerated in our society today," the report, published recently, said.

It also recommended that councillors' approval in allocating houses for leasing or sale be "dispensed with" as this could lead to irregularities and injustice.

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## Still boycotting (343)

Since June 1986, about 80% of Soweto's 800 000 households have not paid rent nor for municipal services. Electricity arrears alone total R190,7m. Soweto owes the Transvaal Provincial Administration a total of R464,6m for bridging finance. The town council is negotiating to lower both these amounts.

The boycott doesn't appear to be waning though mayor Sam Mkhwanazi says residents are not being asked to pay rent arrears. They continue to say they want better services before they will consider paying for the ones they already have. Two weeks ago police tear-gassed 10 000 demonstrators

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marching to the town council offices with a petition demanding a reduction in tariffs and an end to both the Group Areas Act and privatisation of housing.

Soweto town clerk Piet Geers, who took over on March 1, says there cannot be an amnesty for services arrears. "As an administrator, I need the money."

The council is under orders from the provincial administration to collect the debt. Mkhwanazi says only 10%-20% of residents are not paying the new flat-rate charge of R50 for electricity and R22,50 for services. Geers says it is a lower, temporary rate, which will be used to phase in payments until higher tariffs are imposed.

A poll released last month found that 61% of Sowetans supported the boycott — because costs were unreasonable — and 14% said they could not afford to pay their bills. Geers acknowledges the fees bite deeply into the average Soweto household's monthly income of R500. Without an industrial and business sector to serve as a tax base the service bills fall heavily on individuals.

He foresees a joining of Johannesburg, Soweto and Lenasia into a "mini Regional Services Council" to spread the costs. He would also like to see Soweto's vast stock of rented property become freehold — so residents would pay property taxes instead of rent — to give them a stake in the city.

He faces strong opposition from people who say such a plan is designed to keep blacks in Soweto when they should be allowed to live wherever they want. ■



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# A sewage problem hits flats

By SONTI MASEKO

BLACK domestic workers living in a block of flats in Yeoville, Johannesburg have spent the Easter weekend carrying out buckets of sewage that threatened to flood their rooms after the caretaker told them they had to wait until today for a plumber.

About 14 women employed by tenants living in Trinity Hall, a whites-only block of flats owned by Standard Bank, live in the servants' quarters of the block.

They said since Saturday night sewage from other parts of the building had come up from the drains in the bath tubs and toilets and poured onto the floor in which their rooms are situated. They had to contain the sewage in buckets to prevent it from flooding their rooms.

They said the caretaker of the building, Mr Ron Cooper, told them on Sunday that the plumbers would not come until the end of the long weekend.

The tenants in the flats were, however, not warned about the blockage and as they continued flushing the toilets and using the baths more sewage flooded the servants' quarters.

Asked to comment, Cooper said when he saw the flood he did not think the blockage was serious.

"This morning I realised that it was serious and I called the plumbers," he said.

The domestic workers each pay R100 for a room.



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# TUATA

## CRISIS ACTION

In accordance with the need to resolve the current education crisis and in order to encourage effective teaching and learning in Black schools, TUATA has intensified its campaign to assist the teacher at the grassroots level.

TUATA has planned a series of rallies for teachers throughout the province over the next three months. Rallies have already been held in Soweto, Springs, Kagiso, Carletonville, Letaba North and Potchefstroom. These meetings have provided teachers with a platform to air their grievances, and an opportunity to learn of TUATA'S action on their behalf.

TUATA has also been actively engaged in several areas of grievance and social responsibility, notably:

### - Retrenchment of Teachers

The retrenchment of teachers has been a grievance of teachers in recent strike action in the province. But, TUATA had already tackled the DET on this issue in December 1989, and by January 1990 had been successful in having all 124 retrenched teachers reinstated. As a result of the agitation of TUATA, DET was forced to abandon the policy of retrenching underqualified teachers.

### - Reinstitution of Pre-School Classes and Establishment of Early Learning Centres

Besides condemning the closing down of Pre-School classes and successfully demanding their continuation, TUATA has also commenced a project to establish Early Learning Centres in communities where the need is greatest. Centres have already been set up in Diepkloof, Meadowlands, Zondi, Kagiso and Vosloorus. TUATA is also in the process of erecting the Likhwetl Early Learning Centre in Kanyamazane, Kangwane.

### - Increase of Teachers' Salaries

TUATA has already been instrumental in achieving parity of salaries between male and female teachers from post level two upwards and a better salary package for under-qualified teachers. (Refer to Page 9 of the recent DET memorandum, "Reply to the Demands" submitted to the Department by Teachers, 5 February and 23 March 1990). TUATA has nevertheless continued to insist on further increases. Those teachers in Category A1 and below, who earn less than a living wage, are of particular concern.

### - Transfer to the Government Service Pension Fund

TUATA has been instrumental in persuading DET to grant teachers another opportunity of transferring from the Temporary Employees' Fund to the Government Service Pension Fund. Since the conditions of such transfer are not satisfactory and beyond the means of most teachers, TUATA will continue to agitate for more lenient terms.

### - Revision of Syllabi and Curriculum, and Curriculum Development

TUATA continues to call for a revision of syllabi and curriculum and has herself embarked on the initial phase of a curriculum development project in preparation for the new era. TUATA's first Curriculum Development Conference took place in Potgietersrus in August 1989.

### - Student-Teacher Co-operation

TUATA is now promoting "open agenda" meetings with school students in order to address issues of concern and encourage student-teacher co-operation. Districts and branches throughout the province have been instructed to organise such meetings.

### - Cessation of Youth Camps

On becoming aware of the extreme opposition to youth camps among students, TUATA was instrumental in the last year in effecting the cancellation of these camps.

### - Inter-Organisational Co-operation

TUATA is now involving herself in meetings with other teachers' organisations, such as NEUSA, in order to promote unified action towards the resolution of the education crisis. The Presidents of TUATA and NEUSA met on Monday, 26 March 1990, to discuss the education crisis and "Chalk Down".

### - Legal Aid

TUATA continues to provide legal aid to students and teachers who have become victims of the apartheid system or other unfortunate circumstances. Notable cases include two bus accidents: in 1987, involving children from Alexandra High School; and in 1989, involving children from Seolwane High School. TUATA provided legal representation in both cases and gained compensation for the parents of the victims. TUATA has also taken successful legal action on behalf of teachers who have been abducted, subjected to forced transfer, charged with misconduct, and the like.

### - Insurance Cover

In keeping with its commitment to promoting the welfare of teachers, TUATA offers membership of the TUATA Old Mutual Group Scheme at low premiums. The package of five different elements including disability, death, parents' cover, family benefits and endowment ensures that members are well covered. In the event of the death of a member from TUATA whose children are the beneficiaries, TUATA continues its support of the family; TUATA acts as trustee, managing and investing the funds until the children attain their majority.

### - Charity Donations

TUATA continues to recognise its responsibility to the community over and above its normal role. To reflect this commitment, over the years TUATA has consistently made donations to needy causes. More recently TUATA has contributed to the Flood Disaster Fund in Natal, bus disaster funds in the Western Transvaal, Soweto and Durban, and last year a sum of R5 000 to Operation Hunger.

In order to address the problems of teachers within its ranks even more effectively, particularly in this situation of crisis, TUATA will shortly expand its operations. Qualified full-time staff, based at a new central office, will be appointed to liaise with members throughout the province and co-ordinate the activities of the Association.



# More options open for home buyers likely this year



Mr Zuko Tofile

THE recent positive steps in the South African political arena have been welcomed by business leaders and should result in a significant long term improvement in the economy's performance.

This was said by the chairman of Time Holdings Limited, Mr Colin Hibbet, in his annual report.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

ings Limited, Mr Colin Hibbet, in his annual report.

However, he says, the current slow-down in the economy is expected to continue through most of 1990 and interest rates are not expected to fall significantly before the third quarter of the year.

He says the group, which comprises three major operating divisions focusing on the areas of financial services, and insurance, housing and commercial property management and investment, is nevertheless strongly positioned in its three keys areas of activity, and is targeting a turnover budget approaching R350 million.

The report says in October Urban Foundation announced details of a scheme to provide bond finance for homes costing less than R35 000.

Until recently, developers were faced with a financing gap as few building societies would grant bonds of below R35 000 while the South African Housing Trust had a R20 000 lending ceiling.

Time can now enter the market for homes costing between R20 000 and R35 000 - a market which is estimated to exceed 250 000 units - thanks to the Urban Foundation, the report adds.

"Several statutory and practical issues remain to be resolved before the initiative comes into effect but we expect to benefit increasingly from the scheme from mid-1990."

## Unique chance for exhibitors

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THOUSANDS of people are likely to attend this year's Matchmakers Exhibition at Nasrec from May 16 to 18.

White industrialists will once more come in their numbers hoping to identify black undertakings they can do business with.

Matchmaker director, Mr Zuko Tofile, said ordinary people will be exposed to a number of products and services which are available right on their doorstep - the townships.

Exhibitors will thus be provided with a unique, efficient and powerful platform from which to market their products and services.

Attracting the public to this event (and attracting their buying power) will be a programme of events the likes of which has never before been experienced, he said.

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# Call for Lekoa council inquiry

*Sowetan 19/4/90*

By MATSHUBE MFOLOE

NINETEEN Lekoa councillors who had their salaries suspended have asked the Transvaal Provincial Administration to investigate alleged irregularities in the council, former mayor of Lekoa, Mr Sam Kolisang, said

yesterday.

The councillors' salaries and other benefits were suspended by acting mayor Mrs S'bongile Kate Ngwenya.

Earlier this year, the councillors announced

they intended to resign but no letters of resignation were handed to the town clerk.

Ngwenya said at a Press conference yesterday the council had

resolved to suspend salaries of the councillors until they rescinded the resignations.

She said this was a unanimous decision by the 43-member council.

Ngwenya said some of the councillors had attended a council meeting the previous day.

However, Kolisang said the TPA had advised them that resignation letters should be withheld until an inquiry into alleged irregularities had begun.

No date for the inquiry has been set but *Sowetan* was reliably informed the 19 councillors met TPA officials in Pretoria on Monday.

Kolisang said the TPA was handed a petition.



# Lekoa wants one Vaal council

THE Lekoa Town Council is to ask Vanderbijlpark Town Council that the two should merge into one metropolitan council for the Vaal region, acting Lekoa mayor Mrs Kate Ngwenya said yesterday.

Ngwenya disclosed this at a Press conference in the council chambers at Sebokeng and said proposals on the matter had been forwarded to the Vanderbijlpark and Vereeniging town councils.

Vanderbijlpark is Conservative Party-controlled while Vereeniging is National Party dominated.

She said the initial response from the two councils had been favourable and further meetings on the subject of "one council for all people" were in the pipeline.

The Lekoa council had decided on the move in the light of the "changing political climate in the country".

"It is now time that we also get a slice when the cake is cut," she said.

Ngwenya said by forming one council for the region there would be a better "financial base" on which to manage health facilities and other projects.

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## Teargas used to break up Kroonstad crowd

KROONSTAD — At least one person was reportedly injured when police fired teargas to disperse about 1 500 people who staged a sit-down outside the civic centre in Maokeng township near Kroonstad yesterday.

The crowd was given two minutes to disperse; thereafter police fired a barrage of teargas, police said.

The group was part of a crowd of about 6 000 which converged on the civic centre demanding the resignation of mayor Caswell Koekoe and the town council.

Shortly after the crowd had been dispersed, police fired more teargas at people congregated on pavements or in private yards.

A boy was treated at Boitumelo Hospital near Maokeng for a head wound allegedly sustained when he was hit by a teargas cannister.

WILSON ZWANE reports that at least one taxi was set alight and several others were damaged when hundreds of Katlehong youths stopped, stoned and petrol-bombed taxis on Saturday.

Katlehong Civic Organisation spokesman Ken Moetsi said the violence was sparked when the Germiston and District Taxi Association resumed operations in the township.

Moetsi said the association was intimidating Katlehong residents by resuming operations. It was not supposed to operate while investigations were in progress into the causes of its feud with the Katlehong Taxi Association.

The feud between the two associations has reportedly claimed about 50 lives.

Since the taxi war the Germiston and District Taxi Association and the Katlehong Taxi Association have not been operating in the township.

Sabta spokesman Fanyana Shiburi said yesterday a meeting of interested parties was to be held last night to decide what action should be taken against Germiston and District Taxi Association for resuming its services.

Sabta suspended the association because of its war with the Katlehong association over routes in Katlehong.

## NATAL UNREST DEATHS

September 1987 — January 1989:.....668  
February 1989 — April 22 1990:.....934  
Past 24 hours' official toll:.....2  
TOTAL:.....1 604



## R13-m is missing - claim

By ZINGISA MKHUMA

RESIDENTS at Witbank's Kwaguqa township are up in arms over the alleged disappearance of R13 million from the town council's coffers.

The council has denied the claims, saying there was "a misunderstanding".

Town clerk Mr JA Engelbrecht said the R13 million was "in fact" a deficit in the council's budget.

A spokesman for Kwaguqa's Boycott Coordinating Committee said: "The rent boycott in Witbank is in its second month, and in the light of these allegations it is difficult to negotiate a solution to end the boycott."

He said they had evidence that linked certain white officials to the alleged theft and would report the matter to the police.

Four white officials of the councils are said to have been suspended with full pay.

Engelbrecht confirmed this and said the question of paying the suspended officials had been negotiated with the council's trade union.

He said the council would meet on April 26 to discuss the allegations.

# A COMMISSION

It had become necessary for the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982 to be reviewed in its entirety, MEC for Physical Planning and Land Affairs, Dr Willie Hoods, said in a statement -

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# Home advice project to be launched

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THE Legal Aid Bureau will, in conjunction with the South African Housing Trust, launch a housing advice project at a Press luncheon to be held at the Johannesburg Country Club next Thursday.

The new unit is a unique extension of the Legal Aid Bureau.

It will have an important role in tracking business practices in the

By SY MAKARINGE

affordable housing sector and in educating and assisting would-be home owners from the low income group.

The main aim of the unit is to protect potential home buyers from unscrupulous estate agents and building contractors.

Last year alone the bureau dealt with more than 300 cases of people who paid substantial amounts of money to bogus contractors as deposits for houses.

## Contracts

These "contractors" disappeared as soon as they had accumulated several thousand rands, leaving their unsuspecting clients in the lurch.

"Once contracts have been concluded and money has been paid, there is usually very little which can be done to assist potential home buyers.

"There is a need to prevent housing problems before they arise," said Gavin Rome, a legal adviser at the bureau.

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# BUILDING HOMES IMPROVEMENTS

## Enterprise employees get

## a helping hand

Mr John Weaver, general manager of FHA Homes, hands keys to an Enterprise employee at a function in Vosloorus. Pic: FIKILE ZULU.

By SY MAKARINGE

EMPLOYER participation in the provision of housing could go a long in solving the critical shortage of houses and the

creation of stability in the country. Recently Enterprise, one of the major food

processing companies in South Africa, negotiated deals with FHA Homes, the Urban Foundation's utility company, on behalf of its lowest paid employees.

The negotiations paid dividends when 80 new low-cost homes in Vosloorus - each worth in the region of R31 000 - were handed over to some of the employees at a function in the new area on Monday.

The 80 houses are part of 500 homes being developed by FHA Homes in Vosloorus in a bid to accommodate people in the lower rungs of the economic ladder in South Africa.

### Largest

This was the largest ever consignment of homes ever made to an employer by FHA Homes.

Mr Danie Venter, managing director of Enterprise, said his company had a philosophy that happiness at home led to a greater contentment and

productivity at work. Venter pointed out the scheme was "not a hand out".

He said Enterprise offered its employees a 10 percent collateral scheme which enabled them to obtain 100 percent bonds from financial institutions.

He said this scheme, which was used by many employers, was very successful.

### Problem

"The major problem with acquiring a home is not only being able to afford repayments but also entering into the market.

"The requirements of a 10 or 20 percent deposit usually restricts most people from obtaining houses. The collateral scheme is geared to eliminate this problem," Venter said.

A spokesperson for FHA Homes, Mrs Tammy Tarranto, urged employers to form partnerships with the development company to help their employees acquire homes.





# Give us security - plea

THE Government was responsible for the recent mass resignation of black councillors.

This was said by delegates at the annual general meeting of the Urban Councils Association of the Transvaal, an affiliate of the Urban Councils Association of South Africa, held in Kempton Park yesterday.

The meeting was attended by about 200 councillors.

More than 60 councillors in the Transvaal have resigned in the past two months following pressure from the community and political organisations.

Mr Prince Mokoena, a member of the Alexandra Town Council, warned that if the Government did not increase security for councillors and their families, black local authorities would collapse.

Delegates at the meeting accused the Democratic Party of siding with the African National Congress and other extra-parliamentary organisations. Mr Peter Soal,

MP for Johannesburg, denied this.

He said: "The DP is not against local authorities because they have to provide services in the townships. You must make good use of this platform to help in ending apartheid." *30/4/90*

He said it was the wish of the DP to see all local authorities, presently based on the colour line, to be amalgamated into non-racial structures.

Mr A.P. Khumalo, chairman of Ucat, appealed to councillors not to resign despite pressure from "radicals and murderers". He said councillors were not defaulters because they were democratically elected into power.

President of Ucasa, Mr Phillip Nhlapo, said: "Councillors have no problem because they have achieved a lot for the people in the past. It's the ANC which has problems and that is why it will be meeting the Government this week."



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BACKGROUND

# The greening of Soweto: conservation now an issue

A new move is under way to beautify Soweto, and attempts are being made to turn the overcrowded, grey township into a greener environment. JULIENNE DU TOIT reports.

A new revolution has started in Soweto — and this time it's a green one.

"We want a land worth having when the right government comes to power," said National Environmental Awareness Campaign (NEAC) president, Mr Japhta Lekgetho of the greening of Soweto.

The organisation, started after the 1976 uprising, first took shape as a community organisation trying to get rid of the huge mounds of litter piling up when services came to a halt.

"Some people still see us as a litter organisation, but we're much more than that," said spokesman Mrs Laura Pollecutts.

"Tree planting has become a bit trendy in Soweto these days. We want to go further. All the land in Soweto is being built on. There are no parks and football fields are disappearing. And with no recreation, children are turning to crime.

"All this has to be remedied, so you see, we're concerned with cleaning up the environment in a holistic way."

Children are involved in the organisation, which has set up a recreation centre and has its own football and athletics teams, and a large park.

At a tree planting ceremony there last week, African National Congress official Mr Andrew Mlangeni remarked that being in the park was like "finding oneself on another planet".

NEAC screens educational films and holds workshops for the community on services, squatting and urbanisation.

The project is not limited to Soweto. "We are networking

with other places, like Mamelodi, and anyone else who is interested. We also talk to church leaders, because many of them live in places where the land is abused. This is a national movement. It's only starting in Soweto," said Mrs Pollecutts.

She said unions were also becoming involved with environmental issues, and were especially opposed to the proposed importation of toxic waste.

NEAC is working with Mass Democratic Movement organisations, Earth Life and other progressive groups.

The organisation blames the Government for many environmental problems facing the country.

The Land Act forced a large amount of people on to a small area of land, which caused overgrazing and overcrowding. The Group Areas Act provoked ghetto situations, said Mrs Pollecutts.

"When you are cold, you see a tree as wood to warm yourself. And if you don't know where your next meal is coming from, saving the rhino really becomes a secondary issue," said Mrs Pollecutts.

NEAC wants the Government to provide more land for housing, not to use up land allocated under "racist land laws".

They also want Johannesburg and Soweto to be united, "for equal services, housing and tax-base".

Mrs Pollecutts said environmental concern was high among Soweto residents, in spite of conservation being seen as a white, or establishment issue.

"Every time anyone marches or petitions for better housing or conditions, it involves the environment."

"We must plant trees to rejuvenate the tired land and fight pollution in the air," said Mr Lekgetho.

"We ask all groups to help us make the green revolution a reality."



Putting down roots . . . Mr Andrew Mlangeni, an ANC official, plants a tree on behalf of the organisation during the National Environmental Awareness Campaign's tree planting ceremony in Soweto last week.

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# Diepmeadow Council row

*Sowetan 2/5/90*  
**By SY MAKARINGE**

A MAJOR row is brewing in the Diepmeadow Council following disclosures that official vehicles are being grossly misused by councillors.

The malpractices are reported to have reached such uncontrollable proportions that the City Secretary, Mr David Mabalane, had to write a memorandum to the Mayor, Mr M J Khumalo, for his immediate intervention.

The memorandum, a copy of which was sent to the chairman of the executive committee, was leaked to the *Sowetan* last Thursday.

## Abuse

Mabalane said it was "a custom" to assist councillors with transport in times of need, such as when they had to attend funerals of close relatives.

"Unfortunately some councillors have abused and still abuse this privilege. A practice is developing where councillors frequently request the use of council vehicles for private and personal use even to places outside the area of jurisdiction of the council," the memorandum, dated April 20, reads.

He said some of the vehicles had been involved in accidents. He said there were cases in which councillors demanded petrol al-

lowances for the private use of these vehicles.

"...These practices are irregular in that they are not budgeted for neither are they approved in terms of the council's resolution. Your co-operation is requested so as to avoid unnecessary hardship for all involved. This practice must be stopped. Please assist," the memorandum pleaded.

*Sowetan* was on Friday shown an extensively damaged car at the council's garage at the Central Camp in Diepkloof. The brand new Toyota Corolla was damaged after it was involved in an accident in

Natal where a councillor had gone on a private trip.

Sources also said there were many instances where councillors used council vehicles on long-distance trips for personal purposes.

They said it was difficult to curb these prac-

tices as the transport manager was regarded as a junior and would be seen as being insubordinate if he did not accede to their demands.

Khumalo could not be reached for comment as he was reported to be in Cape Town.

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## Legal aid centre to give advice on homes

CHARLOTTE MATHEWS

THE SA Housing Trust (SAHT) handed over R50 000 to the Legal Aid Bureau (LAB) in Johannesburg yesterday to launch a project aimed at helping newcomers with legal problems to enter the housing market.

The Housing Advice Centre will be run from the bureau's offices in Kerk Street, but will operate independently. It will be directed by LAB assistant director Brian Leveson.

Officials said there were plans to establish a chain of these advice offices.

The most likely locations for other centres were Soweto, Sebokeng, Katlehong, Thokoza, Evaton and Mamelodi, where most inquiries were coming from.

LAB legal adviser Gavin Rome said

since 1986 a growing proportion of interviews had involved housing matters.

"Currently we estimate that 5% of cases relate to housing," Rome said.

"Although this figure is small it shows massive growth within a year."

The SAHT emphasised that it had not embarked on the project because of any sudden wave of irregularities and abuses.

"Our initiative is prompted by eagerness to preserve the public credibility and good standing of the vast majority of reputable concerns that are increasingly directing their efforts to the low-cost housing field," SAHT MD Wallie Conradie said.

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# A dream comes true for Alex residents

Staff Reporter

Out of the dust of Alexandra township, a dream emerged when the walls of the Alexandra Community Education Centre went up this week. It is now all systems go for the technical school phase of the R15 million project.

Preparing the ground and laying the infrastructure has been going on since November last year, but as the walls came up, Alexandra residents realised for the first time the reality of the project. The centre is a joint project of the Bramley Rotary Club, The Star (through its Teach Fund) and Alexandra residents, and has been in the planning stages for years.

Said residents spokesman Mr Peter Matlhare: "Now Alexandra residents can prepare to enjoy a technical college facility, too. It is a dream come true for us, and particularly for the youth of the township who have had to travel either to Soweto or

the East Rand if they were interested in technical education."

The ACE Centre was made possible from major donations by Barlow Rand and Toyota South Africa. Barlow donated R3 million over three years to wards the project, while Toyota will provide workshops for the second phase of the school, described as a "total school" which would have workshops in motor mechanics, welding, and electricity, plus an administration block, two theory classes and two drawing rooms.

## Career-oriented

Yesterday, representatives of some of the major corporate donors visited the site, and all expressed satisfaction at the pace of the project's development.

Mr Jolyon Nuttall, chairman of the Ace Centre Steering Committee and General Manager of The Star, said that it was thanks

to the generosity of several companies that the dream of Alex residents was beginning to take shape. He said that he hoped more companies would make an investment in this project, which was designed, in consultation with the community of Alexandra, to provide an education which is career directed.

Among companies which have already made donations are: Barlow Rand Education Trust (R3m), JCI Chairman's Fund (R250 000), AECl (R120 000), The Star Teach Fund (R100 000), Sasol (R90 000), Millionex (R65 000), Premier Food (R63 482), Estate Late Carleo-Putco (R50 000), Allied Building Society Educational Trust (R50 000), Argus Newspapers Ltd (R50 000), Otis Elevator Company (R50 000), National Orchestra: concert proceeds (R16 500), Hyde Park Centre (R11 000), Sundry Donations (R3 563).



Looking at the plans for the ACE Centre in Alexandra, with the first level of the technical centre background, are (from left): Mr Adrian van der Walt, from Total SA; Ms Caroline Tindall, from JCI Ietsolo, community worker in Alexandra; Mr Russell Chambers, from Barlows; Mr Martin Ram Alexandra representative on the ACE Steering Committee; Mr Clarence Mloketi, from Premier Mill Peter Matlhare, another Alexandra Residents representative on Ace; and Mr Jolyon Nuttall, manager of The Star.

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# Cash-for-cheq

By COLETTE CAINE

UNSCRUPULOUS traders are making money by cashing crossed cheques – and keeping a large slice of the money for themselves.

This week, Johannesburg traders Vee Em Wholesalers refunded Alexandra mother of five Anna Lesoka the R630 taken from the R1 500 cheque the store "cashed" for her.

*City Press* accompanied Lesoka to Vee Em's Commissioner Street store.

An inspector from the Department of Manpower and an attorney from the Legal Resources Centre were also present.

Vee Em proprietor, a Mr Modi, threw *City Press* photographer Evans Mboweni out of the shop when he took photographs of Modi "cashing" cheques for other customers.

Lesoka received the R1 500 Reserve Bank cheque from the Department of Manpower for unemployment. The single mother of five was retrenched from her job last year and had been waiting almost six months for her first Unemployment Insurance Fund cheque.

"All of us who got cheques from the Manpower offices in Sandton were given cards by the man at the door urging us to go cash the cheques at Vee Em Wholesalers. The cards said the shop cashed cheques

## Trader preys on people desperate for quick money

the same day without waiting 21 days like in the bank," said Lesoka.

"When I gave them my cheque the shopkeeper said I must buy something, so I chose a school shirt and shorts for my son.

"Then the shopkeeper said my cheque was for too much money, so I must take something else as well.

"I told him I needed money for food and didn't want to buy anything else. That's when he said I must take a duvet set and sheets.

"I told him I haven't even got a bed to sleep on. How can I buy a duvet?

"But he just put the duvet into a plastic bag and pushed it at me.

"I refused to take it and said he must give my cheque back. I was crying, telling him my children needed food, not duvets.

"He refused to give me my cheque back and just threw an envelope with my change at me. When I opened the envelope, there was R870 – he charged me R630 for the duvet set.

According to the price tags on the goods Lesoka was forced to buy, the total came to R400.

*City Press* asked Modi if the missing R230 had been a commission for "cashing" the cheque.

Modi denied he misled people into believing their cheques would be cashed free, pointing to his advertisements in a Johannesburg daily newspaper which stated "crossed cheques cashed against purchases".

There was no mention of this on the cards which are printed in Sotho and Zulu.

Modi also denied he had forced Lesoka to buy goods against her will, or that he had refused to hand back her cheque, or that he had charged her any commission for handling the cheque.

Modi could not explain why the goods added up to only R400 but Lesoka had been charged R630.

He implied that Lesoka had received other goods which she was not returning.

*City Press* asked to see his receipt books, or any other records of what he had sold to Lesoka.

Modi said he was running a "cash sale business, not a bank". He said he was not obliged to keep written records.

*City Press* established that the goods sold to Lesoka would have cost her about R150 if she had bought them at other shops in central Johannesburg.

The Department of Manpower has stopped the distribution of Vee Em Wholesalers' business cards at their offices. The clerk involved in handing out the cards has resigned.

The department is also planning to print a warning on its cheque counterfoils advising people against cashing the cheques at shops which charge a commission.

Spokesmen for major banks say customers can draw immediately on a Reserve Bank cheque issued by a government department. There is no clearance period on these cheques.

The Newspaper Press Union has instructed its members not to accept any further advertisements from Vee Em or other traders offering to "cash" cheques.

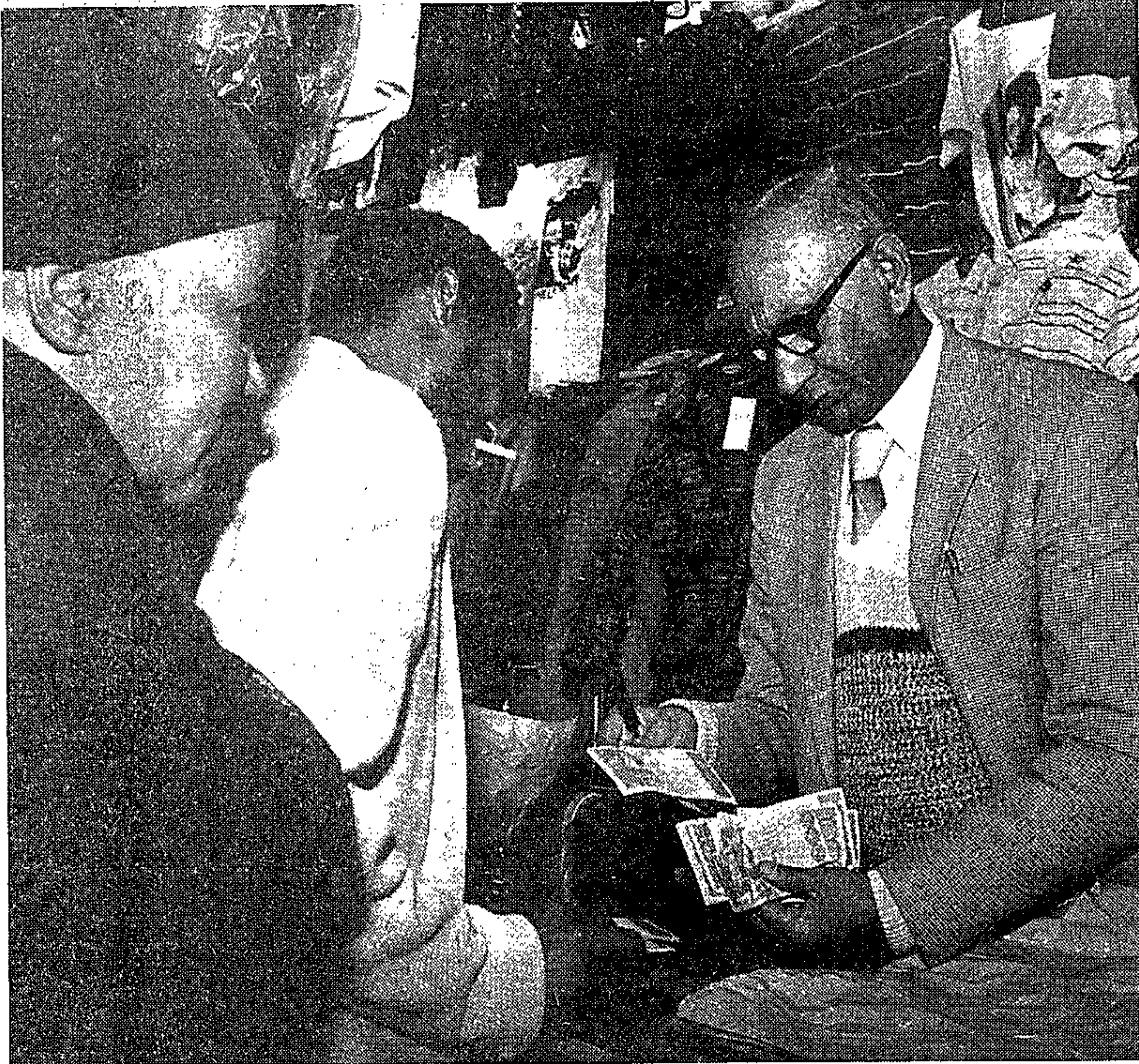


**Anna Lesoka with the expensively priced goods she was forced to buy. From her R1 500 she took home only R870.**



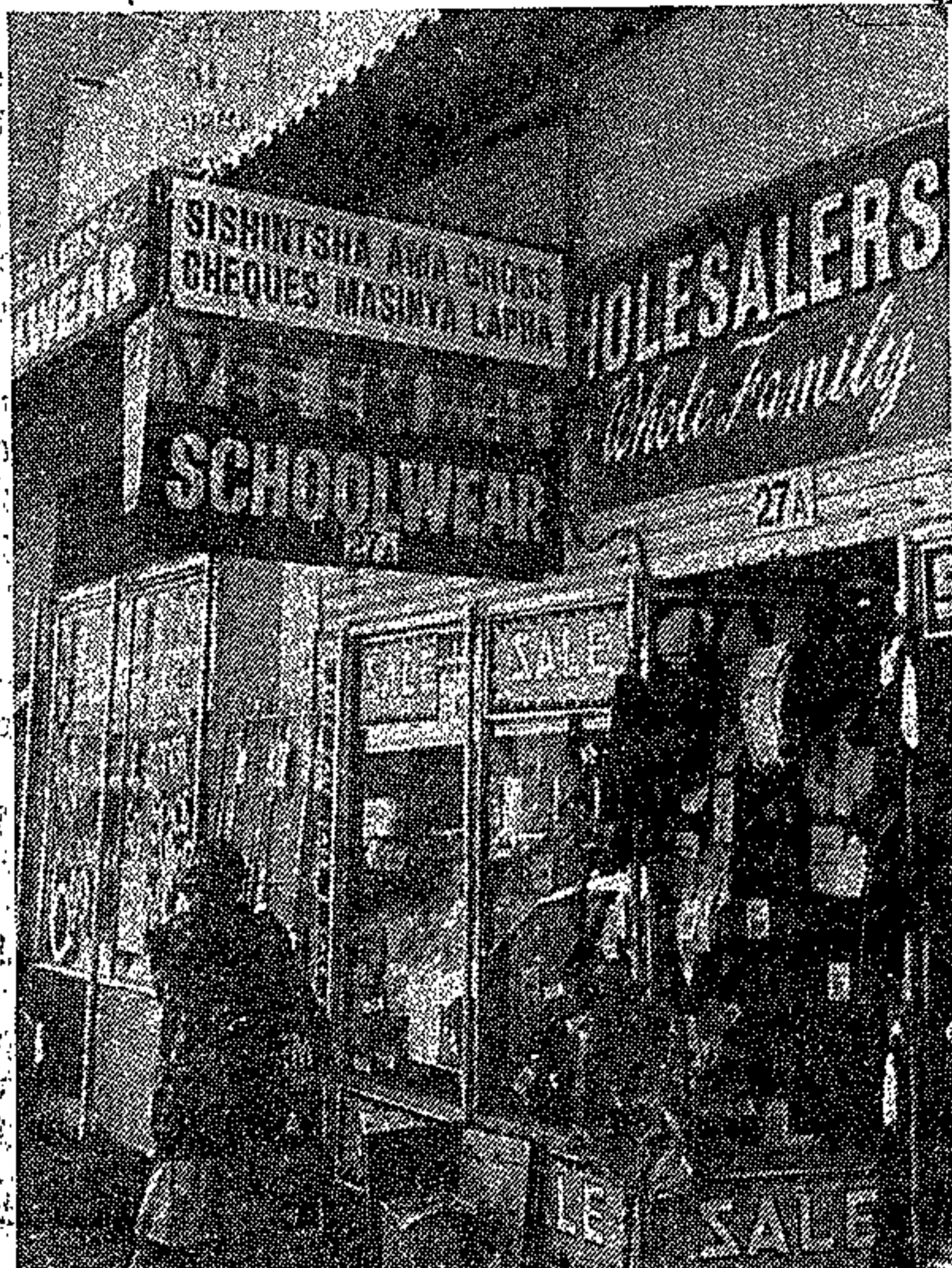
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Modi "cashing" a cheque for a customer in need of quick cash.

■ PICS: EVANS MBOWENI



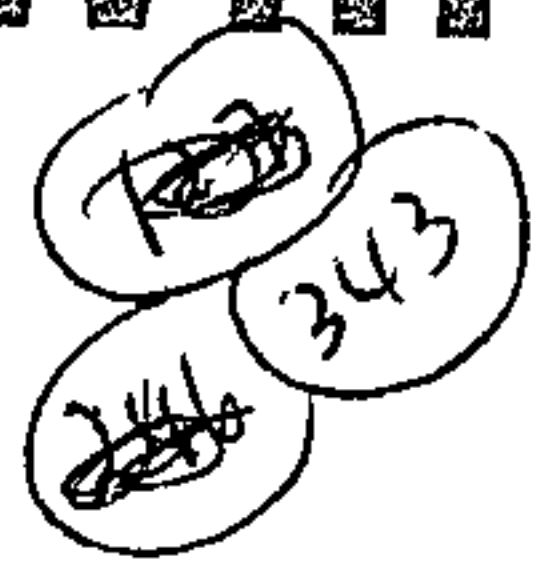
A sign on the Commissioner Street store promises customers fast service without alerting them to the pitfalls.



Curbing rip-offs in home market

# New bureau will protect buyers

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THE South African Housing Trust has sponsored the Legal Aid Bureau, a private welfare organisation, to the tune of R50 000 for the establishment of a project to protect

By SY MAKARINGE

potential home-buyers from unscrupulous companies.

The establishment of the Housing Advice Project, under the director-

ship of Mr Brian Levenson, was necessitated by the dramatic increase in cases where unsophisticated potential home buyers are being ripped off by bogus and incompetent property developers and estate agents.

In one year alone, the bureau handled more than 300 cases of unfair housing deals.

Mr Wallie Conrad, managing director of the trust, said it was a great tragedy that housing, which was a national effort, was being besmirched by the activities of unscrupulous operators.

"Incompetent newcomers to the sector who promise more than they can deliver will also tend to undermine public confidence," Conrad said.

Mrs Pauline Lipson, director of the bureau, said at the presentation of the cheque at the Auckland Park Country Club that housing problems were not new to the bureau.

She said by the time people brought them to the attention of the bureau, it was too late to do anything.

The future of the bureau itself was bleak and uncertain because of lack of funds. She said bureau could be forced to close if donors did not come to its rescue.

The Housing Advice Project will operate from the bureau's offices on the fifth floor of York House in Kerk Street, Johannesburg.

It is hoped that eventually a chain of offices will be established throughout the PWV area.



# Residents angry over costly sites

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RESIDENTS of Seshogo, near Pietersburg, who do not have houses are to occupy unused houses in Zone 8 and erect shacks from May 31, it was resolved at the weekend.

About 400 people who attended a meeting of the Seshogo Civic Association condemned the allocation of sites to major consortiums who then sell stands at inflated prices.

This meant that underpaid workers, who formed the majority of the workforce in the area,

By MATHATHA TSEDU  
could not afford to get sites and build their own houses, the meeting was told.

The meeting also resolved that councillors should resign with immediate effect. The councillors were accused of corruption, self enrichment and of hoarding stands.

Three councillors who attended the meeting said the council was useless as it had no budget of its own. They said they

would resign immediately.

Owners of backrooms who presently charge between R80 and R100 a month for a room were ordered by the meeting to reduce rents to R20 a month from June 1.

The Lebowa government is to be approached to provide water and sewerage in the area.

The allocation of sites to developers has become a thorny issue in many areas of Lebowa.

In Sebayeng, near Solomondale, residents are to march to the superintendent's office on

Thursday morning to protest about the same issue.

The chairman of the Sebayeng Civic Association, Mr Philly Mathabatha, said the march was also to protest against the lack of recreational facilities in the township.

A delegation from Mankweng township recently met the Lebowa minister of home affairs, Mr Lawrence Ledwaba, to discuss the allocation of more than 400 sites to a white developer who was selling stands at allegedly exorbitant prices.

# Bara, where hundreds wait, desperate for a chance to serve

By MICHAEL SHAFTO

"They also serve who only stand and wait." This quotation has a certain relevance for Soweto's Baragwanath Hospital, where some stand and others sit and wait — and desperately want to serve, if only they would be given the chance.

All but the chronically ill are being discharged. Only emergency patients are being admitted. There is a shortage of food. Wards are filthy and patients have described conditions as a "nightmare" — but there is another side to the coin.

Mr Chicks Moletsane (32), a Nehawu shop steward, is an articulate example of a hospital worker who wants a fair deal but believes the hospital is the Soweto community's most important asset and that it should be restored to a fully operational level as soon as possible.

What he and many others like him are concerned about is the perception among people, "which has been created by certain

sections of the media, of Nehawu members as irresponsible and uncaring."

It is just one week today since the first May Day demonstrations at Bara. The atmosphere was a lot different. Workers stood in clumps or were sprayed on the lawn outside the administration building, others sat on cold drink bottle crates.

The mood was quieter — no marching or chanting, less singing — but it was also hopeful.

The talks in Pretoria was what most were talking about — the talks between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and Nehawu aimed at settling the hospitals strike.

Outside a building where Nehawu presently has temporary headquarters, Mr Moletsane told how he and fellow-members were concerned at the way "some media reports have tried to turn public opinion against us".

"They are not reflecting any of Nehawu's

anxiety to solve the problem," he said. He pointed out that on Friday, management at Bara had been offered — and had "gratefully accepted" — a temporary solution put forward by Nehawu.

By means of a skeleton structure all essential services were being kept going. This included the casualty department and the maternity section. The laundry, too, was being manned by a skeleton staff of volunteers and was slowly catching up the on backlog.

While Nehawu would not condone the use of "outside volunteers", there was no intimidation against Nehawu workers who wanted to carry out volunteer work in areas considered to be essential services.

Mr Moletsane, who has been a hospital clerk for the past seven years, said salary demands were negotiable. "Yes, we are saying we want a minimum wage of R1 100 and a R400-a-month increase across the board, but if management would take the

initiative and make some kind of immediate offer with a promise to take steps to meet our demands at a later date, members would be only too happy to return to work."

The Bara Public Relations department yesterday confirmed that the situation was gradually improving. "Services are functioning much better than last week, but still far from normal. With the help of emergency staff and voluntary workers we are just managing to keep our heads above water," said PR representative, Mrs Hester Vorster.

She confirmed that a big load of clean linen was distributed on Sunday. The backlog of dirty linen had diminished, but more help was needed to sort, fold and pack the clean linen. The kitchens were being manned only by nursing staff, and the stock of pre-packed tablets and medicines was low. Volunteers were urgently needed in both these areas.



# Flogged by 'kangaroo court' youths

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Staff Reporter

Youngsters in Alexandra Township put a woman on trial in a "kangaroo court" and flogged her when they found her guilty of stabbing a man.

Mrs Elizabeth Hlatshwayo (32), a mother of two, was "sentenced" to a R200 fine or 100 lashes last week.

When she did not pay the fine, the youths took turns in flogging her on the buttocks.

After giving her 42 strokes, they told her she would receive the remaining 58 when her wounds had healed.

Mrs Hlatshwayo said a man broke into her home last Monday and tried to rape her.

"In self-defence, I grabbed a table knife and stabbed him in the arm. He ran away and returned with a crowd of 'comrades'. I was taken to the inkundla (people's court) where I was found guilty. I was not allowed to give my side of the story. I was stripped half-naked in front of the crowd and flogged on the buttocks by 12 of the 'comrades'.

"I did not report the matter to the police because of threats that my shack would be burnt down if I did," she said.

Several abductions and floggings following "kangaroo court" prosecutions have been reported to the Alexandra Civic Association recently.

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Probe blames  
problems on  
inexperience

GERALD REILLY

PRETORIA — Few of the problems identified in investigations into the affairs of black town councils in the Transvaal related directly to dishonest or corrupt conduct, MEC in charge of local government Olaus van Zyl said last night.

It seemed councils' problems stemmed mostly from a lack of trained staff or the inexperience of councillors.

Both aspects were receiving urgent attention.

The investigations included probes into the administration of local government in Alexandra, Atteridgeville, Bekkersdal, Diepmeadow, Kwatamba, Lebong, Mhluzi, Siyathemba, Tembisa, Tokoza and Wesselton.

Further investigations are being made into the affairs of Tembisa, Tokoza and Wesselton.

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A similar inquiry may be made at Bekkersdal and Siyathemba.

Details of the investigations involving Bekkersdal, Siyathemba, Tembisa, Tokoza and Wesselton would not be made public at this stage, he said.

Reports relating to Alexandra were being studied by the director of local authorities and a report would be submitted to the administrator in the next ten days.

Local governments were informed of the findings and asked to take remedial action by the end of April. If this was not done, the administrator would take whatever action he deemed necessary.

Where justified, action was taken against individuals, Van Zyl said.



# Ex-mayor used council funds - probe finding

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday

By MONK NKOMO

revealed acts of irregularities in certain black town councils and disclosed that the former mayor of Diepmeadow, Mr M J Mathala, made personal purchases with council funds.

In a statement issued in Pretoria, Mr Olaus Van Zyl, MEC for Local Government and Regional Services Council, submitted summary findings of investigations into irregularities in certain town council.

The investigations were conducted last year into allegations of corruption in the following councils: Alexandra, Atteridgeville, KwaThema, Lebohang and Mhluzi.

Similar investigations are currently being conducted in Tembisa, Tokoza and Wesselton.

Consideration is being given to a request for investigations in Bekkersdal and Siyathemba.

Reports relating to Alexandra will be submitted to the Administrator within the next 10 days, Van Zyl said.

He added that at KwaThema, an official was convicted after stealing R5 999 from the council

coffers.

At Lebohang, unauthorised housing subsidies amounting to nearly R60 000 were paid to officials. These amounts had not been recovered.

Councillors acting as administrators were overpaid to the extent of more than R18 000 and an unauthorised loan of R3 000 was paid to a councillor.

All councillors of Lebohang resigned on March 19 this year and administrators have since been appointed.

Van Zyl said problems identified during the investigation at Diepmeadow were:

- \* The mayor, Mathala irregularly appointed the deputy city treasurer with retrospective effect from December 1 1987.

- \* Vouchers to support expenditure of R2512 and petrol purchases amounting to R959, could not be supplied.

- \* Mathala allegedly made personal purchases with council funds.
- \* Mathala and the town clerk used credit cards issued to the council without being able to provide supporting vouchers.

# New law will put the lid on noisy gigs

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**BLARING** amplifiers and gigs are likely to be a thing of the past once black local authorities adopt the new law intended to protect the public against man-made

By ALINAH DUBE

noise.

The noise regulations, published in the Government Gazette on April 27, were announced on Tuesday at a Press conference held at the Department of Environmental Affairs in Pretoria.

Professor Roelf Botha, chairman of the Council for the Environment, said yesterday: "The regulations will only be made applicable to a local authority area if such an authority applies to adopt them and is capable of enforcing them."

The regulations described the different types of noise, the measurement, the acceptable levels as well as the powers of local authorities to control these.

Should a local authority have a noise control officer in its

employ, he will be able to enforce all the conditions as set out in the regulations.

An inspector will, however, only be able to enforce a reduced number of regulations.

The authority may also lay down certain conditions pertaining to noise emanating from activities such as demolitions or ground drilling.

Such activities may be banned for certain hours and specified days. In addition, circumstances may be determined whereby vehicles and animals may be impounded if it has been ascertained that they cause a nuisance.

The gazette points out that: "no person shall make, produce or cause a disturbing noise, or allow it to be made, produced or caused by any person, machine, device of apparatus or any combination thereof."



# Policeman killed by grenade attackers.

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By Craig Kotze

A policeman was killed and another four were injured, two seriously, in a hand grenade attack last night at the Moroka police barracks in Soweto, police said.

Four Soviet-made grenades were hurled at the building at 7.25 pm by an unknown number of attackers.

Three exploded but one failed to go off. It was defused by police explosives experts.

Soweto police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn said one of the grenades had landed in a first-floor room where four constables were talking.

They were seriously injured and one was certified dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital.

A second grenade had landed at the door of another room. Shrapnel had injured another policeman.

The third grenade had gone off on a fire escape, said Colonel Halgryn.

An extensive investigation has been launched by Soweto Security Police and Colonel Halgryn said detectives had vowed to go out of their way to find the killers.

"We will not allow such senseless attacks. We will go out of our way to track down those responsible for this deed and bring them before the court," he said.

He refused to say whether police were investigating whether African National Congress or Pan Africanist Congress fighters, who are still conducting their armed struggle, were involved.

Major-General Johan Swart, Soweto Regional Commissioner, today expressed his condolences and sympathy to the family of the dead policeman and to the injured.

The names of the dead and injured have not yet been released.

● The attack yesterday was the second on policemen in the township recently. Two weeks ago a hand grenade was thrown at the home of a warrant officer. He was not injured.

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## **'Court' roasted over Alex beating**

Staff Reporter

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The Alexandra Youth Congress (AYC) yesterday distanced itself from a "people's court" action in which a 32-year-old mother of two was "sentenced" to 100 lashes on the buttocks after being tried by youngsters in the township.

The organisation's publicity secretary, Victor Kgobe, told The Star members of the AYC had not taken part in last Monday's assault on Elizabeth Hlatshwayo, who was lashed after she could not pay a "fine" of R200 for having stabbed a man she claimed had broken into her house.

"We condemn in the strongest possible terms those who took part in the beatings and we fully support the anti-crime conference to be held this Sunday at the Eastbank Hall in Alexandra," he said.

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# No light on Soweto's horizon as Eskom's bid fails

ESKOM'S bid to take over electricity distribution rights in Soweto appears to have failed.

The mediator, Development Bank chairman Simon Brand, is still struggling to find a solution that will satisfy the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), the Soweto city council, Eskom and the Soweto People's Delegation.

"It is a matter of discussing, testing and reformulating ideas until all parties agree on something. It is a very slow process," Brand said.

Last year Eskom proposed to launch a private, non-political company, Econolec, to take over distribution. A similar scheme is underway in kwaNobuhle, outside Uitenhage, where Kwanolec has been formed. Eskom holds half the shares and private investors the rest.

The council refuses to cede its distribution rights. Its chief PRO, Johan van der Westhuizen, said the council

## Weekly Mail Reporter

was reluctant to lose the revenue gained from electricity tariffs and the parties do not agree on the value of existing assets.

However, he confirmed Eskom's view that the council lacks the skills and finances needed to maintain and expand the present system.

The Soweto Civic Association is also opposed to Eskom's idea. Publicity secretary Pat Lephunya said: "We will never accept the privatisation of essential services. The rent boycott stays until Soweto and Johannesburg become one city."

The city council is estimated to owe the TPA more than R464-million. Much of the debt is for electricity bills residents have refused to pay since 1984. There is widespread dissatisfaction with the council's handling of electricity distribution.

Eskom chief executive Ian McCrae said in a recent report: "The provision of electricity in Soweto is so badly managed that people have difficulty in paying — non-payment is not a political issue. People receive astronomical bills for electricity not used and supply quality is poor. Something has to be done."

When electricity was introduced to Soweto in 1983 little effort was made to give residents control over their power consumption. Circuit breakers and meters were put in mini-substations to serve several houses. This method of calculating charges is suspect since each home's consumption is not measured individually. Many substations have been vandalised by householders to bypass the meters, knowing cheaters can not be traced.

The supply is unreliable: besides many technical interruptions, power has been cut in the past by the council

in mid-winter to punish residents for the rent boycott.

Electrical engineering consultant Gordon Sibiya challenges Eskom's altruism in wanting to take distribution rights: "McCrae has this business plan to create one huge monopoly all over Southern Africa — if he says he is doing that to help black empowerment, he is lying. How many black chairmen does Eskom have? The same number as Econolec — none."

"Anybody could implement Eskom's cash-in-advance metering system. The city council can solve its technical problems by subcontracting competent companies — the same way every other city council does."

Eskom recently closed its Econolec office in Soweto. Chief PRO Laetitia van Staden said: "No progress was being made. We felt further involvement would be a waste of money."

## Housing priorities *Sowetan* should *11/5/90* be set - adviser

### Sowetan Correspondent

SOUTH Africa was poised for a new phase which could succeed in meeting the housing needs of the average township family if a realistic approach was adopted, according to Johannesburg housing consultant Jo Dunstan.

Addressing a home-building conference in Pretoria on Wednesday, Dunstan pointed out several steps needed to be taken by employers and the homebuilding industry before low-income families could benefit from recent positive financial moves.

"The Urban Foundation has succeeded in freeing finance at unexpectedly low levels. The Housing Trust is talking about houses that break the R10 000 barrier - so is the Perm. The CSIR has researched a double storey unit for about R7 500 ~~(127)~~

"At last it's beginning to sound more realistic," she said. *343*

"We need to provide a range of homes that truly qualify under the label of low-cost housing. We need packages from R10000 to R30 000 - that covers the average black worker earning between R500 and R1500 a month, taking the first time homeowner subsidy into account.

"The survivors in the business now have to assess their market very carefully," she said. Dunstan pointed out that the reflex action had been to go for tiny houses, and stressed the need for the proper placing of houses on the property, and for taking the clients' special needs into consideration.

In general, servicing standards had to be lowered, and areas opened up that offered only "gravel roads, overhead electricity ... and even outside chemical toilets".



# Police station attacked

11/5/90 West Rand Bureau

Gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles and hand grenades attacked Soweto's Diepkloof Police Station last night.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said the small police station was attacked at about 7:45 pm.

Two grenades were thrown inside the courtyard. One exploded. The other was later rendered harmless by police explosive experts.

The sergeant on duty returned fire with an R-1 rifle and hit one of the attackers.

"In view of the amount of blood found at the scene, someone was seriously hurt," Colonel Halgryn said.

He said no policemen were injured and damage was minimal.

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# Soweto mayor off to States



SAM MKHWANAZI

SOWETO mayor Mr Sam Mkhwanazi left for the United States yesterday to attend the international annual general meeting of mayors and town clerks.

Mkhwanazi, who is attending the AGM for the second time, will also meet businessmen in New York during his three-week visit.

He is travelling with Soweto council official Mr SPJ van Rensburg. *Sowetan 14/5/90*

The AGM takes place at Little Rock, Arkansas.

The trip is sponsored by various South African companies.

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## Anti-council rent boycott

ALBERTON. — Tokoza township leaders warned at a meeting yesterday that talks between the government and the ANC could be jeopardised unless the government ordered the Transvaal Provincial Administration to "disband" "illegitimate" town councils.

They backed a rent boycott until the findings of an inquiry into maladministration and corruption in the Tokoza Town Council were made known, and called for support for the ANC.

— Sapa

## Cillie to head 'babies' probe

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A former Appeal Judge, Mr Justice P M Cillie, has been appointed the chairman of a commission of inquiry into claims that 23 premature babies died as a result of a strike at the Garankuwa Hospital near Pretoria last month.

The commission will examine the causes and consequences of the strike which started on April 4 and ended eight days later and whether any children or patients died as a direct result of strike action.

It will also determine whether any person or organisation can be held liable for deaths which occurred during the strike and will make recommendations on how to prevent similar incidents in future.

The inquiry, which will be open to the public, replaces an investigation headed by the executive director of Health Services in the Transvaal, Dr Hennie van Wyk.

Doctors alleged during the strike that babies had died due to neglect as nurses and doctors joined the strike by non-professional staff.

The eight-day strike led to the virtual collapse of services at the hospital and patients had to be transferred to neighbouring institutions.

The date and venue of the commission are still to be determined.



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# Squatters angry at Kriel's failure to act

## Staff Reporters

THE office of Mr Hernus Kriel, Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, is studying reported comments that conflict in Crossroads had arisen from Mr Kriel's refusal to sack the township's town committee.

Mr Kriel himself was not available for comment, but his office said he might comment later.

The allegation was made by squatter leader Mr Jeffrey Nongwe, who warned that a full-scale war could develop.

He said residents were angry after the failure of their pleas to Mr Kriel and the deaths that followed.

At least three people — two special constables attached to the Crossroads police station and an unidentified woman — had been killed in violent incidents since Saturday, said Mr Nongwe.

Two other constables had been injured.

The renewed fighting followed a meeting between a number of squatter leaders and

the minister last Thursday.

One constable, identified as Mr Makwetu, was killed about 3pm on Saturday while on duty.

Mr Welile Matshoba, also a special constable, was killed on Monday while the unidentified woman was found shot dead in her shack on Saturday morning.

A man identified as Mr Ngxokhwe, an alleged supporter of the town committee, was wounded in police action on Saturday night.

## Doing nothing

Mr Nongwe said their meeting with the minister had been a "disappointment" as he "seemed to be in the dark" about how the crisis in the township could be resolved.

He said the minister had declined to dissolve the committee because "there should be something in its place".

He had promised, however, to investigate allegations that the committee had been responsible for the violence on the residents.

He said Mr Kriel had also reneged on his undertaking to

stop house allocations because the committee was giving them to outsiders.

"But people from nowhere are still being allocated the houses, despite his undertaking."

Mr Nongwe said as the committee had not been elected there was no reason for its continued existence as it was doing nothing for the residents but was bringing bitterness to the community.

He said the residents were "boiling with anger" over the failure by Mr Kriel to intervene and were contemplating "driving the committee out themselves".

He said Mr Jan van Eck had been asked to arrange a last meeting with the minister.

## Women rebel raiders

MAPUTO. — Witnesses have said armed women were among an estimated 50 rebels who ambushed a train near the Mozambique/South African border on Saturday, killing 18 people. — Argus Africa News Service.



# Moves for peace in squatter violence

By MICHAEL MORRIS  
Political Correspondent

CROSSROADS and Khayelitsha councillors, blamed by squatter leaders for much of the violence in the Peninsula's black areas, are to meet Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Mr Hernus Kriel later this month to discuss setting up peace talks.

Mr Kriel will propose that they meet squatter leaders to try to find a way to end the conflict between them.

The announcement comes after the deaths of at least three people in violent incidents in Crossroads since Saturday.

## "Weapons withdrawn"

Squatter leaders allege that much of the violence is perpetrated by councillors and their supporters in a campaign against opponents, and they claim some members of the town committee faction are using weapons provided by the Provincial Administration.

However, Mr Kriel's office said today that the Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring, had given an assurance that all weapons issued to councillors had been withdrawn "some time ago".

The new round of talks between Mr Kriel and the councillors follows a

meeting last week between him and squatter representatives under Mr Jeffrey Nongwe.

It was at that meeting that the squatters backed the proposal for peace talks with the councillors on condition that both mayors of Crossroads and Lingeletu, Mr Johnson Nxgobongwana and Mr Mali Hoza, attended the meeting.

Only yesterday, however, Mr Nongwe claimed that Crossroads residents were angry at Mr Kriel's "refusal" to sack the township committee.

Mr Kriel's office has pointed out, however, that while Mr Nongwe did indeed make a plea at the start of last week's meeting for the dismissal of the councillors, he left the meeting in agreement with Mr Kriel's proposal to meet the councillors for talks.

## New system

Mr Kriel had not "refused" to dismiss the councillors, but had merely pointed out that he could not summarily do so.

Until a new system of black local government was introduced, he had suggested the squatter leaders should meet the councillors and try to agree on ways to end the conflict.

A spokesman for Mr Kriel said Mr Nongwe's comments "do not reflect a true version of the meeting".

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# Rent crisis: Council plea to boycotters

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THE Atteridgeville town council, which has an estimated deficit of R1,4 million, this week appealed to residents to stop the rent boycott and pay their bills at a bank in town.

The council attached letters to this month's accounts, promising the maintenance of strict confidentiality to people who paid rent.

Acting town clerk Mr Dan Mouton, said the council had lost millions of rands since the boycott started on April 2 this year.

The council's

By MONK NKOMO

campaign to urge people to pay was rejected by the local residents' organisation, which re-stated the people's demands that councillors should resign before an affordable rent can be decided upon.

The council, in their newsletter released yesterday, promised to give attention to the findings and recommendations of the Kriel Commission which investigated allegations of corruption and irregularities in the council last year.

The commission recommended the dissolution and the stoppage of funds to the council "until the entire administration is placed on a proper and efficient book-keeping system and proper budget control is applied".

The commission found that financial statements of the council had not been submitted since 1986. The operating losses of the council could not be determined but the accumulated loss for 1987/88 was estimated at R1,4 million by the commission.

In their newsletter, the council said it was presently investigating:

- \* Irregularities in respect of travelling expenses;
- \* Over-staffing and overtime; and,
- \* Bribery in the allocation of houses.

The council also promised to observe relevant regulations to ensure proper financial administration and to keep the public informed about its income and expenditure.

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## Township residents to end Delmas stayaway

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By Esmaré van der Merwe,  
Political Reporter

Botleng residents and police, involved in several clashes over several weeks in the troubled Delmas township, reached a compromise last night after talks between a delegation of community leaders and police officers.

Residents agreed to end a two-day stayaway which had led to several clashes, with police firing teargas at residents gathered in the streets.

Police told the delegation that 12 people had been detained, all of whom would either be released or charged soon. A major grievance — the presence of a police riot unit in the township — was resolved when the unit was withdrawn yesterday.

A member of the mediating delegation said it had been agreed at a residents' meeting yesterday that talks would be organised to discuss with the local council the five-week consumer boycott of Delmas businesses.

The boycott was sparked by appalling conditions in the township, particularly the lack of services, as well as overcrowding in a shantytown on the border of the township, where

an estimated 3 000 people live in about 300 shacks.

Lutheran minister the Rev Frank Muller said police had confirmed that a Botleng resident was shot dead on Tuesday.

Yesterday's police unrest report stated that a man was wounded when a policeman "surprised a man on his property" and fired at him before he could throw a petrol bomb at the policeman's house.

### Rumours

However, Mr Muller said, the man was fatally wounded while fleeing the property.

The minister denied earlier claims that a resident had been shot dead by a man wearing an Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging uniform. He said rumours were rife in Botleng, where political tension had reached a climax.

A youth was wounded on Friday when an armed AWB member entered the township and was attacked by residents, Mr Muller added.

Yesterday's police report confirmed several incidents of looting, arson and stone-throwing as well as incidents of teargassing to disperse crowds. A policeman was injured when struck by a bottle, the report said.



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## High-handed MEC must quit — Umsa

(343) THEO RAWANA

NATIONAL black local authorities organisation, the United Municipalities of SA (Umsa), has called for the resignation of Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl.

Umsa president Tom Boya said yesterday a meeting of Umsa councillors and mayors at Secunda at the weekend had resolved that a letter be written to Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough calling for Van Zyl's resignation.

Boya said the decision was prompted by Van Zyl's decision to sack the Lekoa City Council for its failure to collect rent and service charges.

Van Zyl announced last week that the Lekoa council, which he had warned last October to put its house in order, had failed to do so and would therefore be relieved of its offices and replaced by an administrator.

Boya said government knew the rent issue was a political one which it must sort out itself.

"What does Van Zyl expect them to do? These people must know they are not dealing with puppets."

Sapa reports the letter sent to Hough condemned "the high-handed manner in which Van Zyl dissolved the city council of Lekoa on grounds of financial mismanagement and squabbling among councillors".

Van Zyl was in Cape Town yesterday and could not be reached for comment.

About 150 municipal workers of the Lekoa council picketed outside the council's offices in Sebokeng yesterday morning in protest against the sacking of the council.

logic."

He challenged the CP to bring forward a single person of any significance in the NP who had said this.

# New housing project opens in Mamelodi

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A multi-million housing project comprising 900 units was officially launched in Mamelodi, Pretoria, at the weekend.

This brings to six the number of new townships in Mamelodi since the council became autonomous in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act about six years ago.

The first township, the elite Mamelodi Gardens, was established about five years ago followed by Khutsong, Ikageng and the self-help project, Buffer Zone (Phumlam-qashi).

Others still in the pipeline are Sun Valley, Sundown Village and Mahube Valley.

The new Moretele View is situated between the Eerstefabriek and Denneboom railway sta-

tions.

According to developers the first houses - both low income and up-market units - will be completed within the next six weeks.

The mayor of Mamelodi, Mr Simon Sydney Mokone, said the housing shortage was a major problem facing local authorities in black townships. Although Long Homes project would not eliminate the estimated 6 000 housing shortage in the area, it would go a long way towards solving Mamelodi's acute housing problem.

"The success or failure of the authorities hinges on their ability to reduce the housing backlog to reasonable proportions".



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## Shortage of text books hinders pupils' progress

The demand for text books and improved facilities at schools continues. Education Reporter **JANET HEARD** and photographer **ALF KUMALO** sat in on an English literature lesson at a high school in Soweto.

There have been many disturbances at black schools countrywide this year. Apart from pupils using school hours to protest against political issues and alleged police brutality, there have been purely educational protests.

The demand for an adequate supply of text books has been a feature in most of these protests.

Principals said there had been a backlog in the supply of books since 1985 when pupils had boycotted classes and failed to return books. Another factor this year was the success of the Back to School campaign, which in the Johannesburg area had resulted in doubling the number of matric pupils compared with last year.

The Star sat in on a matric English literature lesson at a high school in Chiawelo, Soweto, without the pupils being warned beforehand. The subject of the lesson, taught by a 33-year-old teacher who asked not to be identified, was William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet", Chapter 2.

Up to four pupils in the class of 23 shared a text book. They

shared desks, sitting sideways and leaning over each other's shoulders. Thirteen of the pupils did not have a copy of the book to take home and all but one of them did not have a text book for each subject.

None of the six lights were working in the room and one of the windows was broken. The room contained only basic equipment — desks, chairs and a blackboard.

After the lesson was over the teacher, who has been in the profession for eight years said it was difficult to assign pupils homework as many did not have text books.

He said there were only 11 poetry books for all the Standard 12 pupils last year.

The teacher said another problem the lack of discipline and respect among pupils, particularly in lower standards.

"A major problem is the parents, many of whom are semi-literate or illiterate, do not take an active role in their child's education."

He said many pupils were disillusioned with the education and 98 percent of matrics did not know what they were going to do next year.



Up to four matric pupils share a text book at a school in Soweto.

Picture by Alf Kumalo.

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# Call for MEC to resign

(343)  
THE United Municipalities of South Africa has called for the resignation of Mr Oulas van Zyl, Transvaal MEC in charge of local government.

The president of Umsa, Mr Tom Boya, made the request in a letter to the Administrator, Mr Danie Hough.

Boya alleged that Van Zyl "has no interest in black local government".  
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## Letter

The Umsa action was sparked by what the letter said was the high-handed manner in which Van Zyl dissolved the Lekoa town council on the grounds of financial mismanagement.

Boya said in the letter it was difficult for black councils to take strong action against rent and service charge defaulters.

"We feel strongly that there should have been more consultation and perhaps Lekoa's problems could have been solved without having to dissolve the council." - Sapa.



## Soweto hard at work putting house in order, says Van Zyl

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THE Soweto town council was working hard to put its house in order, and that was why it did not suffer dismissal like the Lekoa (Vaal) town council, Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl said yesterday.

Van Zyl said the courses of action the TPA had threatened against the two councils were different.

Last week Van Zyl announced the dismissal of the entire Lekoa council because it had failed to "rectify the unhealthy state of its financial affairs" and end squabbling among councillors.

Last October the TPA had warned Lekoa and Soweto to take steps to remedy their financial positions, to determine tariffs and collect rent and service charges arrears. Lekoa was also directed to end discord among councillors and Soweto to rectify staff matters and end corruption.

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Lekoa's warning had been in terms of Section 29 (2) of the Local Authorities Act and measures to be taken in case of non-compliance would be dismissal of the council. In Soweto's case the warning was in terms of Section 29 (1).

Van Zyl said Soweto had acted promptly on some of the TPA's directives and at the end of the three-month deadline set, a new set of directives was put forward. It would be some time before progress would be evaluated, he said.

Soweto PRO Johan van der Westhuizen said yesterday the council had been quick to respond to the TPA's allegations. It had taken steps to investigate corruption, promulgated new flat rates, appointed a new town clerk, and had established a forum for regular communication with developers and local businessmen.

"Mayor Sam Mkhwanazi and town clerk Piet Geers are presently overseas to raise funds — through investment, not loans."



# Council's No To R48m

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THE Soweto Council has returned R48 million allocated to it by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council for the upgrading of the area - although the township has a critical housing shortage and poor infrastructure.

The money was part of R113 million granted to the council during the 1989/90 financial year. The council used only R65 million.

Soweto council spokeswoman Miss Felicia Buthelezi yesterday said many projects had to be suspended after a dispute between councillors and white council officials.

A total of R95 million, which was granted to some of the 14 councils falling under the CWRSC, has been returned by councils which did not use the money.

## Plans

Buthelezi said: "This delayed our plans and we were forced to return the money because its allocation is about to expire."

Addressing a Press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, CWRSC chairman Mr John Griffiths said the council has allocated R334 million to local authorities for the 1990/91 financial year which starts on July 1.

He said: "R327 million of this will be utilised for projects to improve infra-

By MZIKAYISE EDOM


structure and services in the region, with the balance of only R7 million being required for operating costs.

Griffiths also said that levies, which generate the council's funds, would be increased by 10 percent from July 1. This will net an additional R19.5 million.

In an interview with the *Sowetan* after the conference, Griffiths said the Soweto council had problems like getting plans ready on time and finding "reasonable" tenders to implement certain projects in the township.

\* The new (1990/91) allocations are: Soweto (R116 million), Diepsmeadow (R34 million), Alexandra (R22 million), Dobsonville (R17 million), Ennerdale (R7 million), South Western Management Committee (R6 million), Lenasia (R4 million), Lenasia South East (R4 million), Davidsonville/Fleurhof (R2 million), Marlboro Gardens (R1 million), Johannesburg (R14 million), Rodepoort (R7 million), Randburg (R5 million) and Sandton (R5 million).

## Soweto gives back cash despite lack of housing




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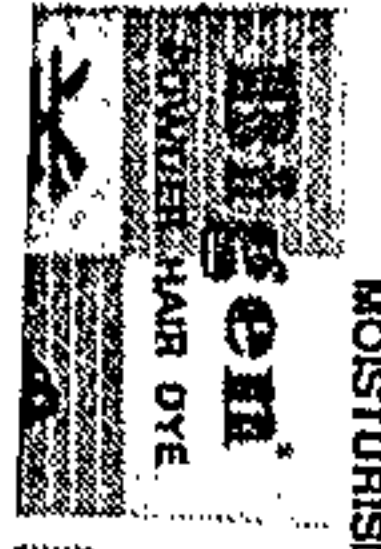
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## Zithobeni township stayaway ends

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The stayaway by residents of the tiny Eastern Transvaal township of Zithobeni near Bronkhorstspuit, has ended.

The mass stayaway — from work and schools — started on Monday following weekend clashes between members of the local civic body, the Zithobeni Residents Organisation and the local town council.

Trouble started earlier this year when residents demanded

the resignation of all councillors and the mayor because of "high monthly rentals". They resolved not to pay the rent.

Clashes between councillors and residents were reported at the weekend.

Yesterday residents said most people had returned to work and school and taxis and buses were operating.

Police described the situation as quiet. — Pretoria Bureau

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## Soweto's R116-m

THE Soweto Council will spend all the R116 million grant from the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council for the upgrading of the area during the 1990/91 financial year, a council spokesperson said yesterday. The council has returned R48 million allocated to it by the CWRSC for the upgrading of the area. The money was part of R113 million granted to it during the 1989/90 financial year. (343)



# Atteridgeville mayor threatens evictions

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By MONK NKOMO

THE Atteridgeville City Council, which has lost R2-million since the rent boycott started on April 2 this year, warned residents this week that they may lose their houses if they do not pay their bills.

Atteridgeville mayor Mr Velaphi Mathebula issued letters on Tuesday and Wednesday, appealing to residents to pay rent immediately.

Mathebula said: "You are behind in payments. You may lose your house and we may give it to those who are prepared to pay. There is a long list of people seeking houses. Do not listen to wrong advice. Those people will not help you to pay when your debt is too big. Please pay today."

The Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro) resolved at a public meeting on April 1 to stop paying rent, following allegations that some officials were misusing public funds.

Residents also demanded the resignation of councillors "because they are useless and not serving the pub-

lic interest".

Asro's general secretary, Mr Reeves Mabitsi, said the councillors should heed the call that they resign. "Only after the resignation of councillors will the masses convene to discuss what they see as affordable tariffs for essential services," he said.

The council this week issued a statement saying councillors had received a mandate from their constituencies not to resign. In response, an Asro spokesman said not a single councillor had addressed a public meeting since the elections about two years ago.

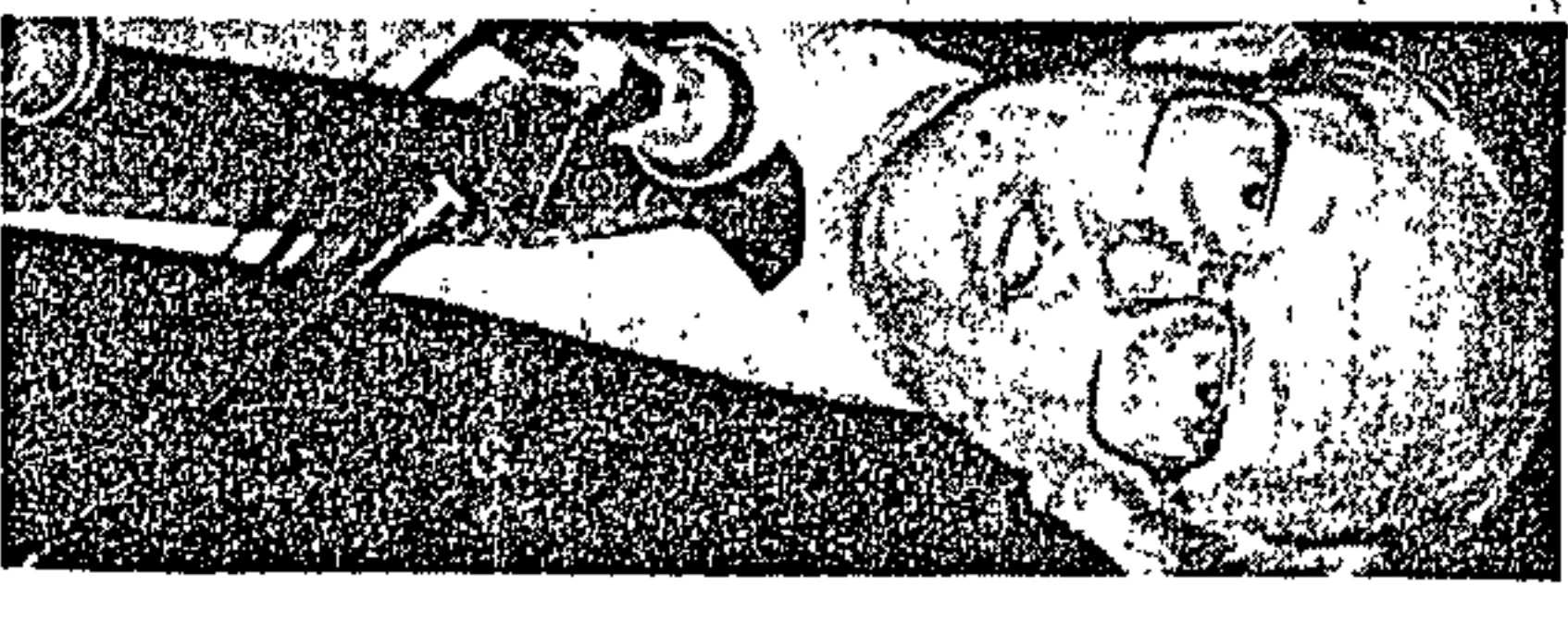


# TPA calls

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# on rents



Mr Olaus van Zyl

Black councils are told to get tougher

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has ordered 35 black councils to take action against rent defaulters.

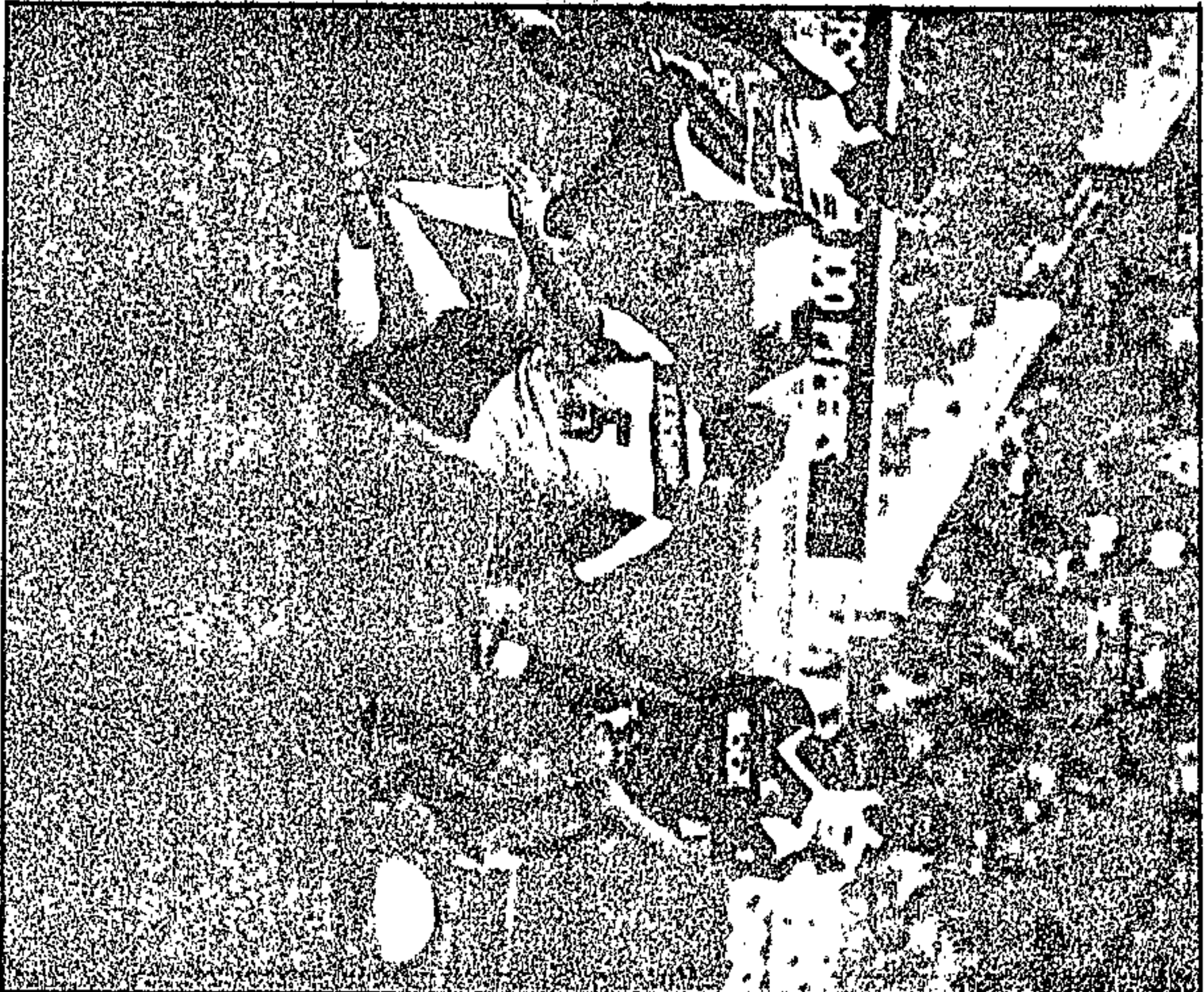
The councils, whose townships are affected by rent boycotts, were this week told by the TPA to "take definite and drastic steps" against people owing rent.

Mr Olaus van Zyl, the TPA's MEC in charge of local government and regional services councils, said in a statement the province had limited funds for helping local authorities with bridging finance.

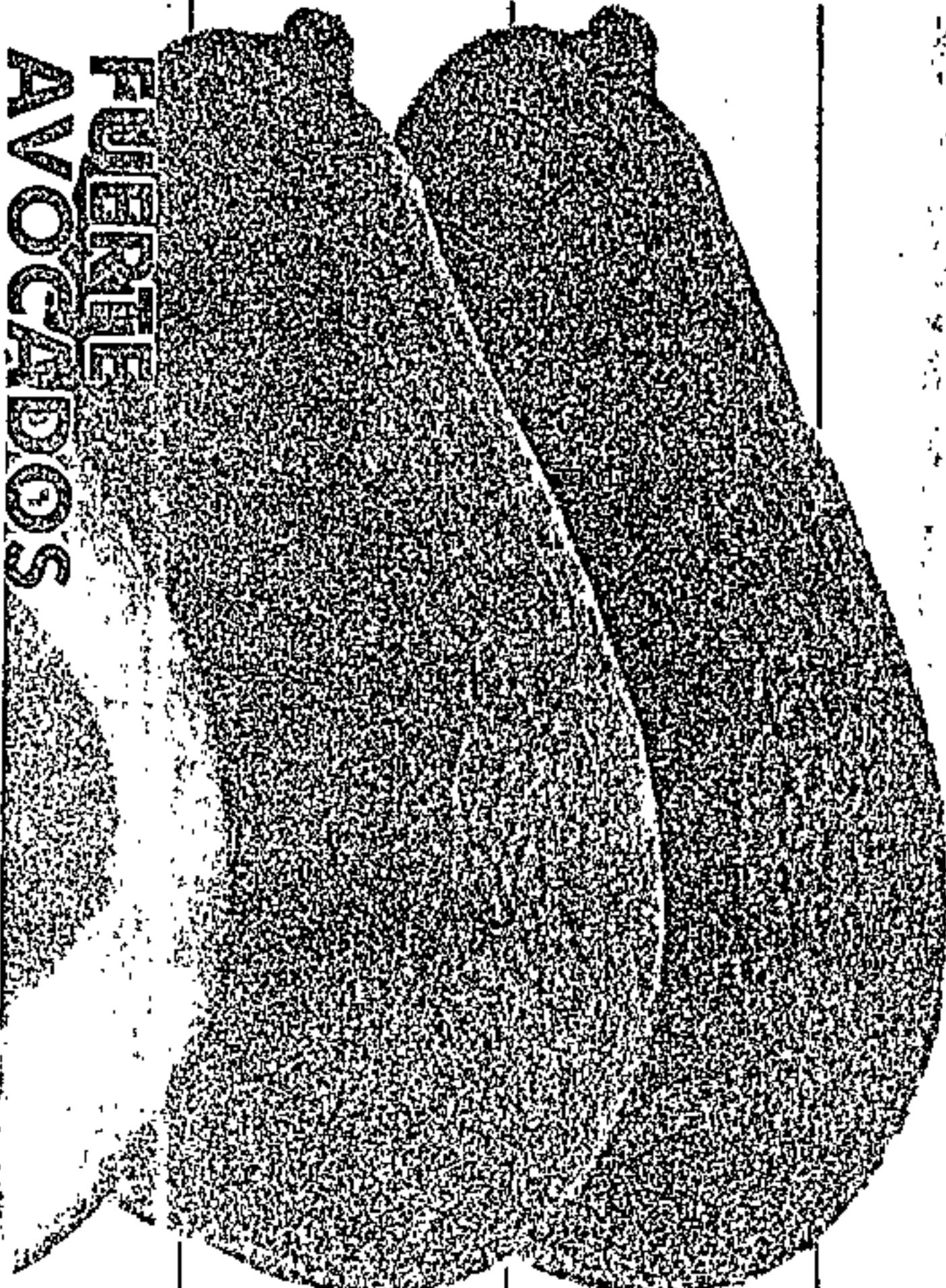
## Boycott

He said the boycott was closely linked to consumers being intimidated into not paying rents and service charges. Councilors were also being pressured to resign.

"We have approximately R30 million a month to bridge financing



Moroka Swallows striker Noel Cousins causes panic in the Jomo Mdas Cosmos defence as he forces John Sailer to fall on his knees. The two teams drew 0-0 in a Castle League fixture at Ellis Park Stadium yesterday. Pic: LEN KUMALO



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## TPA to act on rents

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but at present we have to pay between R50 million and R60 million a month to make good any deficits of local authorities," he said.

It was the councils' duty to take steps to charge current levies and not to shirk their duties in this regard.

Councillors of the affected areas were called to a meeting in Pretoria on Wednesday by the TPA to discuss the boycott.

"It is therefore essential that communication takes place with residents regarding the necessity of paying for services and the reasons for such payments. These aspects must be made quite clear to all residents and well understood.

"Some shortcomings do indeed exist at local government level and these may already, at this point, be eliminated through local level negotiations.

### Appeal

"It is therefore necessary that such negotiations take place without delay where this is not yet the case. I wish to appeal to consumers again, in the interests of all communities, to pay for the services they use," Van Zyl said.

\* Last week, the TPA's executive committee dismissed the entire Lekoa Town Council for failing to rectify the "unhealthy state of its financial affairs".

Residents in the townships under the Lekoa council owe about R147 million in rent arrears since the boycott started in 1984.

# Hand grenades hurled at police homes in Soweto

Grenades were hurled at the Soweto homes of two policemen last night. A police spokesman said last night two Soviet-made grenades were thrown at the Molapo home of a police warrant officer at 8.05 pm, causing damage to the walls and windows.

No one was injured.

Shots from an AK-47 were fired at the house.

Earlier, at about 7 pm, a hand grenade of unknown origin was thrown at the Tladi home of a special constable, damaging walls, windows and a bed.

The constable's hand was injured in the blast.

The names of the policemen have been withheld.

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Taxi drivers were all smiles on Friday after talks ended a two-month halt in operations.

## Katlehong taxis back on the road

By LULAMA LUTI

ABOUT 100 taxis started operating in Katlehong on Friday, ending a two-month suspension of taxi operations in the area.

Conflict over certain routes in Katlehong and surrounding areas had led to fierce fighting in the township which left more than 50 dead.

Taxis bearing the Katlehong People's Taxi Association (Kapta) stickers did celebratory rounds in the township before loading passengers.

Drivers were all smiles as they got behind their wheels after marathon talks were held in a bid to end feuds between the now-defunct Germiston and District Taxi Association (GDTA) and the Katlehong Taxi Organisation (Kato).

A happy Thembelani Nozibele, who claimed he had lost about R8 000 in income, said: "We are happy about the decision to start operations and we are looking forward to the settlement of this thing, once

and for all."

The taxis have re-registered at a common office in Germiston and will use the same routes and charge the same fares on all trips.

Chairman of the southern Transvaal region of the UDF and head of the peace co-ordinating committee Jackson Mthembu told drivers to ensure agreements on peace initiatives were respected.

"If you are not committed to peace, there will be no peace.

"We are looking forward to you burying your differences and working together."

Mthembu added that Kato members had requested a meeting on Tuesday with the co-ordinating committee.

A committee of members elected from both GDTA and Kato has been set up to monitor the situation with the help of squad cars. They will man routes between Germiston and Katlehong.



# 22 houses to go to make way for road

By SOPHIE TEMA

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About 22 houses will be demolished to make way for a 3km dual road in Soweto costing about R10-million.

The project will take about 18 months to complete and will result in irregular supplies of water and electricity in the Mofolo North and Dobsonville areas.

Families living in the affected houses will be provided with new homes in different parts of Soweto. They have been given various options and are negotiating with the council.

The scheme will also result in about half the Mountain View filling station being demolished. The garage owner, Richard Maponya, is due to meet representatives of the council and an oil company to discuss the costs involved.

Mark Cookson, of the oil company, said it was premature to comment on the matter as negotiations were in progress.

"Only after all agreements have been reached will the company be able to comment."

Soweto Council public relations officer Johan van der Westhuizen said this was a Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) project.

He said most residents had opted to move into new houses.

Christina Zulu, a child-minder, who lives in Mofolo North with her two sons said she agreed to be moved because she was promised a new house with the same number of rooms.

"When I was told that my present house is to be demolished to make way for the new road I could not believe my ears because I thought no provision would be made to relocate me and my children in another house.

"All I am now waiting for is to be told when we are to be moved."



Christina Zulu... will be provided with another house with the same number of rooms.



# Dissolved council to challenge TPA action in court tomorrow

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**THE Lekoa Town Council will challenge the Transvaal Provincial Administrator's decision to dissolve it in an application in the Rand Supreme Court tomorrow morning.**

This move is likely to trigger similar actions by other councils which have been dissolved by TPA. Other expelled Transvaal municipalities include those in Tokoza, Tsakane, Embalenhle, KwaGuqa and Zithobeni.

Tomorrow's application was made by 22 councillors including former mayor Mrs Kate Ngwenya,

**By MZIKAYISE  
EDOM**

and the first respondent is the Administrator of Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough; the Lekoa Town Council is the second respondent.

Both Hough and Lekoa Council were served with affidavits by the council's lawyer, Singer Horwitz, last week.

## **Affidavits**

In their affidavits, the sacked councillors are calling on the court to issue a *rule nisi* compelling the respondents to show cause why:

\* It should not be declared that the Administrator's notice published in the Government Gazette should not be set aside as being *ultra vires*

and void.

\* The decision of the first respondent (Hough) taken on or about May 18 in terms of which the applicants were removed from their positions as town councillors, should not be corrected or set aside in terms of the provisions of Rule of Court 53 (1)(a).

The Lekoa council was dismissed by the TPA's executive committee on May 18 for failing to rectify the "unhealthy state of its financial affairs".

Residents in the townships under the Lekoa council owe about R147-million in rent arrears since the boycott started in 1984.

Last week, the TPA ordered 35 black councils to "take definite and drastic steps" against rent defaulters.



# Katlehong taxis back on the road

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Staff Reporter

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After being suspended for two months, Katlehong taxis will resume operations for two months — provided peace continues and a single taxi association for the area is formed.

A statement from the UDF task force and the Katlehong Civic Association (KCA) said an interim committee had been formed to monitor peace and taxi operations in the area.

The committee was made up of members of the disbanded Germiston and District Taxi Association and Katlehong Taxi Organisation and community organisations.

An office manned by committee members will be opened to register taxis.

This follows a rally at the local stadium where the two warring factions apologised for starting the conflict which claimed the lives of more than 50 people and destroyed several vehicles and homes in the area in March this year.

At the meeting the interim committee, Sabta, Busato and the KCA were given a mandate to establish a united taxi association. After two months the organisations would report back to the community on progress made in this regard, the statement said.



# Police and marching youths clash

By Therese Anders  
and Montshiwa Moroke

MIDDELBURG — Police used stun grenades, rubber bullets and teargas to break up an illegal march during a day of violence in Middelburg's Mhluzi township yesterday.

On several occasions police fired at crowds of hundreds of youths who refused to disperse. For most of the morning a pall of smoke hung over the township from street barricades of burning tyres.

A spokesman for the Mhluzi Residents' Organisation (MRO) said the purpose of the march was to present a list of grievances to the Mhluzi Town Council. These included land and housing problems as well as a demand for "one Middelburg under a non-racial council".

The spokesman said the petition was handed over to the deputy mayor later in the day. The deputy mayor then accompan-

ied MRO leaders to the local police station where police agreed to release those arrested in the morning.

Few Mhluzi workers arrived at work as township residents heeded the MRO's call for a stayaway to coincide with the march. Middelburg's largest industry, Middelburg Steel and Alloys, reported a total stayaway by its black staff, although it said production was unaffected.

Police liaison officer Lieutenant Nina Barkhuizen said 32 arrested youths had been released by 2 pm and the situation had quietened by late afternoon.

● At least two pupils were shot and wounded, one seriously, after clashes in Mamahabane near Ventersburg in the Free State yesterday.

Police said the incidents took place after a white man was stoned and a black policeman's house was set alight at about 9 am.

Reports from the area said the situation was tense last night after "many" youths had been arrested in streets and homes. Others had gone into hiding.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said the first incident took place at about 8.30 am when a group attacked a white motorist with stones.

"The man fired four rounds with a 9 mm pistol. A 14-year-old female was shot in the upper arm and has been admitted in hospital.

"About 8.40 am a house belonging to a member of the police force was attacked with stones and set alight. He fired four rounds from a 9 mm pistol. An 18-year-old man was shot in the stomach and he is quite serious in hospital."

A township resident said the incident took place as pupils from two schools were on their way to the local stadium to attend a meeting.

The source said a vehicle carrying a black policeman and a white municipal official had driven their vehicle into the crowd. The policeman began taking pictures and the crowd protested.

A person in the crowd had then stoned the vehicle. Shots had been fired from the vehicle and the crowd had dispersed. A girl had been shot and about 10 minutes later a youth had been shot.

● Fighting is reported to have broken out in Maokeng near Kroonstad between Black Consciousness Movement and Maokeng Democratic Crisis Committee members. Several people were taken to hospital.

It is understood hostilities began after a member of the Azanian People's Organisation was stabbed at the night vigil on Friday for the funeral of Ntsie Isaiah Tau, shot dead by police in the township about a fortnight ago.

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## Lekoa case put off

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE case in which the Lekoa Council is challenging the Transvaal Provincial Administration's decision to dissolve it was yesterday postponed indefinitely in the Rand Supreme Court.

The urgent application to have all 22 former councillors reinstated was postponed to give the TPA a chance to respond to the affidavits. This was made a court order.

The respondent in the matter is the Administrator of the Transvaal, Mr Danie Hough.

The matter, which was not argued, was heard before Mr Justice Joffe.

### Rectify

The council will remain dissolved until the TPA responds to the councillors' affidavits.

A lawyer representing the council, Mr L. Singer, said: "We agreed not to proceed with the matter to give the TPA a chance to oppose our application."

The Lekoa Council was dismissed by the TPA's executive committee on May 18 for failing to rectify the "unhealthy state of its financial affairs".

Residents in townships under its control owe about R147 million in rent arrears since the boycott started in 1984.

Other councils which have been dissolved include those in Tokoza, Tsakane and KwaGuqa.



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By Mckeed Kotlolo

A consumer boycott of all white-owned businesses in the Eastern Transvaal town of Bronkhorstspuit is to start tomorrow.

The decision was taken at a residents' meeting convened by the Zithobeni Residents Organisation (ZRO) at the weekend. An appeal has also been made to

## Boycotters poised to act in E Tvl

people from neighbouring areas to heed the call.

According to the organisers, the boycott would continue until residents' demands are met by local authorities. These demands include:

- The opening of all public amenities, including hotels, sports facilities and swimming

pools to all races.

- The abolition of separate consultation rooms at surgeries in town.

- The withdrawal of charges against members of the residents' organisation arrested recently, and

- The scrapping of the Black Local Authorities Act.

Trouble in the area started earlier this year when local blacks were refused permission to hold a protest march against separate amenities in Bronkhorstspuit.

A second attempt by lawyers representing Zithobeni residents to get permission for a march through the town in protest against apartheid laws also failed.

# Teachers shun holiday

<sup>31/5/90</sup> Mamelodi teachers will ignore the public holiday today, Republic Day, and continue with their normal activities, a Mamelodi Teachers' Union spokesman said yesterday. A mass meeting of teachers will be held in the Mamelodi YMCA at 2.30 pm today to discuss continuing lessons through the winter holidays.

This was in view of the schooldays lost during a strike by teachers in March this year, he added.

Corrie Rademeyer, a spokesman for the Department of Education in Pretoria, said the teachers' plan to continue classes on Republic Day depended on the respective school principals.

He refused to comment further — Sapa.

Spokesman for the union Lucky Mathebula said about 1 200 teachers and principals would treat today as a normal working day.

"We have nothing to celebrate or observe; it is not our Republic Day," he said, adding that the action was an act of defiance.

Principals were also expected to report for work.



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# Homes project begins in Jouberton

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IN its first major move into the low-cost housing market, Time Housing Pty Ltd - one of the country's leading housing companies - has started work on a 150-home scheme in Jouberton, near Klerksdorp.

The homes are being built on sites developed by the South African Housing Trust. A unique element of the scheme is the use of cost-effective and versatile Space Frame system.

Financial packages - which include land and all legal fees - are available from as little as R21 000.

Time's regional director Mr Karl Groenewald

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

says: "We are delighted at being involved with the SA Housing Trust which has been able to provide serviced sites at low cost.

"Time is committed to doing all it can to reduce the tremendous backlog in the low-cost housing market by, among other things, investing in cost-effective and efficient building methods and material," he says.

\* The deadline for the return of income tax forms has been extended from June 4 to

July 2 because some taxpayers had not received their IRP5 certificates from employers.



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## Daveyton to lower its rents and service fees

JOHANNESBURG. — Daveyton mayor Mr Tom Boya announced yesterday that his council was prepared to lower municipal service fees in an attempt to resolve an on-going rent boycott as well as to address residents' other grievances.

He said the Daveyton People's Organisation refused to meet the council and would take up the rent issue with Daveyton town clerk Mr D J Erasmus instead.

The present monthly fee of R55 per house would be dropped to R40 a month and those living in shacks behind the homes of registered tenants, who currently pay a R25 a month fee, would pay half — R12,50. — Sapa

# Boya lowers service costs in Daveyton

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DAVEYTON mayor Tom Boya yesterday announced that his council was prepared to lower municipal service fees in an attempt to resolve an on-going rent boycott as well as to address residents' other grievances.

He said in a statement that the decision to lower the fees was taken after a

meeting on Wednesday night, attended by various ward and residents' committees. The Daveyton People's Organisation refused to meet the council and would take up the rent issue with Daveyton town clerk Mr DJ Erasmus instead, Boya said.

The present monthly fee of R55 a house would be dropped to R40

a month and those living in shacks behind the homes of registered tenants, who currently pay a R25 monthly fee, would pay half - R12.50.

"This consensus (reached at the meeting) could resolve the rent boycott," the mayor said, adding that faulty water meters would be replaced once inspections had taken place. - Sapa.



# Green revolution now Sweeping townships

**J**APHTA "Mr Clean" Lekgetho is a revolutionary who is fighting to save the earth. And on Tuesday he will lead a demonstration in Soweto to highlight "the plight of our people who are homeless, starving and lack recreational facilities because of bad planning".

The revolution Lekgetho talks about so passionately is "the green revolution", launched in Soweto four days after the internationally-observed Earth Day on April 22, when an international weekly news magazine warned most nations of the world that "the clock is ticking and the hour is late".

Lekgetho is president of the National Environmental Awareness Campaign, which at the launch of its green revolution said in a statement: "For years we have emphasised the damage taking place to the land."

"We have also known that many industrialists have not behaved responsibly and that, as a result, our rivers and the air we breathe have become progressively more polluted."

The "green revolution" has been spreading in many black communities across the country lately, says Lekgetho.

It is part of a monumental effort to warn township communities of the depletion of resources on earth, emphasising

Tuesday is World Environment Day, when the spotlight falls on the many dangers facing the earth. But how relevant is the issue of the environment among black South Africans where, in most cases, their world is marked by squatter camps, badly-planned townships and neglected rural areas? ZB MOLEFE reports:

sizes Lekgetho, who is well aware that the threat to the environment knows no boundaries and favours no ideology.

"Several organisations, including student movements, are showing interest by attending our meetings and seminars and have given us support," he says.

"We feel that once people are aware of their rights they will talk for themselves. And one of these rights is a clean environment. It is a civic right."

At a Women's Bureau of South Africa seminar in Johannesburg on Tuesday Lekgetho will share the platform with well-known environmentalists such as journalist James Clarke and business executive Clem Sunter.

He says the message he will take there is that black townships and squatter settlements bear the brunt of mining's environmental ills, such as contaminated water and polluted air.

"We don't want to inherit a poisoned country," he says.



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# Ikageng hunger strikers go free

By DAN DHLAMINI

IKAGENG Civic Association leaders who were detained last month were this week released without being charged.

They had embarked on a 12-day hunger strike to demand they be charged or released.

Those released this week were ICA deputy chairman Willie Maphosa; treasurer Philip Mosiane; secretary Sello Tshwaripe; Sayco's Potch branch president Ryder Sebidi; Patrick Maloi and Sephiri Dipico.

Those released yesterday are Moses Duma, Mapitso Sekamogeng, Leslie Mokojima, Saliva Molapi, Ezekiel Moletsane and Elias Thetlane.

Zachariah Molekane, also released yesterday, was treated at Pelonomi hospital following the effects of the hunger strike.

The former detainees told *City Press* that their detention served no purpose.

"They thought by detaining us they would break the morale of the community.

"This proved a dismal failure because residents went on to repossess the people's land which the council had sold to white developers," said Maphosa.



# still a mystery

By CHARLES MOGALE

THE mysterious death of young Soweto activist Diliza Matshoba four years ago refuses to die in the memory of his ageing, ailing mother. She lives from day to day, sustained only by the faint hope that the truth will eventually come to light.

Louise Matshoba's face glows with motherly pride when she talks about her church and community worker son, whose mutilated body was picked up in open veld in Soweto on May 25, 1986.

The police said he had been involved in a car accident, and post mortem results appeared to confirm this.

But, four years later, Diliza's mother still does not have answers to several questions:

- If he died in a car accident, who else was involved?
- Why was his body covered with sjambok weals?
- Why were his clothes not covered in blood?
- The car he was driving has not been recovered. What happened to it?

■ When the family went to the government mortuary searching for him, a policeman asked: "Are you looking for Diliza Matshoba?" Diliza's identity document was in his mother's wardrobe then. How come the police knew him?

Recent shocking revelations about the death of Durban human rights lawyer Griffiths Mxenge at the hands of a police hit squad have confirmed suspicions that Diliza was murdered and have raised Mrs Matshoba's hopes that "one day, soon, someone might come out with the truth".

Two weeks ago the Mzimhlophe pensioner received a crowning glory for her son, who was buried with full "comrade" honours. It came in the form of a posthumous Community of the Cross award from the prestigious Lutheran School of Theology based in Chicago, US, in recognition of Diliza's services to the community.

A lump forms in her throat, but her face lights up with a that's-my-boy smile as she shows off the award and watches a video documentary recounting Diliza's life.

"I have never got over it, you know. My health is failing, but it is mainly due to Diliza's death. It keeps coming back to me. I keep wondering what they did to him those last moments, and why. He was such a nice boy with no enemies in the community. He can't even have tried to defend himself," she says.

The documentary, entitled *Mohale Street Brothers* (after their street name) recaptures Diliza's life through interviews with his well-known author-poet brother Mtutuzeli and friends and associates.

City Press watched the documentary with Mrs Matshoba this week. It

draws a stark contrast between the respectable and adored Diliza and feared younger brother Fezile - acknowledged even by his family as a "naughty" thug. Fezile was shot dead just four months before Diliza's death.

Mother Matshoba cringes with suppressed embarrassment when a former close associate of Fezile recalls their escapades in the dog-eats-dog streets of Johannesburg.

She sighs when Mtutuzeli reads out Diliza's words to a German interviewer 10 days before his mysterious death: "One could be shot by an unknown person. Anything can happen, and if you are a potential target, you feel worried. We knew this was a tough regime even before the situation became this tough, but I can see a brighter future after this conflict."

Tears fill the old lady's

eyes as she recalls her last words to Diliza. It was a Friday afternoon and he was standing next to the kitchen stove, looking blankly at her and not answering her questions. She told him: "Diliza, I have a strong feeling you are either going to be arrested or you are going to die."

He left the house without answering. She did not see him alive again.



Louise Matshoba with the award honouring her dead son, Diliza.

## Award for activist 4 years after death



Human rights lawyer Griffiths Mxenge ... hit-squad victim.



# Electrification of all Soweto 'a priority'

By Jacqueline Myburgh

Air pollution levels in Soweto are 2½ times higher than levels measured on the Eastern Transvaal Highveld, Johan van den Berg of Eskom said at the weekend during a debate hosted by Earthlife Africa.

Mr van den Berg was addressing the opening meeting of Earthlife's national congress near Johannesburg.

He said the Eastern Transvaal Highveld was often sited as one of the worst polluted areas in the world, and Eskom had earmarked R100 million to improve existing power stations in the area.

## Air pollution

"But Eskom's priority is to electrify Soweto," he said.

"Eskom has a vision for the 23 million people throughout SA who do not have access to electricity, and who burn coal, wood and dung for energy," Mr van den Berg said.

He said the electrification of Soweto could have a dramatic effect on air pollution and would reduce pollution

levels in the township to a third of current levels.

"The pollution is not only degrading the environment, it is affecting people's health."

Professor Harold Annegaarn of the University of the Witwatersrand's nuclear physics department, said SA needed nuclear power in order to meet the ideal of providing electricity to all.

He said that electrification of the townships would be substituting local coal burning by central electricity generation by means of burning fossil fuels.

"Not to contribute to the greenhouse effect on a global scale, and the SO2 problem on a local scale, we are going to have to go nuclear," he said.

Nuclear power was now acceptable because the design of reactors had undergone fundamental change, according to Professor Annegaarn.

Smaller reactors were not dependent on human intervention and they did not require the same kind of protection from catastrophic damage as larger ones.

"There is also no CO2 release from nuclear power stations, except in the production of the cement," he said.

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# Crowd 'failed to stop as agreed'

By Melody McDougall,  
Vereeniging Bureau

The Goldstone judicial commission of inquiry yesterday heard how a gathering of 10 000 people had marched about 5 km beyond the Sharpeville police station, their supposed destination, before presenting a memorandum to a local police officer on the day of the Sebokeng shooting on March 26.

Sergeant Paul Hermanus le Roux of the Vanderbijl Reaction Unit told the commission that the group was between 8 km and 10 km away from Vereeniging at that stage.

From evidence led last week it emerged that another gathering of about 50 000 had also failed to stop their peaceful protest march at the Sebokeng police station, as agreed, the same day.

Instead, they, too, marched on beyond the police station in the direction of Vereeniging until they encountered a police line up. This sparked a confrontation between the police and marchers, in which at least five people were killed.

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice Goldstone, is investigating all incidents, including the Sebokeng shooting, in Vaal Triangle townships on March 26.

Initially, organisers of the proposed UDF protest had decided to march to the National Party offices in Vereeniging that day to

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present a memorandum to local MP Tom Gunning. However, after the event was banned by Vereeniging authorities, it was agreed to decentralise the march to various township police stations.

Testifying yesterday Sergeant le Roux said he was on duty in Sharpeville on the morning of March 26 when a group of about 10 000 people marched some 5 km beyond the police station before stopping between 500 m and 1 km from a police blockade, where they presented their memorandum to a police officer.

Afterwards, the commanding officer gave the crowd five minutes to disperse. When one of the organisers addressed the gathering and asked them to go home, they drowned out his voice by singing. A while later the commanding officer gave the order to fire teargas, and only then did the gathering disperse.

Most of yesterday's testimony centred around the discovery of an unidentified man's body in Evaton, several hours after the Sebokeng shooting.

According to an autopsy report the man

had been shot in the head with SSD pellets.

However, several policemen who were called to the witness stand to testify, said they had at no stage fired shotguns in the direction where the body was found. Most of them were called to this particular spot in Evaton after rioting mobs had looted and smashed windows at a Shell garage in Adams Road.

During the same incident the crowd had also surrounded patrol cars and sporadically thrown stones at the police and the filling station itself.

Earlier yesterday, a young man dressed in a camouflage jacket and holding a fake plastic AK-47 rifle was removed by police from the packed public gallery.

The man, who has not been identified, was searched by police outside the building.

A group of about five or six young men, some of them wearing ANC badges, were then escorted outside the building where they were frisked by police.

It could not be established whether the gun-toting man had actually pointed the weapon at members of the commission.

Proceedings resumed shortly afterwards. The hearing continues today.

# Policeman denies he shot man in Evaton

By Melody McDougall,  
Vereeniging Bureau

A Krugersdorp policeman yesterday denied allegations that he was the person who shot dead an unidentified man in Evaton, shortly after the Sebokeng shootings on March 26.

Constable Jacobus Johannes Horn of the Krugersdorp Unrest Unit denied he had been in the vicinity where the man's body was found, or that he had fired any shots that day.

The Goldstone Commission of Inquiry, chaired by Mr Justice Goldstone, is investigating all incidents in the Vaal Triangle township on March 26, including the Sebokeng shootings, which were apparently sparked after a 50 000-strong proposed UDF march to Vereeniging was halted by a police line-up.

According to evidence led so far, at least five people were killed and many more injured during the confrontation.

Several other people were killed and injured in various incidents in other Vaal townships the same day.

Giving evidence, Constable Horn told the commission he had arrived in Evaton with his

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commanding officer, Sergeant Pieter Prinsloo, and three other policemen in a Casspir on the afternoon of March 26 to deliver ammunition supplies and collect a broken down vehicle.

He said they had stopped at a garage in Adams Road, which had been looted by unruly mobs earlier in the day, to inquire about directions to the broken down vehicle.

Shortly afterwards they left, but could not find the vehicle and returned to the garage.

According to the constable he got out of the Casspir, had a drink of water at a tap and then asked policemen on the scene, who were guarding the garage, for directions to the stranded vehicle.

About 10 minutes later he got back into the Casspir and while they were pulling out of the filling station, they were approached by a man who informed the commanding officer

that a person's body had been found in a yard next to a house close by. After the officer told him to report this to the policemen at the garage, they drove off in search of the vehicle.

However, they still could not find it and later returned to the garage again where they were told to go and check if the report about the body found nearby was true.

They drove to the spot and found a man's body, later identified as Mahlomola David Khaile (35). According to an autopsy he had been shot in the head with SSG pellets.

Under cross-examination by George Bizos, SC, representing relatives of 12 dead and the injured, Constable Horn denied he was the person who had shot the deceased.

On Monday an Evaton resident, Andries Mokoena, testified he had seen a white policeman standing in front of a Casspir and firing shots in the direction of where the body was found.

The constable admitted he had had a shotgun with him that day, but said he had left it in the Casspir. He denied he had at any stage stood in front of the police vehicle at the scene.

● The inquiry ends today.



# Teachers want classes during holidays

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46/90 By Janet Heard  
Education Reporter

Most teachers at secondary schools in Soweto, Alexandra and Pretoria are willing to teach during the holidays, beginning on June 15, to help pupils catch up on syllabuses after two terms of disruption.

Details on how classes will be held are being finalised by teacher organisations.

There has been little education in many schools — mid-year exams have not been writ-

ten and the DET and teachers are deadlocked in attempts to ensure effective learning.

A high school headmaster has expressed concern that pupils might not heed the call to come to classes during the holidays.

Northern Transvaal regional director Job Schoeman said yesterday "any efforts to make up lost time must be welcomed".

"Schools that wish to remain open during the holidays for this purpose may do so. However, arbitrary decisions on the open-

ing and closing dates for schools cannot be tolerated."

He warned teachers that if they did not report for duty when the third quarter opened on July 10 they would be "deemed to be on unpaid leave".

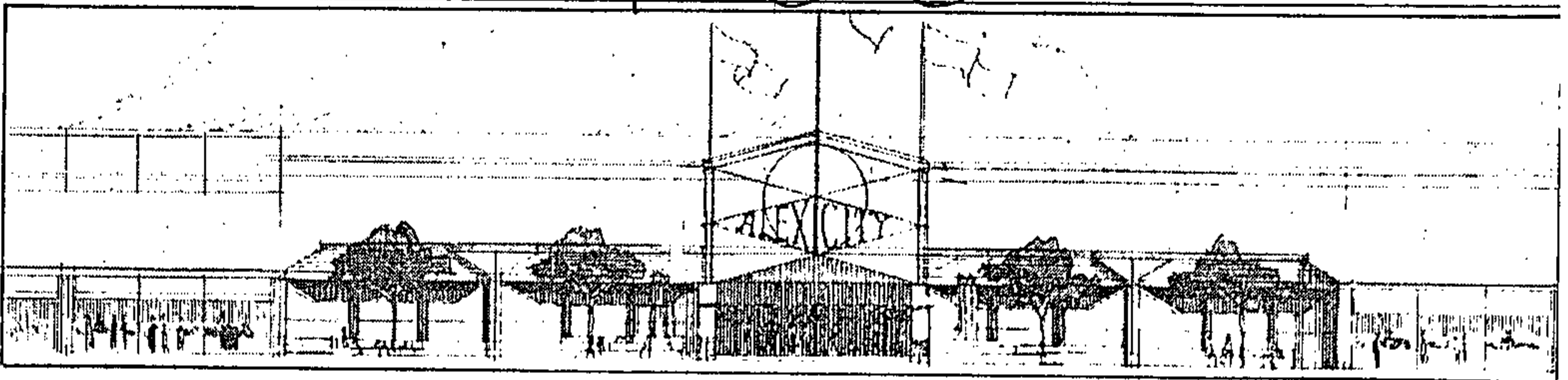
● Defiance by teachers of DET regulations, including refusing inspectors from visiting schools, continues in the Transvaal. Joe Mogane of Neusa's Transvaal branch said working conditions of teachers had not yet been addressed.

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Alex City ... an eastern elevation of the R110 million shopping complex planned for Alexandra.

# Squatters delay big Alex plan

By Winnie Graham

A group of Johannesburg businessmen will meet the Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Hernus Kriel, next Monday in an attempt to solve the growing squatter problem in Alexandra Township.

Gary Perlman of the Logaro Group, a company planning to construct a R110 million shopping complex on the edge of Alex, said his company was concerned at the continuing influx of people into the already overcrowded township.

"We have figures from the Development Bank which show 25 new shacks a day are built in Alex with the number rising to 200 at the weekend," he said.

"Obviously, the matter cannot be allowed to continue. Something must be done to house these people."

His company, he explained, had become involved because it wanted to buy from Max Green and Elaine Gavshon a site in Wynberg, known as KwaGreen, on which 3 000 people were squatting.

The company could not, however, take possession of the in-

dustrial site until alternative accommodation was found for the squatters.

The site, he said, was needed for a new road planned to ease the existing bottleneck entrance to Alexandra from the Wynberg side. Portion of KwaGreen formed part of the network.

Mr Perlman said the Logaro Group had conducted a survey among the people of Alexandra before embarking on the planning of a new complex to be known as "Alex City".

The survey had revealed a "crying need" for the facility among Alex residents, who said they would prefer to shop in "a more leisurely manner" rather than carry their provisions home by bus.

Not only did his group plan to provide shops and cinemas, but a community centre, taxi rank, an informal market and a new road system as well.

A filling station and a parts centre for the benefit of black taxi owners in the area was on the cards as well as an education centre for drivers, which would be run in conjunc-

tion with the South African Black Taxi Association (Sabta).

The group also planned to build facilities for 200 hawkers along a pedestrian mall linking the centre with the bus and taxi terminus.

"Alex City was planned in consultation with the residents and refined to their requirements," Mr Perlman said.

Building operations should have started on June 1 but had been delayed because the squatter problem had not been resolved.

Logaro's planners, he said, had suggested that a 93 ha site next to the N3 be allocated for "site and service" housing. A meeting with the Transvaal Provincial Administration, scheduled for May 22, had been cancelled and no decision taken.

"We have spent hundreds of thousands of rands on planning the centre," he said. "Because we got caught up in the squatter problems we have been prepared to look at solutions."

"However, the longer it takes to come to a decision, the more inflation pushes up costs. If we cannot come to a decision soon, we will have to cut our losses and write off the project."

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## Kangaroo court suspects arrested

East Rand Bureau

Police on the East Rand have arrested a number of suspects in Daveyton at the weekend allegedly involved in assaults on residents at kangaroo courts.

Lieutenant Ida van Zweel of the East Rand police liaison office confirmed the arrests but declined to give the number of suspects arrested.

She said such disclosures would hamper further police investigations.

According to reports, more than 10 people were said to have been arrested when police raided the headquarters of the "courts" in the Xhosa section of the township.

Lieutenant van Zweel said she did not know if the suspects had appeared in court.

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# Birdshot can kill at close range, probe hears

By Melody McDougall,  
Vereeniging Bureau

Most of the policemen who shot at the 50 000-strong United Democratic Front gathering in Sebokeng on March 26 fired No 5 birdshot in the belief they were using minimum violence and non-lethal ammunition.

However, a ballistics expert at the police forensic science laboratory in Pretoria, Colonel P R Gouws, said this ammunition could be deadly, especially when fired at 30 m or closer.

Giving evidence on the last day of the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into the Sebokeng shootings, Colonel Gouws said yesterday he had conducted ballistic tests to determine the effects of birdshot and buckshot.

His findings included that when No 5 birdshot was fired at dead pigs — which have a substantially thicker skin than humans — at a distance of 50 m the pellets penetrated up to 10 mm deep.

He stressed birdshot could, therefore, be lethal, easily killing a person at a distance of 30 m, but said shotguns were "the most effective way of ensuring crowd control".

Referring to SSG (buckshot) and AAA ammunition (also used by police on the day of the Sebokeng shootings), the colonel said a human skull could be penetrated by both types from a distance of 50 m, but not from 100 m.

Evidence led earlier in the

hearing was that the 22 policemen who had shot at the crowd in Sebokeng had fired 66 No 5 shells, 12 rounds of SSG and two rounds of AAA.

Most of the policemen called to the witness stand testified they had been trained to load No 5 birdshot first before using more powerful loads such as SSG and AAA.

This was because they were taught No 5 was "minimum violence and non-lethal".

Most of the policemen agreed they had been 40 m to 45 m from the crowd when they opened fire.

Earlier evidence was that five people had been killed and many more injured during the confrontation between police

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and the 50 000-strong gathering near the Sondela Brewery in Sebokeng on March 26.

The clash occurred after the crowd, which was apparently intent on marching to the National Party offices in Vereeniging, was halted by a police line-up.

Several other people, believed to be at least seven, also died in other incidents in Vaal Triangle townships on the same day.

Mr Justice R J Goldstone is investigating all these incidents.



# Principals to put demands to DET

By Janet Heard, Education Reporter

Soweto principals are expected to present a list of demands about poor conditions in schools to the regional director of the Department of Education and Training (DET) today.

Principals who spoke to The Star said the call to present a list of demands came from the Congress of South African Students (Cosas).

"We are in the most difficult position imaginable. We have been given a brief period to get our act together and we are not even sure how we are going to present the demands to the DET", a

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Soweto principal said.

"The community expects a positive response to their demands in a very short space of time."

The principals are increasingly finding themselves caught between heeding demands from the community and at the same time keeping in line with strict DET regulations or face disciplinary action.

Principals said that they had handed in all the requisitions for equipment "months ago" and the community was now blaming them for the DET's failure to send equipment to the schools.

## Demolition of Reef shacks 'criminal'

THE demolition of squatters' shacks on the Reef in the middle of winter was "immoral and criminal", Soweto civic leader Nthato Motlana said yesterday. *B10m 7/6/90*

He was referring to the demolition of shacks in Alexandra, Thokoza on the East Rand and Kliptown in Soweto this week.

Motlana said he did not have words "strong enough to condemn the action". It was immoral and criminal to remove people from any settlement without providing them with an alternative.

"I urge more people to raise their voices and shout until government

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makes more land available to people to build whatever structures they can afford".

The Black Sash also condemned the demolitions saying the trauma of forced removal from private land had been acknowledged by government.

"In the same way the government has recognised that urban settlers could not be wished away," the Black Sash said.

It challenged government to call a moratorium on evictions and removals until people had alternative accommodation.

## Katlehong council 'wants to end boycott'

THE Katlehong Town Council wanted to meet the Katlehong Civic Association (KCA) in a bid to resolve the rent boycott which began in March, mayor Tau Molotsi said yesterday.

In a telephone interview Molotsi said the council was concerned about the deterioration of services because of the boycott. *B10m 7/6/90*

"I plan to meet the Katlehong Civic Association and negotiate with them fixed rates for services and electricity," Molotsi said.

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KCA spokesman Ken Moetsi said he did not think that his organisation was in a position to meet the councillors. *(343)*

He said the organisation wanted them to resign.

"In their place we want a non-racial council, tarred roads and streets, more recreational and health facilities and the withdrawal of the security forces," Moetsi said.

## 'Spy boss took explosives into Jo'burg civic centre'

FRIK Barnard, the man said to have run Johannesburg City Council's "spy network", was once observed carrying a box of plastic explosives inside the civic centre, the Hiemstra Commission heard yesterday. *(343)*

Former council security guard Jan Griffith said Barnard had told him not to talk to anyone about the explosives when the two men met inside the civic centre one night.

Griffith said he knew the box Barnard had been carrying contained plastic explosives because he had seen and handled the substance often during his military training.

Under cross-examination by Barnard's legal counsel, advocate Solly van Nieuwenhuizen, Griffith insisted he knew the difference between plastic explosives and braai fire lighters. *B10m 7/6/90*

The commission also heard that the network apparently ran its own finances and only liaised with the city treasurer's department when it wanted money.

City treasurer Willie Siebert testified that the only financial documentation available to record payments made by the network to spies for "secret" information over a two-year period were documents approving advances to the network.

Siebert said former city treasurer Perry Rabe had approved the extraordinary system whereby the network conducted its own financial affairs. He, however, would not have done so, he said. — Sapa.

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## PARLIAMENT

# Rent boycotts 'recipe for disaster'

**Parliamentary Staff**

Boycotts of rents, municipal service charges and home loans in the black community could have disastrous results, and leading black organisations like the ANC should tackle this problem, Parliament was told yesterday.

Robin Carlisle (DP Wynberg) said the growing tendency in some communities to refuse to pay for services "creates a mindset that will destroy our economy more certainly than sanctions or disinvestment".

"When the denial of obligations is promoted by civic associations, countenanced by the mass-based organisations and underpinned by the threat of physical violence,

then we are indeed in serious trouble," Mr Carlisle warned.

"It behoves those organisations that claim to have majority black support — ANC, UDF, PAC and Cosatu — to recognise that the problem will not go away when true democratic government comes to South Africa."

### Like mealies

Mr Carlisle argued that the National Party had seriously undermined the social contract by governing on the premise that it had diminished obligations, or none at all, to black citizens.

"Thus, blacks were seen as some sort of resource, like coal or goats or mealies, to be used when necessary," the MP said.

While the NP had changed, it was blacks who were now breaking the social contract in increasing numbers.

"Rent and service-charge boycotts began in 1984 and have extended to over 60 African townships. The Centre for Policy Studies estimated that in 1989, 616 000 households, or about 4 million blacks, were participating in boycotts. Increasingly, the boycotts have extended to home-owners and leaseholders in respect of services and municipal charges.

"The reasons for this are numerous and understandable ... but the consequences are disastrous and could, in the medium term, be terminal to our society."

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# Electrical appliances to clean air in black areas could cost R6-bn

By Abel Mushi

Soweto's air pollution problem came under the spotlight at a World Environment Week workshop at Funda Centre in Diepkloof yesterday.

Richard Ferrer, chairman of Domestic Appliance Manufacturers of SA, said the primary source of air pollution in many black residential areas in this country was the use of coal or wood stoves for cooking or heating.

"If it were possible to eliminate these coal stoves, the pollution problem in South Africa's residential areas would be essentially solved," said Mr Ferrer at the conference organised under the auspices of the National Association for Clean Air

(Naca).

Eskom had reported that clearing up smoke in black areas by installing electrical appliances would cost R6 billion.

Dr Yver von Schirnding of the Research Institute for Environmental Diseases said a major collaborative study was being carried out in the Johannesburg/Soweto area to document the effects of urbanisation on children's health and development over the next 10 years.

## Aware

Five hundred children born in Soweto during April to May 1990 would be monitored over the next few years to determine the frequency of disease and risk factors.

Educationist Professor Es'kia

Mphahlele emphasised the need to make pupils aware of their immediate environment from primary school.

Studies by LHA Management Consultants found any programme to alleviate smoke pollution in urban areas would run into several hundred million rands a year.

Such programmes include: installation of ceilings and insulation in low-cost housing which could reduce the need for heating by 60 percent; and the removal of coal-burning stoves from households and the production of a low-smoke solid fuel to replace coal.

No survey has yet been done on the impact of air pollution on health in Soweto — reportedly one of the worst polluted areas in the world.

# Ozone-unfriendly lands 'may face sanctions'

By Jacqueline Myburgh

Polluter nations could in future face economic sanctions that would make those imposed on South Africa for political reasons look like "nursery school stuff", according to Ian Macdonald, chairman of the Ozone Assessment Board of the Wildlife Society of South Africa.

He was speaking in Durban at

the official opening of the first factory in Africa to produce dimethyl ether, an ozone-friendly aerosol propellant.

The R12,5 million Prozone plant was built by C G Smith Chemicals, part of Barlow Rand.

Mr Macdonald predicted that the Montreal Protocol, which provides for the phasing-out of damaging chlorofluorocarbons

(CFCs) as aerosol propellants, would be amended at a conference in London this month.

It was agreed that 50 percent of CFC use had to be phased out.

"It is likely to be agreed that a total phase-out of these chemicals by the end of the century is essential," Mr Macdonald said.



## New turn in boycott

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By MONK NKOMO

THE two-month-old rent boycott in Atteridgeville took another turn yesterday when the local residents organisation called on Standard Bank to stop accepting payment of bills on behalf of the city council from residents who ignored the rent boycott. (R3) (343)

The council, which has lost R3 million in revenue since the boycott started on April 1, informed residents through letters two weeks ago that they could pay their bills into an account at the Pretoria West branch of the Standard Bank.

A spokesman for the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation (ASRO) said they were scheduled to meet senior officials of the bank yesterday to urge them to close the account.

"The rent boycott is a result of corruption and mismanagement of funds in the council. It now seems to us that the bank condones that corruption," he said.

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# Education 'at a standstill in Soweto'

By Janet Heard, Education Reporter

The formal education programme at secondary schools in Soweto had come to a tragic standstill, Peet Struwig, the regional director of the Department of Education and Training (DET), said yesterday.

He said in a statement the recent action by organisations had resulted in schools being inaccessible to the DET and in principals and teachers being mere spectators.

There was a complete breakdown in authority, the prospect of near irreversible academic degradation, and a "real prospect of anarchy and total disorder".

He said constructive dialogue between the DET and student and teacher organisations was not forthcoming in spite of the DET's "genuine open-door arrangement" with organisations.

## Problems

"Problems such as the repair of schools, supply of books and overcrowding have always been accepted (whatever their cause) as legitimate grievances.

"This region has addressed these problems in the past and will continue to address those that are within its authority and by the most efficient means at its disposal," Mr Struwig said.

Referring to the ultimatum given to principals by the Congress of SA Students (Cosas), that by yesterday all outstanding equipment or shortages be supplied to schools, he said this could simply not be met.



# Angry parents to march as school system faces anarchy

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SOWETO parents are angry and frustrated about the critical situation in the township's secondary schools, where there has been a complete breakdown of authority.

Now parents are planning to march to the Department of Education and Training offices in Johannesburg on Monday to demand school books for their children.

Warning that there was a real prospect of anarchy, Peet Struwig, the DET's Johannesburg regional chief director, said yesterday that schools were virtually inaccessible to DET officials.

Listing other problems, he said:

- Principals and senior teachers had been relegated to the status of spectators.
- Authority had collapsed on an unprecedented scale.
- There was a prospect of near-irreversible academic degeneration.
- Attitudes were being cultivated in young school-leavers which would seriously impair the realisation of their potential.

"The damage to the rank, status and dedication of senior education personnel is irreparable. The traumatic effect of boycotts, intimidation and the defiance campaign, on sound and effective organisation is simply ignored," Mr Struwig said.

A statement from Community Assembled to Mobilize and Promote Unity in Schools (Campus) said yesterday that, even though the academic year was so far advanced, students still had no text books.

Matric students were sharing one book between five people.

Campus accused the DET of insensitivity. "They will be blaming everything else for poor results at the end of the school year."

Soweto Education Coordinating Committee (SECC) spokesman David Maepa said that because of the book shortage, there had been very little effective teaching this year.

"If we had the books then we would have the challenge of ensuring effective teaching was taking place."

He said the DET looked to see if a particular book had been supplied to a particular school in the last five years. If it had, it was not re-issued.

## Quota

He also pointed out that the number of students in Soweto schools was 40 percent above the DET quota.

Mr Maepa said that as soon as books were delivered, the disruption would ease, as pupils would at least have learning materials.

Besides the march on DET offices, other actions were in the pipeline, he said.

Mr Struwig said the supply of books, overcrowding and repair of schools were legitimate grievances, which the DET would continue to address to the best of its ability.

# 'Poor town planning led to foul air all over Soweto'

By SIZAKELE KOOMA

THE campaign by organisations throughout the world to combat the destruction of nature by man could easily be the work of a fairy god-mother, says the National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC).

He said Soweto's deteriorating en-

The Soweto-based organisation, which for the last 14 years has highlighted care of the environment, believes that the world's outrage at pollution and other factors responsible for the abuse of nature, will at last prompt residents into action.

## 'Mr Clean' speaks

Japhta Lekgetho, who is head of the organisation, is known for his clean-up campaigns in the townships and protests for proper housing and clean surroundings.

Addressing a World Environment Awareness Day seminar organised by the Womens Bureau of South Africa Lekgetho, affectionately known as 'Mr Clean', said his organisation would no longer be a voice in the wilderness but a vehicle that could help combat township environmental problems.

He said Soweto's deteriorating environmental conditions - caused by air and environmental pollution - and the increasing crime rate were primarily a result of bad town planning.

## JAPHTA LEKGETHO

"Township houses were built with the object of providing shelter and were not a package for developing a residential area," Lekgetho said.

"Services like electricity, sewerage systems, roads and telephones were left out. This caused a lot of inconvenience to residents and has contributed a great deal to environmental decay.

"The smoke from the coal stoves and the stench from leaking sewerage pipes and rubbish dumps presently fills the air and is threatening to spill over to the cities. The acute housing shortage forces families to overcrowd one area and is the reason for the dirt piling up in the streets.

The available waste removal service can only cater for a certain number of people," he said.

The Government could solve the problem by providing land people could build houses on and township town councils could play a helping role by providing manpower and vehicles to clear dirt.

## Pollution

Anglo American director Clem Sunter, who also spoke at the seminar, agreed that electricity in every household in the township would be one answer to the dangerous and dreaded gases that are polluting the air.

Sunter said air pollution in Soweto was two-and-half times higher than that in the eastern Transvaal Highveld, which is high by world standards.

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Pace Community College students clean up Mshenguville squatter camp to highlight the environmental crisis.

## Environment crisis is facing the townships

By SANDILE MEMELA

TWO happenings in Soweto on Tuesday – international Environment Day – brought home the message of an environmental crisis facing the townships.

In one incident, scores of primary school children led a placard-waving demonstration to highlight the plight of the homeless and the lack of recreational facilities.

It was part of the National Environmental Awareness Campaign (Neac) "green revolution". In an address, its president, Japhta "Mr Clean" Lekgetho, blamed the Group Areas Act and the Land Act of 1913 for the squalor and dirt prevalent in the townships.

On the other hand, Lekgetho condemned the people of Soweto for their casual attitude towards the conditions they lived under.

The other incident occurred when more than 100 student volunteers from Pace Community College cleaned up Mshenguville squatter camp in an attempt to highlight the environmental crisis in Soweto.

Project co-ordinator Thabiso Olifant, 18, said the students had resolved to spend half a day throughout the week helping to clean up Mshenguville and create environmental awareness among residents in the camp.

## Jealous rage led to brutal murder

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

A GRIEVING father held back tears as he emerged from the Randfontein Regional Court this week after his daughter's murderer got nine months or a R300 fine.

"This is a hard time for my family. At the time of my daughter's brutal murder, we were busy burying her aunt in Mmabatho.

"It was the first time my daughter was involved in a fight. She was one of the most well-behaved and respected young girls in the Mohlakeng community, but she died a cruel death."

These were the words of Samuel Malefetsa, father of Josephine Caroline Malefetsa, who was brutally murdered in a Mohlakeng street on December 16 last year – over a love affair with a married man.

Caroline's assailant, Josephine Sekgobela, 35, of Mohlakeng, was this week sentenced to R300 or 12

months' imprisonment, suspended for five years.

Before sentencing Sekgobela, magistrate Hennie Oostehulzen said the reason for killing Caroline was flimsy and not valid.

Sekgobela had earlier pleaded not guilty to a charge of culpable homicide.

Caroline was the victim of jealous rage. She fell in love with a married man who had not lived with his wife for a long time.

On December 16 she went looking for the man but met his wife and friends. Caroline was stripped naked, assaulted and sjambokked.

A friend of Caroline's, Lingi Kgaje, said the women who assaulted Caroline had said they wanted to warn all single women to stay away from married men and their houses.

Her assailants had left her to die in the nude in full view of residents.

She died on the way to the Leratong Hospital.

"Our gesture is important as it highlights the environmental crisis in the area," he said. Earlier on Tuesday, a packed Women's Bureau of South Africa seminar heard three prominent speakers, including Lekgetho, talk on the environmental dangers facing South Africa.

Environmental journalist James Clarke said the proposed Soweto highrise buildings were a typical example of bad planning in South Africa and would be "tragic". He also criticised energy conservation measures in South Africa, warning: "World opinion will one day force South Africa to conserve energy."



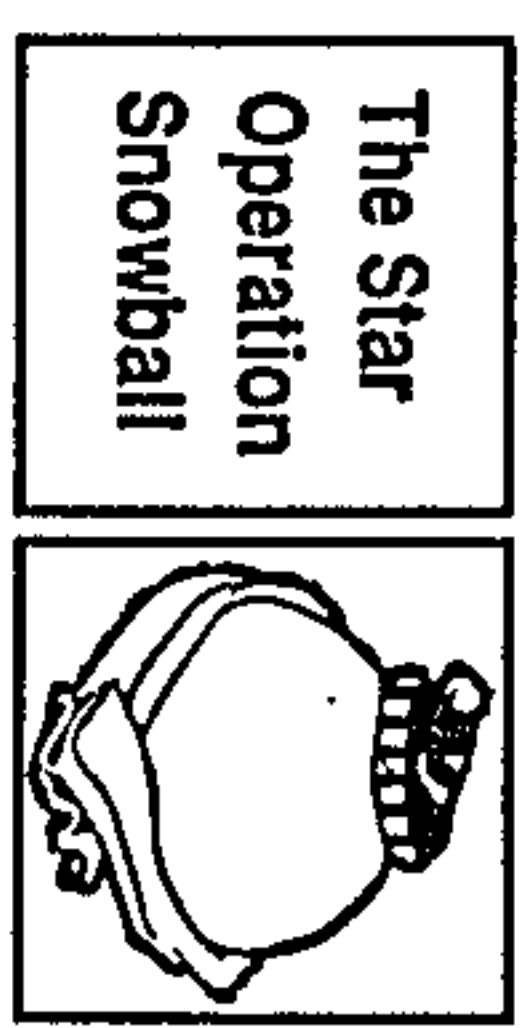
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# School facing financial crisis

By Shirley Woodgate

The Noordgesig Pre-Primary School which has served Soweto and Noordgesig for 11 years is facing a financial crisis, management committee secretary Cynthia Phillips wrote to Operation Snowball.

"There is a great need in this area to accommodate more children and to expand to a full day's pro-



gramme. At present, the school cares for 50 children at a fee of R65 a month, which is not always affordable in this area.

"Through the kind assistance of the Human Resources Trust, the school has obtained mattresses for the children to sleep on. We are now faced with the problem of blankets as colder weather draws near," she wrote.

So Operation Snowball delivered 50 warm blankets to the school and a delighted Yvonne Merkel commented: "Previously, we relied on heaters to keep the children warm but even that did not always help.

"But yesterday, after each child settled down under a warm blanket — some were even snoring — for the first time we had problems waking them up."

The Noordgesig children are just a handful of the people who need help from those of us who sleep warmly at night. Please send cash donations for buying blankets to Operation Snowball, Box 1014, Johannesburg 2000, or deliver old clothes to any one of the 25 depots receiving donations on our behalf.



Grateful foursome Gizelle Hendricks (left), Portia Twala, Leroy Malash and Lucinda Barriel.

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# Parents demand textbooks

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12/6/90 By Janet Heard,  
Education Reporter

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# Sebokeng shootings: call to charge police

By Melody McDougall,  
Vereeniging Bureau

The policemen who opened fire on a United Democratic Front gathering in Sebokeng on March 26 should be charged for deliberately shooting into the backs of defenceless people, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry was told yesterday.

George Bizos SC, representing relatives of the dead and the injured, told the inquiry the commanding officer of the 18 policemen, Captain Willem du Plooy, who headed the Krugersdorp and Vanderbijl Park Reaction Units, should be held responsible for these killings.

Mr Bizos said 12 people were killed and about 280 injured in Sebokeng and other Vaal Triangle Townships on March 26.

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice R J Goldstone, last week wrapped up its inquiry into shootings and other incidents of violence in Vaal Townships, but reconvened yesterday to hear argument from the various councils.

Mr Bizos asked Mr Justice Goldstone yesterday to draw his own inference from the fact that most of the 12 people who died were wounded in the back of the head. "Of the approximately 280 injured people that day, the majority were also wounded in the back," he said.

However, none of the policemen present needed medical attention. Only one policeman testified he was injured by a stone thrown from the crowd, but even contradicted himself as to which limb was struck.

He said the investigation into

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the shootings before the appointment of the commission was not lacking in senior policemen.

However, it appeared they were merely examining pathetic recitations, Mr Bizos said, referring to statements taken from policemen after the shootings.

Only well after the hearing began was a finger pointed at Constable Sean van Rhyn, a member of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit who eventually admitted he could have fired the first shot in Sebokeng.

Referring to other cases of loss of life and injuries in the area on March 26, Mr Bizos asked whether it was a coincidence that of the other seven people killed that day, four had met their death as a result of the personal actions of a Constable Rutgurd van Huysteen, also a member of the Krugersdorp Reaction Unit.

"Not to charge these persons (Sergeant van Huysteen and the other policemen) with a criminal offence would indicate they can do what they like and have a license to kill," Mr Bizos said in conclusion.

Johann du Toit, who has led all evidence before the commission, and Etienne du Toit, appearing for the SAP, are expected to present their argument before the commission today.

# Teachers' sit-in abandoned, one by parents continues

Education Reporter

More than 60 coloured teachers abandoned a sit-in at the offices of the Department of Education and Culture (House of Representatives) in Johannesburg yesterday after the national director of education, A W Muller, agreed to meet them today.

This is the second education "sit-in" in Johannesburg this week.

On Monday, Soweto parents began a sit-in at the offices of the Department of Education and Training in Braamfontein.

In yesterday's action, teachers who are on strike took over

the office of the regional chief inspector for eight hours.

They were demanding a response to a list of grievances sent on May 18.

After lengthy meetings and telephone calls to Cape Town, Mr Muller agreed to meet the teachers in Johannesburg today to discuss their grievances.

The demands include the timely payment of salaries, the scrapping of the inspection system, and parity between male and female teachers.

The eight Soweto parents and members of the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee

enter their third day in the DET offices today.

They plan to remain until given a date for the delivery of vital textbooks, still unavailable six months into the year.

One of the protesters, David Maepa, spoke to a press gathering outside the building yesterday after the DET refused permission for a press conference inside.

He said they had been supplied with hot water, but did not have mattresses and were having food delivered from outside.

The DET regional director,

Peet Struwig, said yesterday that he had met his superiors in Pretoria and was waiting for instructions on how to address the shortage of textbooks.

He said the crisis had been exacerbated by the increase in the number of pupils attending school this year following the back-to-school call, and by many pupils not returning books at the end of the year.

● Parents of pupils affected by the strike by coloured teachers in the Transvaal will march to the House of Representatives building in Johannesburg tomorrow.



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Staff Reporter

The National Teachers' Unity Forum will hold a mass rally in kwaThema on the East Rand tomorrow to report back on the organisation's recent meetings with Gene Louw, Minister of Home Affairs and National Education.

The rally, organised in conjunction with Cosatu and the ANC, will be held at the kwaThema Stadium and will start at 9 am, a National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa) spokesman said last night.

The spokesman urged all Neusa members to attend the rally.

He said Neusa will stage an education workshop at Wits University on June 23.

# R27m facelift for Meadowlands hostel

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THE Diepmeadow Council has started a multi-million rand project to upgrade the infrastructure at the Meadowlands hostel and to solve the housing

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

shortage in the area.

The project involves converting the Meadowlands hostel into

four-roomed family units and upgrading the infrastructure at the cost of R27 million as well as building 172 houses worth about R42 000 each in the adjacent soccer field.

Part of the R27 million will be provided by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council.

Presently 17 000 people staying in the hostel are exposed to problems such as lack of privacy as they use communal toilets and washing facilities, main sewer blockages and electricity failure.

"To make this area habitable for families the infrastructure, which will cost about R14 million, will be started immediately and must be finished before construction begins," Diepmeadow mayor Mr Moses Khumalo said.

\* More than 200 Diepkloof squatters who are threatened with evictions will be moved to Orange Farm.

This decision was taken at a meeting between Khumalo and the TPA regional director, Mr Jacobus Joubert.



# Police 'not solely to blame' for casualties at Sebokeng

By Melody McDougall, *Star*  
Vereeniging Bureau (4/6/90)

The police could not be solely blamed for the death and injuries suffered by members of a 50 000-strong crowd during the Sebokeng shootings near the Sondela Brewery on March 26, the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry heard yesterday.

Etienne du Toit SC, appearing for the SA Police, said it was a unique concurrence of events on the day which had led to the tragedy.

Mr du Toit was presenting argument before the commission, chaired by Mr Justice R J Goldstone, which yesterday concluded its inquiry into alleged incidents of violence — including the Sebokeng shootings — in Vaal triangle townships on March 26.

The Sebokeng shootings took place after a 50 000-strong UDF gathering, intent on marching to Vereeniging, was halted by a police line-up near the Sondela Brewery.

At least five people died in the shootings. Another seven people were shot dead in various other incidents of apparent unrest and looting of shops in the area, while about 280 were injured the same day.

Mr Justice Goldstone said he hoped to have the report on his findings ready by the end of June.

Referring to the first shot

The Goldstone Commission



fired by Constable Sean van der Rhyn, which caused a chain reaction when other policemen also opened fire, Mr du Toit said the resulting deaths and injuries could not be ascribed to the error of judgment or human frailty of a single person.

He said the fact that the constable accidentally fired the first shot with his stopper tear-gas rifle did not indicate deliberate "trigger-happiness".

The policeman was hit by a stone shortly before the shooting and was afraid at that stage.

Johan du Toit, who led all evidence before the commission, argued that correct police procedure would have been the firing of teargas into the crowd.

He said there should have been stricter control over the loading of weapons at the scene and more self-control displayed by both the police and crowd. It was also clear there was a definite lack of communication between all the parties involved.

Mr Johan du Toit asked for at least five of the 11 incidents of alleged violence in the townships on March 26, which claimed the lives of 12 people, to be referred to the Attorney-General for a decision.

# '137 percent more deaths during strike'

Own Correspondent

PRETORIA — The commission of inquiry into allegations that 22 babies died as a result of strike action at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital has heard that the mortality rate in the neo-natal ward rose by about 137 percent during the strike.

The hospital's former chief medical superintendent, Dr Louis van Heerden, said the allegations arose after the strike, which ran from April 4 to April 12, ended. When the strike began about 2 000 patients were being accommodated and the paediatric section had an occupancy rate of about 175 percent, he said.

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice Cillie, is also investigating the causes and other possible consequences of the strike as well as the possible criminal liability of the workers and nursing staff involved.

## High mortality

Counsel for the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu), Mr G Josman, said the deaths of the babies were not necessarily attributable to the strike and that the neo-natal ward normally had a high mortality rate.

Dr van Heerden told the commission that strikers had hindered nurses, held up supplies of medicines to the wards, and cut supplies of medical gases needed in theatres and intensive care units for essential services.

He said the hospital's workers' committee had approached management with a list of grievances on March 29 which included, among others, that

they objected to being called "kaffirs" and "pigs" by superiors, that the distribution of office equipment and promotions were handled on a racist basis, and that workers were being forced into signing "leave without pay" forms.

The workers had also demanded the resignation of two officials, Mr A J Boshoff and Mr H Swanepoel, whom they claimed had proved to be "racists who continue to harass, victimise and even intimidate workers".

Dr van Heerden said he had issued a general warning concerning the use of "unacceptable" language, and denied that equipment distribution or promotions were being handled unfairly. A report-back meeting had been arranged between the two parties for April 4 at 9 am. However, workers had begun striking earlier that morning.

He said a decision was taken on April 9 to evacuate patients and that orders were given to transport patients to other medical institutions.

Academic staff had objected to the evacuation on the basis that previous strikes had already disrupted student training.

Mr Josman indicated he would lead evidence that the decision to evacuate had also had some bearing on the alleged deaths in the neo-natal ward.

Dr van Heerden also testified that nurses had been physically dragged out of their wards by strikers and that police intervention on April 9 had resulted in police dogs and their handlers entering theatres in pursuit of strikers who failed to respond to an interdict banning the strike.



# Colour barriers township garden

TWO white men toiling in the garden of a prominent Guguletu businessman have caused a stir in the township.

The two gardeners - enterprising businessmen - Mr Mick Coutts and his Australian colleague Mr Ski Sigelski - were commissioned by

businessman Mr Peter Motale.

The two now maintain Motale's residential garden, that of his mother-in-law and the grounds of the bus depot from where he runs his transport service.

"They're good workers," Motale said.

Sigelski said the Guguletu locals were "basically flabbergasted."

"A lot of them simply sit and watch us, their eyes out like organ stops."

Coutts, co-director of the gardening concern, said: "One chap came and stood over us while we were working. His hands were on his hips as he pretended to be our foreman. And he chivvied us on, saying we weren't working fast enough."

The crowd loved that.

Venturing into a township notorious for violent flare-ups does not worry the two gardeners.

"Gardens have no racial barriers," said Coutts.

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# SA Youth Congress out to prove a point

Star 14/6/90 By Kaizer Nyatumba

The South African Youth Congress (Sayco) and its affiliates intend to prove on Saturday that Soweto youth is not abandoning the African National Congress and joining the Pan Africanist Congress.

At a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, Sayco general secretary Rapu Molekane said the congress, which is expected to merge soon with the ANC's youth wing, had planned its major June 16 rally in Soweto to prove that the ANC was not losing support to the PAC.

The rally, to be addressed by ANC internal chairman Walter Sisulu and Sayco president Peter Mokaba, will be held at the Jabulani Amphitheatre at 10 am.

The PAC's major rally of the day will be held at Orlando Stadium, Soweto, at the same time.

Asked why the ANC and the PAC had not organised a joint rally, Mr Molekane said that Sayco wanted to prove the inaccuracy of a recent survey which found that Soweto youth were deserting the ANC.

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# Hospital chief 'not tough enough'

Pretoria Correspondent

A far harder line could have been taken by the temporary chief medical superintendent when investigating a list of workers' grievances received by GaRankuwa Hospital management before an eight-day strike at the hospital, a commission of inquiry into the causes and consequence of the strike was told.

Dr L van Heerden admitted during cross-examination yesterday that he could have "been rougher" on staff guilty of racist actions.

The commission, chaired by Mr Justice van Heerden, is also investigating allegations that 23 premature babies died as a result of the strike in April.

## Racism

Dr van Heerden testified that much of the investigation into the grievances was handled by the deputy director of administration, Mr A J Boshoff.

Mr Boshoff and another hospital official, H Swanepoel, were described in the list as

being "racists who continue to harass, victimise and even intimidate workers".

No official complaints about Mr Boshoff were made to Dr van Heerden, who said he had known him for several years and had never found him "rude, aggressive or racist".

But he knew that relations between Mr Boshoff and hospital staff were strained, and said that complaints about Mr Swanepoel's behaviour towards workers had been made.

The hearing continues.

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## Jo'burg council to discuss Soweto rent boycott report

THE Johannesburg City Council management committee is to discuss a report on the Soweto rent boycott following a meeting with the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) this week.

The delegation presented its Plan of Action report on the boycott to management committee chairman Ian Davidson during a meeting which was also attended by Marietta Marx.

The SPD asked Johannesburg to

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commit itself to five policy principles concerning the boycott and to publicly commit itself to unification of Soweto and Johannesburg.

Council was also asked to state its intentions on local government guidelines announced by Planning Minister Hernus Kriel and to intervene in evictions and demolition of

Soweto homes. It was asked to join the Soweto Joint Financial Adjustment Committee — established by the Transvaal Provincial Administration and chaired by the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

Yesterday Marx said the report would be discussed with the rest of the management committee, which would decide whether to meet the SPD to discuss further points raised.

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#### CITY OF JOHANNESBURG SALE OF STAND 12, FORMAIN

NOTICE is hereby given in terms of Section 79 (18) of the Local Government Ordinance, 1939, that the Council intends to sell Stand 12 Formain to the owner of the adjacent Stand 216, Lyndhurst Extension 1, on certain conditions.

Further details of the Council's resolution may be obtained on application at Room S211, Civic Centre, Braamfontein, during normal working hours.

Any person who objects to the sale is requested to lodge an objection with me, in writing, on or before June 29, 1990.

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## TESTING TOWNSHIP LEASES

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In a test case that could affect millions of black township dwellers, the Legal Resources Centre has begun a review application in the Supreme Court asking it to set aside a decision by the Soweto Council which terminates a tenant's housing lease. The council is opposing the application and has until mid-July to file affidavits.

The case involves Wilson Makeng of Mapetla Extension, who last October was given a month's notice to leave the house he has been occupying since 1965. Reasons for the eviction apparently centre on Makeng's ex-wife (whom he divorced 15 years ago), who now seems to be claiming the house.

Until January 1 1989, most houses in the black townships were occupied under residential permits. On that date, the Conversion of Certain Rights to Leasehold Act came into force, providing for the repeal of the permit regulations. Occupants thus became lessees of the council.

"If what the Soweto Council has done is valid," observes the centre's Geoff Budlender, "millions could be thrown out of their houses."

The Makeng case is apparently not isolated: "We're starting to see the first trickle of cases raising this issue, which is going to become much bigger."

# Parents defy DET's order to leave

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EIGHT Soweto parents on hunger strike at the Johannesburg offices of the Department of Education and Training (DET) yesterday defied an order from the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Stoffel van der Merwe, to leave the building.

The eight, members of the Soweto Education Co-ordination Committee, occupied the building on Monday after talks between themselves and DET officials broke down. They said they would not leave until each Soweto pupil was provided with a text book.

At 12.15 pm yesterday, Mr Peet Struwig, director of the DET's Johannesburg region, delivered notices to

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the parents' delegation ordering them to vacate the building within an hour.

"Your continued presence in the building is unlawful, notwithstanding your motives for such conduct," said the letters, which were signed by the State Attorney, Mr J F Zwegelaar.

Mr van der Merwe warned the delegation in the letters that if they did not comply with the order, he would make an urgent Supreme Court application to

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have them removed.

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Soon afterwards Mr David Maepa, spokesman for group, emerged from the building and told reporters the delegation would not respect the notices.

They would remain in the building until their demand was met and continue with their hunger strike.

The delegation last ate solids — dried fruits and biscuits — on Thursday at lunchtime and are now taking liquids only.

"We are disappointed

as the issue was the delivery of books to our children and not the illegal occupation of the building," said Mr Maepa.

About 1½ hours after the deadline for the group to leave the DET's Educon Building, a team of five lawyers arrived.

When the lawyers emerged from the building two hours later, they confirmed that the delegation had decided to remain in the building until their demand was met.

The parents would also not oppose a court application to have them removed.

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# Violence-torn Soweto

## 'Dangerous loss of faith in legal system,' says prof

by S'BU MNGADI

THE administration of justice in Natal has been irreversibly affected by the violence there, lawyers, academics and human rights monitors said this week.

A Natal State attorney estimated that only 11 murder cases had been successfully prosecuted in Natal courts since the start of the violence in 1986, despite the fact that more than 4 000 people have been killed.

There was a backlog of 126 cases arising from the conflict, he said, and the Justice Department had recently accorded three extra judges to Natal and employed more prosecutors.

Radley Keyes, director of the Democratic Party in the Natal Midlands, said it was tragic that the government could spend R30 million to investigate the Helderberg disaster while doing little to end the bloodshed in Natal.

"The Helderberg disaster was greeted by the immediate appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry, but persistent requests for such a commission in Natal have been turned down by the government."

A Lawyers for Human Rights spokesman estimated that only 10 per cent of the 2 500 politically motivated murders in Natal had come before a

Two years after the inquest and four-and-half years after the killings the nine had yet to be prosecuted.

Rutsch said whatever the reasons for non-prosecution, people were questioning the effectiveness of the legal system.

Professor James Lund, dean of the faculty of law at the University of Natal in Maritzburg, has said: "The feeling is that the criminal justice system has failed to cope with the political violence, and there is a widespread loss of faith in the legal system. It goes without saying that this is extremely dangerous."

Lund was speaking during the establishment of a law centre at the university earlier this year.

Rutsch said the experience of lawyers in Durban and Maritzburg was that "the wheels of justice grind to a halt when a complaint about violence is made".

A recent law conference in Durban heard that in Natal a criminal case could take up to 18 months to come before a court of law. During the period when an accused was granted bail some witnesses were eliminated and others became senile.

Rutsch compared the trials of ANC guerrillas Andrew Zondo and Robert McBride to those of warlords.

"We will always be with us."

As director of the Soweto Methodist Community Centre, Mbabane acts as a nucleus that holds together the shattered lives of hundreds of people.

"The reward I get from my job is that I help keep the community together and offer guidance and direction to people who have lost all hope."

He was persecuted for his compassion by the then Transkei government under the Matanzima brothers. In 1981 he was forced to flee to South Africa as he refused to recognise Transkei's independence.

While rebuilding his life he has helped many others. When hundreds of

people is the kind of tears in the heart listening to the ordinary people. It led him to start the township to cater for the poor. He is chairman of the Aged, his confidence in ordinary people

Executive member of the Committee for the Displaced. He also sits on the Akalani Home for the Aged in Diepkopje.

He was forced to resign as vice-chairman of the Transvaal District Council because the township demanded more attention.

programs close to the heart of people bruised by violence. As a result I have more time to devote to the disadvantaged."

knocks at his door every day. Often it is a father or his family or a young person.

not resent this disadvantage. He understands the disadvantaged and will do whatever it takes to help them.

resulted in homelessness for our people. These problems are equally distributed among all these people.

## He has made the troubles of the poor his life's work

parents in Central Western Jabavu were anxious about pre-school and childcare facilities for their young ones, Mbabane made his church available.

He also started Tlokomelong pre-school which caters for more than 50 children.

The reverend said there is a serious lack of childcare facilities in Soweto.

"The children have nowhere to go and this exerts psychological pressure on their parents who worry about what will happen to them."

Children, he said, were the seeds of the future. "If we are serious about a new society then we must bring up our children correctly."

As a service to the youth in his community, Mbabane manages a reading centre which provides study facilities for children who have no privacy in their homes.

The aim of the reading centre is to address the current education crisis. A bigger education centre building is being constructed with more space for reference books needed by matric and tertiary level students.

"For black people to play a meaningful role in the new society they will need to equip themselves with education now. Knowledge and qualifications are our passports to power."

He firmly believes black people must take control of their own destinies and create employment opportunities for themselves. He runs a sewing project for women and has established a brick manufacturing project.

"The time is now ripe for black people to move away from the notion that to earn a living they must work for whites. We must make our own jobs."

By SOPHIE TENA

THE eight Soweto parents occupying the Department of Education and Training (DET) head office in Johannesburg are defying all moves to evict them — and they are suffering for their strong stand.

The delegation had marched to the DET building to demand textbooks for Soweto school pupils and took occupation of the conference room where they began a sit-in on Monday afternoon.

On Friday night, one of the eight, Silas Tloubatla, was admitted to the Hillbrow Hospital suffering from high blood pressure after being diagnosed by Dr I Bismillia of the Southern African Health Workers' Congress.

# Sit-in parents defy moves to evict them

Dr Bismillia said two women delegates also complained of pains in their backs caused by the uncomfortable manner in which they have to sleep and sit.

On Friday afternoon a written request signed by State Attorney JF Zwiagelaar was served on the eight to leave the DET regional office building in Braamfontein.

On Friday night Education Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said on television that if the eight failed to vacate the premises, he would have to apply for a court order.

Yesterday, the lawyer for the eight, Kuben Pillay, said his clients

would have to be dragged out by police if an eviction order was obtained.

"They are not going to oppose the order in court," he said.

On Friday teaching staff from Soweto schools had to receive their salary cheques from area offices and not from their schools.

Regional Chief Director of the DET Peet Struwig said the move was a direct result of threats and intimidation which made it impossible for school principals to carry out their normal duties and functions in their schools.

The cheques were issued to them

by their school principals.

"Principals have to be present when salary cheques are issued to teaching staff, because they have to follow strict procedure to confirm that every teacher has been paid.

Van der Merwe said the DET could not address the book shortage issue because inspectors did not have access to schools.

"The department is prepared to spend a large sum of money on buying and providing textbooks as soon as we are able to verify what the real situation is.

"We cannot spend millions of rands on books that might have to

be delivered with no assurance that they will be put to good use."

Van der Merwe also accused teachers of being "uncontrolled and irresponsible" because they could have helped suspend the defiance campaign directed at the Department.

DET director general Bernard Louw said as soon as the situation in Johannesburg schools has returned to normal the Department will determine the need for textbooks and do everything in its power to solve the problem.

SECC delegation spokesman David Maepa this week said parents

should exert pressure on the department to provide schools in the townships with books and other necessary materials.

In a statement sent to Louw the delegation said: "The primary abnormality in our schools is the shortage of books and all other problems flow from this.

"Dr Louw should remember that it is a fallacy to say the schools belong to the department.

"The same people who have children in schools in Soweto are the same members of the community whose taxes built the schools, pay the teachers and DET officials.

"We believe Dr Louw's claims are an insult to the intelligence and democratic right of our people's freedom of choice."

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# The 'shacklord' school port

Principal

## Parents ring alarm bells over shack 'health hazard'

By ELIAS MALULEKE

A SOWETO school principal has been accused of allowing the erection of shacks on the school premises and of collecting rent from shackdwellers.

Parents are worried the principal of Thembalile Lower Primary School in Orlando East, Sana Dikgale, is turning the school into a "health hazard".

By last month five shacks had sprung up on the school grounds, but this dropped to three recently after two families moved out.

Parents say their children can no longer use the toilets because the squatters and their friends are not keeping them clean.

In one shack, more than two families live together in a tiny room.

The parents also fear the shackdwellers may molest their children. They told *City Press* that three young lodgers who share a room loiter around the school during the day.

The day after *City Press* spoke to the lodgers, Dikgale said there was no squatting on the premises. She also refuted allegations that she was collecting rent from them.

Petrus Hlongwane and Karimindo Dhlamini, two unemployed men who share a tiny shack with Petrus' brother, said they each paid the principal R30 a month.

They said that in February they moved in with Michael Hlongwane, who built the shack. Dhlamini said they had nowhere else to stay.

He said two other shackdwellers who

could not afford to pay their rent were forced to move.

Simon Madondo, 45, who lives with his common-law wife - an inyanga who practices in their tiny shack - said he was not paying rent because he was asked by the principal to help guard the school.

"When I came here early this year I found other shacks in the yard."

Dikgale at first said the presence of the shacks at the school "has nothing to do with newspapers because my school is private property. We can do what we want here."

However, she added that she allowed the squatters to put up shacks in the premises from late last year because there was only one watchman and the school had been burgled several times.

"I discussed the matter with the Management Council and they gave their blessing - and I can assure you that these people did not pay rent."

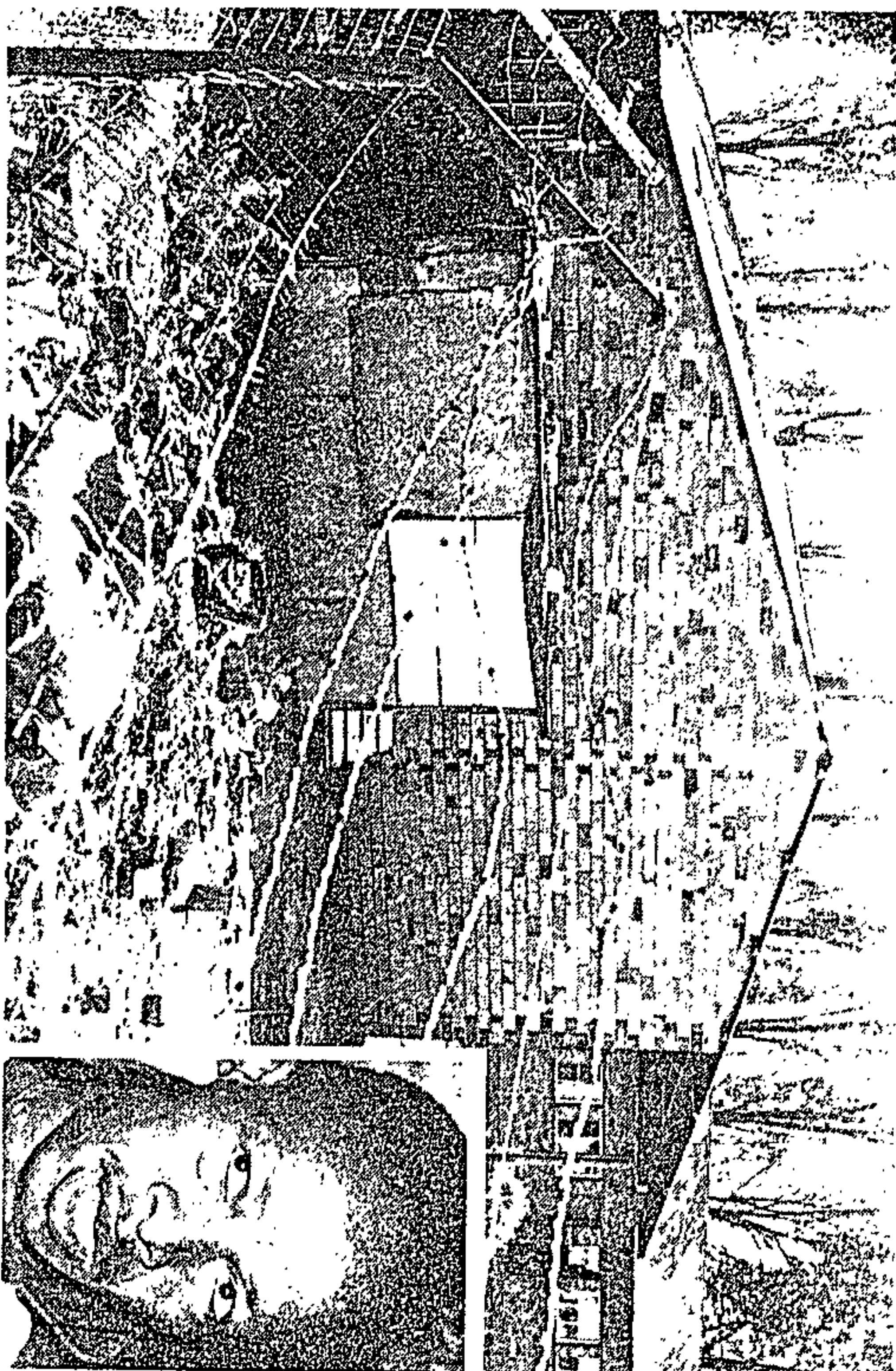
Dikgale said all the shackdwellers left "two months back".

She laughed when told that *City Press* had spoken to the squatters the previous day.

Management Council member BE Qaba said the council was approached by the principal last year and they opposed the idea of erecting shacks on the premises.

"We strongly asked her to evict all the squatters but nothing has been done. We intend to take stronger actions."

The DET said it was not aware of the shacks at the school and would launch an investigation.



One of the shacks that have sprung up at a Soweto school. Shackdweller Simon Madondo (inset), says he pays R30 rent a month for a shack he shares with three others. Pic: ANDRIES MCINERKA



# ANC rally of 50 000 dwarfs rivals

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By Thabo Leshilo

Sowetans this year commemorated Soweto Day with separate services for each of the three major groups within the liberation movement.

The African National Congress rally at Jabulani Amphitheatre attracted more than 50 000 people, while the Azanian People's Organisation and the Pan Africanist Congress rallies, held at Regina Mundi and Orlando Stadium respectively, were attended by only about 3 500 people each.

At Regina Mundi, the traditional June 16 venue, speakers condemned negotiations with the Government and called for seizure of power and the establishment of a socialist order.

Khotso Seathlolo, who led the 1976 student uprising, said the events had set in motion a process the white minority regime could not stop. Negotiations were an attempt by the Government to halt that process.

SA Youth Congress leader Peter Mokaba told the Jabulani rally that the keynote of the

ANC's programme was the demand for a "constitutional assembly to decide the constitution for a democratic South Africa".

However, the Government seemed bent on appointing "puppets and vigilantes" to the assembly, he warned. The meeting was also addressed by singer Miriam Makeba.

Speakers at the PAC rally called for an end to inter-organisational violence and appealed for unity. Similar calls were made at the other rallies.



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# Lawyer ordered to leave DET office

By Janet Heard,  
Education Reporter

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## Eviction

He was informing the parents that an eviction order would be brought against them today at 2 pm in the Rand Supreme Court on behalf of the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Stoffel van der Merwe.

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# Marching Soweto homeless ask TPA for a better deal

By Julianne du Toit

Hundreds of Soweto's homeless marched yesterday from the Library Gardens in Johannesburg to the Civic Centre to demand better living conditions from the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA).

About 1 500 men, women and children arrived in buses with banners demanding decent homes and the scrapping of the Squatters Act.

The singing, ululating crowd was led by Anglican and Methodist clergymen.

The march was organised by Operation Masakhane for the Homeless (Omhle).

Traffic officers halted vehicles for the march up Rissik Street as police stood by.

Omhle, an ANC affiliate, handed over a memorandum describing the plight of the homeless to a TPA representative and called on the Administrator of the Transvaal and the mayor of Johannesburg to provide sanitation facilities and hold an inquiry into the destruction of shacks.

# Katlehong residents vow to continue boycott

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

KATLEHONG residents have decided to continue boycotting rent until their demands are met.

They have also resolved to boycott all businesses owned by councillors in protest against the councillors' refusal to resign from the local authority.

The rent boycott in the East Rand township started three months ago.

These decisions were taken at a meeting attended by about 50 000 at Huntersfield stadium on Monday.

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The meeting was called by the Katlehong Civic Association.

The residents also marched on the local police station where they presented a memorandum to the local station commander complaining about activities of local police.

The petition was addressed to the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok.

Residents are demanding lower rents, the scrapping of the hostels, suspension of evictions and demolishing of shacks.

## Demands

They are also demanding that all council-owned houses should be transferred to their present occupants.

Executive member of the KCA Mr Ike Motloung told the meeting that NedPerm had agreed to stop selling homes of local residents who could not afford the soaring monthly payments on their mortgages.

"People with financial problems are asked to contact NedPerm and discuss their difficulties," Motloung said.

The local community also demanded an end to the harassment and detention of the township's leaders.



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## TPA warns over rents

ABOUT 40 black townships throughout the country whose residents are boycotting rent could have essential services cut from next month, the Transvaal Provincial Administration warned yesterday.

The TPA's deputy director of community services, Mr Len Dekker, said in a statement released in Pretoria they would stop paying bridging finances to the affected town councils from July 31.

He said the councils

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would have to provide for themselves from the end of this month because of "the severely restricted funds available to the administration".

Soweto - where rent arrears total millions of rand - is not affected by the latest warning because it already received notices in October last year urging it to put its house in order.

A spokesman for the TPA said yesterday the Soweto Council was

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doing its utmost to address the rent boycott.

Dekker warned affected councils that if they failed to provide funds for themselves to pay suppliers of essential services such as electricity and water, the services would be discontinued.

He said the TPA allocated R2,6 million a month to black local authorities in the Transvaal as bridging finance.

"As a result of the boycott of payments they

need financial assistance increased to R35,5 million for April and R60,5 million for May 1990," he said.

The needs for this month were expected to be higher.

The TPA sent letters to about 40 black local authorities on June 18 urging them to take tough action against rent defaulters.

Dekker yesterday appealed to consumers to pay for essential services, saying nowhere in the world were these services free.

# All rent arrears should be written off

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IT IS four years this

month since the rent boycott in Soweto started. Various strategies, ranging from appeals to outright threats of drastic action have been used in trying to persuade people to pay.

Local authorities have also been given ultimatums by the Transvaal Provincial Administration to work out a system of collecting all due rentals and service fees.

For failing to produce results, some have been dissolved.

But what seems very clear to this day is that the boycott is not about to be called off. It may continue for a few more years to come.

The trouble is that even if it were to be called off, most residents could not afford to pay what they owe the authorities.

But even if they could, I get the feeling that for political and other reasons, they would still not be prepared to pay.

The suggestion made earlier that the authorities should write off the arrears makes a lot of sense to me, though the Government does not seem prepared to consider it.

In its handling of this issue, the Government seems to be demonstrating a total lack of understanding or rejection of legitimate views held by

the people on the matter.

In pursuance of its apartheid policy, the Government has for many years served as the sole landlord for blacks living in urban areas. Blacks were denied the right to buy property and were made to feel they were in urban areas for only a short while.

This obviously built up a lot of anger among the people. The upshot was that housing was politicised. So was water and electricity.

That is why the rent boycott was chosen as a weapon to demonstrate mass opposition to local authorities that were created to implement unpopular Government policy.

Today there has been some shift in Government policy. The permanency of blacks in the so-called white South Africa has been guaranteed. Pass laws have been scrapped. Blacks can buy houses they could only rent in the past. They can also build their own homes and raise loans for bonds.

For all this, the Government believes that it deserves credit. And it sees the rent boycott as unreasonable. In short, the Government is saying, while admitting that it had done the people wrong, the people must still pay for those wrongs.

Electricity bills that average Soweto residents have paid over the years are unrealistically



high. We even suspect that councils were overcharging people as a way of raising revenue since black local authorities have no sources of revenue except for rental money which is not enough to meet running costs.

The flat rate of R50 per household that the Soweto council suggested should be paid is still too high for a average four-roomed house.

The use of strong-arm tactics will not help. The solution lies in all arrears being written off.



# Province to sever bridging finance

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) is to cut bridging finance, leaving local black authorities to fend for themselves.

In a statement yesterday, TPA community services deputy director general Len Dekker said bridging finance would be curtailed from July. A letter had been sent to all local black authorities in Transvaal informing them they would have to start providing for themselves from the end of this month.

Collection of rents and services charges would have to improve dramatically as the TPA was simply unable to afford to continue providing bridging finance.

Boycott of payments had increased the need for financial assistance to R35,5m in April, R60,5m in May and this month's need was expected to be even higher. However only R26m a month was available as bridging finance for the whole of the Transvaal.

At present rates, the available funds for the financial year would be exhausted within three or four months with the result that bulk supplies of services such as electricity would not be paid, Dekker said.

The TPA's action had been dictated by the simple fact that it did not have the funds to pay for, or subsidise, consumer services indefinitely.

Appealing to all consumers to pay for the services they used, Dekker said the letter emphasised that consumers be informed fully of the implication of their failure to meet their obligations. Councils unable to collect enough funds to pay bulk suppliers would probably find supplies discontinued.

Dekker said leaders of "so-called" anti-establishment organisations professing to represent the community should be warned of the possible disastrous implications of the rent boycott.

Their actions were making it virtually

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impossible for any party to honour mutual commitment to stability by SA's leaders, he said.

Nowhere in the world under any constitutional system could anybody expect services without paying for them, said Dekker.

This basic principle had been accepted by several representative bodies opposing government. Continued special attention would be given to individual cases where residents could not afford to pay the full amount for services.

WILSON ZWANE reports that Khatlehong Civic Association (KCA) spokesman Ike Motloung said yesterday the KCA had approached building societies last week in a bid to ward off the growing threat of repossession of houses in the East Rand township.

## Threat

In an interview he said: "The threat of repossession of houses by the financial institutions could be averted with a package of compromises.

"The SA Perm has assured us that a package could be worked out if the homeowners who cannot pay their bond repayments come to them and explain their problems," Motloung said.

Johannesburg property economist Neville Berkowitz said although he did not have statistics, the threat of the repossession of houses which faced many black homeowners was large.

Information Trust Corporation (ITC) chairman Paul Edwards said the repossession casualties were the home buyers who had made the mistake of thinking that the bond interest rate would remain at 12,5%.

The current interest rate was 21%, he said.

## Moringer tells of role in abortive coup

SUSAN RUSSELL

AUSTRIAN citizen Rainer Moringer, in custody on R5,5m fraud charges, told the Rand Supreme Court yesterday that he had provided the vehicles used in Charles Sebe's abortive coup in Ciskei last year.

Moringer, 48, said this in evidence during his fourth bail application, which is being heard by Mr Justice Swart.

He was arrested on August 31 1989 and is due to stand trial on August 7 on fraud and alternative forex contravention charges.

Moringer's business activities in Ciskei were investigated by the first Harms Commission in early 1989.

During cross-examination by State counsel David Gordon SC, who is opposing bail, Moringer agreed he had provided the vehicles to be used in the coup.

Gordon asked him whether he had organised the abortive coup or organised it with Sebe.

"Charles Sebe was organising a coup over a number of years. I was involved at a much later stage with the approval of the SA government," Moringer said.

He told the court that the SA government had known about the coup and his involvement because he had informed SA intelligence. Moringer said he had become involved in June/July 1989.

The application continues today.

Vanderbijlpark, Vereeniging and over 3-million

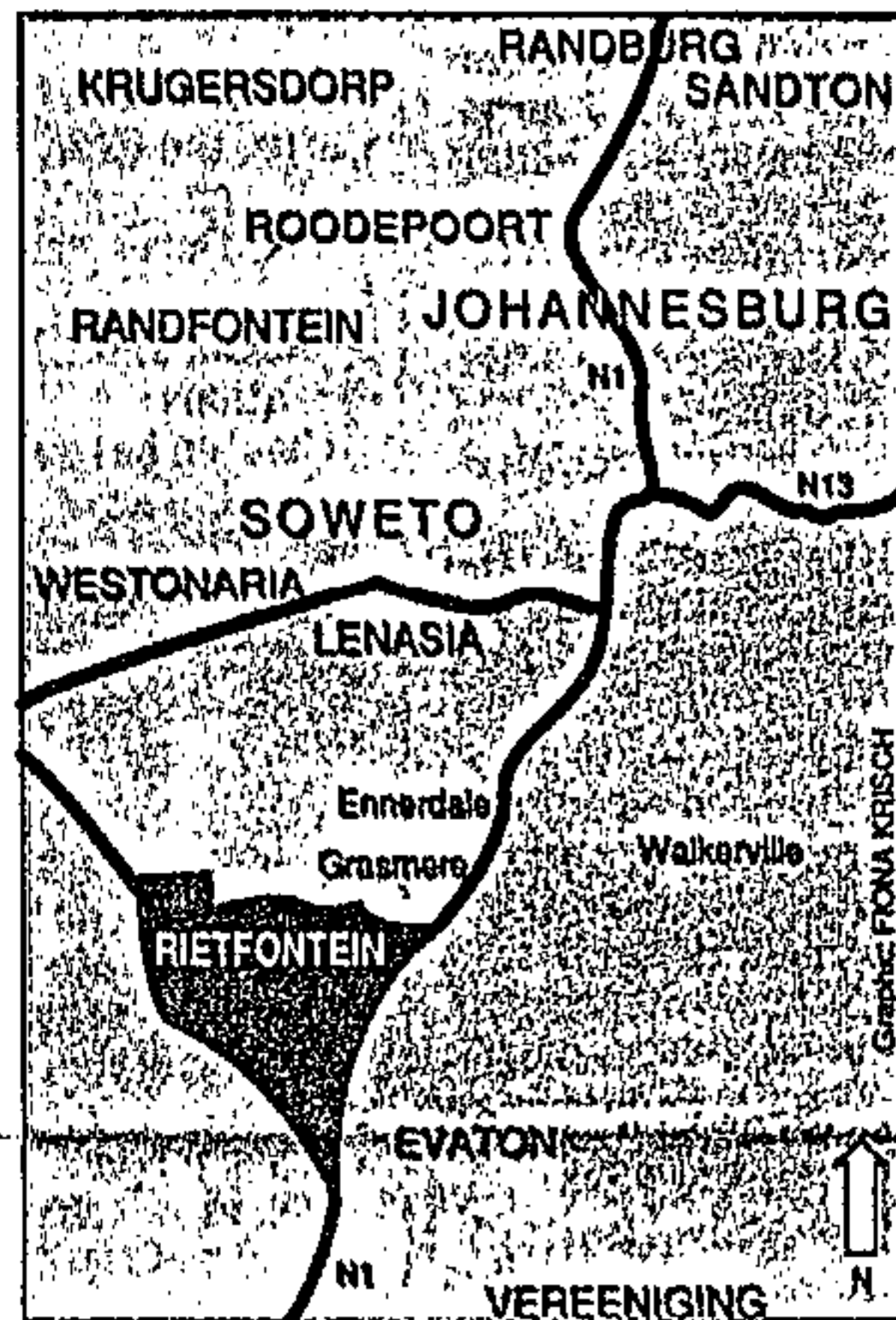
Housing for 600 000 people

# Go-ahead for new town near Jo'burg

PLANS for a multi-billion-rand town to be located south of Johannesburg have been approved, the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council said yesterday.

While most residents are likely to be black, there is no racial zoning and the emphasis is on "people" and income groups, not race groups.

The Regional Services Council expects



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the plans to be passed by the Transvaal Administrator without major alterations.

Low cost housing totalling 90 000 units, to accommodate 600 000 people, is planned for the new town, to be called Rietfontein. It will take up 8 900ha of land south of Ennerdale, north-west of Evaton and west of the N1. Land and services alone will cost the council R1,2bn.

A string of industrial and commercial areas is planned along the N1, which separates the Rietfontein area from Stretford, a planned black area which will house an additional 600 000 people.

Regional Services Council CEO Len de Wet said yesterday the province administration needed early planning to provide 24 000ha for housing for more than 3-million people in the PWV area by 2000.

"The great majority of these people would be blacks in the lower income group," De Wet said.

He did not rule out the possibility that Rietfontein and Stretford could merge into one city, separated by the N1.

De Wet emphasised that while in practice the need for low cost housing was greatest among blacks, Rietfontein would not be developed as a black township.

And unlike Soweto, the planning of Rietfontein made provision for an industrial and commercial base. This would be situated along the motorway and a proposed

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railway line would run through Rietfontein and link with the existing network.

Of the Rietfontein area, 4 800ha will be used for urban development and the rest for "green" and industrial use, De Wet said.

The area will be developed by the council, private enterprise and the provincial authorities. The SA Housing Trust and JCI are likely to be involved, De Wet said.

The installation of bulk services would dictate the development of the area, which De Wet expected to begin within two years.

The planning of Rietfontein is based on a study of the south-western sector of the Witwatersrand, which makes proposals for accommodating 3-million people by 2000.

The Transvaal Provincial Administra-

tion would take serious note of the proposals for this south-western area when approving plans for land development in the PWV area, a TPA source said.

The study has been approved in principle by the Regional Services Council and it identifies large tracts of land suitable for development that will cater for this housing need. The land lies between Soweto, Vanderbijlpark, Vereeniging and Alberton and could accommodate over 3-million people.

The study proposes that housing should be planned around the existing employment and transport facilities, but infrastructure for industry in the new areas should be created at an early stage.

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# Hundreds hail parents after DET sit-in

By Janet Heard,  
Education Reporter

Seven Soweto parents protesting against the shortage of textbooks in schools ended their sit-in at the Department of Education and Training offices in Johannesburg yesterday.

The protesters, who have not eaten for five days after embarking on a liquid diet, were given a hero's welcome by hundreds of principals, teachers and parents as they walked through the building in Braamfontein shortly after 1 pm.

The parents, who staged the protest for eight days, left the building of their own accord an hour before an eviction order was to be lodged in the Supreme Court on behalf of Education and Development Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe.

## Emotional

The protesters, members of the Soweto Education Co-ordinating Committee (SECC), said the "war" against the DET had just begun and they vowed to continue their "just demand for books".

In an emotional speech, one of the protesters, David Maepa, said the DET had failed to heed their appeal for textbooks.

He said the parents were forced to leave the building, because the department had criminalised the protest by deciding

to take the matter to court.

"They (DET) say the schools' situation is abnormal. We agree. They say the situation is abnormal because inspectors and principals have no access to schools. We differ. We say the situation is abnormal because without books no normal schooling can take place."

He warned there were only 71 school days left before the final examinations begin. "Our children are still without books and the department says it still needs to investigate the extent of the shortage".

He said DET regional director Peet Struwig "would be doing the community a favour if he bowed out".

From Saturday the DET refused to allow the parents any contact with the outside world and prevented people from delivering fruit juice, cigarettes and newspapers to them. On Monday, a doctor forced his way through security officials after he was told he was not allowed to visit his patients.

The National Education Co-ordinating Committee will hold a special meeting on June 28 to formulate a plan to ensure textbooks are delivered to schools.

Mr Struwig said in a statement that his department would continue to address shortages and speed up supplies as quickly as possible.

"Disruptions, stayaways and intimidation have created a tragic backlog (of textbooks) since 1985", he said.

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## Shootings: officer accused

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By Mckeed Kotlolo,  
Pretoria Bureau

A commission of inquiry was told yesterday that Captain Hermanus Arnoldus le Roux was responsible for the deaths of three of the 12 Mamelodi residents killed when police fired on protesters on November 21 1985.

Counsel for the families, Maurice Basslian, told the inquiry that Captain le Roux was directly linked to the deaths of Paul Mavimbela, Moses Motsei and Thoko Malaza.

Mr Basslian said in his evidence that Captain le Roux had contradicted himself on numerous occasions. His evidence also conflicted with that of other witnesses.

"Le Roux knew that he was going to kill Mavimbela and Motsei when he fired at them," he said.

### Negligence

He added that the captain was the only one who came forward to say he fired live ammunition.

"He deliberately fired at Ms Malaza, alternatively he fired through negligence," he said.

Advocate A C Le Roux for the police said that the former chief of the Riot Unit, Brigadier Hertzog Lerm, could not be charged with manslaughter as submitted by Mr Basslian.

Advocate le Roux said that according to Mr Basslian, Captain le Roux and his colleague, Constable Eugene Halliday, who conceded he killed Jerry Ngwatle, were plain murderers because they had killed for no reason.

He said Mr Basslian had given no explanation how the rest of the people were killed.

He said it was most unlikely that Constable Halliday had killed Ngwatle for no apparent reason as claimed by witnesses.



## 68 held in swoop on 'people's court'

Alexandra Civic Association publicity secretary Obed Bapela and 67 others were arrested and briefly held on Monday night following information received by the police that a "people's court" was being held.

Mr Bapela denied they had been conducting a court. Instead, he said, he had been addressing a meeting of 17th Avenue block representatives about a meeting on Tuesday regarding ANC recruitment.

"The police invaded our meeting held in a church in 17th Avenue. They told us not to panic and they were there to see if a 'people's court' was being held," said Mr Bapela.

The police had taken the names of people at the meeting and confiscated two notebooks containing minutes of previous meetings.

"In some of the minutes there were references to cases resolved by the people's court," he admitted, but added these cases had involved theft and assault and had not been punished by lashing or physical abuse.

"We have already condemned the people's courts. In a conference held in May we appealed to the people not to hold these sessions

Police, who said documents found at the meeting indicated it was a people's court, were still investigating. — Sapa.

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# 2 new 'Sowetos' planned

## Population expected to double by 2000

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Plans for two new "Sowetos" south of Johannesburg have been launched. They aim to house the population which is expected to more than double by the turn of the century.

Chairman of the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) Mr John Griffiths said two regions had been earmarked for immediate development.

### Private developers

The first, totalling almost 10 000ha, fell within the 12 450ha to the west of Soweto, which was declared a development area in terms of the Black Communities Development Act of 1989.

This comprised 640ha north-west of Dobsonville where at least 10 000 stands would be made available by four private developers.

CWRSC chief executive Mr Len de Wet said: "It will be

possible to get 30/40 stands to a hectare, which means this area could supply another 20 000 stands."

Nearly R20-million had been allocated by the CWRSC for bulk water, sewer and electricity services and the Transvaal Provincial Administration would redesign the intersection of the two major roads in the area, PW5 and K102, to allow better land use.

Another 400 erven on Doornkop farm have been earmarked for development at a future date and, in addition, the TPA has acquired about 600ha north of Dobsonville which will be allocated for black, including informal, housing.

The second area, about 9 000ha north-west of Evaton and south of Ennerdale to the east and west of the N1 highway, has been earmarked for balanced residential housing — including site and service — to house 700 000 people, commercial and industrial development.

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# Pension fund invests in homes

IN THE first arrangement of its kind, the giant Metal Industries Group Pension Fund (MIGPF) has made a R10m investment in a scheme to promote low-cost black housing for fund members.

The fund has described the scheme as a precedent-setting example of socially responsible investment by the pension fund industry.

The fund's board — consisting of representatives of management (Seifsa) and labour (including Numsa) — announced yesterday it had purchased at bulk discount, through an agreement with the Urban Foundation-linked housing development company FHA Homes, 991 serviced stands in various Transvaal townships.

The stands — in Mohlakeng, Katlehong, Tsakane and Kwa Thema — are available for purchase by fund members, who would

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reap the benefits of a lower price. Some estimates put the expected average saving at about 15%.

Purchasers would be entitled to their own choice of builder and design, and through a system of pledging credits with the fund, would have easier access to finance.

Fund director Harvey Pearce yesterday stressed the arrangement would not require fund members to subsidise those who purchased property. The return on investment would be at the going rate.

Part of the agreement was that FHA would repurchase any stands not sold after five years, and the fund would be offered a proportion of all future stands for stipulat-

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ed periods in any new FHA development.

"The MIGPF investment shatters the myth that investment in black housing is both insecure and unprofitable," the fund said.

"The MIGPF, guided by the recommendations of a specialist housing committee

set up to consider ways in which the Fund can contribute towards solving the housing crisis, expects to make more investments of this type in the near future."

Pearce said the the system of pledging benefits as collateral for housing finance was available to all races, and future projects would benefit them too.

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## NP councillor calls for unification with Soweto

PETER DELMAR

A LEADING NP Johannesburg city councillor last night proposed that Johannesburg and Soweto become a single "super municipality".

Speaking during the council's budget debate, Hein Kruger said "the days of planning on a racially segregated basis died on February 2".

Soweto and Johannesburg, he said, were inextricably bound together economically, and drawing artificial borders between the two amounted to economic suicide. A movement away from apartheid structures would facilitate economies-of-scale savings for both municipalities.

He said the most important question was how Johannesburg could assist Soweto without Soweto, "like a drowning person, pulling Johannesburg, its supposed life-saver, to an economic death for both".

Various types of local structure should be investigated, including a form of metropolitan government or super municipality, Kruger said. He suggested the success of the Central Wits RSC indicated a type of "mini-RSC" could be used initially to foster a growing relationship between the two municipalities.

The fact that racial barriers were falling faster than they had been erected was cause for hope that Johannesburg/Soweto could become a model for the new SA.



In his first budget address yesterday Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he believed the budget had succeeded in giving ratepayers much needed relief.

Picture: ROBERT BOTHA



# Atteridgeville residents warn council

THE Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents' Organisation (ASRO) yesterday warned the local town council not to use public funds to defend the Supreme Court action brought against it by a woman whose R1,4 mil-

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**By MONK NKOMO**

lion tender for a building was turned down in favour of one more than 10 times less.

ASRO's reaction followed the Supreme Court action taken by Mrs Win-

nie Makgahlela against the council which rejected her tender for a business site at Mareka Street, in preference to that of Mr Jimmy Mkhondo who only offered R100 000 for both the land and the building.

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Makgehlela had offered R1,4 million for the building of a two-storey business centre and R56 000 for the land. She has now asked the Court to set aside the council's decision because it had acted irregularly.

# Plans for 2 more 'Sowetos'

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Entire area to  
be revamped

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PLANS for two new "Sowetos" have been launched south of Johannesburg, aimed at more than doubling the present population by the turn of the century as the entire face of the area is revamped.

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The developers are Township Realtors developing about 6 000 erven known as Protea West, South African Transport Services: 1 133 erven on Doornkop extension 1, Creation Development Production: 1 403 erven known as Doornkop extension 2 and FHA Homes: 1 070 erven on Dobsonville Gardens.

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"Rapid urbanisation has led to estimates that by the year 2000 there will still be a shortfall of 17 000ha of land in the south western sector of the Witwatersrand."

"Since it has been indicated that only a portion

of the original proclaimed area will be available for housing in the short term because dolomite and mining rights, this area south west of Soweto in the vicinity of the Farm Rietfontein has become increasingly important.

It is soon likely to be fully incorporated into the CWRSC from the Vaal Triangle region, to become the largest single development undertaken by CWRSC, said De Wet.



140 000 houses to be built

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# July 1 launch for R3,5bn home scheme

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THE Urban Foundation's R3,5bn low-cost housing scheme will be launched on July 1, former Urban Foundation chairman Jan Steyn said yesterday.

The scheme, first announced in October last year at a joint Press conference in London and Johannesburg, will see about 140 000 low-cost homes built.

Steyn said the fund had received R8,7m in grants from West Germany, Switzerland and the UK. With this cash about R13,3m was raised from SA's private sector.

"This enabled us to generate R350m worth of insurance. This in turn has encouraged the lending institutions to commit in excess of R3,5bn to this segment of the market."

Steyn, now chairman of the Independent Development Trust, will be a board member of the new Home Loan Guarantee Company, which will administer the funds.

He said the Home Loan Guarantee Company was incorporated on March 30 and had a tax exempt status. It would become operational on July 1 and the necessary legislation had been enacted in order to make the processes viable.

"We also anticipate a self-regulatory agreement will be signed by financial institutions on June 28, setting the initiative in motion," Steyn said.

He said this after accepting a cheque for R3,5m from British Ambassador Sir Robin Renwick at a Cape Town function yesterday.

Steyn said the money would provide lending institutions with "encouragement and some protection" for the purchase of homes below R35 000 in value.

"It is going to be a challenge for us to extend the insurance capacity in order to facilitate the flow of all these funds over the next five years."

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"Should we be able to do so, it should be possible to deliver some 140 000 new housing units," he said.

Steyn said SA had been singularly unsuccessful in securing the flow of funds from the developed to the developing segment of the economy in the past.

Until this initiative was announced, most lending institutions were not prepared to lend money for the purposes of purchasing homes below R35 000 in value.

"The result was that almost all the housing finance generated by private institutions was directed at middle, upper middle and upper class housing."

He said with the withdrawal of the state, to a large extent, from the financing of housing, as distinct from land and infrastructure, there was very little finance available for housing for poor people.

"We had to persuade the lending institutions not only that there was a market there but that it was a good and viable market. In order to do so we had to give them both encouragement and some protection."

He said the Loan Guarantee initiative would play this role, adding that it was now clear that while a comparatively small sum of R8,7m had come from overseas donors, it had unlocked massive SA resources.

He also encouraged other foreign governments to seize on the development opportunities in SA.

Commenting on the dilemma voiced by President George Bush concerning the question of rewards for change in SA, he said he thought great encouragement could be given to the process of building

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democracy by practical steps taken by the international community.

"Very significant encouragement would be given to the process if substantial resources were to be made available in order also to undo some of the harm that sanctions have undoubtedly inflicted on poor people," he said.

Renwick said at the function his government's grant was contingent on the bulk of the money being raised by the SA private

sector, with other countries contributing.

He said the scheme was first discussed when Steyn, Nafcoc president Sam Motsuenyane, Barlow Rand chairman Mike Rosholt and Rembrandt MD Anton Rupert met Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in London eighteen months ago.

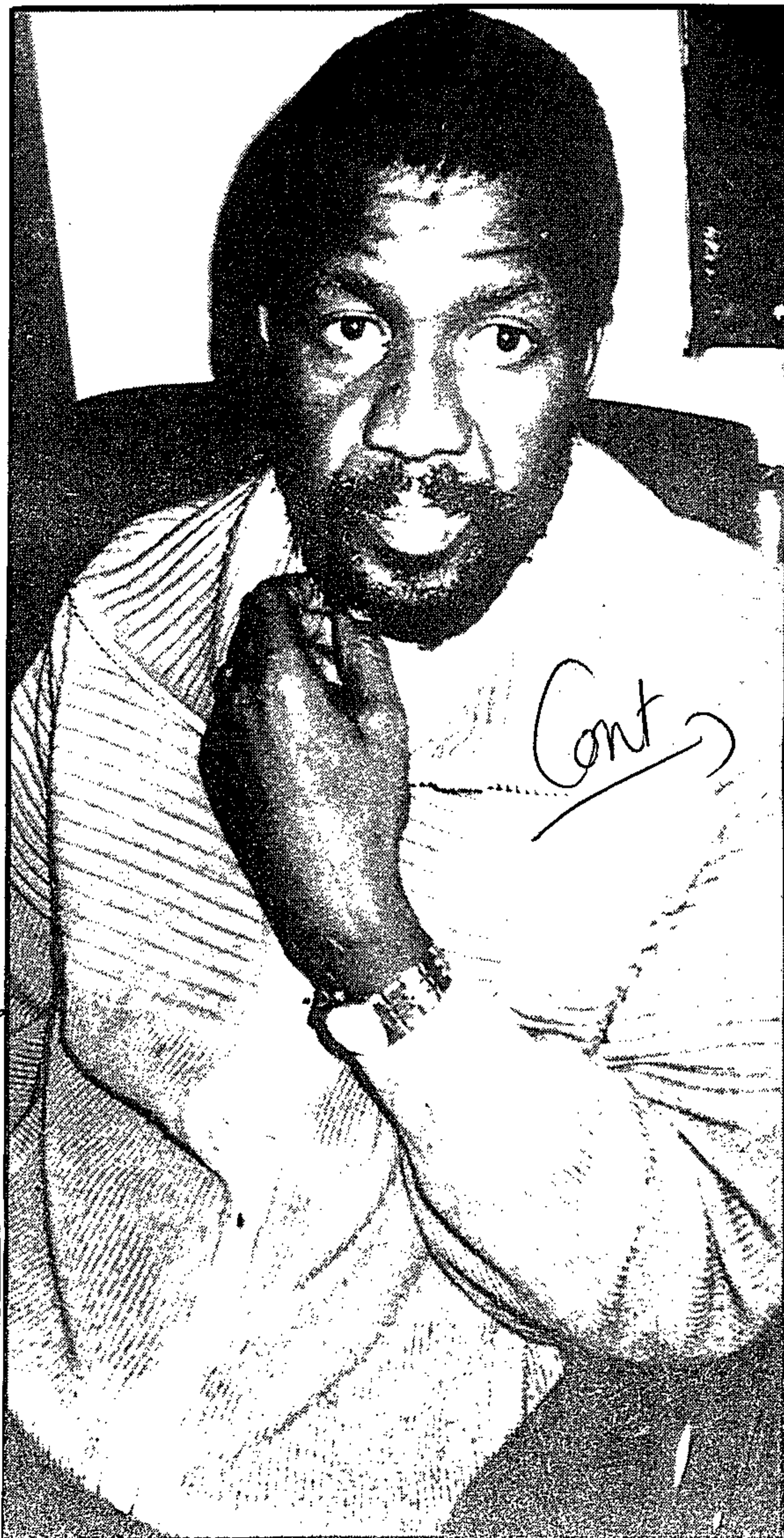
"We agreed that if a scheme could be devised which would help to make lending on a large scale available for low-cost housing, we would take the lead in pledging a contribution to it," he said.



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LEAKING TANKS?: Filling station owner David Pasha claims he lost R2 million



# 'River of fire': man sues oil company for R2-m

RESIDENTS of Orlando West, Soweto, could not believe their eyes when their nearby stream appeared to catch fire one day in 1982.

David Pasha, who owns a filling station nearby, went to see for himself and was amazed to see flames on the surface of the water.

Upon investigation it seemed that the cause of the trouble was petrol leaking from his underground storage tanks.

Now, seven years and "R2 million worth of petrol later", Mr Pasha is suing the company responsible for the installation and maintenance of his tanks for R2 278 183.

## Stong smell

In all that time, Shell (SA) maintained that there was nothing wrong with the tanks — even though, Mr Pasha claimed, he was losing thousands of litres of petrol a month.

Mr Pasha told Saturday Star that when the fire started, he went down to the stream to examine the cause of the fire.

"As I drew closer to the stream, I noticed a strong smell of petrol and immediately thought there was a leak in my storage tanks," he said.

The matter was reported to Shell, said Mr Pasha, and the company's representative examined the bank, confirmed there was a leak and sent for an engineer.

Mr Pasha said he was later told that the leak had been fixed and that Shell would compensate him for the loss of 20 000 l of petrol.

"I thought everything was all right but still books at my petrol station continued to show loss in earnings. I went through the books as I suspected bad management and theft. In 1983 I had to sell some of my investments to obtain cash to pay my business debt," Mr Pasha said.

He said each time he informed Shell about his suspicion of leakages, the best the company could do was to con-

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duct pressure tests, which would invariably prove negative.

Matters took a turn in July 1988 when one of pumps at the garage was damaged by a car. After it was replaced, the pumps would not function.

"After much persuasion, Shell sent another engineer who discovered that the pump was not functioning because pressure was lost between the storage tanks and the pumps, suggesting nothing else but a leak," Mr Pasha explained.

The engineer inspected the pumps and "said he suspected a leak although no leakage was shown in a pressure tests conducted by Shell".

When the engineer examined the leakage detector he found it had not been properly installed, but just wired and left hanging, said Mr Pasha.

As a result of the leak, Mr Pasha said between 1981 and 1988 he ran his business at a loss.

Added Mr Pasha: "I also had to pay the Receiver of Revenue R114 960 GST on sales I did not make. The Receiver used purchasing figures, obtained from Shell, to charge me GST. I pleaded with the Receiver that my tanks leaked but, as I had no proof, I had to pay."

## Confirmed

He said that when Shell removed the leaking tank, a Shell engineer confirmed there was a leak. "He actually showed me and my lawyer the hole, adding that the supply pipes were also leaking," Mr Pasha said.

Shell (SA) has denied the allegations levelled at the company by Mr Pasha.

A spokesman said as the matter was sub judice the company would not respond to the allegations point by point.

Mr Pasha instituted legal action in the Witwatersrand Supreme Court during October last year.

"Shell will be defending itself in court against these charges," the spokesman added.

No date has been set for hearing.



# Next schools' disaster in the offing

CHARLES MUGALE

ANOTHER disaster awaits black pupils who will write matric examinations at the end of the year.

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Although sceptical about the 10 percent prediction, politicians, teachers, parents and the pupils themselves have expressed fears that unless drastic steps are taken immediately, another disaster is in the offing.

Transvaal United Teachers' Association's (Tuta) Leepile Tauanyane has warned that the 10 percent prediction is "dangerous".

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The results last year hit a record low, with only 42 percent passing. More than 100 000 pupils failed and hardest hit was Soweto, where the schools pass rate ranged between 14 and 29 percent.

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"When they finally get into the fray, they also end up blaming the authorities and endorsing the self-flagellating tactics of their young followers... While there is a lot wrong with black education and the DET, our children and organisations also have a lot to answer for."

A City Press snap survey in Soweto this week disclosed that the fears of a looming disaster were not unfounded.

Although the pupils themselves, in collaboration with teacher organisations, agreed to defy DET regulations to close for the winter holidays, there was little or no schooling taking place.

Scores of pupils milled around the streets with many teachers basking in the sun.

A teacher said: "Frankly, some of us just come here to be with the crowds. There is no way you would be able to teach children who have been led to believe that they know more about what is good for them than you do. I think our children were spoilt by the sympathy they got after June 16, 1976."

"The rot has filtered down to the present generation where the so-called young lions demand to dictate the syllabus."



Some of the parents leave the DET on Tuesday after their sit-in. They are, from left, Tana Sigasa, E Ngudle, Maepa and Shella Sisulu, with Silas Tloubeta behind.



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Fears of the disastrous prediction coming true have been fuelled by the persistent failure of black pupils to heed the back-to-school call made from various political quarters.

The Azanian Students Movement has repeatedly appealed to pupils to return to classes. Publicity secretary Siphiso Maseko warned that the solution to the crisis did not lie in the hands of the pupils. He said normal education could only come about when the political situation had been normalised.

A daily newspaper editorial this week warned the black community to stop heaping the blame on the DET while practising hypocrisy themselves.

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THE crisis in black education has reached an all-time low, with no relief in sight. DET sources have warned that only 10 percent of black pupils will pass matric this year. In the latest turn in the crisis, the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC) has demanded the closure of the DET. They have also warned that if the 210 000 matric pupils in black schools are not moved out of the system this year, the problem will double next year when another 200 000 will enter the scene. Parents and concerned parties say in light of the education crisis in the country the supply of textbooks is the least the DET can do. City Press looks at the issues involved.

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"When they finally get into the fray, they also end up blaming the authorities and endorsing the self-flagellating tactics of their young followers... While there is a lot wrong with black education and the DET, our children and organisations also have a lot to answer for."

A City Press snap survey in Soweto this week disclosed that the fears of a looming disaster were not unfounded.

Although the pupils themselves, in collaboration with teacher organisations, agreed to defy DET regulations to close for the winter holidays, there was little or no schooling taking place.

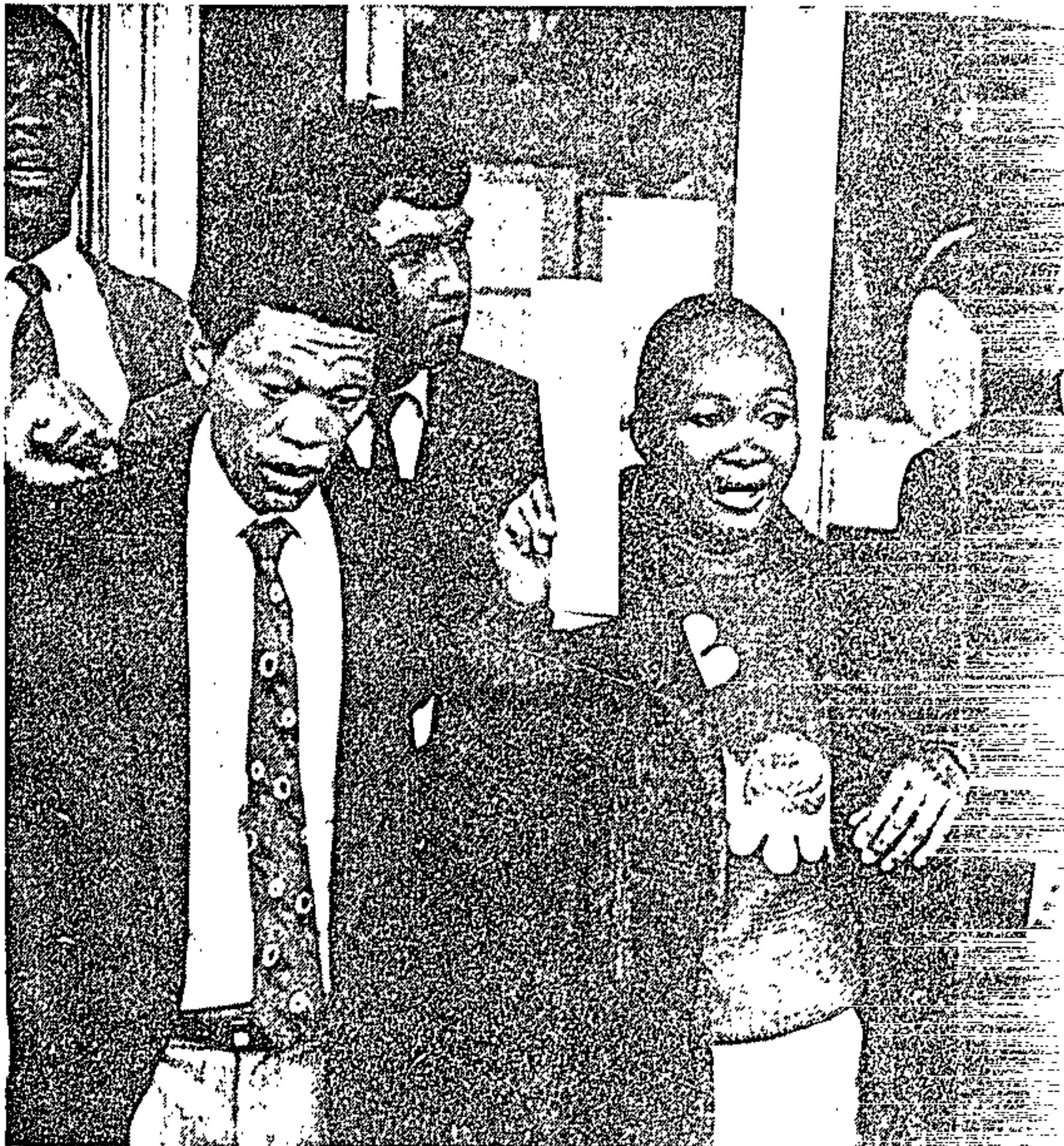
Scores of pupils milled around the streets with many teachers basking in the sun.

A teacher said: "Frankly, some of us just come here to be with the crowds. There is no way you would be able to teach children who have been led to believe that they know more about what is good for them than you do. I think our children were spoilt by the sympathy they got after June 16, 1976."

"The rot has filtered down to the present generation where the so-called young lions demand to dictate the syllabus and who must teach it, how and when. It does not happen anywhere else in the world."

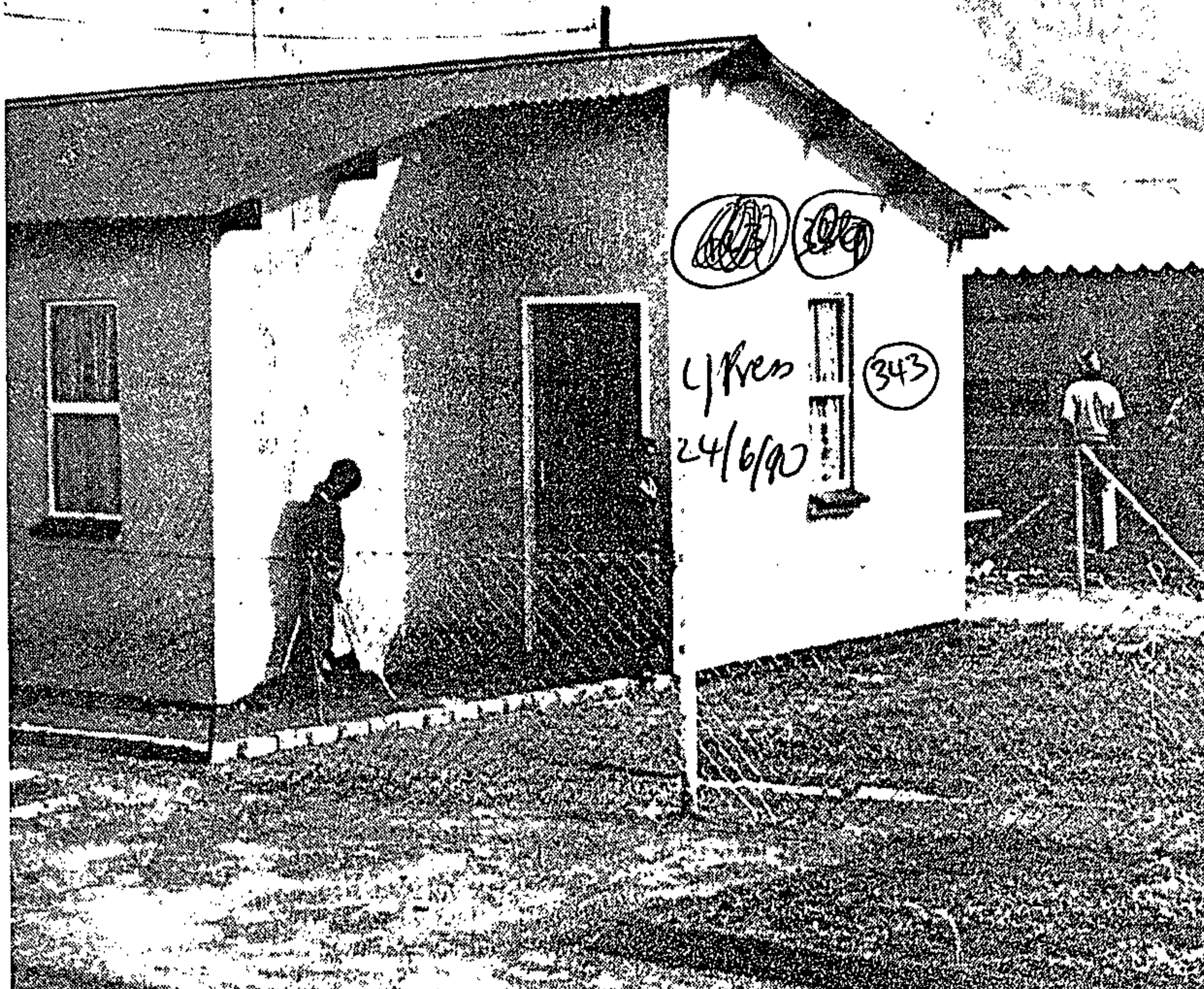
Parent Stanford Zwane said: "Politicians should stop using the education of our children to score points. If the ANC, PAC, Azapo, Inkatha or whoever, are serious and know their priorities, they should come together in this matter and fight the issue jointly. After that they can go their separate ways."

"I have one question for those teachers and pupils behind the school boycotts: 'Do you think the government cares a hoot if you deprive a black child of education? That is exactly what the government wants.'"



Some of the parents leave the DET on Tuesday after their sit-in. They are, from Maepa and Shella Sisulu, with Silas Tloubatla behind.





Some of the 150 low cost houses being built in Jouberton near Klerksdorp.

## Low cost housing becomes reality

A LEADING construction company, in association with the South African Housing Trust, has entered the low cost housing market in a bid to provide affordable housing.

The company has already started work on 150 sites in Jouberton near Klerksdorp.

The houses are being built on sites developed by the SA Housing Trust.

Financial packages – which include land and legal fees – are available from as little as R21 000.

Says a regional director of the company: "We are happy to be involved with the SA Housing Trust which has been able to provide serviced sites at low cost."

The 45-square metre homes comprise two bedrooms, a bathroom and an open-plan lounge-

kitchen. Stands range from 230 square metres to 280 square metres.

Already 20 houses have been sold and construction is at an advanced stage.

"We already have 40 prospective buyers and expect strong demand to continue throughout the year."

The US-designed houses are made of reinforced wire in which a polyurethane foam core is embedded. The insulation properties of the materials are said to match conventional building material.

The materials substantially reduce foundation costs for homes built on poor soils and those found in mining areas. The nature of the system virtually eliminates cracks.

Said the regional director: "Sav-

ings on foundation costs and gunniting equipment allow us to offer a colourful house complete with water, sewerage, shower and taps for the price of a basic house in dull-grey cement block finished off roughly.

"Extensively tested and widely acknowledged, the products have up to now been used primarily for upmarket housing, or in areas with unstable soils.

"We have consistently highlighted the many difficulties faced by consumers in the low cost housing arena.

"Our company is committed to doing all it can to reduce the backlog in the low cost housing market by, among other things, investing in cost-effective and efficient building methods and materials."



# Businessman sues Shell

By CONNIE MOLISI  
and DESMOND BLOW

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BUSINESSMAN David Phasha claims petrol worth nearly R2 million has leaked from faulty underground storage tanks at his Soweto garage.

He claims Shell (SA) is responsible and that they offered him R10 000 in compensation.

"This is laughable," he told *City Press*. "I am suing them for R2 278 133 in damages."

Phasha claims that for seven years petrol pumped into the tanks, installed and maintained by Shell at his Orlando West Service Station, simply seeped into the ground through a hole in the tanks.

He said that between 1981 and 1988 - when he at last confirmed the tanks were faulty - he ran his business at a loss and acquired extra debt by having to sell or cash in some of his investments and take out loans on which he paid R300 000 in interest.

Phasha said he had also had to pay the Receiver of Revenue R114 960 GST on sales that did not occur because the petrol had not been sold but had seeped away.

He repeatedly complained to Shell, he said. They checked the leak detector in the tanks and assured him the tanks were not leaking.

However, in 1988 after he had spent more than R176 000 on tracing the cause of the loss, it was discovered the leak detector had not been properly installed.

Phasha said: "The whole saga started in 1982 when people started watching fires floating on water in a stream close to the garage."

He examined the fires and found petrol seeping into the stream at several places along the stream's banks.

The district sales manager of Shell, Keith Sepati, also examined the bank and confirmed there was a leak and sent for an engineer.

Sepati later informed him the engineer had mended the leak and Phasha was compensated for the loss of 20 000 litres of petrol.

"I accepted this because I believed and trusted Shell's network. The fires in the stream were washed away by the first rains of the season."

But the petrol station continued to show a loss and in 1983 Phasha sold some of his investments to obtain cash to pay his business debts.

Phasha still suspected seepage but Shell assured him there was none, Phasha said.

After further complaints to Shell more tests were conducted but he was told these proved negative.

The situation did not improve and in July 1988 one of the pumps was damaged by a car. When it was replaced it would not function, and other pumps also malfunctioned.

An engineer inspected the pumps and said he believed there was a leak although no leakage was shown in a pressure test.

When the engineer examined the leakage detector he found it had not been properly installed, but just wired and left hanging.

Shell has denied liability for the losses.

A Shell spokesman said Shell would defend any court action.



David Phasha

## Garage owner claims R2-m for losses

**THE United Democratic Front has condemned the Transvaal Provincial Administration for its decision to discontinue funding the rent boycott-plagued black town councils.**

The TPA this week announced its decision to stop funding black town councils.

Southern Transvaal UDF publicity secretary Ronnie Mamoepa said: "The UDF condemns and rejects the standpoint adopted by the TPA as a

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ploy to undermine and break the rent boycott which is raging in many townships around the Transvaal."

The move, he said, confirmed the UDF's as-

sertion that town councils were not viable and only shifted Government's financial responsibilities to the masses. The Govt expected people to pay high rents to prop up an unpopular ethnic structure.

Mr Mamoepa said the TPA's assumption that rent boycotts were responsible for the finan-

cial losses of the councils was merely an avoidance of the real problems of corruption and maladministration in the townships.

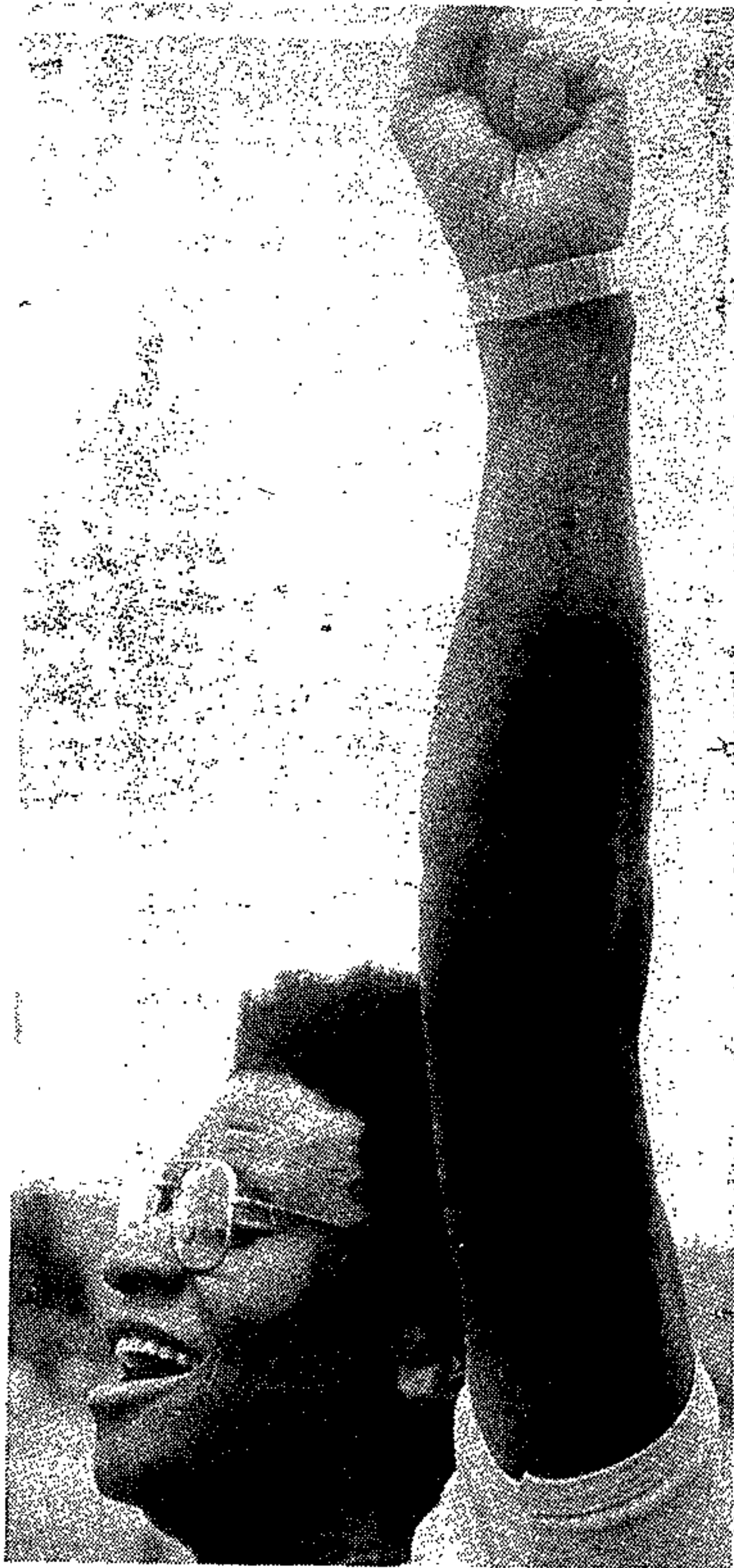
"It is like blaming the prescription rather than the disease."

He added: "Instead of the TPA involving itself in rent boycott-busting tactics, it should be look-

ing at ways and means - in consultation with representatives of the people - of resolving the impasse."

The UDF have demanded the TPA establish non-racial municipalities with a single tax base, write off the rent boycott debt and transfer the ownership of township houses to the people. - Sapa





Aubrey Mokoena ... chairman of the new organisation

## Land developers to work with <sup>Soweto</sup> Soweto Council <sub>25/6/90</sub>

A new contractors' and developers' organisation to work with the Soweto City Council has been formed. The body known as the Soweto Development Liaison Forum (SDLF) was launched at the weekend. It consists of six committees with each concentrating on a particular aspect of building and land development in the township. <sup>343</sup> <sup>32</sup>

Aubrey Mokoena, a well-known local businessman, has been elected chairman of the organisation.

"The SDLF came to being because of problems between the council and developers. We would also like to facilitate relationships with the industry by liaising with institutions concerned with the harmonious development of Soweto," said Mokoena.

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# PAC support is growing — Alexander

Own Correspondent

AS accusations and counter-accusations fly through the ranks of the Pan-Africanist Congress, general secretary Benny Alexander has dismissed speculation of a looming split.

In a wide-ranging interview in the PAC's Johannesburg headquarters, he said press reports of a bubbling internal controversy over the question of negotiations with the Government were "a storm in a teacup".

He also cautioned against comparing the strength of the PAC against that of the African National Congress "on the basis of how many offices we are setting up around the country".

He said: "... We are out there establishing branches. We are winning members away from them (ANC) — people are coming to us because they believe in what we stand for and feel the ANC leadership is selling out by talking to De Klerk."

The rumours about a looming split in the radical organisation — whose "one settler, one bullet slogan" is frequently aired at its meetings — were sparked by reports last week about a document said to contain PAC policy on the economy and negotia-

tions with the Government.

The reports claimed the PAC accepted that the "military force of the State" would be difficult to overthrow and that many blacks were "tired of waging war" and wanted to see a negotiated settlement.

The PAC document, which was released by Mr Alexander, drew angry criticism from the organisation's youth league, Azanian National Youth Unity which said the document was "contemptible" and directly opposed to PAC ideology.

Mr Alexander acknowledged there had been a "misunderstanding" in PAC ranks about the economic policy document, which had been circulated from the organisation's external wing only for "comment and debate".

There has also been widely-reported dissent within the PAC's upper hierarchy over its continuing radical stance.

Prince Velekhaya Shange, the PAC's chairman for Natal, claimed that extremist positions within the PAC had led to a drying-up of foreign funding.

Mr Alexander pointed out that the PAC was often misunderstood because of a "conspiracy of silence between the Government and government-supporting media".



## Shot rebel was 'loyal' to ANC

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UMTATA. — The ANC dissident shot dead 10 days ago after returning home from 14 years in exile had still been committed to the organisation at the time of his death, according to his mother, Mrs Lillian Phungulwa.

She said Mr Sipho Phungulwa remained a loyal ANC supporter and recruited his younger brother and sister to the organisation.

Mr Phungulwa is believed to be one of the eight ANC dissidents who escaped from an ANC punishment camp in Tanzania earlier this year and exposed ANC atrocities there.

He was shot dead shortly after visiting the ANC offices in Umtata with another dissident, Mr Nicolaas Dyasop. Mr Dyasop survived the attack. — Sapa and Own Correspondent

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# Textbooks by end of July

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By Janet Heard,  
Education Reporter

The Department of Education and Training has undertaken to ensure that textbooks are supplied to Soweto schools by the end of July, a principal, Patrick Mabena, said last night.

The undertaking was given by DET regional director Peet Struwig at a meeting with representatives of the Soweto ad

hoc Committee of Principals yesterday.

## Appealed

Mr Mabena said Mr Struwig had appealed to principals whose schools had a surplus of equipment and textbooks to hand them over for redistribution.

Comment from Mr Struwig was not available last night.

Mr Mabena said the meeting, which he described as "cordial and constructive", was held to get a response to a list of demands handed to the DET three weeks ago.

Other issues included the repair of damaged schools and the supply of educational facilities.

A special meeting between principals and the DET will be held on July 3.



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## Putco tickets valid longer

Staff Reporter

Putco bus commuters who have not used all the tickets from their weekly coupons will now be able to use them the following week.

The Soweto Daily Passengers' Committee (SDPC) said the new system would begin from Sunday, after an agreement was reached between SDPC and Putco two months ago.

Putco has also agreed to add more buses to overcrowded routes.

The SDPC had threatened to call a bus boycott in Soweto and neighbouring areas if commuters' grievances were not met.

### Overcrowding

These concerned unreliable services, overcrowding, buses in poor condition and expiry dates of coupons. Commuters also demanded an 18 percent reduction in fares.

Putco's managing director, Dr Jack Visser, then threatened to withdraw the company's Soweto service. He said a boycott and an 18 percent reduction in fares could result in the company having to pull out of the township.

The SDPC withdrew its boycott call in return for the extension on usage of weekly ticket coupons and the provision of additional buses.

## 10 people killed in Soweto

Own Correspondent

Ten people were killed in Soweto in separate incidents of violence at the weekend.

A police spokesman said nine cases of attempted murder had been reported, 12 of rape,

19 of armed robbery and 27 of theft. *343* *5/6/90*

Police arrested 342 people in Soweto last week.

Of these, seven were arrested for car theft, 15 for arson, 14 for theft and 34 for assault.



# Cops beat us, say family

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Soweto

By ALI MPHAKI

THREE members of the Mabolwane family in Meadowlands, Soweto, spot swollen and angry faces, after they were allegedly assaulted by police at the weekend.

The family claims the assault followed a R32 000 daring robbery in a shebeen next to their home last week.

According to Mrs. Maria Mabolwane, the family was awoken by the loud knocks of the police about 11pm.

The PRO for the Soweto police, Captain Mikhachane Ngobeni, confirmed that a common assault case was being investigated.

Mabolwane said: "They asked us where the boys who robbed our next-door neighbour were. When we told them we did not know what they are talking about, they started assaulting us. We were punched,

slapped and kicked. They asked my daughter Sdongile (15), whether she had seen us in possession of a lot of money. They then said she should take them to my sister's house in Zone 10, where they arrested her son, Rennie Mhlanga (18)," Mabolwane said.

Rennie has since been released.

Mabolwane said the family reported the matter to the Meadowlands Police Station.

# 'War' declared on use of asbestos in Soweto

WILSON ZWANE

THE National Environment Awareness Campaign (NEAC) has declared war on asbestos, used in the roofing of most Soweto houses, according to NEAC president Japhta Lekgetho.

Lekgetho said that as exposure to asbestos could cause lung cancer, thousands of families in the township were at risk.

"Because of overcrowding and the use of coal stoves, the roofs flake easily and are quickly damaged. Such weathering of roofs containing asbestos is dangerous," Lekgetho said. Asbestos manufacture should cease.

According to recent figures released by Unisa's Bureau of Market Research, 67,6% of formal houses and 38% of outside buildings in Soweto are roofed with asbestos-containing materials.

Health consultant Brian Gibson said products containing asbestos — such as brake pads, room partitions and roofing sheets — were made from high-density materials and the release of asbestos fibre was minimal.

"No member of the public will contract an asbestos-related disease from asbestos fibre levels in the buildings. Also, the weathering of asbestos-containing building materials such as asbestos-cement contributes marginally to environmental levels."

It would take an aggressive action to release asbestos fibres in measurable quantities, as asbestos in asbestos-cement (used for roofing and par-

tioning) was firmly bound in a cement matrix, he said.

"Current cases of asbestos-related diseases are a result of excessive exposures 20 or more years ago in factories or mining areas where conditions were extremely dusty. Scientists agree that asbestos can be used safely under modern control measures," Gibson said.

Environmental measurements conducted over the years indicated that asbestos levels in Soweto Central measured between 100 and 600 fibres a cubic metre.

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At risk

"These levels should be compared to the 85 000 fibres a cubic metre measured in the vicinity of a mine in 1965, and to the 1-million fibres a cubic metre that is exposure limit for occupational exposure in SA."

Gibson conceded that, according to scientific researchers, communities living close to unrehabilitated asbestos mine dumps were at risk from asbestos in their environments.

Of the three kinds of asbestos — blue asbestos (crocidolite), brown asbestos (amosite) and white asbestos (chrysotile) — the blue and brown types were more dangerous as they were tougher and stayed in lungs longer, Gibson said. White asbestos was the more widely used in SA.



# Metal workers get help

By KENOSI  
MODISANE

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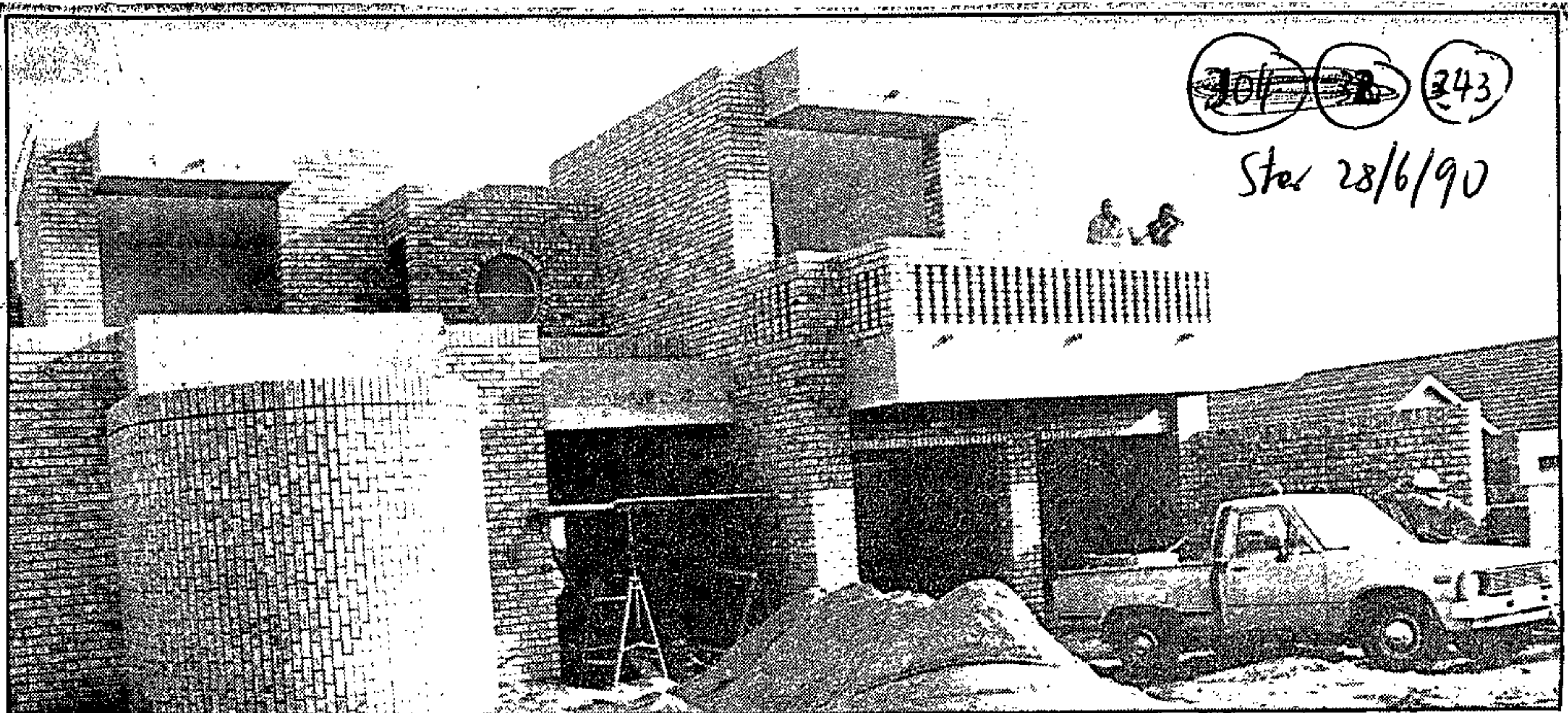
THE Metal Industries Group Pension Fund (MIGPF) has made available R10-million to help fund a housing scheme for its members.

Workers who subscribe to this pension fund will qualify for a discount when buying serviced stands in townships in the Transvaal.

The discount will only be given when stands are bought in a bulk in an area. *Soweto from 28/6/90*

The stands are available in the townships of Mohlakeng, Katlehong, Tsakane and KwaThema.

MIGPF will jointly run the project with FHA Homes Limited, a non-profit making housing development company. But workers in the metal industry who purchase stands through the project will be allowed to engage builders of their own choice.



## SACC mansion nearly ready

The South African Council of Churches' R700 000 mansion in Diepkloof Extension, Soweto, will be completed next month and the Rev Frank Chikane will be the first SACC general secretary to occupy it. The house has eight bedrooms and 4½ bathrooms. The Rev Francois Bill, SACC general administrative secretary, said churches in Norway, Germany, Switzerland and Canada had pledged funds for the house. He said the house would be fitted with adequate security.

● Picture by Herbert Mabuza.



# Katlehong, Tokoza launch Alberton consumer boycott

East Rand Bureau

Residents of Katlehong and Tokoza have launched a consumer boycott against white-owned businesses in Alberton from Monday.

Pamphlets distributed by the Tokoza Civic Association to residents demanded that the Alberton Town Council agree to negotiate and resolve the problem of electricity supply to Tokoza and other related matters.

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The pamphlets also said the council should stop demolishing homes of squatters in Phola Park and negotiate the provision of more land to solve the housing problem in Tokoza.

"The Tokoza Civic Association calls on all our people to fight side by side and not to buy in Alberton.

"We demand affordable houses, security and comfort for all," the pamphlet said.

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# Council acts over rent boycott

THE Diepmeadow Town Council, in a bid to end the on-going rent boycott in the townships, has hired a firm of attorneys to recover more than R37 million owed by residents.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration last week warned 47 black local authorities that from

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By SY MAKARINGE

next week it would no longer give them bridging finance.

The TPA also warned that if the councils failed to generate their own funds to pay suppliers, essential services such as water and electricity would be discontinued.

Mr Johan de Jager, Diepmeadow's Town Clerk, yesterday confirmed that all rent defaulters in the area had been handed over to Florida lawyers Scholtz and Botha.

343 Apart from the arrears, residents will also have to pay the firm R12,50 for legal fees.

Hundreds of Diepkloof and Meadowlands residents this week received letters from the attorneys warning them to pay their arrears and legal costs within 14 days.

They were also warned that summonses would be issued against them if the money was not paid.

The money is to be paid at the lawyers' offices.

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## Rent boycott sequel

● From Page 1

An angry Diepkloof resident, Miss Mathilda Fassie, who is said to owe the council more than R500, said she was not indebted to Scholtz and Botha and was therefore not prepared to pay any legal costs.

"I did not ask them to write me a letter. I've got no dealings with them.

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"I'm not even sure that the amount reflected in the letter is the money that I owe the council. I am however, prepared to settle my debt with the council," Fassie said.

De Jager said the council was not demanding full payment. He said residents could arrange with the lawyers on how they wanted to settle their debts.

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# 47 black councils owing R1 000-m

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THE 47 black town councils hit by rent boycotts could owe a total of R1 000 million, a Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman has said.

And, besides the problem of convincing the communities to pay for essential services, these councils also face another major crisis - they owe the TPA R388 million in loans provided during 1989 and 1990.

The TPA's deputy director of community development, Mr Len Dekker, warned the 47 councils last week that bridging finance would be cut with effect from July 1 because there were no longer funds to continue this service.

## Rents

The TPA urged councils to make drastic improvements in the collection of rents and service charges in the townships, failing which they may be faced with electricity and water cuts from their suppliers.

In a statement released yesterday, the TPA stressed that the collection of rents referred to were for current accounts starting from June 1.

"It does not relate to the recovery of arrears. It means that the performance of the particular communities will be assessed in respect of all debts levied as from June 1 1990."

A TPA spokesman said by implication the Soweto Council, which received a warning to put its house in order in October last year, was affected by last week's notices.

## Boycott

"The Soweto Council is being monitored daily. They too must improve their collection of tariffs, failing which they will also have to fend for themselves", said the spokesman.

The TPA allocated R188 304 859 in bridging finance to the Soweto Council during the 1989/90 financial year.

Dekker said as a result of the boycott of rent payments, the need for financial assistance had increased to R35,5 million in April and to R60,5 million for May this year with a higher need expected for June.

## Arrears

The TPA spokesman said the rent arrears in the 47 councils could total nearly R1 000 million. "We are not sure of the exact amount but it runs into hundreds of millions of rands."

The 47 councils, with bridging finance allocated

Alexandra (R10 795 530), Diepmeadow (R49 864 427), Dobsonville (R11 057 859), Evaton (R1 694 404), Kagiso (R584 398), Lekoa (R12 594 856), Mofokeng (R542 083), Soweto (R188 304 859), Khutsong (R875 216), Munsieville, Kokosi, Daveyton (R4 732 668), Kaitshong (R9 271 428),

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KwaThema (R3 254 445), Tembisa, Tokoza (R4 444 662), Vosloorus, Wattville (R882 032), Impumelelo, Bontlang, Duduza, Ratanda, Tsakane, Siyathemba (R291 518), Nthorwane

(R56 293), Atteridgeville (R9 248 096), Zithobeni (R10 559), KwaGugqa (R3 360 498), Wesseltown (R3 221 734), Sakhile (R1 425 966), Siyathuthuka (R552 652), Emzinoni (R1 112 459), KwaZenele (R394 253), Silobela (R449 992), KwaZamokuhle (R171 247) Embalenhle (R32 158),

Lebohang (R357 441), Sevukile (R216 387), Emgwenya (R170 940), Emthongeni, Jouberton (R4 181 944), Utlwanang, Kgakala, Boikhutsong, Agisanang, Belabela and Phagameng (R360 079).

The TPA said they could not give details of arrear rents of each of the affected councils.

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process of discussing updated versions of proposals to different parties." He is not yet able to comment on these "because we are in the middle of negotiations."

Four bodies are trying to negotiate an end to the six-year tariff boycott: the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD), Soweto City Council, Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and Eskom. The council and SPD are deadlocked on who should supply electricity — the council (indirectly) or Eskom (directly).

Soweto councillors refuse to cede distribution rights because revenue from tariffs is a primary source of income. It appears that some councillors fear the implicit admission of political defeat if they give up control.

TPA officials and Eskom, however, assure councillors they would not entirely forfeit income from tariffs.

The SPD alleges the council has grossly mismanaged distribution: overcharging many customers; responding poorly to queries; and demanding payment of bills from meters which residents assert are misread. They also claim the council has cut power in mid-winter to punish residents for the rent boycott.

According to the SPD's Lucky Dondolo: "We get exorbitantly high bills and feel we are being cheated by Soweto councillors." Since March the council has demanded, unsuccessfully, that 60 000 of Soweto's 80 000 households with power must pay a flat R50

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## Darkness looms (343)

Negotiations to end the Soweto electricity boycott appear to have bogged down in political posturing.

The mediator, Development Bank chairman Simon Brand, says: "We are in the

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plus R22,50 service charges. Van der Westhuizen says the flat rate tariff will remain until all meters can be read accurately. He concedes, however: "No one can say the flat rate system is entirely justifiable."

The SPD has two main proposals: creation of a nonracial distribution system and the writing off of arrears. "We want to see the establishment of a single Johannesburg-Soweto tax-base and we want to buy electricity directly from Eskom."

Dondolo says the TPA is "obviously reluctant" to pay off arrears but "we are hopeful it will do this." The council owes the TPA more than R464m.

Van der Westhuizen says the council is in the final stages of negotiating debt to the TPA which says it has not yet received a formal application to write off arrears.

The council's financial mess has not affected Eskom's coffers: electricity is supplied in bulk to Soweto and about 500 other municipalities. Eskom GM distribution and marketing Randolph Forbes says: "The city council pays and they pay regularly."

However, the council gets the money from the TPA which has warned that bridging finances to black authorities will be cut next month.

The SPD is not happy with Eskom's suggestion that coin meters should be introduced; it contends this system is discriminatory and aimed solely at blacks. Eskom denies this. (343)

Eskom's attempt this year to create a privately run utility company, Econolee, ran out of steam. Both the council and SPD opposed it and Eskom closed its Econolee office in Soweto in April.

Eskom CE Ian McRae says: "The problem in Soweto is not political. It is primarily a non-payment issue related to poor service, quality and supply." He adds Eskom would still like to see a controlling body run by Sowetan consumers themselves. "The only obstacle I see is the Soweto council giving a green light," he says. (343) ■



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# Inkatha, ANC to meet?

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While Inkatha and ANC leaders continue to delay peace talks, lower echelons of these organisations on the East Rand have allegedly "secretly" planned talks for today on the violence in their areas and in Natal.

Inkatha spokesman Petros Madide confirmed that Inkatha and the ANC would hold talks at Benoni municipal offices (Sheba council) at 2pm today.

He said the main aim of the talks was to find a way of ending the Natal violence.

Madide said he did not know who would attend the talks, or if Cosatu and the UDF would participate.

ANC information officer Ahmed Kathrada and ANC East Rand organiser Greg Malebo said they had not heard about the planned talks. — Sapa

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# Plan for Soweto to have its own CBD

By SOPHIE TEMA

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study plans for the project.

A GERMAN delegation will visit Soweto this week for a feasibility study on forming a central business district to provide a wider income base for the township.

The delegation from industries and commerce will be guests of Soweto City Council and will

The Foundation for the Upliftment of Black People in Southern Africa is co-ordinating the programme.

In October last year, Foundation chairman Dr W Wallman visited black local authorities in his capacity as Mayor of Wiesbaden.

The Foundation, helped by the

local board of management and trustees, will establish an independent board with representatives of interested groups.

An institution will also be established where blacks in local government administration can study for internationally recognised diplomas.

# 'AWB cops' harass Soweto mom after car-theft shooting

By SANDILE MEMELA

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A SOWETO mother fears for her life after her home was allegedly raided by white cops, who also claimed to be members of the AWB, looking for her son.

Zenzile Makhoba, 40, was granted a court interdict this week restraining cops from interfering with her family life.

This follows the killing of a white police officer who was gunned down in a Mafia-style gun battle with a car-theft syndicate in Meadowlands last year in which her 20-year old son, Bruce, was allegedly involved.

Makhoba told *City Press* her family had been subjected to torture and harassment by police claiming to be members of the AWB who have threatened to kill her son.

"I was shown a bullet that was supposed to end my son's life and told that if I did not reveal his whereabouts I would be killed," she said.

However, police spokesman Lt-Col Tienie Halgryn has denied the allegations but confirmed her detention.

"I am not aware of any torture and harassment directed at the family. The police have no knowledge of any elements who have continually visited her family," he said.

Halgryn said she had appeared in court on charges of helping a convict to escape.

Makhoba said she was detained and charged with helping a suspect to escape and hindering the ends of justice by not revealing the whereabouts of her son.

Makhoba said she was detained on June 14 for three days where she was insulted, tortured and assaulted.

"I was threatened with death unless I produced my missing son," said Makhoba.

She said she was abducted from her home and taken to the veld near Vosloorus where she was beaten and insulted by nine cops, who administered electric shocks to her.

Early this week a grenade was hurled at her home, leaving windows shattered and forcing her to seek shelter with neighbours.



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BACKGROUND

Understanding is first step to beating violence



"Violence, our common concern" will be discussed at 7.45 tonight at a Five Freedoms Forum public meeting to be held at the JCE Exams Hall in Johannesburg. The speakers are Brigadier Leon Mellet, press secretary to the Minister of Law and Order, Terror Lekota of the ANC and Tiaan van der Merve of the Democratic Party. In this article **NICK BINDELL**, vice-chairman of the FFF, and **MIKE OLIVIER**, the Forum's president, look at the issue of violence in South African society.

A golf club in the Johannesburg suburb of Kensington is invaded by armed robbers who stab two patrons and steal the cash. This criminal invasion of white privilege is symptomatic of the increase in crime and violence in South Africa.

When this is discussed at dinner tables in Sandton it is viewed as a relatively novel and disturbing situation. But how many of us really understand what is going on or how to cope with the problem?

We have seen cycles of both hope and despair in the white community since February 2, but there is a growing negativity about the situation. There is a tendency to lump

things together in a naive analysis of violence; the term "black on black violence" is used frequently.

As someone has said, this is as naive as labelling World War 2 "white on white violence".

What is often not realised by many is the fact that violence has been widespread throughout South Africa for decades and that there are many dimensions to the violence.

In Soweto, people have suffered an increase in violence for many years. For decades, people in our

black communities have had to deal with and live with violence from many quarters, from those very authorities that were supposed to neutrally police the situation.

The ravages of apartheid, the ever-increasing demo-

graphic pressures, the growth of gangsterism in the townships, the unemployment and the lack of housing all serve to create an environment where violence is often seen as the only release and the only means of survival.

The hopelessness and frustration that is growing among township youths, who suffer from the breakdown of the education system and who know that they will never have the possibility of getting jobs, leaves crime as a viable alter-

native.

The breakdown of family life in the townships, which is a characteristic consequence of apartheid, has damaged the value system necessary to diminish violence.

The consistent destruction of the Rule of Law and the unfair administration of justice which occurred during the state of emergency has further encouraged the growth of violence.

In all of this, the role of ideological power struggles forms only a small part of the picture.

The verbal threats that we now hear from the white Right, and the on-going references to the continuation of the armed struggle from the leadership of the ANC, cultivate the acceptability of violence on all sides as an alternative to democratic process.

In this climate, as the culture of violence grows, we see more and more individuals acting out the threats made by the political leaders. We see now, for example, the growing number of violent acts attributed to the Right. Violence breeds antagonism which can only lead the country into deeper chaos.

While it may be argued that this is all characteristic of a state going through transition, many white people wring their hands in anguish, berate Nelson Mandela for not "bringing the violence under control" and think about emigrating.

This attitude reflects the lack of understanding that prevails and is unrealistic in the extreme.

Plan now for joint cities, say experts

"The reality of apartheid is the fact that we created separate towns — twin cities — the head governing and the heart generating life..." These are the words of Sias Reyneke, Democratic Party city councillor in Johannesburg who believes planning for a new joint city has to begin now.

Community leaders in both Johannesburg and Soweto

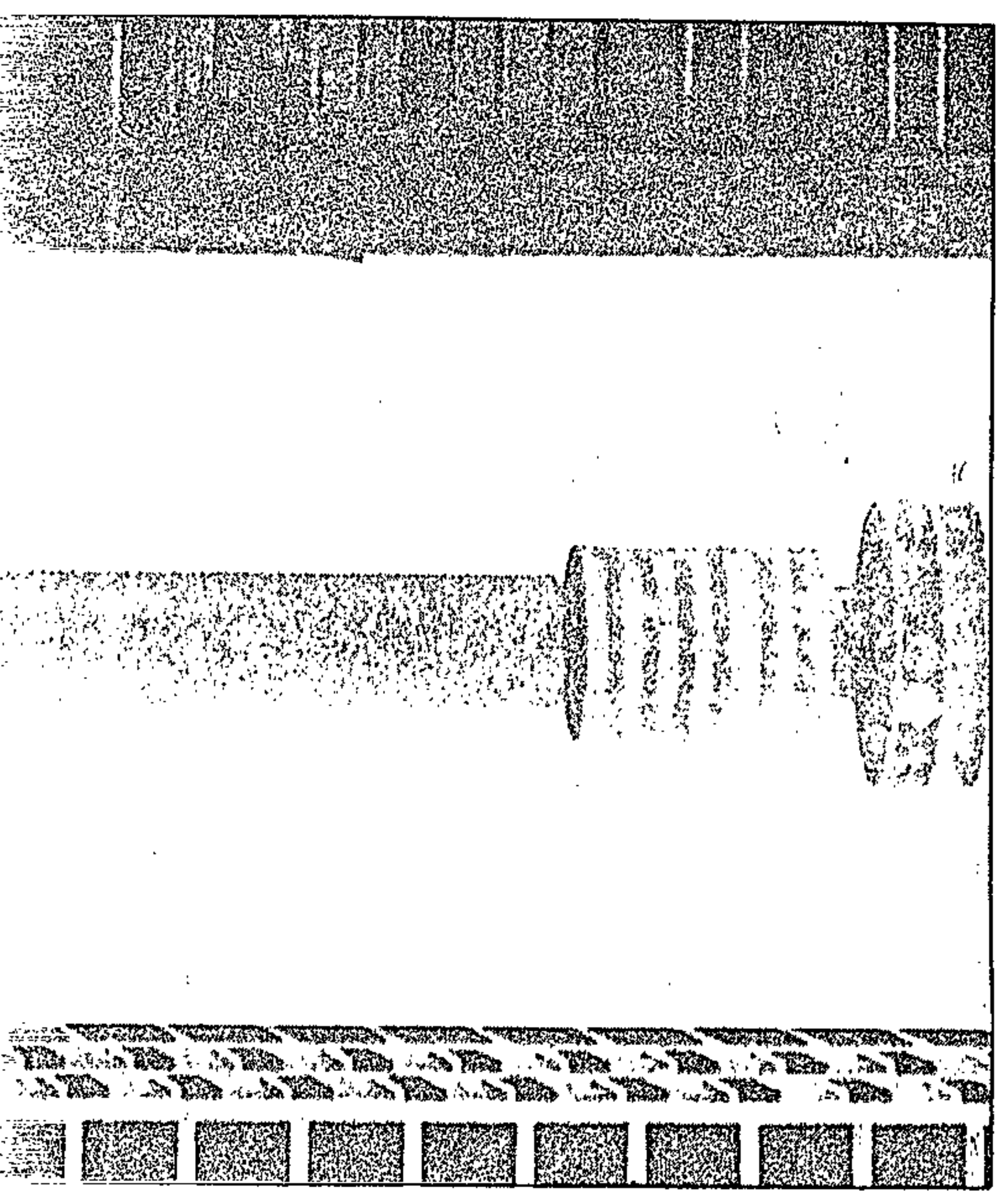
With the scrapping of the Group Areas Act in sight, the unification of Johannesburg and Soweto seems inevitable.

**Municipal Reporter LOUISE BURGERS** spoke to community leaders who felt that responsibility for Soweto lay with all Witwatersrand towns, not just Johannesburg, and that one mega-metropolis or supermunicipality should be created.

Mr Davidson said he accepted there were massive problems with Soweto, but emphasised that Johannesburg could not opt for the simple answer of unification because the city was not a "cash cow".

"Soweto is a city close to R1 billion in debt. It is a city in decay and to ask Johannesburg to shoulder that debt is impossible.

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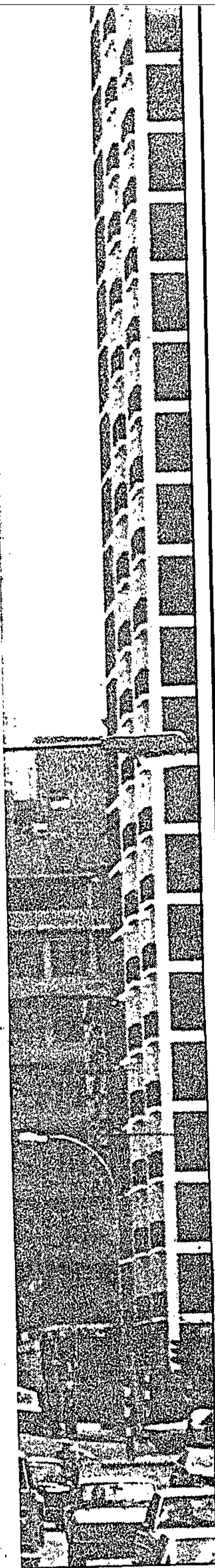
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Government leaders must immediately strive for stability and for neutrality in the police and the security forces. Political leaders must all recognise that economic stability and growth are necessary elements in reducing the pressures for violence.

Housing, education and health matters all require vision and a genuine, mutual commitment to the joint solving of problems.

Business (typically white-owned) must begin to seek out ways of contributing to reconstruction, particularly in the field of education.

Antagonistic negotiating postures must be dropped in favour of joint definition of the problems and joint statesman-like commitments to their resolution.

But what can the individual do?

We need to realise that what finally occurs at a national level is only the outcome of what each of us does in our home, in our neighbourhood and at work.

It is at the individual level that we can build respect for each other.

We need a commitment to move away from the isolation, caused by apartheid, that has made us so comfortable in the past. We must all be willing to become part of the process.

There is no way that the myriad of problems facing our country, violence included, can be solved only by leaders at the negotiating table. All of us have to make the personal commitment to building South Africa into a winning nation.

Where can the individual start? An initial step is to make the effort to understand the different dimensions to the problem of violence in our land.

Get to know what is causing it and get to know what role each of us can play in diminishing it.

By developing a basic understanding of the problems it is possible to identify the main areas for individual involvement in local level problem solving.

A first step could be for people to attend tonight's public meeting on "Violence, our common concern" at 7.45 at the JCE Exams Hall in Johannesburg.



# Alex rally shooting: two versions

By Montshiwa Moroka

The controversy surrounding the fatal shooting of Meshack Bekinkosi Kunene (21) by police at the welcome home rally for ANC secretary-general Alfred Nzo in Alexandra at the weekend continued yesterday with the police and Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) presenting conflicting versions of events.

## The ACO says:

"I was on the podium when we saw people running towards the eastern side of the stadium. I tried, through the address system, to stop them from running, but they kept on running," said Obed Bapela, spokesman for the Alexandra Civic Organisation.

"Aubrey Kitime, chief marshal, Keith Madonsela, publicity secretary of the South African Youth Congress (Sayco), and I ran in that direction.

When we arrived on the scene we saw a white 'Husky' minibus used by Kew security police. Some people were talking to the man in charge, Captain J G van Huysten. We saw a youth in the police vehicle, who was apparently resisting arrest.

"A black security policeman, known in the township as Alex, was holding a shotgun in his hand. While we were asking Captain Huysten why they were arresting the youth, we heard the sound of a gunshot. We ran for cover. People who were standing around scattered and dived for cover.

"When I looked down on my right side I saw Meshack bleeding from the head. I could also see blood from his nose. Meshack was shot at close range through the window by Alex.

"People from the eastern side of the grandstand started throwing stones and bottles.

"There was no order to shoot and there was no warning."

## Police say:

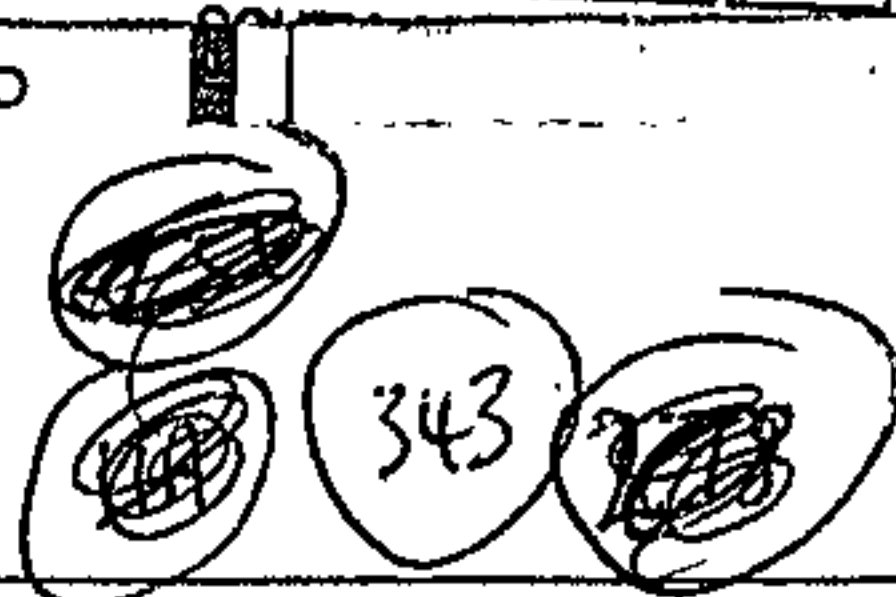
A man who allegedly stoned police was shot dead outside a rally in the township. Spokesman Lieutenant Henriette Bester said several policemen, including the captain in command, were injured when struck by stones and other objects hurled by a mob outside the stadium on Saturday.

The policemen tried to arrest a dagga-smoker, who had put up resistance and who started shouting. His screaming attracted attention and about 1 000 people attending the rally swarmed from the stadium and attacked police.

"A policeman whose life was in danger then fired a shot in self-defence and a 21-year-old man was killed," Lieutenant Bester said.

A police vehicle was damaged in the incident.

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## NEWS

# ANC, police break ice on SA violence

By Guy Jepson

Leading representatives of the ANC, SA Police and Democratic Party stressed the need to find common ground to combat violence at an historic public meeting in Johannesburg last night.

The event was organised by the Five Freedoms Forum.

Sharing the platform for the first time were Brigadier Leon Mellet, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok's press secretary; Patrick "Terror" Lekota, the ANC's Southern Natal convenor; and Tian van der Merwe, the DP's national chairman.

In his address Mr van der Merwe said South Africans needed hope, political leadership and statesmanship as never before.

"They need an indication that there is something better ahead of us; they need an indication that their sacrifices have been worthwhile — they do not need more war rhetoric," he said.

Organisations from across the spec-

trum, including right-wing groups, needed to be drawn into a process of managing security and of developing a culture of joint responsibility.

Mr Lekota said the present violence in South Africa "should never have been allowed to come to pass".

He said the violence in Natal was rooted in apartheid. He repeated the ANC's call for the disbanding of the KwaZulu police, which he described as "the armed wing of Inkatha".

He called on the Government to consult the ANC before allowing police to intervene further in Natal.

"Over the years the SAP has been seen in the black community as a police force that is not for us — but there to protect the white community.

"The masses of the people on the ground have no confidence in the SAP, but if people on our side were seen to be part of the steps taken, that confidence could be created."

Brigadier Mellet appealed for a common understanding to assist the police in their fight against crime.



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## Residents claim harassment

By Musa Mapisa

Thirty people are allegedly being evicted from two houses in New Doornfontein in Johannesburg.

Steven Mpofu, a tenant, said residents had been harassed for the past six months by a man who claimed to be from the Johannesburg City Council. Mr Mpofu alleged that the man came with a group of men yesterday and "removed roofs from the houses".

A city council spokesman said he was not aware of any evictions and referred The Star to the Technikon Witwatersrand, the owner of the land.

### Promised

Mr Mpofu said the tenants had earlier approached the technikon and were promised that they would be given notice to vacate the premises.

George Phuthi, a tenant, said the occupants of the houses would move out on notice from the technikon as promised.

A spokesman for the building project at the technikon said the lease for the two houses had expired in December last year.

"We wrote a letter to the person who leased the two houses before the land was bought by the technikon, informing him of the lease expiry in December. It seems he did not inform his sub-tenants," she said.

## Turfloop wants Act repealed

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PIETERSBURG — The Council of the University of the North (Turfloop) unanimously decided last week that the University of the North Act (Act No 47 of 1969) should be repealed and substituted by one more appropriate.

In an announcement, council chairman Professor J Moolman said the Act empowered the State President to decide the composition of the council, and decided on the appointment of the rector.

He said the council would have talks with the Minister of Education and Training soon.

Professor Moolman also announced that the council had appointed Professor Noel Manganyi as rector for three years with effect from January 1 1991.



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## Public invited to planning meetings

Staff Reporter

Another round of public involvement meetings has been arranged for the public to provide input to the planning process of three alternative land use strategies for Johannesburg and surrounding municipalities.

A draft preferred strategy will be presented at public meetings to be held this month in Johannesburg, Soweto, Edenvale and Germiston.

"The core city of the Jomet transport area has created in the past and will continue to create avenues for active public participation," said a press release issued by Johannesburg's metropolitan planning department.

"Your comments are highly valued by the professional team and your interest determines the success or failure of a public participation pro-

gramme."

The first public meeting, covering the Johannesburg municipal area, will be held tomorrow at 6 pm at the A-level lecture theatre in the Civic Centre, Braamfontein.

The second will be held at 6 pm on Thursday in the auditorium at the SA Nature Conservation Centre (Delta Park), Road No 3, Victory Park. This meeting will cover the Randburg, Roodepoort, Sandton and Alexandra municipal areas.

A meeting covering the Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow municipal areas will be held at 6 pm on July 17 in the A1 lecture hall, Vista University, Power Park, Soweto (between Baragwanath Hospital and College of Education). On July 18, a meeting will be held in the Edenvale Community Hall, corner van Riebeeck Avenue and Second Street, Edenvale.

This meeting will cover the Edenvale, Modderfontein, Tembisa, Kempton Park and Bedfordview municipal areas.

A meeting covering the Germiston, Alberton, Katlehong and Tokoza municipal areas will be held at 6 pm on July 19 on the 1st floor of the Germiston Civic Centre Hall, corner Queen and Cross Street, Germiston.

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## It may already have become a European-style Labour Party

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By STEVEN FRIEDMAN, Senior Researcher at Wits University's Centre for Policy Studies

Is the South African Communist Party which was reborn at Soccer City last week the same party which existed in the past?

And will it remain the same party in the future? We can now see the SACP first hand for the first time in 40 years. But many questions about it are still unanswered.

The questions are important because they may help tell us what sort of society we will become when white rule goes.

Until last weekend, the SACP was a small group which did not try to win mass support – but sought to influence politics by “guiding” workers (and the ANC?).

Many people on the left, as well as liberals and conservatives, insisted it was a threat to democracy.

The SACP was for years the most hard-line communist party in the West. It eagerly supported the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia and expelled communists who differed from the party line.

It was also secretive – far more so than its ally the ANC, which was also banned. The SACP held its congresses in secret and delegates who voted members on to its central committee were not even told who had been elected.

It was also a revolutionary party which supported Soviet-style Marxism.

Although it had only a few hundred members, it gained influence through its alliance with the ANC. Its critics claim it manipulated the movement by winning positions on its executive. But the SACP insists it is now not that sort of party.

It has rejected its hardline past. Joe Slovo and other SACP leaders say they now support multi-party democracy and all the other freedoms which Soviet-style Marxism outlawed.

Now legal, the SACP has decided to become a “mass” party which will recruit members and elect its leaders openly.

Its leaders also stressed at last week's rally they firmly supported a negotiated end to apartheid, rather than a revolution. But how real is this change? How much support does the SACP have? What will become of its alliance with the ANC? Will it help or harm attempts to negotiate an end to apartheid?

The rally answered few of these questions. But we may be a little closer to answers than before.

Whether the SACP really has changed will depend partly on whether it decides to become a legal, open, party.

Although some of its leaders' names were announced last week, not all were. The party says some must remain underground because it needs protection if the government again tries to suppress it. But, until it is entirely open, it will not be able to fully answer charges that it conspires in secret.

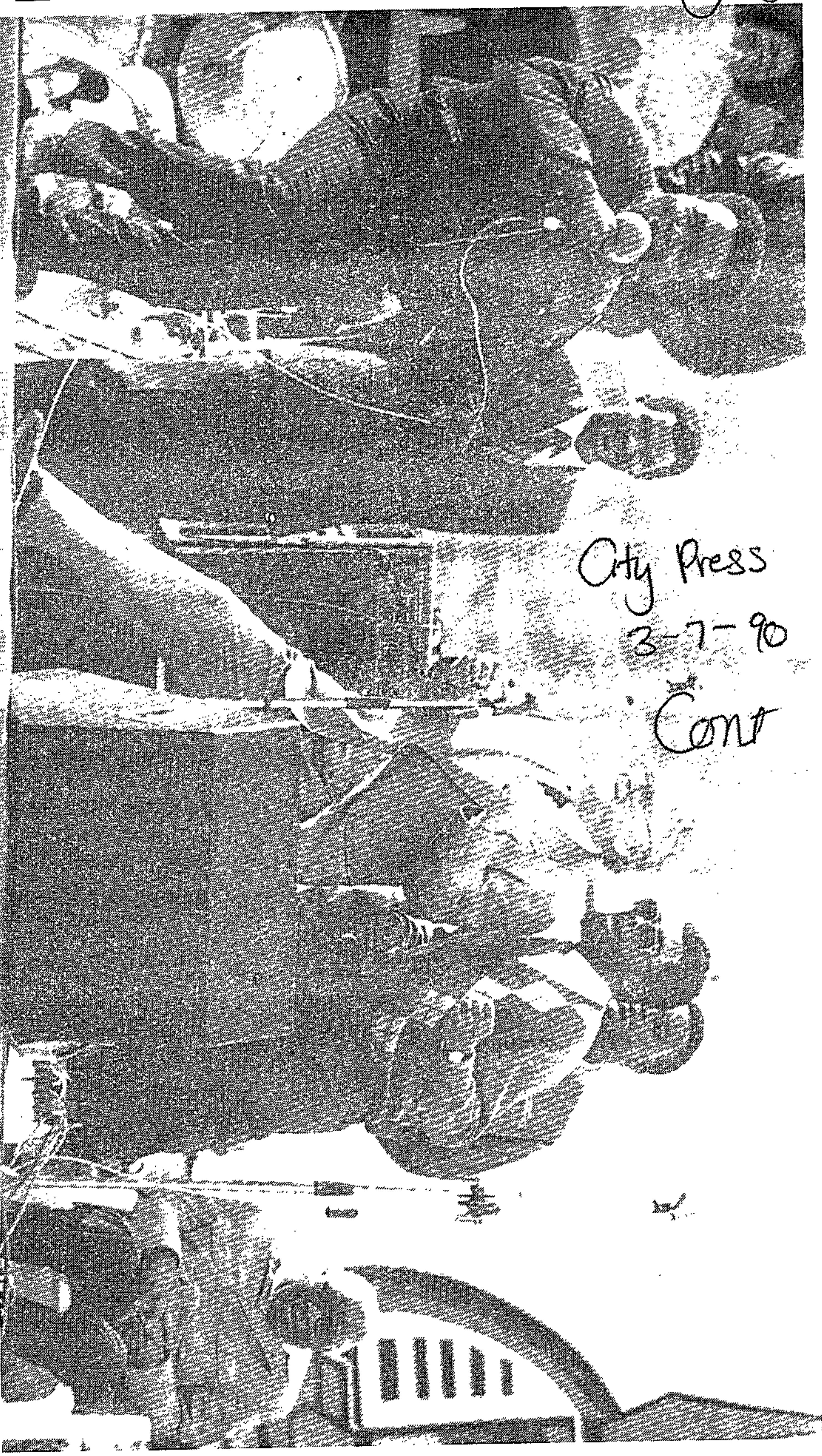
But the SACP wants to broaden its membership and sign on thousands of people it did not try to recruit in the past.

It is most likely to win that support from Cosatu unions and militant members of the SA Youth Congress.

The extent of its support in the unions is not clear. Four leading Cosatu unionists are among its leaders – but, although a large delegation of miners attended its



# SACP turnins pink?



SACP secretary-general Joe Slovo is joined by comrades in a toyi-toyi at the party's Soccer City re-launch last weekend.

Picture: AFRAPIX



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rally, members of other unions didn't show up in droves.

The SACP may well win support among union members – but this could turn it into a very different sort of party.

For some years now, leading unionists in what is now Cosatu have been interested in forming a party to represent workers' interests, rather than those of all the voteless.

They soon realised they would make little headway. Apartheid has ensured black workers are interested in "national liberation" first and workers' rights second – they are far more likely to identify with liberation movements such as the ANC than with a workers' party.

A workers' party independent of the ANC would probably be doomed because it would be seen as a rival. But one workers' party doesn't have that problem – the SACP. It has credibility among activists – and not necessarily because of its ideology, but because its activists are among the most dedicated ANC members.

In the months before its launch, the SACP made an effort to woo unionists (many of whom have always been suspicious of the party) and other socialist activists. It insisted the party was no longer open only to those who supported its type of socialism, but to all socialists: it urged them to join.

Some stayed out. But others didn't: two of the unionists in its leadership have in the past been known to be interested in an independent workers' party – rather than the SACP.

They either believe the SACP has changed – or that it is the only workers' party which is likely to win mass support.

Other unionists may decide that, if they want a workers' party, the SACP is their only choice. Union members could do the same.

But the SACP may then change. Union members

are used to organisations in which leaders are meant to do only what their members tell them. They might insist the SACP does the same. Mass membership may also mean the SACP will be less of a revolutionary party. Although Cosatu unions support socialist ideas, they are used to making gains by negotiating.

For the moment, recruiting activists inside the country could make the party more "radical". Some commentators like to see the SACP as the "revolutionaries" and the ANC as the "negotiators". But there are "radicals" and "moderates" in both.

As in the ANC, some of the older, previously exiled, SACP leaders are likely to be "more moderate" than some of the new recruits in the country.

But, the more grassroots worker members the SACP gains, the more it may become a Labour Party like those in Western Europe.

It may already have become that!

The SACP has long been less of a socialist party than it seems. It argues socialism is not possible here until long after "national liberation" and, like the ANC, its leaders support a mixed economy after apartheid goes. One of the reasons some socialists have opposed the SACP is because it has been trying to persuade them to drop demands for socialism now.

All this highlights the SACP's greatest strength.

In every other country, communist parties are being forced to change their names if they want to win support. Here, the SACP's long alliance with the ANC and its key role in the fight against apartheid means its name is its greatest strength. It may keep the name even if its policies become less socialist.

But that the SACP has won support largely through its alliance with the ANC could also be its greatest weakness.

If it is really going to recruit anyone wanting to join, how is it going to stop itself from competing with the ANC?

At the moment this problem can be delayed since

members are allowed to belong to both the ANC and the SACP.

But what will happen if we have a majority rule election? Voters can't vote for both the ANC and the SACP – are ANC leaders such as Slovo going to vote against their own party? And, even before then, if the SACP recruits a mass membership – won't it be seen to be trying to become the ANC's rival?

This issue is a key topic of debate within the SACP now. Some activists believe the SACP should become a socialist party and compete with other parties.

But if it did, it would lose the support it gained through its alliance with the ANC and would face the same problem as any other workers' party – a recent survey found that only 12 percent of black people support the SACP.

Others insist the SACP must remain an ally of the ANC. But none of them seem able to say how the alliance should work.

And, whichever path the SACP takes, it is still not clear why anyone should join it rather than the ANC. The usual answer is that the SACP is a socialist party but the ANC isn't.

But, while the SACP says it supports "socialism", it is not clear what this means: after events in Eastern Europe, SACP leaders have told us at great length what socialism isn't, but they still haven't told us what it is and how it would work.

At last week's rally, no speaker tried to describe socialism. The SACP is still keen to stress its similarities with the ANC rather than its differences.

So it seems likely it would fight an election – or negotiate with the government – on the same economic policies as the ANC. Why then should voters support one rather than the other?

The SACP's support seems to rest more on its image than its policies. It is seen by many, particularly the militant youth, as apartheid's most radical enemy. It may attract support for this reason rather than because its policies are widely supported.

For the moment, this is its strength – and the SACP may try to avoid spelling out its policies. But, the nearer we move to a democracy, the less able will it be to do that – and it is then that the strength may become a weakness.

But, because the SACP is a party with a "revolutionary" image which is forced to back "moderate" policies, it could play an important part in smoothing the way for negotiated change.

If we are to have a political settlement, both militant workers and youths will have to compromise on some of their hopes.

The chance they will do this may depend on whether the settlement is backed by a party "radical" enough to persuade "militants" to accept it without being accused of "selling out". The SACP might just be that party.



## Relax building regulations — councillor

NATIONAL building regulations will have to be relaxed to allow for low cost housing in the light of SA's serious housing crisis, says Johannesburg councillor Christopher Newton Thompson.

Interviewed last week, he said low income groups could simply not afford houses costing R70 000 and more.

Newton Thompson said Johannesburg did not have enough available land to redress its housing shortage.

The only large areas of available land were south of Johannesburg and building there would only scratch the surface of the problem.

About 62 000 units were needed just to relieve existing overcrowding in Soweto and coloured and Indian areas, he said.

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In addition there was high population growth and continuing urbanisation with many squatters already living in Johannesburg and on its borders.

About 7 000 houses could be built on council and trust-owned land south of Johannesburg.

There was some land available west of Soweto, east of Lenasia and near to Ennerdale although these were outside Johannesburg's municipal boundaries.

The northward movement of whites would allow people from overcrowded areas to move into vacant houses but would only slightly help the housing backlog, he said.

The two new towns planned south of Soweto would not do much to

relieve Johannesburg's housing shortage, he said.

While Rietfontein and Stretford would house about 1,2 million people, these would not be people working in Johannesburg.

Newton Thompson said to house Johannesburg's workers, land would have to be found no more than 20km outside the city.

The Johannesburg City Council in conjunction with the private sector and its metropolitan neighbours had to start building houses as soon as possible.

The Regional Services Council would also have to fund infrastructure and help identify land.

Proclamation of townships had to be speeded up and new financing methods introduced, he said.

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## Boycotted councillor quits seat

By McKeed Kotlolo,  
Pretoria Bureau

A town councillor and businessman from Mhlu-zi, Middelburg, has resigned from the council shortly after being elected, because his businesses were being boycotted.

Ezekiel Sobengwayo Mahlangu won the poorly attended Ward 6 by-election on June 4 this year.

Mr Mahlangu said that immediately after his election, the local people began a boycott of his businesses.

"I decided to resign from the council and submitted my resignation to the town clerk's office on June 18," he said.

According to Mr Mahlangu, residents boycotted the by-election in the area.

"Only about 90 people voted", he said.

The town treasure, J Meintjies, and other officials confirmed the receipt of Mr Mahlangu's resignation. They said the council had not yet met to discuss it.



## **F W to get Sebokeng report**

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The Goldstone Commission's report on the Sebokeng shootings on March 26 this year, in which several people were killed, is being considered for presentation to President de Klerk.

This was disclosed yesterday by the Department of Justice, which said the report by Mr Justice R J Goldstone would later be handed to the president.

A spokesman said it was not yet certain when the report would be placed on the President's desk, but that the matter was being treated as urgent.

— Pretoria Bureau.

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## **Council 'did not collect workers' salaries'**

By Abel Mabelane,  
East Rand Bureau

The Katlehong City Council failed to pay its 700 workers their June salaries on time, because they could not produce proof to the satisfaction of the TPA that their bulk services, such as water and electricity, had been paid, said a TPA official who did not want to be identified.

The official said the TPA was not responsible for the delay in the payment of salaries because it made the payment of employees its first priority as long as funds for bridging finance were available.

He said the conditions attached to the granting of bridging finance were that the council must first produce evidence that its bulk services had been paid.

### **Mistake**

The official said the town clerk of Katlehong was supposed to have collected the salary cheques last week, but did not show up. He said if there was a mistake or delay in the payment of employee's salaries, it was not the fault of the TPA. He refused to comment further.

The mayor of Katlehong, Gideon Molotsi, said the delay in the payment of salaries was caused by the TPA which sent the salary cheques late. He said employees would be paid their salaries today, by noon at the latest.

He said he knew nothing about the producing of evidence for the payment of bulk services before bridging finance could become available. He said all he knew was that the council had to produce proof to the TPA that it had no funds, and show proof of its financial obligations.



# Metro RSCs spend more in townships — report

By Kaizer Nyatumba,  
Political Staff

The majority of regional services councils in metropolitan areas in the Transvaal are spending most of their levy income on upgrading black areas.

This is according to South African Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR) researcher Mauritz Moolman, who concludes his study of regional services councils (RSCs) with the observation that the important outcome of the existence of RSCs was the fact that whites were growing aware of the glaring disparities between their communities and the townships around them.

In "From Town to Township: Regional Services Councils Assessed", a booklet published by the institute, Mr Moolman said although there was evidence that RSCs in rural areas spent most of their income on white areas and not in the black areas where there was a greater need, the priority of RSCs in metropolitan areas in the

Transvaal was upgrading black areas.

"The councils are likely to make an impact on the development of black townships and are providing funds to black local authorities.

"An important consequence of the establishment of RSCs is that white municipal politicians in several areas are, for the first time, becoming aware of the disparity in the quality of life between their areas and those inhabited by black township dwellers," said Mr Moolman.

## Loan funds

However, he said it was unlikely that RSCs, which were constrained by limited income and their limited access to loan funds, would be able to eliminate the huge backlogs in the townships.

Some RSCs were considering addressing an expected funding shortage by raising levies or tariffs.

"If tariffs rise sharply in white

areas to subsidise black ones, the result could be a conservative backlash," Mr Moolman warned.

He said since RSCs could not provide townships with the revenue which the lack of a tax base had denied them, they could not make black areas economically viable.

On the political level, Mr Moolman said, the RSCs had done little to achieve their stated aim of giving blacks "a significant say in decisions". These institutions were still run by whites and political decisions were made "exclusively by whites too".

Mr Moolman concluded: "RSCs are a partial acknowledgement that rigid racial segregation in local government is untenable.

"While the alternative they represent — a white-controlled system in which essential elements of segregation are retained and, in theory, strengthened — cannot ensure a workable township local government system, RSCs may well create new momentum for further movement away from segregated municipal structures."

THE engineering department of the Katlehong Town Council was yesterday attending to a cave-in in the East Rand township.

Katlehong town secretary Mr H Grobblers confirmed the cave-in, saying residents had reported it to the council on Monday.

"Yes, it was reported to the council yesterday but there was nobody to do the job because of the stayaway."

### Reported

Katlehong Civic Association chairman Mr Oupa Thibile said on

## Council works on 'Spruit cave-in'

Monday the cave-in had been reported to the council.

The cause of the cave-in was not known.

It was also not known whether the ground - the cave-in was said to be the size of a four-room house

- had stopped crumbling.

"Unfortunately I cannot say whether it still caves in," said Grobblers.

Thibile said the cave-in continued every minute.

### Safety

For the safety of residents, it had been cordoned off by members of street committees in the area around Motloung and Moshoeshoe sections.

It was similar to the cave-in that reportedly occurred years ago in the area between the Westonaria and Carletonville, said Thibile. - Sapa.



# Pta council slaps ban on the use of facilities

THE Atteridgeville Town Council, which has already lost R4 million in revenue since the rent boycott started four months ago, has temporarily banned political and civic organisations from using its facilities.

By MONK  
NKOMO

Acting town clerk Mr Daan Mouton said yesterday the ban will be reviewed as soon as the rent boycott has been resolved.

Political and civic organisations have been barred from using the

football grounds and halls.

The Atteridgeville/Saulsville, Residents' Organisation, which called for the rent boycott and the resignation of councillors at a public meeting at the Super Stadium on April 1, yesterday threatened to file an urgent application in the Pretoria Supreme Court to challenge the council's decision.

The council, at its meeting on June 27, turned down an application by Asro to hold a public meeting at the Super Stadium on Saturday.

Mouton said the coun-

cil also rejected an application by the ANC for the use of the stadium.

A spokesman for Asro said they had already briefed a lawyer to have the council's decision set aside.

## Supporters

Mouton acknowledged the right of organisations to communicate with its supporters.

He said he agreed that negotiations to improve and stabilise the present situation, particularly in black townships, were important.

"However, in the light of the fact that the council

is locked in a struggle to brake the present rent boycott, it has resolved that no organisations will be allowed to hold meetings in this regard at the stadium or at any other facilities of the council."

The rent boycott, however, seems to be far from being resolved. Councillors have refused to resign and Asro has vowed to continue the boycott until the councillors quit. "Residents will pay affordable rent or a flat rate for essential services rendered by the council but only after the councillors have resigned," a spokesman for Asro said.

## Population explosion among blacks



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Errol Frewen (left), executive director of AECL, hands a cheque for R200 000 to Glen Greenway,

# R200 000 boost for local primary school

By Abel Mushi

Paint manufacturers AECL yesterday donated a cheque of R200 000 to St Martin's Preparatory School in The Hill, Johannesburg, for the erection and equipment of a science laboratory.

The laboratory will also run science seminars for the in-service training of black primary school-teachers in Tokoza township.

## Close

The offer is part of AECL's "Quality of Life" programme which has resulted from a close relationship between the company and the staffs of St Martin's Preparatory School and the R P Maphanzella School in Tokoza township.

The three have co-operated on numerous educational and extra-curricular activities in the past.

Glen Greenway, head-

master of St Martin's Preparatory School, received the cheque from executive director of AECL, Errol Frewen, who said his company considered the project a "very worthwhile effort."

Mr Greenway told The Star the laboratory would be completed by the end of this year, adding that the school would provide an extra R20 000.

## Hand-over

Staff members of both schools, pupils and members of the school's governing committee witnessed the hand-over.

St Martin's Preparatory School is a private non-racial institution with a current enrolment of 380 pupils.

Oliver Tambo, president of the ANC, was a teacher at St Martin's Preparatory School in the early 1950s, said Anthony de Souza, the school's public relations officer.



he pit is on the same property as his  
● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

## CP will be 'swept away', says Boya

East Rand Bureau

There was no way the tide of reform could be turned and the CP would be swept away in the process, United Municipalities of SA president Tom Boya said yesterday.

Reacting to statements by several Conservative Party-controlled municipalities in the Transvaal that they would not open public facilities to all, Mr Boya said it was a pity that while President de Klerk was busy ridding the country of apartheid, there were people who put obstacles in the way of the reform process.

CP Transvaal municipal chairman Pikkie Coetzee made it clear on Tuesday that many councils, especially in the plateland, would defy the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act in October and would continue to segregate public amenities in their towns.

Mr Boya said the CP should take note that ever since the beaches, trains, buses and even some mini-bus taxes were opened to all there had been no racial friction.

"The CP's belief that apartheid can be for ever retained is a fallacy for which there is no room in South Africa.

"We called for a complete abolition of apartheid and we are pleased that the State President is now addressing the issue," he said.

President of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches, IE Tlholoe, said blacks would not give in to CP demands.



# Love-triangle saga ends as bullets rain at stokvel

By ELIAS MALULEKE

A LOVE-TRIANGLE saga was behind the bloody Mafia-style shooting in Mamelodi this week in which three people, all friends, were gunned down in a hail of bullets fired from a powerful 9mm pistol.

A fourth person, Harry Sibande, also a friend, escaped with a bullet lodged in his jaw.

The unlucky ones, Esther Modisele, 18, her lover Siyaphi Gebuza, 21, and Neville "Suzuki" Beauchamp, 25, stood no chance when the gunman entered the "JC Le Roux" stokvel party in Mamelodi East and opened fire at close range.

The two men, Gebuza and Beauchamp died on the spot. Modisele, the woman involved in the love-triangle, was certified dead on arrival at the Mamelodi Day Hospital.

A 21-year-old man, Rodney Bhila, has appeared briefly in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court before magistrate PR Hitchcock in connection with three charges of murder and one of attempted murder. He was not asked to plead and the case was postponed until August 31. Bail was fixed at R5 000.

Beauchamp and Gebuza were close friends and Modisele was having an affair with Gebuza. Modisele and the gunman were said to have had a love affair until May this year - when she started going out with Gebuza.

Apparently feeling cheated and abandoned, the gunman entered house number 10060 in Mamelodi East where the stokvel was in full swing.

An argument broke out between him and Beauchamp and he took out his gun, pointing it at the foursome sitting together at a drinks-laden table.

Three friends who accompanied them on the week-long gig escaped unhurt.

Modisele and Gebuza were live-in lovers, staying with Gebuza's parents. Both were unemployed.

The Modisele and Gebuza families spoke about the tragedy this week and said they did not have a cent to bury their respective family members.

Anna Modisele, Esther's mother, has four other children and said the going had been tough all along.

"Now it is a tragedy to add up to all my other woes," she told *City Press*.

Modisele said police must act to stop the flood of guns and violence in the township.

"Our children are dying through violence almost every day and the sooner the police act and confiscate these guns the better," she said.

"My husband has not been employed for several months and I only do part-time jobs. We have no money and I cannot bury my daughter," she said.

Modisele said because she could not afford to pay rent, the electricity supply to her house was cut off earlier this year.

"Because of that the service is now being held at my mother's house, but she is unemployed and also cannot help with burial costs."

The burial society she recently joined would only pay



Neville Beauchamp ... died after angry words with the gunman.

R240 because she was a new member.

Finding himself in a similar situation is William Gebuza, a 72-year-old pensioner and father of the slain Siyaphi.

Gebuza said he had financial problems, but it was nothing compared with the fear he had been living under because of his son.



Lovers Esther Modisele and Siyaphi Gebuza died in a hail of bullets while they were enjoying themselves with friends.

He had been spending sleepless nights when his son had not returned home by 10pm, because he feared Siyaphi would die through violence. Siyaphi was the youngest of nine children.

"He frequented gigs and came back to tell us about fights and shootings. I tried to tell him to stop going to such places but he would not listen," he said.



# 'Winnie's men set my house on fire'

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By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

A GRUESOME tale of how Winnie Mandela allegedly ordered her football club to burn and kill people unfolded in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

The horror story emerged during the testimony of Dudu Chile, who is a Transvaal organiser of the Federation

of Transvaal Women, an affiliate of the African National Congress.

Chile, who said her son had killed football club member Maxwell Madondo, was testifying at the trial of club member Charles Zwane.

Zwane, 22, of Orlando West, Soweto, faces 11 counts of murder, 22 attempted murders, arson, two counts of unlawful possession of an AK-47 and ammunition.

Zwane has pleaded not guilty to all charges and is in custody.

Said Chile: "My house was burned because I refused to let my boys join the football club.

"The other reason was that my son killed a member of the football club, Maxwell Madondo."

She said she had never seen the Mandela Football Club playing football, but they were burning houses and killing people.

When asked about her relationship with the Mandela family, she said she liked Nelson but hated Winnie.

The case resumes tomorrow.



# Family fear 'blast' taxi driver might be dead

## Police have no idea who planted bomb

By DESMOND BLOW

THE abortive Pretoria bomb attempt last Saturday remains shrouded in mystery as police battle for clues.

Police have no idea which organisation - Left or Right - could have been responsible for the 114-kg car bomb found in a minibus at the Hallmark Building parking garage.

The SAP is searching for an Atteridgeville man, 33-year-old David Shongwe, who is alleged to have borrowed the taxi three days earlier to fetch his wife.

He did not return the vehicle and has not been seen since.

Investigations by police have not connected Shongwe, who is well-known in Atteridgeville, to any political organisation.

The bomb, which was due to explode at 1.15pm, was about three times the size of Pretoria's Church Street bomb which killed 19 and injured more than 200 in May 1983.

Police agree the motive may have been to disrupt "talks about talks" due to resume in Pretoria tomorrow between President FW de Klerk and ANC Deputy President Nelson Mandela.

Soil caked around the explosive devices could mean they came from a buried arms cache, said Major General Herman Stander of the SAP. "But we will have to wait and see when we trace Shongwe."

There are rumours in Atteridgeville that Shongwe could be dead. The taxi could have been hijacked and Shongwe killed by either the Right or Left.

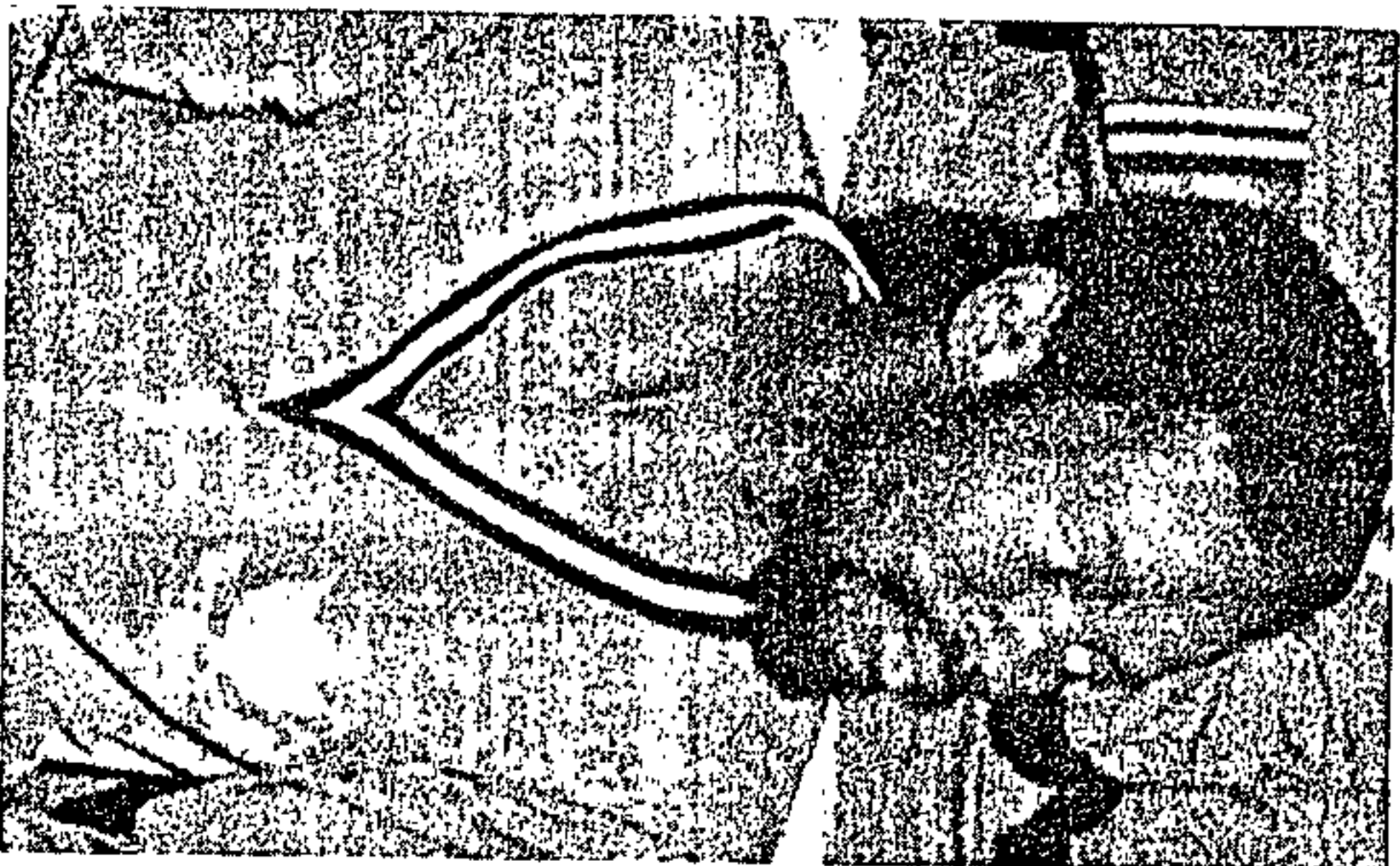
A Pretoria resident became suspicious when he saw the minibus parked at the Hallmark garage for hours and alerted police, who arrived with sniffer dogs.

Police said had the bomb exploded, it would have been devastating because it was in a confined space in the parking garage.

Hallmark Building houses offices used by the SA Defence Force, but mainly offices of private concerns.

The police traced the taxi's owner who employs several people to drive for him. The driver told police he had lent the vehicle to Shongwe last Thursday to fetch his wife. Shongwe had borrowed cars from him before and always returned them on time.

At this stage, police are convinced that neither the taxi owner nor the driver are implicated.



Missing... David "Kimberley" Shongwe.

By ELIAS MALULEKE

THE family of David "Kimberley" Shongwe, 33 - the man sought by police in connection with the taxi found packed with explosives in Pretoria - fear he may be dead.

They think he may have been killed by people who took the taxi, filled it with explosives and parked it at the Hallmark shopping centre in Pretoria. They do not believe Shongwe was involved.

Atteridgeville soccer star Shongwe has no known links with any political organisation.

The taxi belonged to a GaRankuwa businessman. Shongwe, the father of two children and estranged from his wife, was described as humble and a gentle man who would not argue with anybody. He devoted most of his time to soccer.

He played professional soccer for Pretoria Callies and Orlando Pirates before helping to establish Pretoria Helicopters, an NSL second division team, after Callies were relegated.

Apart from playing for two other amateur teams, he was the trainer-coach and captain of Helicopters.

According to his family, friends and others who knew him Shongwe had no political links and did not even attend meetings or rallies. They said he hardly discussed politics.

Shongwe was a part-time driver for more than nine months. He used the taxi in the evenings because the full-time driver, Jacob "Killer" Mapfosa, has weak eyesight and finds it difficult to drive at night.

Shongwe was last seen by Mapfosa on Thursday before 7pm when he collected the taxi. Mapfosa said he became worried on Friday morning when Shongwe failed to show up.



A police picture of the taxi found with explosives. David Shongwe was last seen driving the taxi.



# Tsietsi's funeral is on!

## Organisations rally as government says OK

By SOPHIE TEMA

MINISTER of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok has granted permission for exiled student leader Tsietsi Mashinini to be buried in South Africa.

Mashinini, leader of the Soweto student uprising of June 16, 1976, who died in Guinea in West Africa, will be buried in Soweto on August 11.

His body is expected to arrive at Jan Smuts Airport on Tuesday and will be accompanied by his brother Dee Lebakeng Mashinini and a close friend who is based in London, Barney Mokgatle.

Tsietsi's body is expected in Zimbabwe tomorrow.

A night vigil organised by the Liberation Support Committee will be conducted in Zimbabwe tomorrow night.

Dee said: "Most of the work has been completed and the South African community in Zimbabwe has been very sympathetic."

Back home, the ANC, UDF, Azapo, the SA Youth Revolutionary Council and the Soweto Civic Association have created a committee to plan the peaceful co-ordination of the funeral.

A commemoration service is also planned by Azapo for today in Soweto.

Speakers will be Tsietsi's comrade Kgotso Seatholo and his brother Tsepiso Mashinini, who is in the country and comes from London.

When City Press telephoned Mokgatle on Friday, he appealed for unity and peace at Tsietsi's funeral.

He said: "We appeal for peace and calm so we can bury our leader with honour. This appeal I send to all political organisations in South Africa

and to those who will be attending as individuals."

Meanwhile, about 200 people gathered at the offices of the SA Council for Higher Education on Friday for a service to pay tribute to Tsietsi.

Speakers at the service remembered him as a gallant and dynamic leader who would have contributed significantly to the changing face of South Africa.

Most people at the service were part of the 1976 disturbances, including school children under Tsietsi's command.

Tables were adorned with burning candles and flags of the SA National Student Congress, Azapo and the Azanian National Youth Unity.

Speakers praised Tsietsi as a self-sacrificing leader who stood for unity among all the oppressed. A plea was made for all political organisations to observe his funeral as a symbol of unity.

Seatholo said: "Many offers of luxury were made to buy him out of the struggle, but he declined them, although this meant his inability to buy a dress for his mother or shoes for his sisters."

Seatholo said the mission started by Tsietsi in 1976 was not complete and he called on the youth to work for the unity the leader had stood for.

He said: "Mashinini cannot rest in peace while we continue to kill each other over different ideologies. He stood for unity and we have to see that his dream is realised."

Tsepiso Mashinini, who was only nine years old when Tsietsi went into exile, told sympathisers his family was devastated by his death.



To bury a comrade ... Tsepiso Mashinini and Khotso Seatholo at a commemoration service



# Soweto tense as Inkatha meets

By SANDILE MEMELA

FEAR swept through Soweto this week after rumours of planned attacks by Inkatha members following today's Inkatha rally in Soweto.

Cosatu spokesman Neil Coleman said Inkatha would hold the rally at Jabulani Amphitheatre or Orlando Stadium.

It is alleged a planned campaign of terror will be launched against anti-Inkatha residents of Soweto.

Coleman alleges Inkatha has embarked on a recruitment drive in all hostels on the Reef and those unwilling to join are attacked.

Two men are reported to have been shot and killed at a Denver hostel for reluctance to join Inkatha.

Cosatu lawyers have written to the Commissioner of Police in Pretoria requesting a ban on the Inkatha rally.

However, Regional Commissioner of Police in Soweto, Brigadier DJ Malan, says Inkatha has every right to hold a rally in Soweto.

Malan called on Cosatu to refrain from any deed which might disturb the peace in Soweto.

Cosatu lawyer Peter Harris said he had information showing Inkatha meetings were held at a hostel in Denver, near Johannesburg, where the possibility of attacking residents at Sebokeng yesterday was discussed.

It was however decided that Inkatha members would attack residents of Jabulani and possibly Diepkloof after the rally.

Sapa reports that Inkatha chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi has placed the blame for the July 22 Sebokeng violence, which claimed the lives of 29 people, squarely on the shoulders of the African National Congress.

Buthelezi accused the ANC of murder, intimidation, assault and provocation in his description of bloody events in Sebokeng.



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# Forgive, and forget the past — Dhlomo

By Kaizer Nyatumba,  
Political Staff

If negotiations for the future were to succeed, South Africans of all races would have to forget the past, reach out to each other and commit themselves to a future of peace, prosperity and democracy, according to former Inkatha general-secretary Oscar Dhlomo.

Speaking on "A Modus Vivendi for South Africa's People" at the National Student Federation's annual congress in Midrand this week, Dr Dhlomo said South Africans were emerging from an era of total separation where mutual trust was non-existent.

## Leaders

There was now a need to undergo "some form of national reconciliation, perhaps even before we start negotiating we need to find each other as South Africans".

He said the youth, church and cultural leaders could play an important role in building bridges between races, thus making sure that the ignoble past was "forgotten and forgiven".

Dr Dhlomo said the most important short-term objective on the way to a

new South Africa was to get the negotiation process under way.

Here, cool heads were needed and participants in negotiations would have to be prepared to put the country's interests above those of their organisations.

He advocated "inclusive as opposed to exclusive negotiations" in which everybody would be involved, and said there were to be neither losers nor winners in negotiations.

The long-term objective, Dr Dhlomo said, would be to struggle continuously to establish and preserve democracy. There was therefore "a crying need" for political education aimed at popularising the virtues of multi-party democracy.

"Our ultimate and most reliable protection against tyranny," Dr Dhlomo said, "lies in our ability to inculcate and propagate multi-party democratic values throughout the country."

"Our future democracy will not necessarily come from a new constitution, but it will come from the support, both mental and practical, that we give to multi-party democratic values."

"And it will also come from the degree of commitment we ourselves show in defending and preserving these values."



## Peak-hour blast injures scores in downtown Jo'burg

# Taxi-rank bomb horror



Eyewitness Nthlanhla Mbatia calls relatives of some of the injured.

A powerful explosion ripped through the black taxi ranks and bus terminus in Johannesburg's business district today leaving scores of people injured and damaging at least seven taxis and several private cars.

Eyewitnesses saw injured people lying on pavements and in streets during the peak-hour taxi rush.

No reports of deaths have been received but at least one person is in a critical condition.

At least three cars were badly damaged in the blast and others were damaged when they crashed as the bomb exploded at 8.24 am. The device had been placed in a dustbin in Bree Street between Sauer and West streets.

Emergency services disaster buses, a helicopter, ambulances, police and traffic officials were soon at the scene to ferry the injured to hospital and cordon off the area.

Eyewitness Nthlanhla Mbatia, editor of Drive On magazine, said he believed the bomb had been planted in a concrete dustbin outside the bus stop which serves Soweto.

"I was in the queue, there were about 15 people in front of me, the bomb exploded about 50m away from me.

"We just heard a big noise, everyone scattered, people in the taxis got out and ran away. There were rocks flying into the air. There was blood everywhere. People were crying and screaming. I saw about 10 people injured.

"It was only black people who got injured. I have never seen anything like it before.

"I went to see if I could help, everybody was just crying, there was debris everywhere — the concrete dustbin was destroyed, its contents strewn everywhere among the glass.

Holes were blown into a taxi. "The people who were in the taxi were badly injured. One man had a huge gash in his left thigh, blood was just pouring out. He couldn't talk — he was in shock."

Mr Mbatia said he believed "anti-black elements" could be responsible as 99 percent of the people who worked and lived in the area were black.

He said police arrived on the scene within minutes with dogs

and began cordoning off the devastated area.

"They were telling the injured to remain calm."

Isha Charassi was in her shop in Ceramix centre when she heard the bomb explode. "Everything was clouded with smoke. I saw about six people running towards me with shredded clothing and some with no shoes."

People were standing around the blast scene crying from the shock of the blast.

People in shops buying food before going to work were injured by flying glass.

The area outside the Newgate Shopping Centre, which was strewn with broken glass and debris, was immediately cordoned off by the police.

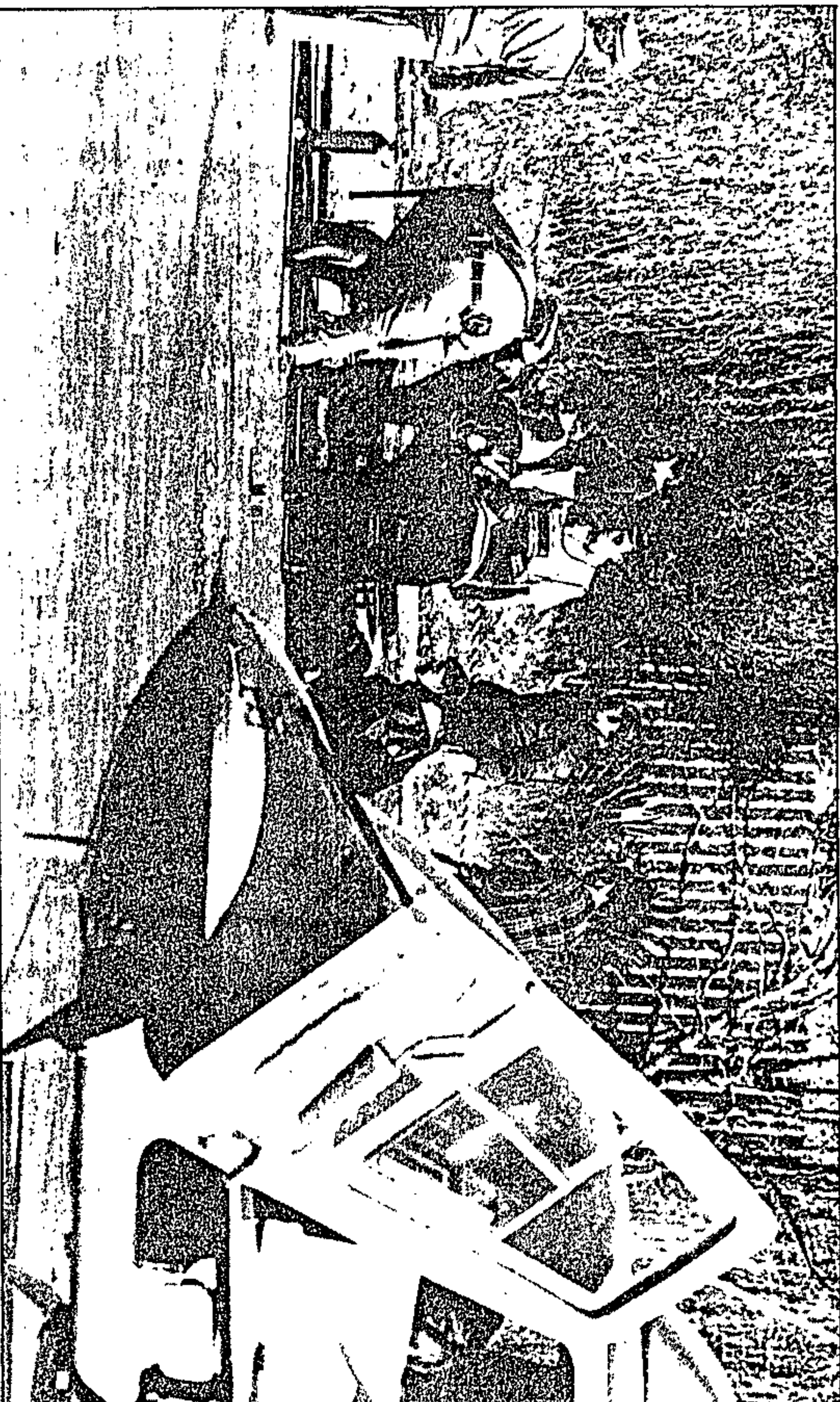
A bystander, Mpho Ramoekoen, said he saw at least one body lying in the street close to the blast when he ran out of a shop after hearing "a big bang". One of those treated for shock and minor injuries Nellie Ndlovu said she only felt glass hitting her and ran away leaving her shoes.

"This is an area which is predominantly used by black people obviously because their bus terminus is here."

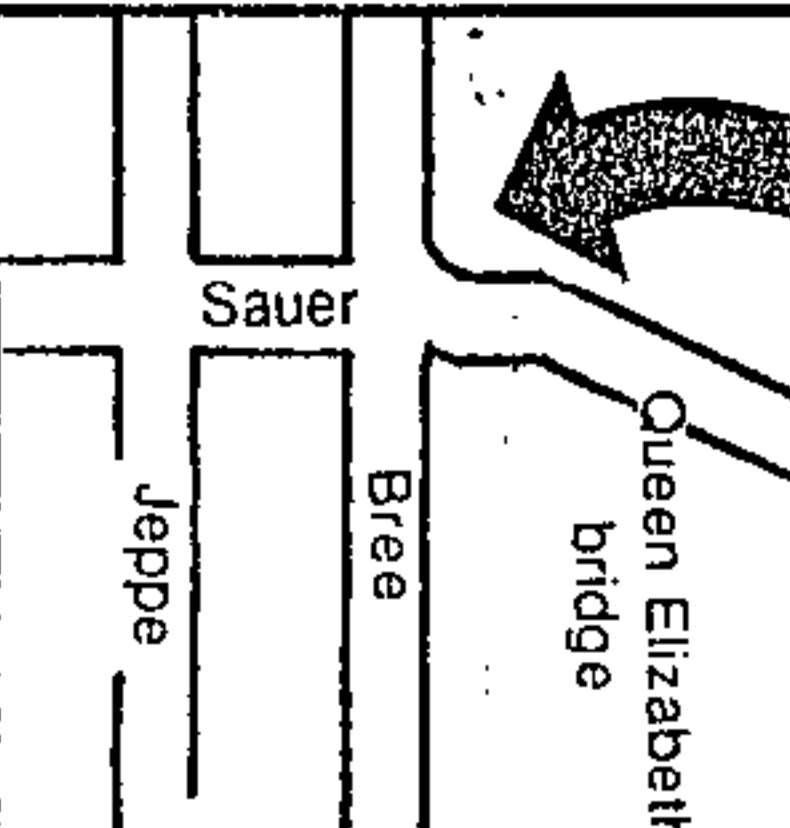
The shocked father of Antoinette Makgwe (25), who was removed from the scene by ambulance with leg injuries, railway worker Mr Johannes Makgwe could hardly speak, tears pouring down his face.

Antoinette's grandmother Violet Gosame from Kimberley was very upset as she was not allowed to comfort her injured grandchild in the ambulance.

By 9.20 am today, the entire area was still cordoned off as police sifted through the rubble to determine the nature of the explosive device.



Where the bomb went off



## Helicopter in mercy airlift

An emergency helicopter (above) readies itself to airlift injured to the Johannesburg Hospital today. (Right) The devastated bus and taxi terminus in Bree Street is cordoned off after a powerful bomb exploded at 8.24 am. Scores of people were hurt and at least seven taxis and several private cars damaged.

● Pictures by David Sandison.





# Bombs

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Falando, both former mineworkers, and was described as consisting of explosives wrapped in newspaper, a petrol drum and a battery.

A South African Police representative said the Carletonville bomb had been defused by a local explosives expert.

Reacting to the Bree Street bomb — the seventh this week — the ANC demanded that the authorities disarm and disband the ultra-right groups and other "neo-facist organisations promoting racial violence".

At a press conference in Cape Town yesterday, MK chief of staff Chris Hani said the latest bomb blast was probably the work of rightwing elements.

Replying to a query on whether MK would take direct action against the right wing, he said: "We are not going to turn the other cheek. We are committed to defending the people and we would be failing in our duties if we didn't defend the oppressed of this country."

But he stressed that there would be "no Nuremberg trials in a future South Africa".

He said he was worried about the "inability of the security police"

to arrest people like Piet "Skiet" Rudolph and other rightwingers still at large.

The Azanian Peoples Organisation secretary, Strini Moodley, said last night that "Azapo had information that white rightwing organisations have embarked upon a programme to wipe out large numbers of blacks and they have targeted many centres frequented by blacks".

Mr Moodley said the police were aware of the right wing's intentions and movements but were doing nothing about it. Black people could not depend on these "instruments of oppression and exploitation".

He said Azapo had approached the ANC and PAC to work out constructive strategies to circumvent the onslaught by the rightwing.

The rightwing actions would be high on the agenda in the consultative conference to be held in mid-August, he said.

Police and emergency vehicles, including a helicopter, were on the scene of yesterday's bomb blast within minutes, according to bystanders. The area was immediately cordoned off.

Four minibuses and three cars were reported to be damaged in the blast. A lone Putco bus was also damaged.





Pension day in Tembisa . . . Hundreds of old folks wait patiently for their money in a community hall. The Tembisa Society for the Aged has planned pension day carefully for its pensioners over several days, giving them all a chance to wait under shelter.

# Pensioners paid out in comfort

By Winnie Graham

The community hall in Tembisa was reminiscent of a railway station. Hundreds of old people milled around, sat down or talked. Vendors, themselves senior citizens, walked up and down the rows taking orders for mugs of hot soup and brown bread.

A sign in the corner advertised "hot achar for sale".

In the kitchen a group of women stirred an enormous pot of high protein chicken soup on a gas burner provided by Rotarians.

They had been engaged to provide the old people with something to eat and drink and were in business for those six days of the month when

the pensioners of Tembisa collected their money.

Unlike many townships where old folks queue out-of-doors from early morning until late at night on pay-out days, the Tembisa Society for the Aged has planned pension day carefully.

The pay-outs are staggered over six days so the 6 000 pensioners in the township do not have to wait all day.

## Sheltered

Instead they have been divided into "blocks" (according to where they live) and on the day they are to receive their pensions are brought by bus to the community centre.

Later they are taken home again.

Disabled pensioners are

wheeled in first and automatically placed near the front of the queue.

Because they are sheltered from the elements, the other pensioners happily wait their turn.

No one here has died waiting in queues which was recently the case in another area where pensioners had to wait outside for their money.

Pension day is not an ordeal in Tembisa.

Rather it has become a social occasion: a time for old folks to meet their friends.

The hall has a festive atmosphere. The path is lined with small stalls: entrepreneurs are busy selling anything from fruit and vegetables to basic toiletries.

But, although the community workers are well-pleased they have eased the lot of their old folks on at least one day of the month, they are not satisfied they are doing enough.

## Squatters

Sister Tryphina Makhene said there were several hundred old people in the area who have nowhere to live: they shelter at the squatter camp, "Plasticview", so called because the shacks have been built of plastic bags.

"There must be at least 300 old people who have nowhere to stay," she said. "Not all have children with whom they can live."

She said a site for an old

age home to house these people had already been allocated, plans for a home have been drawn up, and the society was trying to raise money to start building.

In the meantime the society, with the help of local churches, is doing its best. Its lunch club meets twice a week, providing interested old people with an outing and a hot meal.

But the really destitute old folks do not benefit.

"We can't reach the immobile ones," Sister Tryphina added.

Further information about the proposed old age home can be obtained from her or Sister Ruth Ndhlovu at (011)926-2861.



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## Trade union lectures continue tomorrow

By Montshiwa Moroke

Seven weeks of thought-provoking and informative series of lectures on trade unionism which began at the Funda Centre in Diepkloof, Soweto, last Saturday, will continue tomorrow.

The non-formal education programme is being held jointly by the Council for Black Education and Research and the Urban Training Project, every Saturday until August 11.

The theme of the series is "Labour Movement: Examining the past, present and future of South African labour movement and its role in the changing socio-political and economic scenario".

The programme is as follows: July 7 (Organising workers); July 14 (Industrial strikes); July 21 (Relation with political and industrial strikes); July 28 (South African labour laws); August 4 (Trade union federations) and August 11 (Labour movement and political struggle).

The presenters will include: Mr Leonard Charles Mavuso, trainer/consultant at the SPA Management Consultants; Mr Mnwabisi Vika, national organiser at Black Allied, Mining and Construction Workers Union (Bancwu); Mr Abel Majola, labour researcher at the Wits Graduate School of Business Administration; Mr Thami Mcerwa, legal and education co-ordinator at the Urban Training Project and Mr Jacob Lehoko Noe, MA in industrial relations (UK).

The lectures last until 12,30 pm and registration is R3 for adults and R2 for students, for the duration of the lectures. Mrs Matshidiso Napo, co-ordinator of the programme can be contacted at 938-1485/1770-2, for further information.

## Inquiry to be held into activist's killing

A judicial inquiry is to be launched into the fatal shooting of a young political activist in Alexandra Township on Saturday.

This comes after claims that police were in collusion with township councillors to "wipe out troublemakers".

### Intimidation

At a press conference in Johannesburg yesterday, ANC member Moses Mayekiso, president of the Alexandra Civic Organisation, said the shot man was Meshack Kunene.

Sapa has obtained photostats of a meeting of the Alexandra Advisory Committee on April 11 in which a policeman at Alexandra, Lieutenant-Colonel G F N Ruthven mentioned that there had been a lot of intimidation of councillors.

"The councillors want

the police to wipe out these troublemakers without any formal charge being laid," Colonel Ruthven said in the recorded minutes.

"We regard the shooting of Meshack Kunene as a violation of the Groote Schuur Minute," said Mr Mayekiso.

He added that it was this kind of police action which would force political activists underground again.

### 'Nothing wrong'

Brigadier Leon Mellet, liaison officer for Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok, said in a telephone interview that he saw nothing wrong with the statement attributed to Colonel Ruthven.

"This was a meeting which took place in April while the state of emergency was still in force."

— Sapa.



(c) die naaste Swart woongebied of afgesonderde ontwikkelingsgebied beoog in artikel 33 van die Wet op die Ontwikkeling van Swart Gemeenskappe, 1984 (Wet No. 4 van 1984); hierdie gebied moet met 'n groen kleur aangetoon word;

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# OMSKRYWING VAN GROND AANGEWYS AS 'N ONTWIKKELINGSGEBIED IN DIE DISTRIK VER-EENIGING, TRANSVAAL

Ingevolge artikel 33 (3) van die Wet op die Ontwikkeling van Swart Gemeenskappe, 1984 (Wet No. 4 van 1984), omskryf ek, Andrew Fourie, Adjunk-minister van Beplanning, in die Bylae hiervan grond wat kragtens artikel 33 (1) van bedoelde Wet as 'n ontwikkelingsgebied aangewys is.

A. FOURIE,

Adjunk-minister van Beplanning.

(Lêer 20/5/S104/1)

## BYLAE

'n Sekere stuk grond, 67,1958 ha groot, synde Gedeelte 40 ('n gedeelte van Gedeelte 8) van die plaas Wildebeestfontein 536 IQ, Transvaal, soos aangetoon op Landmeter-generaaldiagram 12420/86.

(c) the nearest Black township or designated development area referred in section 33 of the Black Communities Development Act, 1984 (Act No. 4 of 1984); this area must be indicated in green;

(d) any zoned industrial area within, adjacent to or in the vicinity of the proposed area, must be indicated in purple;

(e) municipal boundaries must be indicated by a broken red line and must be clearly defined; and

(f) the possible future area for expansion of the proposed free settlement area must be indicated by arrows and the approximate area (hectares) given.

4. In the case of a proposed new township a proposed layout plan must accompany the application.

5. Any application must contain details in connection with the availability of services such as water, sewage works, electricity, road and rail links, public transport, public amenities and schools, the social and socio-economic conditions prevailing in the proposed and neighbouring areas as well as the estimated numbers of the different racial groups residing in the proposed and neighbouring areas.

6. The applicant must motivate the need and desirability for the proclamation of the proposed free settlement area.

7. The applicant must indicate the capacity in which he applies, clearly on his application. If the applicant is a township developer, affirmation is required that the said applicant complies with the requirements of the respective provincial ordinances with regard to the land concerned as well as an indication as to how far the application for township establishment has progressed.

No. 1513

6 July 1990

# DEFINITION OF LAND DESIGNATED AS A DEVELOPMENT AREA IN THE DISTRICT OF VER-EENIGING, TRANSVAAL (343)

Under section 33 (3) of the Black Communities Development Act, 1984 (Act No. 4 of 1984), I, Andrew Fourie, Deputy Minister of Planning, define in the Schedule hereto land which has been designated as a development area in terms of section 33 (1) of the said Act.

A. FOURIE,

Deputy Minister of Planning.

(File 20/5/S104/1)

## SCHEDULE

A certain area of land, 67,1958 ha in extent, being Portion 40 (a portion of Portion 8) of the farm Wildebeestfontein 536 IQ, Transvaal, as shown on Surveyor-General Diagram 12420/86.

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**OMSKRYWING VAN GROND AANGEWYS AS 'N ONTWIKKELINGSGEBIED IN DIE DISTRIK HOËVELDRIF, TRANSVAAL**

Ingevolge artikel 33 (3) van die Wet op die Ontwikkeling van Swart Gemeenskappe, 1984 (Wet No. 4 van 1984), omskryf ek, Andrew Fourie, Adjunk-minister van Beplanning, in die Bylae hiervan grond wat kragtens artikel 33 (1) van bedoelde Wet as 'n ontwikkelingsgebied aangewys is.

A. FOURIE,  
Adjunk-minister van Beplanning.

(Lêer 20/5/E35/1)

**BYLAE**

'n Sekere stuk grond 56,9770 ha groot, synde 'n Proklamasiegebied oor die plaas Langverwacht 282 IS geleë in die provinsie Transvaal, soos aangetoon op Landmeter-generaaldiaqram A7099/89.

No. 1515

6 Julie 1990

**OMSKRYWING VAN GROND AANGEWYS AS 'N ONTWIKKELINGSGEBIED IN DIE DISTRIK JOHANNESBURG, TRANSVAAL**

Ingevolge artikel 33 (3) van die Wet op die Ontwikkeling van Swart Gemeenskappe, 1984 (Wet No. 4 van 1984), omskryf ek, Andrew Fourie, Adjunk-minister van Beplanning in die Bylae hiervan grond wat ingevolge artikel 33 (1) van bedoelde Wet as 'n ontwikkelingsgebied aangewys is.

A. FOURIE,  
Adjunk-minister van Beplanning.

(Lêer 20/5/S109/1)

**BYLAE**

1. 'n Sekere stuk grond, 2,0940 ha groot, synde Gedeelte 81 ('n gedeelte van Gedeelte 80) van die plaas Diepkloof 319 IQ, Transvaal, soos aangetoon op Landmeter-generaaldiaqram 87/87.

No. 1518

6 Julie 1990

**PROKLAMASIE VAN 'N GROEPSGEBIED Kragtens die Wet op Groepsgebiede, 1966, TE PAROW, DISTRIK BELLVILLE, PROVINSIE DIE KAAP DIE GOEIE HOOP****VERBETERINGSKENNISGEWING**

Onderstaande verbetering van Proklamasie No. 35 van 1990, gedateer 9 Maart 1990, word vir algemene inligting gepubliseer:

In die derde reël van die Afrikaanse teks van die Bylae daarvan, vervang die woord "noordwestelike" deur die woord "noordoostelike".

No. 1514

6 July 1990

**DEFINITION OF LAND DESIGNATED AS A DEVELOPMENT AREA IN THE DISTRICT OF HIGHVELD RIDGE, TRANSVAAL**

In terms of section 33 (3) of the Black Communities Development Act, 1984 (Act No. 4 of 1984), I, Andrew Fourie, Deputy Minister of Planning, define in the Schedule hereto land which has been designated as a development area under section 33 (1) of the said Act.

A. FOURIE,  
Deputy Minister of Planning.

(File 20/5/E35/1)

**SCHEDULE**

A certain area of land 56,9770 ha in extent, being a Proclamation Area over the farm Langverwacht 282 IS situated in the Province of the Transvaal, as shown on Surveyor-General Diagram A7099/89.

No. 1515

6 July 1990

**DEFINITION OF LAND DESIGNATED AS A DEVELOPMENT AREA IN THE DISTRICT OF JOHANNESBURG, TRANSVAAL**

Under section 33 (3) of the Black Communities Development Act, 1984 (Act No. 4 of 1984), I, Andrew Fourie, Deputy Minister of Planning, define in the Schedule hereto land which has been designated as a development area in terms of section 33 (1) of the said Act.

A. FOURIE,  
Deputy Minister of Planning.

(File 20/5/S109/1)

**SCHEDULE**

1. A certain area of land, 2,0940 ha in extent, being Portion 81 (a portion of Portion 80) of the farm Diepkloof 319 IQ, Transvaal, as shown on Surveyor-General Diagram 87/87.

No. 1518

6 July 1990

**PROCLAMATION OF A GROUP AREA UNDER THE GROUP AREAS ACT, 1966 AT PAROW, DISTRICT OF BELLVILLE, PROVINCE OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE****CORRECTION NOTICE**

The following correction to Proclamation No. 35 of 1990, dated 9 March 1990, is published for general information:

In the third line of the English text of the Schedule thereto, substitute the word "north-eastern" for the word "north-western".



# Alex death: SAP under fire

**ALEXANDRA** activists this week denied the police version of events which led to the fatal shooting last weekend of a young marshal during a rally to welcome home African National Congress general secretary Alfred Nzo.

At a press conference at the ANC head office in Johannesburg, the activists accused police of acting negligently and provoking "a situation which could have got out of control had we not acted swiftly".

They also denied the police allegation that the dead activist, Meshack Kunene, was shot because he was attacking the police.

They said Mr Kunene,

## KAIZER NYATSUMBA

a marshal, was shot by a black policeman called Alex (surname unknown) as organisers of the rally were talking to Captain Stephen van Huysteen who was in charge of the police team.

The activists, who will be meeting Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok about the matter in

August, have called for the suspension and prosecution of Captain van Huysteen and the policeman named Alex, the removal of troops from the township, and end to police harassment of activists, and a "guarantee of free political activity".

In his response, Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said the police stuck to their version of events.

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# 'Violence can be traced to uprising in Soweto'

By Carina le Grange

Much of the violence expressed today by black youths can be traced to the Soweto uprising in 1976 and the unrest of 1984, Lloyd Vogelmann of the University of the Witwatersrand said today.

Mr Vogelmann, the director of the Project for the Study of Violence at the University of the Witwatersrand, was speaking at a conference with the theme "Modern Madness" organised by the National Council of Mental Health in Johannesburg.

"Sixty percent of the black population is under 20 years old. Apartheid has dehumanised their existence," he said.

Today's 20-years-old blacks were six in 1976 and 14 in 1984. They had little schooling due to school boycotts in the '80s, and have done without an education, have few skills and face a future of repeated rejection, he said.

## Deprivation

Mr Vogelmann said many young South Africans led lives of deprivation with little chance of economic enhancement. They had no political rights and had never seen political parties representing their interests.

"They have never known formalised institutions which could bring a better life for them and their parents."

Considering these factors, it became understandable why this section of the population were the most likely to take part in violence.

Among the solutions he proposed was better policing by better trained policemen.

"Lessons need to be learned from police in European countries who often are confronted by rowdy and aggressive mobs and yet do not leave numerous dead," he said.



# SAP action at Mamelodi questioned

By Mckeed Kotlolo, 343  
9/11/90 Pretoria Bureau

Organisers of yesterday's Mamelodi rent meeting are to demand an explanation for police action which resulted in 255 people being injured.

Representations are to be made to Adriaan Vlok, Minister of Law and Order.

UDF leader Moss Chikane charged today that right-wing elements within the police force had been responsible for the disruption of the meeting.

Mr Chikane, who chaired the meeting, said because of the seriousness of the matter, it would be referred to ANC officials, who would, he believed, de-

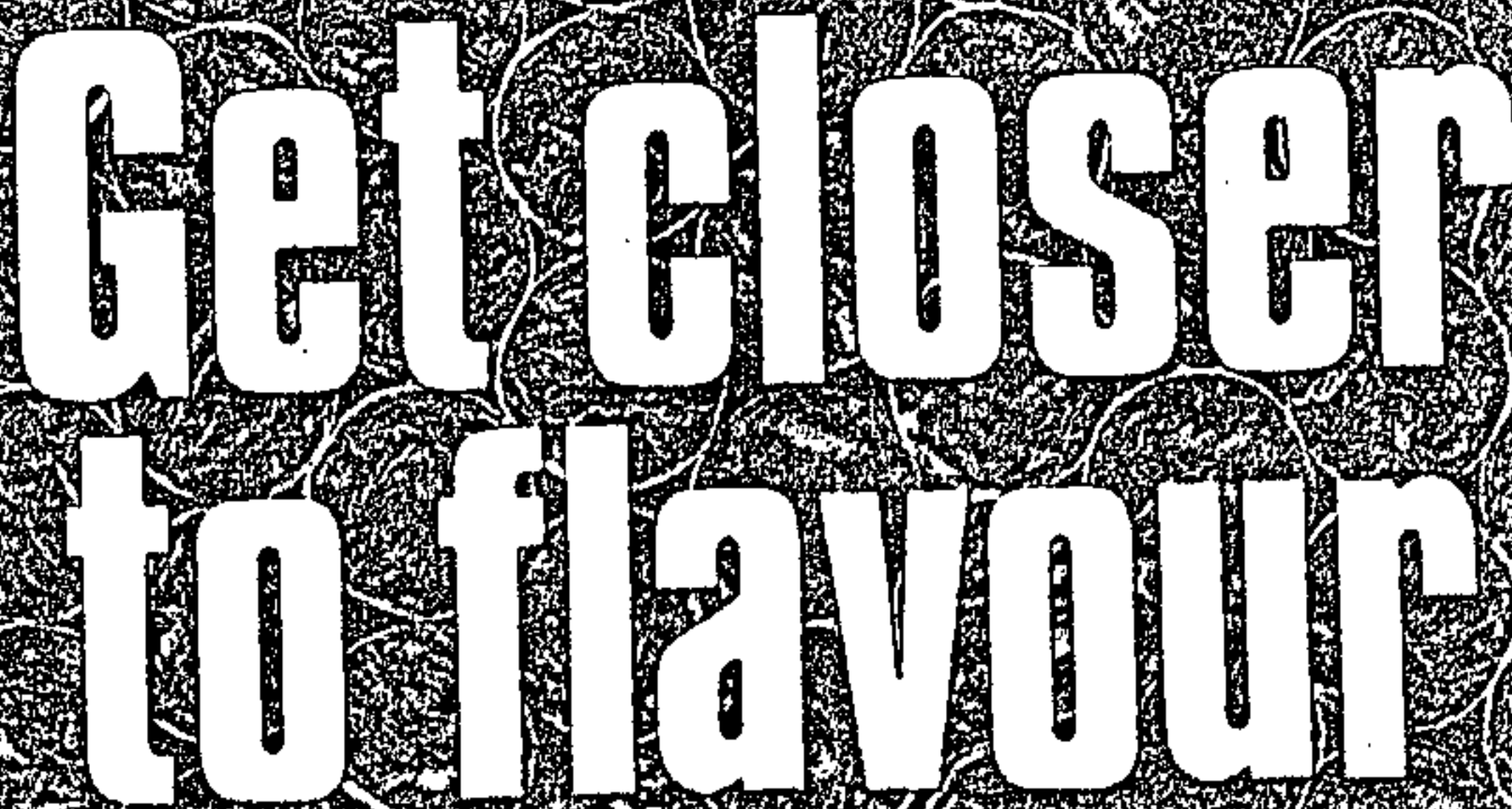
mand an explanation from President de Klerk and Mr Vlok.

He said by late last night the list of injured people had increased to 255.

When the police action started at 12.05 pm, many people inside the stadium were already seated, listening to publicity secretary Nyobo Malefo. People outside began shouting that the police had arrived.

Mr Malefo left the podium to speak to the police but before he could do so, eyewitnesses said, a teargas cannister landed in front of the podium. Many others followed.

There was pandemonium as people fought to get away.



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## Pay or be cut off — mayor

By Abel Mabelane,  
East Rand Bureau

Tembisa mayor Solomon More has warned rent boycotters that unless water and electricity accounts were paid, supplies would be cut off on July 15.

He said in a television interview that Eskom and the Rand Water Board had warned the council that if it did not pay its debt by July 15 they would cut off supplies.

He appealed to rent boycotters to at least pay for water and electricity.

A meeting to have been held between a TPA official and local structures on June 28 to discuss the boycott failed to take place. A meeting is planned for some time this week.

Acting town clerk Willem Relihan said it had not yet been decided whether to allow residents to pay a flat rate for rent.



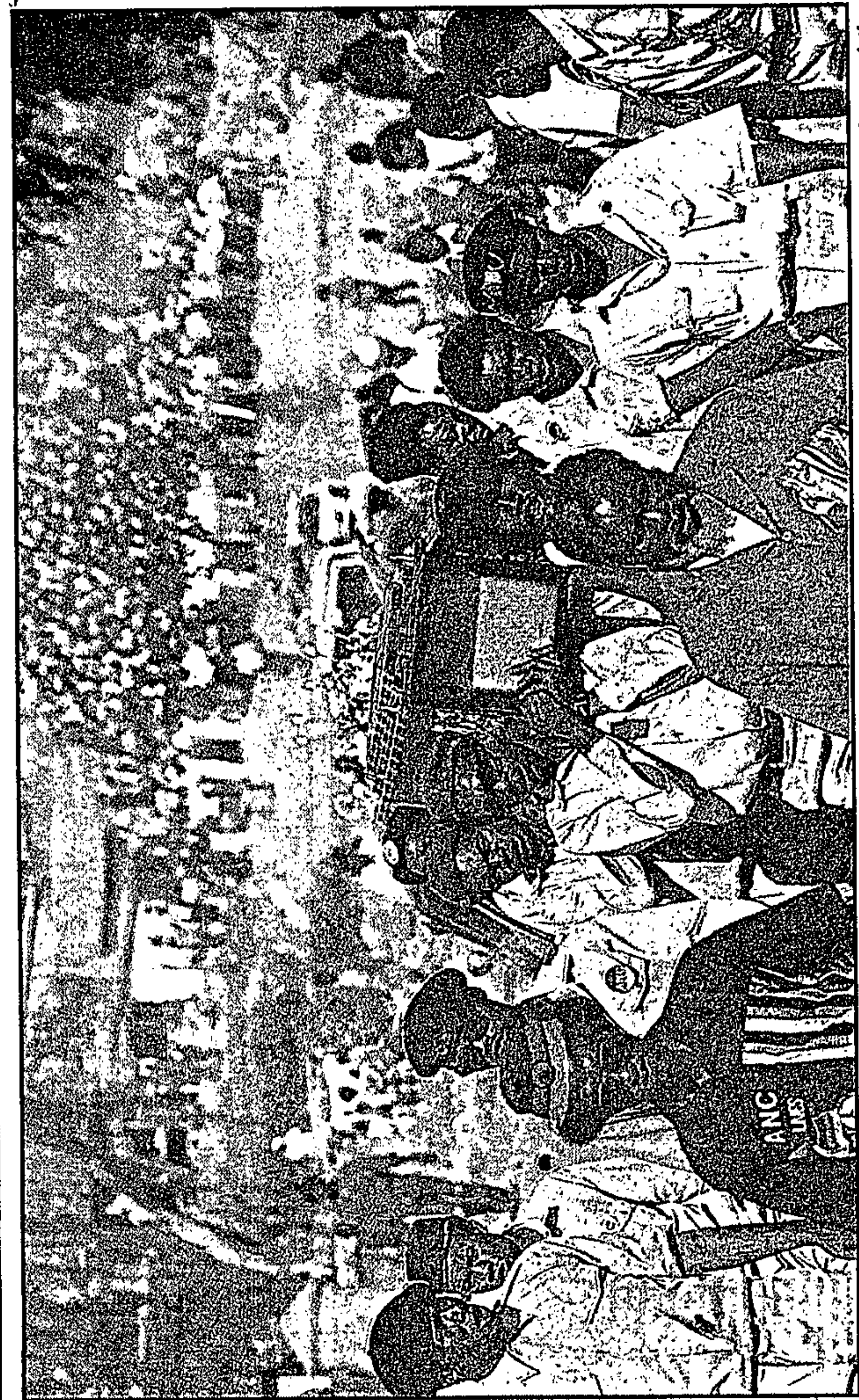
NEWS

# Sisulu calls for probe into shooting

By Kaizer Nyatumba,  
Political Staff

African National Congress internal chairman Walter Sisulu yesterday called for a commission of inquiry into the fatal shooting at Alexandra last weekend of an ANC marshal, who was buried yesterday.

Speaking at the service in the KwaNobuhle Hall in Alexandra, Mr Sisulu said the fact that the marshal, Meshack Kunene, was shot dead during a rally to welcome home ANC general secretary Alfred Nzo was indicative of the Government's lack of regard for the ANC and lack of respect for the Groote Schuur Minute.



Activist honoured . . . the "Young Lions" carry Meshack Kunene's coffin to the cemetery in Alexandra yesterday, while the rest of the funeral procession follows at a distance. ● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

## Threatened

Activists have denied the police claim that Mr Kunene was shot in self-defence while he was attacking the police.

They said Mr Kunene was threatened shortly before the shooting.

Mr Sisulu called for a commission of inquiry into the death.

Mr Nzo, who could not be at the funeral, sent a message of solidarity to the mourners, which was read by Mr Sisulu.

The funeral was attended by about 3 500 people.



# 100 are injured in clash with police

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**MORE than 100** people were injured in confrontations with police in Mamelodi yesterday, according to Pretoria United Democratic Front leader Mr Moss Chikane.

Police surrounded Mamelodi's HM Pitje Stadium where UDF officials were addressing a report-back meeting on the ongoing rents boycott in the area.

He said police blocked the main gate before firing teargas at a crowd of about 1 000 people in the stadium. Kalafong Hospital spokeswoman Dr M Kelly said more than 100 people were admitted to the hospital and a clinic in the township.

Police say 12 people were arrested after they tried to burn the stadium and a minibus and a bus were gutted in petrol bomb attacks. The UDF says it will make a formal complaint to Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok.

**MONK NKOMO** reports that Atteridgeville town councillors were yesterday warned that should electricity and water be cut because of the four-month-old rent boycott they should vacate their houses and go and live in town.

Police said the command-ing officer ordered his men back after giving an order to disperse. The order was ignored.

Police said councillors were arrested after they tried to burn the stadium and a minibus and a bus were gutted in petrol bomb attacks. The UDF says it will make a formal complaint to Law and Order Minister Adrian Vlok.

He said the command-ing officer ordered his men back after giving an order to disperse. The order was ignored.

He said a commission of inquiry had recommended the dissolution of the council because of misuse of public funds and had not submitted financial statements. Chidi said councillors should stop confusing residents about electricity and water cuts if rents were not paid.



BACKGROUND

# Rent boycott bomb could explode into violence

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Pressure on township residents to break the rent boycott in the Transvaal could unleash an unprecedented wave of violence and threaten the peace negotiations process under way in South Africa, community leaders, politicians and academics agree.

And they regard plans by the Transvaal Provincial Administration to cut bridging funds to black councils as untimely and potentially dangerous.

Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hennis Kriel said yesterday that the Government was aware of the sensitivity of the issue and was involved in urgent, confidential negotiations to find a solution.

But, he said, "No government can subsidise millions of people with rent, electricity, water, refuse removal and other municipal services."

"We have to take steps to balance the books. Citizens have to play their part, we cannot continue pumping in money and inflation."

The TPA has set July 31 as the date on which it will stop bridging costs to black councils.

It says it is running out of funds and cannot continue subsidising rent and service costs for the 47 Transvaal townships, where boycotts are in progress.

"Bridging money" is money given by the TPA to black local authorities to enable them to pay running costs, subsidising the non-payment of rent and/or services.

TPA spokesman Jan van der Walt estimates a backlog of R787 million in rent and service payments in the Transvaal has been accumulated since the boycott started in 1986.

He said the TPA's budget for 1990 was R428 million, but requests for roughly R60 million were coming in monthly.

"We are not withdrawing funds, we simply cannot supply the demand and there are indications further funds from central government will not be forthcoming," he said.

In 1988 it was estimated that 4 million people throughout South Africa were boycotting. Mr van der Walt said the current number was "millions and millions".

There have been sporadic boycotts in the Transvaal, concentrated mainly in the Vaal Triangle, Soweto and Diepsloot. In February/March 1990, however, the situation took a dramatic turn spreading to 47 of the 82 black towns in the Transvaal.

Although negotiations to address the Transvaal township rent and service boycott are in progress at local levels, analysts believe the issue should be tackled on a national front, warning that ham-handed action could spark an uprising worse than that of the mid-1980s and could jeopardise peace negotiations in South Africa. **DAWN BARKHUIZEN** reports.

Mr van der Walt declined to comment on the possibility of a backlash, but agreed that previous strong-arm attempts to recover rent had caused unrest.

People were killed and scores injured in violence that erupted after municipal police attempted to evict rent defaulters in the past.

"We are not being prescriptive," Mr van der Walt said. "We will deal with every case on merit, but we have only R17 million to spend each month. If the boycott continues the administration of some towns could be seriously affected."

The question of electricity cuts is crucial, if bills go unpaid.

Eskom spokesman Johan du Plessis said, "All accounts are currently up to date. We are reluctant to speculate on the possibility of power cuts, but the ball is in our court and we have to deal with it."

## Discussions

He said discussions with the TPA were under way. Eskom would negotiate with all town councils involved. While reluctant to consider cutting electricity supplies, Eskom's approach was businesslike — it needed revenue from its product.

While there is conjecture over the relevance and efficacy of the boycott, there is a general consensus that, unless the issue is delicately and intelligently handled, it could explode into national unrest.

Research officer for the Centre for Policy Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand Johannes Rantete believes the rent boycott issue is South Africa's biggest time bomb.

"It has been ticking away for years with little done to defuse it. It is a grassroots issue which affects everybody. Touch it and you touch a nerve. The potential for an explosion is great, particularly now when political con-

sciousness is high. If incorrectly handled this could unleash an outbreak of violence the like of which we have never seen before," he said.

In his view, the current approach is lethal.

"This issue needs to be resolved at top level government, not local level. The councils are a sore point, many township residents regard them as illegitimate. It is all very well for top leaders to interact, but you cannot expect to reconcile people on the lower levels where the wounds are still raw."

He said: "The rent boycott cannot be looked at in isolation or resolved in a piecemeal way. It is part of the greater problem, along with poverty, housing shortages, group areas and unemployment. Civil issues need to be part of the current transition initiative."

Soweto community stalwart Leon and Mosala warned: "Any attempts to cut off basic services would not only lead to a serious health problems, but also a dangerous political situation."

"A great deal of discipline and foresight is required. It is crucial that both sides — true community representatives and the Government — seriously negotiate a resolution," he said.

Soweto Civic Association spokesman, Patrick Lephunga believes the steps taken by the TPA could put the national process negotiations at risk.

Democratic Party MP Robin Carlisle said it was inevitable that subsidisation would end because financial resources were limited.

"People need to understand that the money has to come from somewhere. They have to work out their priorities. If subsidising electricity is a priority then other areas of expenditure have to be cut."

"A new deal needs to be negotiated by community bodies — otherwise there will be a bloody disaster."

Mr Rantete said the boycott had essentially been designed:

- To make the State aware of real poverty (many people were genuinely too poor to pay) and halt the high in-

creases that councils began implementing when they were established in late 1983.

- As a medium of expression against the authorities, particularly the councils, which are regarded as corrupt, incompetent and non-representative.

Residents also contended that the houses in which they had lived for years had been paid for many times over and should be transferred to them. These points still applied today, Mr Rantete said.

Mr Lephunga said residents did not object to paying service charges, but refused to deal with councils which they regarded as corrupt and non-representative.

- The SCA was also demanding: black councils and all other apartheid councils (including the Johannesburg City Council, which, the SCA felt, obviously had too much money if it could employ spy rings).
- Individual electricity bills instead of flat rates payable to the council.

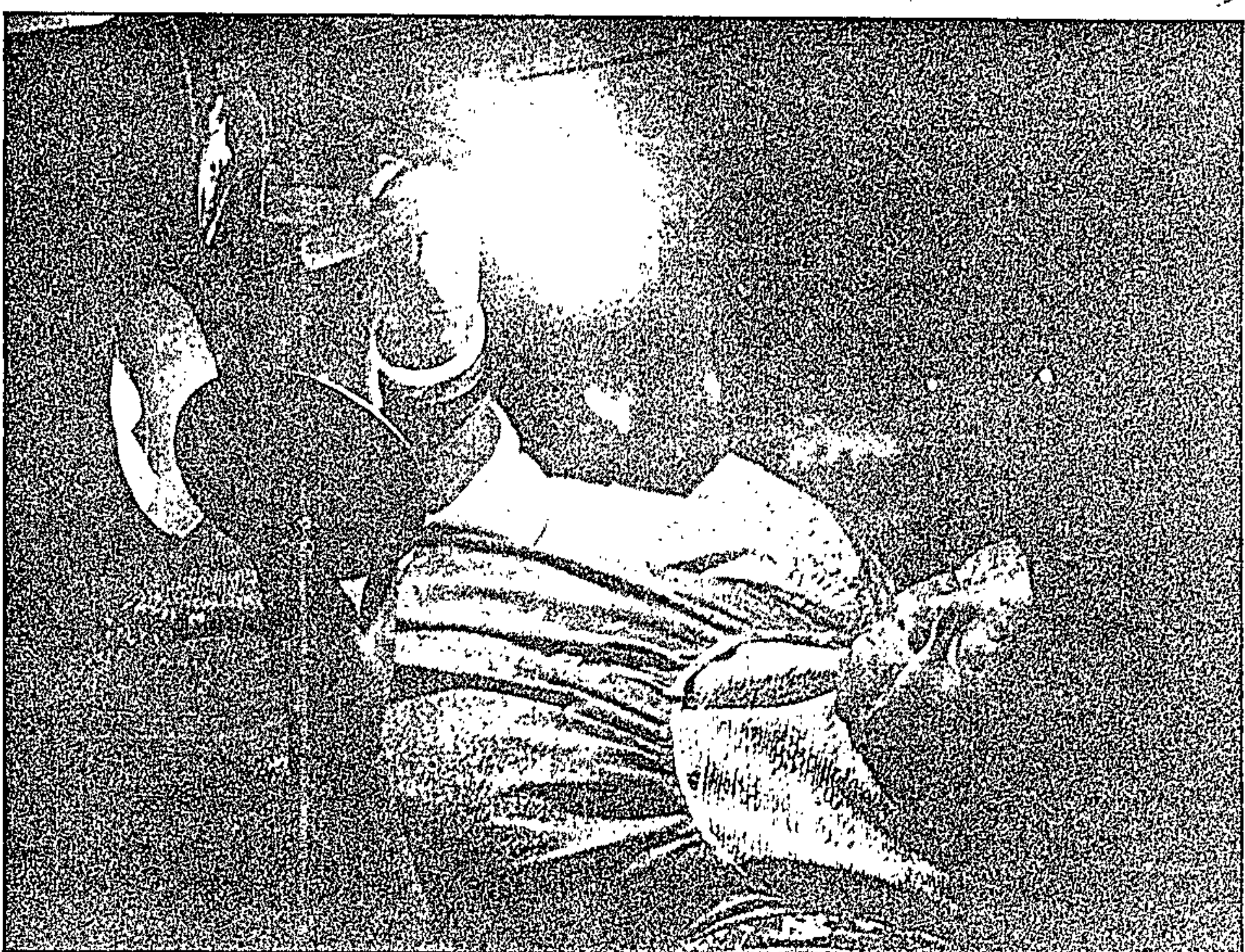
## Implications

Mr Mosala said commercialisation of land for private houses had exacerbated the problem because huge profits had been paid and most black people had been priced right out of the market.

Mr Carlisle said it was time to end rent and service boycotts because:

- They were being violently enforced.
- The implications for the future were grave for residents, whatever government was in power. It would be difficult to reverse the trend of non-payment in the future.
- Their impact was making township life even more miserable. In Tembisa, for example, a thick crust of sewage had covered much of the township.
- Development was grinding to a halt. In Kuyalisha 14 of the 17 developers had withdrawn in the last year fearing non-payment of rents or loans.
- The grievances are real and important, the councils remain corrupt and the services are generally very bad, but boycotts are worsening these problems and have not proved to be a solution," he said.

"There is a danger that as boycotts become anarchic they will overtake any process acceptable to local authorities."



Powerless... crucial to the issue of rent boycotts is the question of electricity cuts if bills go unpaid — previous strong-arm attempts to recover payments have sparked off unrest in the townships.



# Celebration ends in teargas stampede

Sunday's police action in Mamelodi was for many a reminder of the November 1985 shootings which claimed 12 lives.

But, unlike 1985, when victims were treated for bullet and birdshot wounds, the majority of the 255 said by organisers to have been injured this time were hurt during a stampede for cover from a "rain" of teargas canisters.

During the 1985 administration offices shootings, people were killed or maimed after protesting against high rentals.

This Sunday's shootings, at the H. M. Pitje Stadium, occurred when an estimated

16 000 people were briefed on the successful June 20 talks between the Mamelodi People's Delegation and officials of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA).

Residents had just been told rent arrears would be frozen and the Mamelodi City Council would stop harassing defaulters.

But the celebration was short-lived. Police shot scores of teargas canisters at residents applauding the results of the talks.

The first indication that the police had arrived on the scene came when residents standing near the only open entrance to

By McKeed Kotlolo of The Star's Pretoria Bureau, who was at Mamelodi's H M Pitje stadium when 255 people were injured after police fired teargas.

the stadium shouted that the police had appeared.

When Nyobo Malefo, the publicity secretary of the MPD, left the podium to speak to the police, the first teargas canister thudded down in front of the stage.

Young and old scuttled for cover while those near to the entrance found it blocked by gasps. The stampede which

followed caused most of the injuries.

Others were hurt as they tried to scale a security fence inside the stadium or a brick wall around the facility. Still more were trampled on and babies, and many older residents, were overcome by teargas.

According to the organisers, the majority of those hurt were treated for fractured limbs, burns, cuts or teargas inhalation. Others were said to have been bitten by police dogs.

The injured were taken to the Mamelodi Day Hospital by private cars, taxis or ambulances.

Police, who were later joined by members of the South African Defence Force, continued to fire teargas inside the stadium and pursued people into nearby homes.

About 30 minutes after the shootings, the stadium was empty, with scores of shoes and other items scattered about.

Moss Chikane, chairman of the Pretoria branch of the United Democratic Front, said this week that he had tried to discuss the matter with the police but had been told "to report it to the police and lay a charge".

Police actions threaten to become major issue — Page 15.

## Boost for business journalism

A programme to assist black journalists to evaluate critically events and trends about business and economic matters was launched at a luncheon in Johannesburg on Friday.

The year-long programme was devised by the Centre for Developing Studies at the University of the Witwatersrand and is funded by the Australian government.

Programme co-ordinator Raymond Louw said it was vital that arguments about the redistribution of wealth to redress the wrongs of apartheid were presented to black people by knowledgeable black journalists.

### Biggest

Mr Louw said in a statement that a lack of business skills was the biggest single deficiency in black journalism.

The course is described as the equivalent of a university first year business diploma course with a bias towards financial journalism.

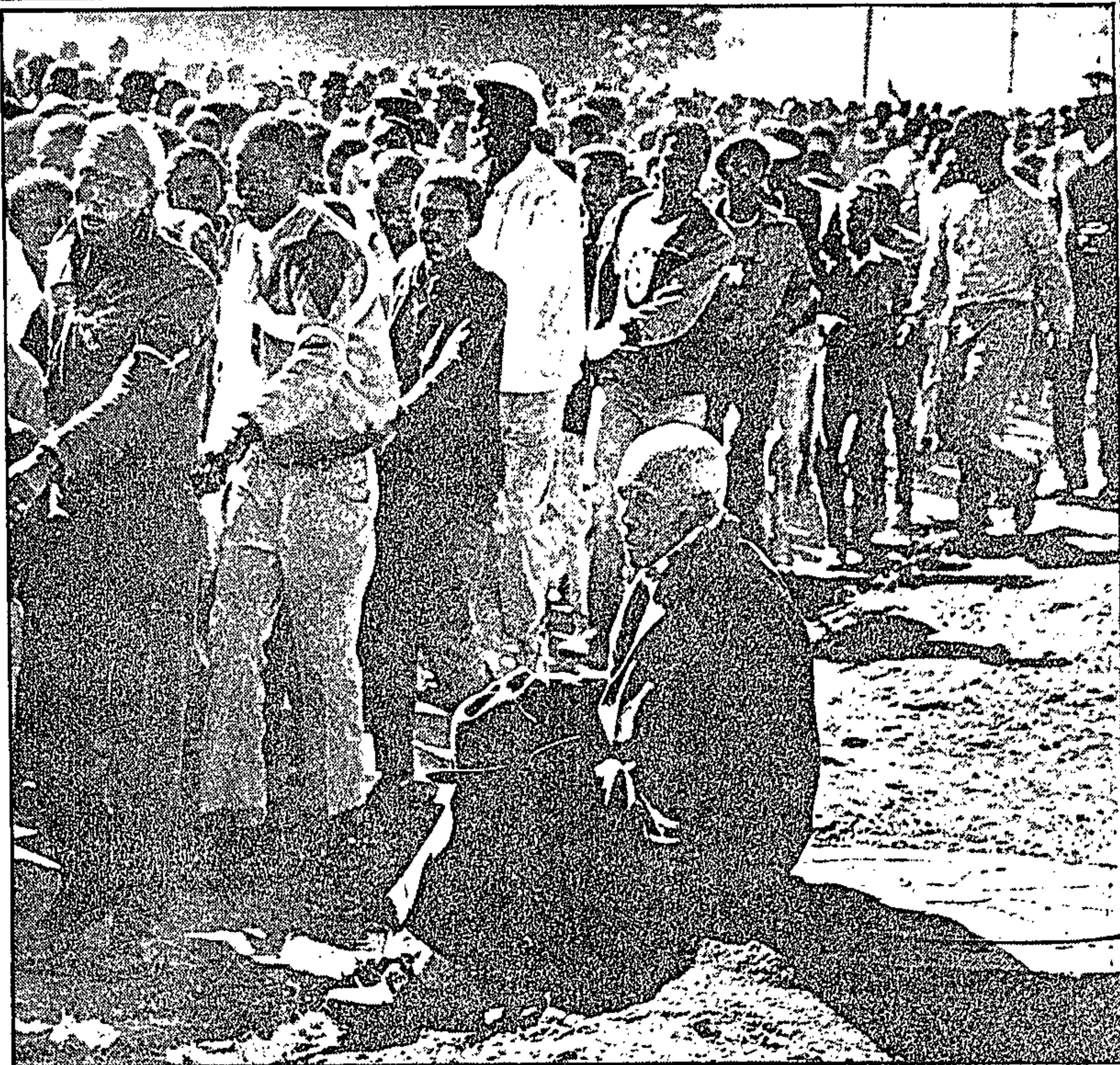
It consists of lectures and other business-related activities scheduled for two days a week at the centre.

For the rest of the week the 24 trainees on the scheme will engage in practical business journalism or administration at their publications.

These include The Star, Sowetan, New Nation, Daily Mail, Sunday Times, Business Day, African Business, Work in Progress, Vrye Weekblad and Indicator.



## NEWS



Stepping out in protest . . . pupils, teachers and parents march in protest against the education system, while an old man who watches from the sidelines appears to have seen it all before.

● Picture by Ken Oosterbroek.

## Tembisa teachers, pupils march

By Stan Hlophe

A group of about 2 000 teachers and pupils staged a protest march in Tembisa township near Kempton Park yesterday.

The march, organised by the National Education Union of South Africa (Neusa) and Congress of SA Students (Cosas), proceeded from Jan Lubbe Stadium to a filling station in Mthambeka Section.

The marchers handed a memorandum listing their grievances and demands to an assistant director of education in the Kempton Park area, Martin van Vuuren.

There were no incidents. Police watched the proceedings.

Mr van Vuuren promised to give the memorandum to the regional

director, JH Booyens, whom he said was on leave. He added that the organisers should expect a reply as soon as Mr Booyens returned from leave.

Neusa regional chairman Thulas Nxesi, in his address at the stadium, described the march as historic because parents, teachers and pupils had taken part.

ANC spokesman Greg Malebu urged pupils to return to school despite the poor conditions under which they were forced to learn.

"You should acquire skills to prepare yourself for the liberation which is just around the corner," Mr Malebu said.

The marchers' grievances include:

● The suspension of school inspec-

tions pending an effective resolution of SA's education crisis.

● Rescinding of a regional Department of Education and Training decision not to render any services to schools.

● An immediate end to alleged harassment of students by the police and SA Defence Force.

● Forced compulsory retirement of elderly teachers.

● Provision of adequate facilities and more schools, and repairing of damaged schools.

● Recognition of Neusa, Cosas and the parents-teachers-students association.

● The immediate payment of outstanding salaries of teachers.

● A single, non-racial, non-sexist education for all South Africans.



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# Confusion in black schoolings



Sign of hope... a Soweto pupil sits for mid-year exams at the start of the third term.

Picture by Sean Woods.

By Janet Heard and Musa Mapisa

While pupils in Soweto sat for mid-year exams yesterday, haphazard attendance marked the first day of the third term at black schools in other parts of the country.

Some schools reported full attendance while others were without a single pupil or teacher.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) reported that in the Cape and rural areas in the Transvaal normal teaching proceeded, but little schooling took place in urban areas and the Free State.

DET director-general Bernhard Louw said in some areas pupils and teachers attended school but made little effort to proceed with normal duties. He said there had been complaints of intimidation against pupils and teachers who wished to go to school.

## Stayaway

The sporadic attendance appears to have arisen due to confusion surrounding the call by the National Education Union of South Africa and the Congress of South African Students to continue classes during the June holidays, but to break for an unofficial holiday from yesterday or Friday.

The National Education Co-ordinating Committee urged pupils and teachers to continue their lessons and not to break for an unofficial holiday.

The DET reported that in Mamelodi township outside Pretoria there was a 100 percent stayaway following the widely reported action by police against residents attending a mass meeting on Sunday.

The DET has warned teachers they would not be paid for days they did not work.

## Mid-year exams

In Soweto, reports indicated that at most schools pupils and teachers had attended school, and at all four schools which The Star visited pupils were writing mid-year exams.

At the Vuwani Secondary School in Chiawela, many pupils were writing exams while others waited for exam papers which teachers were still printing.

A teacher, who asked not to be identified, said teachers had worked hard to ensure that schools ran smoothly and that pupils wrote the exams.

"Teachers even used their own money to reproduce important sections from the textbooks to help the pupils," the teacher said.

Many complained about a delay in getting the exam papers printed as equipment at the schools did not function properly.

Pupils and teachers also complained about the shortage of textbooks.



# Inquiry sees 'We need guns' banner

Pretoria Correspondent

A banner proclaiming: "We are suffering because of our skin! We need guns like all whites! We will show you that we are real blacks", has been handed to the commission of inquiry into the causes and consequences of a strike at Ga-Rankuwa Hospital.

The banner — also bearing the request: "Boshoff and Swanepoel leave please" — was handed in as evidence yesterday by a legal representative of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), J K Wessels, during his cross-examination of a member of the hospital's workers' committee, J Ndlovu.

It was alleged during earlier evidence that the strike started as a direct result of the TPA's refusal to remove two officials after they had been accused by hospital workers of being racists who inti-

midated their subordinates.

Mr Ndlovu denied any knowledge of the banner, which the TPA's legal team alleged was confiscated during the strike. He added that the wording had no political connotations.

Mr Ndlovu said yesterday that the refusal to dismiss the officials was the main reason for the strike, but that there was also dissatisfaction with management's response to workers' other grievances.

The workers alleged, among other things, that white workers received preference where promotions and the allocation of office equipment was concerned. However, Mr Ndlovu said during his testimony that he was not aware of any other workers of comparative rank to him who had a better office than he did.

Members of the commission, which is being chaired by Mr Jus-

tice P M Cillie, interrupted Mr Wessels's cross-examination twice yesterday to inform him that they felt Mr Ndlovu had provided a reasonable answer to his question and that there was no need to continue pressing his point.

However, during another interruption, Mr Justice Cillie said the witness had not "given the impression of speaking the truth at all times".

He agreed it was "insensible to down tools" at a hospital, that Ga-Rankuwa Hospital was of importance to millions of blacks who received medical care there, and that strike action by any member of a medical team would result in the efficiency of the team being affected.

He said he had thought about the fact that a disruption of services might result in the death of patients.

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## Confidentiality stressed

The controversy in the media over the report of the working group on political offences was discussed yesterday at a meeting of the steering committee, consisting of South African Government and ANC representatives.

A joint statement by the ANC's internal leader, Walter Sisulu, and the Minister of Education and Development Aid, Stoffel van der Merwe, said it was essential that the contents of the report and of exchanges remain confidential at this stage.

Issues flowing from the Groote Schuur Minute were also discussed.

"The committee agreed on recommendations to be made to their principals on ways and means to resolve the issue," the statement said.

These recommendations are to be presented to the respective principals next week.

"The steering committee is confident that the matter will be finalised without great difficulty and that the results will be made public," the statement said.

— Sapa.



# Dhlomo awarded R7 000 for defamation

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By Cathy Stagg (343)

Dr Oscar Dhlomo, who in his former capacity as secretary-general of Inkatha sued the Argus Printing and Publishing Company and the former editor of the Sowetan, Joe Latakomo, was yesterday awarded R7 000 damages arising from reports published in April 1986.

Mr Justice M S Stegmann handed down his judgment in the Rand Supreme Court.

The judge was asked to rule on whether an organisation which is,

or resembles, a political party, could sue for defamation. Mr Justice Stegmann said there was no consideration of legal or public policy to prevent it.

"By publishing the words complained of, the defendants conveyed the implication that Inkatha had been guilty of criminal conduct by inciting its members, or alleged members, and the Amabutho impi, to assault the National Education Crisis Committee organisers and delegates at the Pioneer Hall in March 1986,"

the judge said.

The reports, published after a weekend conference in Durban in 1986, were defamatory, the judge ruled.

The sum of R7 000 was agreed to by the parties before judgment was handed down.

A claim by Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi was settled before the trial.

The Argus Printing and Publishing Company and Mr Latakomo were ordered to pay the costs of the action.

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## GAF puts out business directory

The Get Ahead Foundation has launched a directory aimed at assisting emerging small businesses locate the various business development and resource organisations.

Listing about 100 business development agencies, the directory will be distributed free of charge countrywide.

Get Ahead's Israel Skosana said at the launch in Soweto yesterday that the business directory aims to reach existing businesses and to those people who wish to become involved in setting up their own businesses.

"It is hoped that this book will act as catalyst to people more involved in economic activities, and hence, their own economic empowerment."



# Conflict at Mamelodi: key inquest policeman in charge

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Pretoria Correspondent ..

A key figure in the inquest into the death of 12 Mamelodi residents in 1985 was in charge of the riot squad in the township on Sunday when police fired tear-gas and rubber bullets at a rent meeting at the HM Pitje Stadium.

Captain Hermanus Arnoldus le Roux, district support officer at Pretoria Moot, was last month described as "a liar" in the Pretoria North Magistrate's Court by Mr Morris Basslian, counsel for the families of the 1985 shootings.

## Shooting

Captain le Roux had told the inquest that he shot dead a demonstrator with his R-1 semi-automatic rifle in Mamelodi on the day of the shooting.

He said he shot another man to prevent him throwing an object at a passing defence force vehicle.

The presiding magistrate at the inquest, Mr J N Pretorius, said he was unable to make a finding and referred the evidence to the Attorney-General.

Mr Pretorius said that due to the conflicting evidence given during the inquest and the time lapse, it was difficult to determine whether the deaths were brought about by any acts or an omission amounting to an offence on the part of any person.

## Documents

The Attorney-General, Mr Don Brunette, said yesterday he had not yet received the magistrate's findings.

The matter would be considered as soon as he had received the documents.

A spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate said yesterday Captain le Roux had not been suspended since the Mamelodi shootings in 1985.

Police and organisers of Sunday's report-back meeting in Mamelodi differ on the crucial aspects which led to teargas and rubber bullets being fired to disperse more than 16 000 residents and diplomats. — Sapa.

# Schoolgirl is killed by youth in Soweto

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Own Correspondent

A 16-year-old Soweto pupil was shot at school minutes before writing a mid-year examination paper yesterday. She died later at the Orlando East Clinic.

Carol Mashiga of 121 Zone 8, Meadowlands, a Standard 8 pupil at Sele-kela High School in Orlando East, was shot at close range by an unnamed 19-year-old Standard 9 pupil.

While the motive for the killing was unclear, teachers said it appeared the boy had been making advances to orphaned Carol, who turned him down.

A staff member who refused to be named, said the incident happened as pupils were about to start writing their mid-year examinations.

He said two boys were seen running away from the scene.

Dan Matau, a teacher who took Carol to the clinic, said the girl was shot in the neck.

"I was on the stoep when I heard gunfire. When I turned, Carol had fallen," he said.

At the clinic, Carol was given oxygen but died soon afterwards.

No arrests have been made and Soweto police are investigating. A murder docket has been opened.



# Black local authorities award contracts to Afsure Insurance

By Jabulani Sikhakhane  
Afsure Insurance Brokers, which is a brainchild of the Foundation for African Business and Consumer Services, has been awarded insurance contracts worth R1,3 million by the Daveyton City Council and the Dobsonville Town Council.

Afsure managing director Khehla Mthembu said yesterday that Afsure was the first black-owned insurance broking firm to be awarded such contracts

by black local authorities.

"We are encouraged by the bold display of faith in the professionalism of black companies by these local authorities."

The insurance contract for all black local authorities in the Transvaal is worth R30 million a year.

The mayor of Daveyton, Tom Boya said at a media conference that Afsure was awarded the contract because it offered the best quote at the time.

"The assets of the Daveyton Council are worth R200 million."

"To insure the council properties (street lights, houses, etc) and the lives of its councillors costs the council about R800 000 a year in premiums," Mr Boya said.

Afsure also has a R25 million-a-year account from the Southern Africa Black Taxi Association (Sabta) and R510 000 from the National Soccer League's third division.

## PAC house bombed

The home of a man believed to be a PAC supporter was petrol-bombed in Evaton, near Vereeniging yesterday.

Police said no one was injured and damage was slight.

The attack took place at 3.50 pm. No arrests have been made.

Clashes between PAC and ANC supporters in the Vaal Triangle and West Rand have left several people dead in recent months. — Crime Reporter.



# Shooting of Alex activist 'premeditated' — Sisulu

By Montshiwa Moroke

ANC internal leader Walter Sisulu has branded the killing of activist Meshack Bekinkosi Kunene a case of "premeditated murder" by policemen.

He was shot and killed by a security policeman at the welcome home rally for ANC secretary-general, Alfred Nzo, a fortnight ago.

The Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) has denied police claims that Mr Kunene was shot by police in self-defence while attacking the police.

Spokesman for the Minister of Law and Order, Brigadier Leon Mellet, said: "In any death of such a nature, there is a judicial inquiry. Any person who has evidence, including Mr Sisulu, can submit that evidence to the judicial inquiry."

Spokesman for the ACO, Obed Bapela, said in statement to The Star that

Mr Kunene had earlier reported that he had been threatened by police on the morning of the day he was shot.

Another ACO member said the police had gone to the organisation's offices on Friday and had threatened to be "ruthless" at the rally the following day.

"They specifically mentioned the name of Meshack. The police said he was troublesome and that they were going to wipe him out," he said.

The Star is in possession of minutes of a meeting of the Alexandra Advisory Committee on April 11 in which a local policeman, Lieutenant-Colonel G F N Ruthven, said there had been intimidation of councillors.

"The councillors want the police to wipe out these troublemakers without any formal charge being laid," Colonel Ruthven said in the recorded minutes.

# Textbook deliveries soon R1-m will wipe out backlog

By Helen Grange

The first deliveries of textbooks to help make up for shortages in black schools will be made soon, the Department of Education and Training has promised.

DET director-general Dr Bernhard Louw yesterday said the books would be acquired with funds from a special allocation of R8 million which had been set aside to help make up for shortages caused by the alleged non-return of books lent to pupils.

In the first round, R500 000 from the special fund had been allocated to each region of the DET for urgent orders. The balance would be allocated according to greatest needs.

Regional chief directors had been

told to ask for commitments from the communities and the pupils concerned to look after the textbooks and return them at the end of the academic year.

● Attendance at black schools has reportedly been sporadic. In some areas, very little attendance has been recorded, while normal teaching has taken place in other regions.

At coloured schools in the Transvaal, teachers returned to work yesterday after a month-long strike was suspended.

They stressed that alternative strategies of defiance would be formulated until all their short-term demands had been met.

Staff Reporter

The Government has allocated R1 million to counter the backlog in textbooks at DET schools in the Johannesburg region, Education and Development Aid Minister Stoffel van der Merwe said last night.

Addressing a media conference in Johannesburg after a meeting with parents of pupils in Soweto and Alexandra, Dr van der Merwe said the money would be drawn from a special R8 million fund allocated to meet textbook shortfalls countrywide.

The root cause of the backlog

was that the books had been either destroyed, lost or not returned, he added.

The parents' delegation, affiliated to the Johannesburg Regional Council (JRC), undertook to ensure that parents assumed responsibility for the textbooks provided.

## Sufficient

JRC chairman Steve Ramoetsane said R1 million would be sufficient to counteract the shortfall in the region.

Parents had already started collecting books from schools and had recovered 5 000 books and expected to collect 30 000 missing books by the end of the week.

The surplus books would be redistributed to schools where shortages existed.

He stressed that the JRC delegates had dissociated themselves from the National Council for Education and Training, the body which governs the DET's school management council structures, because "the structures designed by the DET were unacceptable".

The delegates, nevertheless, decided to continue serving on the JRC to promote change "from within".



# Witbank council may cut power to thousands

By Therese Anders,  
Highveld Bureau

Two of the eastern Transvaal's biggest black townships have frozen rent arrears in an attempt to avert an electricity switch-off to tens of thousands of residents within the next three weeks.

Apart from the arrears freeze, Witbank's KwaGuqa Council has also brought in a flat rate for rent and services.

KwaGuqa town clerk Adam Engelbrecht said yesterday: "We implore residents to pay, or else our supplier will cut our power at the end of the month."

The Witbank Town Council

has already cut the power supply to the Schoongezicht coloured township, where a rent boycott has been in effect since March.

The KwaGuqa electricity account each month is between R500 000 and R600 000.

The council's offer to the residents was: to freeze all arrears; to charge pensioners a flat rate of R30 a month for all services; and to charge other householders a flat rate of R100.

Mr Engelbrecht said the flat rate would mean a saving of about R25 a month for ordinary householders and R60 to pensioners.

# Kagiso goes green



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THE environment awareness campaign is succeeding and quite popular in the township of Kagiso on the West Rand.

The Neighbourhood Environment Awareness Task is responsible for publicising the campaign.

Headed by Carlos Mokgojoa, NEAT was started in 1984 by a group of youths to raise awareness in the township through basic and easy means of caring for the environment.

"We started our activities by constant street sweeping, planting of trees and developing parks. We also helped out in pensioners' homes, cleaned churches and campaigned for the provision of recreational facilities," explained Mokgojoa.

Now the organisation has grown and is in touch with organisations like Keep South Africa Beautiful and the National Environment Advisory Campaign.

"We have succeeded in making people aware of the need to lay lawns which are helpful not only to prevent dust but also soil erosion. The Township Council provides for the weekly col-

By PEARL MAJOLA

lection of garbage, but this has become inadequate as the community is growing. We have requested the Council to provide more rubbish bins," said Mokgojoa who is a council administrative clerk.

"We also try to educate people to stop dumping all over the township



MOKGOJOA

and have encouraged them to choose particular spots far from their homes.

"We are getting the message across to our community even though it is not being received as quickly as we would like. However, we have had some important victories."



From MONO BADELA MAMELODI. — A rent protest has brought turmoil and bloodshed to this township near Pretoria—five years after the Mamelodi massacre in 1985 which claimed the lives of 13 residents.

When police opened fire on marchers this week after a rents protest, injuring 255 people, angry residents lashed out.

### Wounds

"We won't stand for another Mamelodi massacre — ever again. It won't happen again," said chairman of the Pretoria branch of the United Democratic Front, Mr Moss Chikane, on Tuesday.

About 60 people were critically injured and were still nursing their wounds at

the HF Verwoerd and Kalfong Hospitals at the time of going to press.

Civic leaders fear that pressure by the authorities on township residents to break the five-year-old rent boycott in the Transvaal may unleash an unprecedented wave of violence and threaten the peace negotiations.

On Tuesday, the residents of Mamelodi, a township east of Pretoria, called for a total rent boycott to protest against police having fired teargas and rubber bullets on a local stadium on Sunday.

The next day no buses or taxis operated and no children attended the first day of the new term as residents

observed a total stayaway.

The smell of burning tyres filled the air of Mamelodi this week as at least two Pucco buses smouldered in the strife-torn township.

Uniformed police and dozens of SADF troops patrolled the streets.

### Nonsense

Youths interviewed told SOUTH they had been wanted by members of the security force earlier in the morning that "we shall shoot to kill if any nonsense were to result from the stayaway".

On November 21 1985, 13 people were killed in almost the same circumstances. But this time the police did not use live bullets.

Teargas canisters landed in front of the podium on Sunday as residents bailed to get away. Sunday was to have marked the end of the five-year-old rent boycott.

Chikane said residents would embark on the rent boycott "forthwith until the people responsible for Sunday's incident are brought to book".

### Celebration

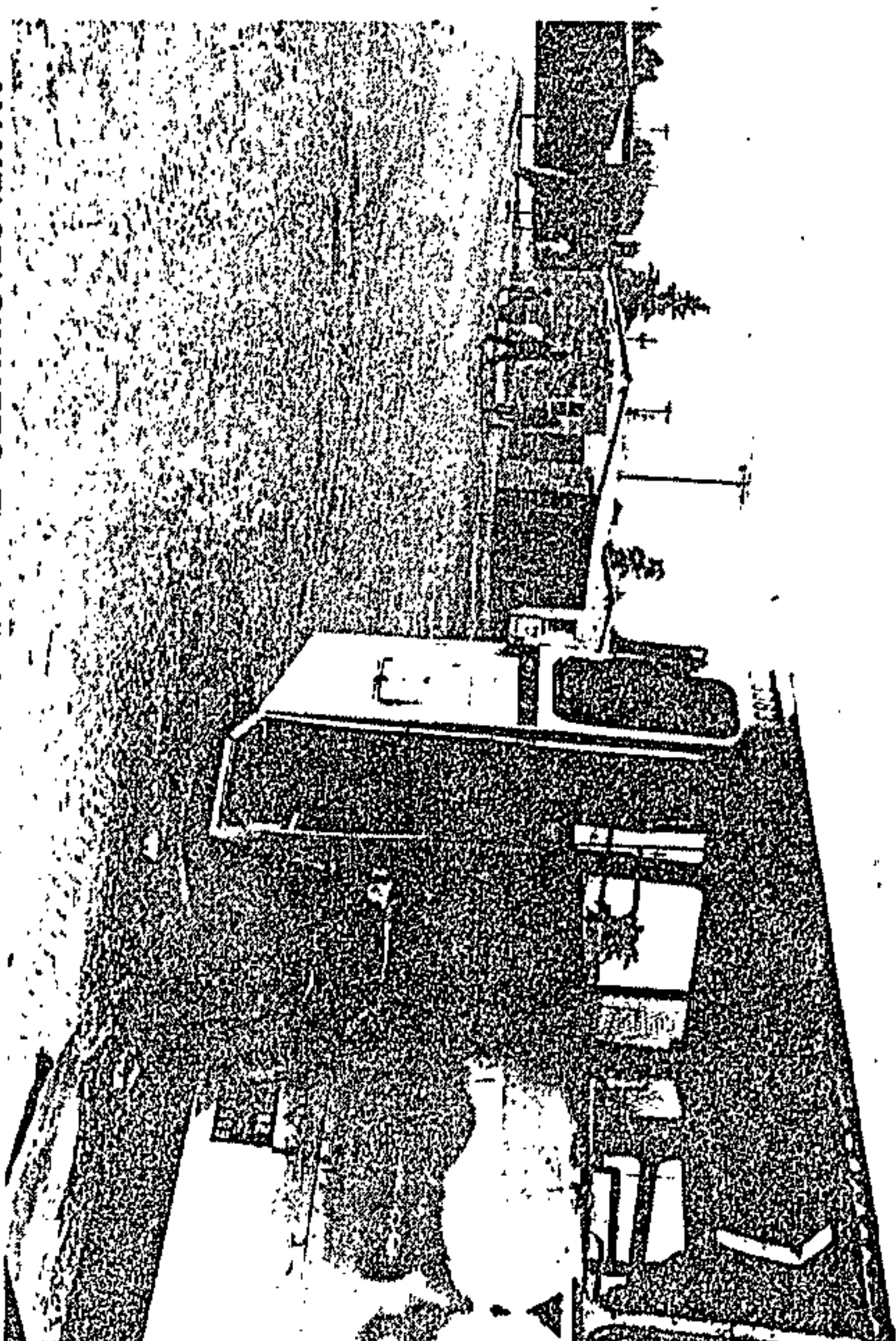
Some 16 000 residents had just been told rent arrears would be frozen and the Mamelodi City Council would stop harassing defaulters, according to Chikane.

But the celebration on Sunday was short-lived as police fired teargas canisters at residents applauding the

# Residents vow: We won't allow massacre this time

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MAMELODI SIMMERS: The shell of a bus residents torched during the stayaway last Sunday

PIC: ELMOND JIVANE

report.

The history of the rent boycott dates back to September 1984 when Vaal Triangle townships erupted into violence after the Lekoa Town Council imposed rent increases. Hundreds of people died in the violence that followed the Vaal riots.

In August 1986, at least 27 people were killed and scores injured in violence that erupted after municipal police attempted to evict rent defaulters.

There have been sporadic boycotts in the Transvaal, concentrated mainly in the

Vaal Triangle, Soweto and Diepsmeadow.

The situation took a dramatic turn in February and March this year, however, spreading to 47 of the 82 black townships in the Transvaal.

### Drastic

Now the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has ordered 35 of these black councils to take "definite and drastic steps" against rent defaulters.

Mr Olaus van Zyl, the TPA's MEC in charge of local government and re-

gional services councils, said in a statement recently the province had limited funds for helping local black councils with bridging finance.

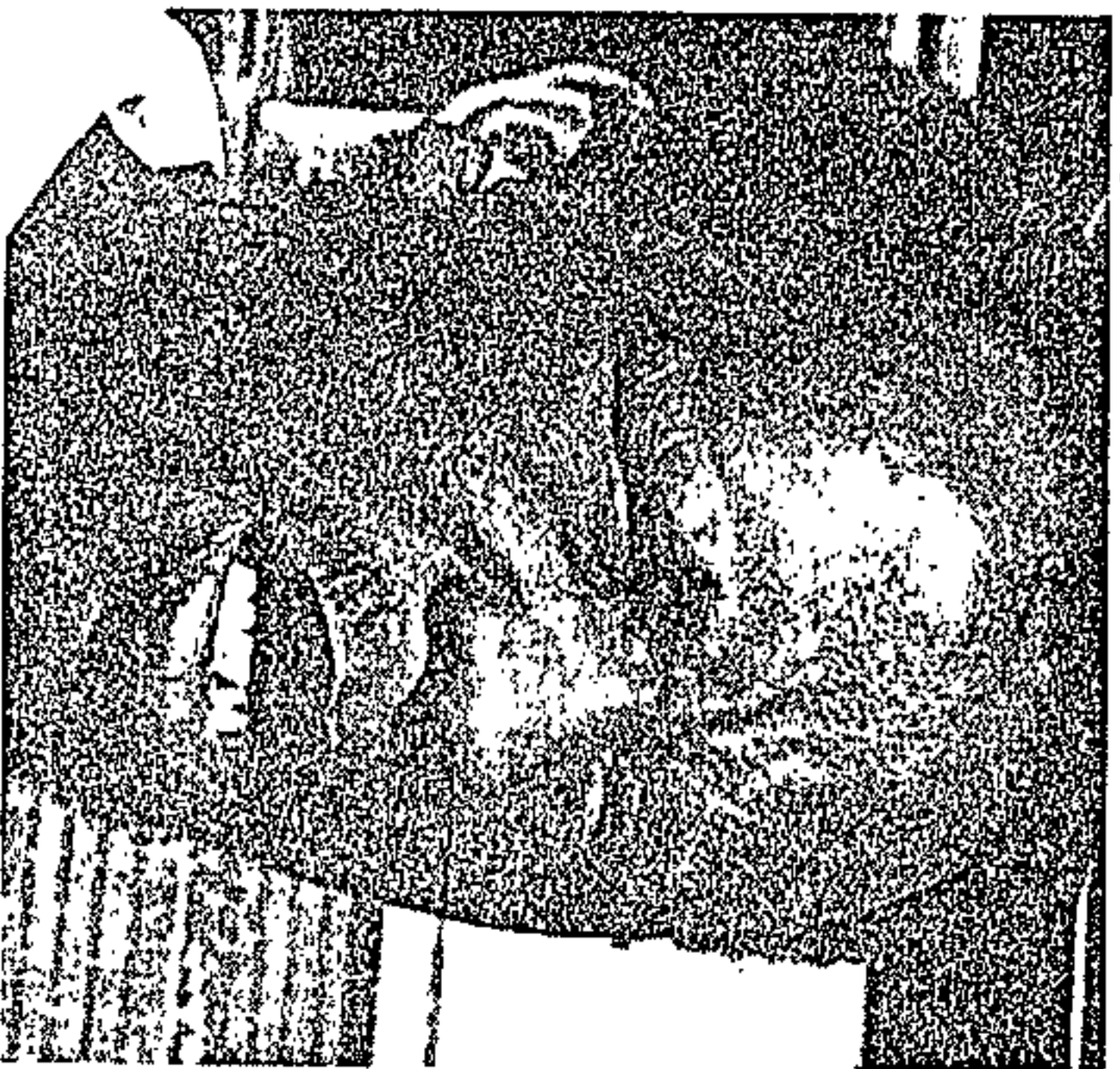
A total of R765 million is owned by residents in various townships. Residents in the townships under the Lekoa council owe about R147 million in rent arrears since the boycott started in 1984.

The Lekoa Town Council had been dissolved as a result. Other expelled Transvaal municipalities include those in Tokoza,

Tsakane, Embalehle, KwaGugqa and Zithombeni.

Last Sunday, during the launch of the Protea North Civic Association, Mr Patrick Lephunga, a spokesman for the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) said residents did not object to paying service charges but refused to deal with councils which they regarded as corrupt and non-representative.

He said the SCA was also demanding the immediate scrapping of black councils and all other apartheid councils, including the Johannesburg City Council.



MOSS CHIKANE: It won't happen again



# Impi ambushes security force patrol

Staff Reporter  
and Own Correspondent

Three people died in an impi rampage and ambush on security forces in the Natal Midlands yesterday as factional animosities again exploded into violence, police said.

Two of those killed were shot by security forces, while the third was a victim of an impi attack on an opposing faction of the same tribe in the Inhlazuka area near Richmond.

The fighting broke out after an impi of about 50 men gathered and planned to attack a neighbouring kraal.

After marching across the rugged bush for hours they attacked a kraal, killing a man and wounding two others.

Then they went on the rampage, burning down huts and robbing the occupants of goods and cattle. The occupants fled.

A Security Force patrol, 14 soldiers and two policemen, from a

nearby base picked up the information and came across the murder scene. Following tracks, they crossed the Umkomaas River and were ambushed by the impi.

They were fired on, but shot back, killing two men. The rest of the impi fled, leaving behind a .303 rifle, a home-made shotgun and a .22 handgun. No arrests were made.

Natal police spokesman Major Piet Kitching said the incident resulted from a faction fight several years ago.

## Police want talks in Mamelodi

Own Correspondent

Police have sent a message to Mamelodi residents saying: "Let's talk", and have promised to avoid conflict and violence at a prayer meeting in the township's YMCA hall on Sunday.

SAP public relations directorate spokesman Colonel Steve van Rooyen said today residents should discuss any problems at the meeting with the officer in charge.

The undertaking followed police action at a report-back meeting last Sunday which left 230 people injured.

He said police would avoid con-

front as long as the residents stayed within the law.

The superintendent of Kalafong Hospital, Dr J Kunzman, said today 14 residents were still being treated in the hospital for injuries.

The MCA will meet Mamelodi church ministers tomorrow to request them to dedicate their services on Sunday to the injured.

Mr Seloane said statements were yesterday taken from eyewitnesses to Sunday's violence, and the association will receive final advice on Tuesday regarding a civil suit against Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok.

## Maputo agrees to private education

MAPUTO — The Mozambican government has agreed to allow private education in the country, reversing a decision after independence 15 years ago to nationalise all schools.

The Aim news agency reports that individuals, companies, religious bodies, co-operatives and other organisations will be allowed to establish private schools.

The decision will cover all educational institutions, from pre-primary through to higher education. — The Star's Africa News Service.



## Call for Soweto and Alex pupils to take a break

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By Janet Heard

Soweto and Alexandra pupils are expected to take a self-declared two-week holiday after completing their unofficial mid-year examinations today.

Sources said yesterday it was likely that teachers would continue working and mark examination papers during this period but that pupils would have a holiday.

The call for teachers and pupils to take a break from today was made by the Congress of SA Students and the National Education Union of SA.

This week the National Education Co-ordinating Committee made a national call for pupils to continue schooling.

A DET spokesman said yesterday that pupil attendance countrywide had improved since the "erratic" attendance on the first day of the third term.

## Buses laid on for Mabe 'worked for Myeza funeral' unity in struggle'

S/10 13/7/90 By Thabo Leshilo

Thousands of people are expected to attend the funeral in Soweto tomorrow of Muntu Myeza, projects co-ordinator of the Azanian People's Organisation.

The funeral service is to be held at 9 am at the Jabulani Amphitheatre and the procession leaves for the Doornkop Cemetery at 12.30 pm.

Buses will leave from: Tsakane (First Stop Garage) at 9 am; Rockville at 9.15 am; Natalspruit Hospital, Katlehong, at 9 am; Kagiso (Sonap Garage) at 8.30 am; Kopanong Community Hall, Dobsonville, at 9 am; Lekton House, 5 Wanderers Street, Johannesburg, at 8.30 am.

Sam Mabe, assistant editor of Sowetan newspaper, was strongly against sectarianism in the liberation struggle and worked for unity, Media Workers Association of SA (Mwasa) official Themba Hlatswayo said at his memorial service yesterday.

The service for the murdered Mwasa deputy president, held at the union's headquarters in Johannesburg, was attended by about 300 people.

Mr Mabe (39) was shot outside a friend's home in Jabulani by two unknown gunmen.

He will be buried on Sunday.



# Security Police detain ANC recruiters in Natal

DURBAN — Three Natal Indian Congress leaders who are involved in recruitment drives for the ANC were detained by Security Police in Durban yesterday — on the eve of two major ANC rallies due to be held tomorrow.

A senior executive committee member of the NIC and experienced anti-apartheid campaigner, Mr. Pravin Gordhan, was arrested in a pre-dawn raid. He had been detained twice previously.

Mr. Deepak Patel, of the Durban Central branch of the NIC and who was actively involved in organising meetings for the ANC, and Mr. Anesh Sunkar of the Kharwastan branch of the NIC, also an ardent ANC supporter, were detained hours later.

FAROOK KHAN and ANIL SINGH

Their detention sparked off claims of a clamp on anti-apartheid leaders to stem the flow of support for the African National Congress and to appease the white right wing.

Lieutenant Bala Naidoo, police public relations officer for Port Natal, confirmed the detention of the three and said they were being held under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act.

United Democratic Front president Mr. Archie Gumede pointed out that the detentions came on the eve of two major ANC drives for membership in the Indian community.

Both drives have been set down for tomorrow, one in the densely populated Clare Estate, Sydenham, Overport, Springfield and Puntans Hill area and the other in Verulam.

He said that the Government's actions in detaining progressive leaders was in accordances with demands by the white right wing.

Dr. Farook Meer, general secretary of the NIC, said: "I strongly condemn the detentions in the light of the developing political situation and at time when we are told we have a measure of political freedom we did not have before."

He said what had also perturbed him was the fact that the police had taken until late yesterday afternoon to confirm the men had been detained.

# Tembisa plan gets council support

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**THE Tembisa Town Council on the East Rand has supported joint action between the council and local organisations to redress the township's socio-economic and political problems.**

In a hard-hitting statement on Wednesday, Tembisa's mayor Mr SB More called for a meeting between the council and representatives of wide-ranging local organisations in an endeavour to

develop a strategy for the problems.

"The council regrets the fact that black towns and cities up until now is an area which has not received the attention it deserves.

"Some of these issues include lack of adequate services, housing, inappropriate rentals and service charges," said More.

It was therefore neces-

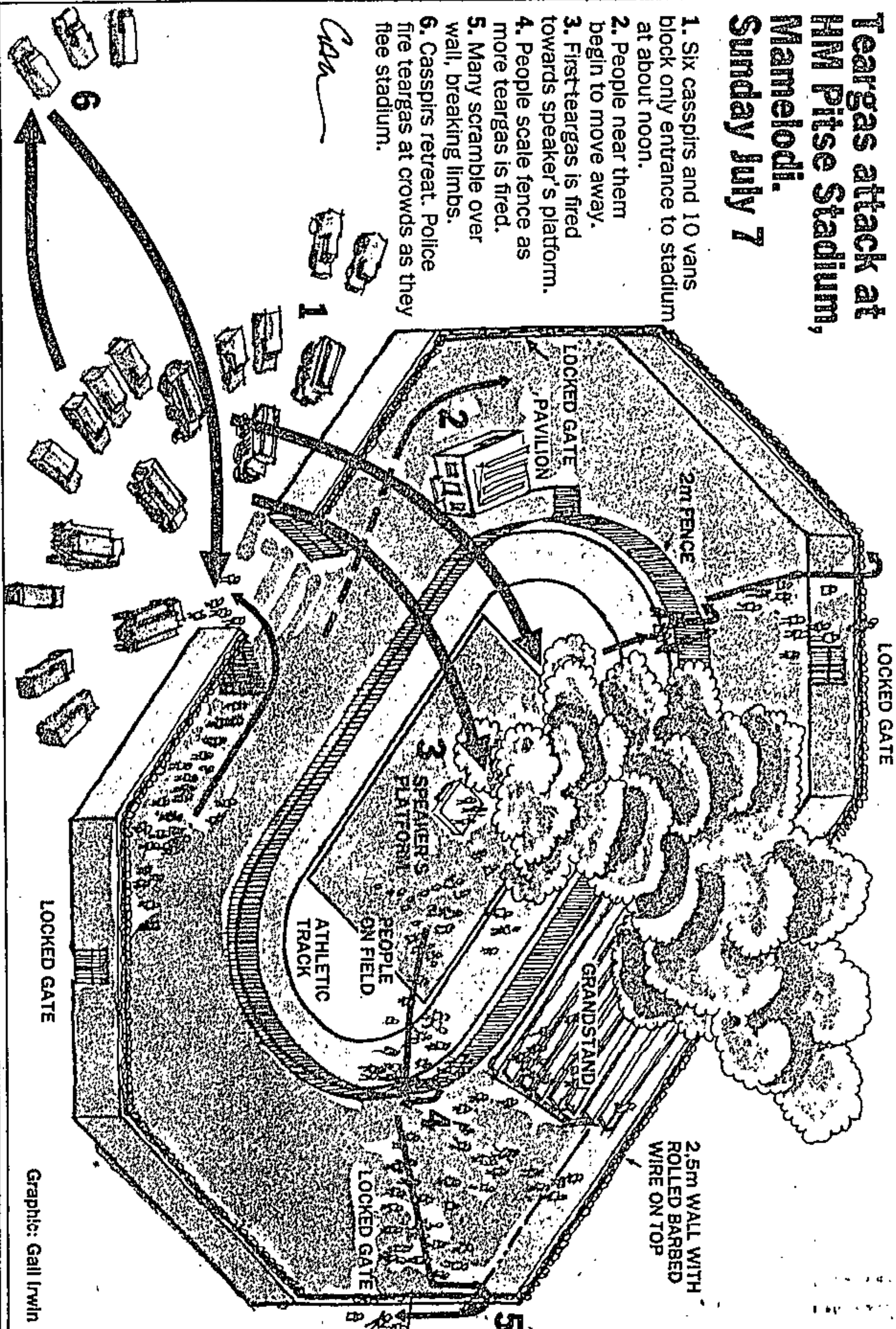
sary that "we as organisations and individuals of Tembisa affected by the issues mentioned above, should sit together to discuss the strategies, address and possibly resolve these matters". - Sapa.



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# Teargas attack at HM Pitse Stadium, Mamelodi. Sunday July 7

1. Six casspirs and 10 vans block only entrance to stadium at about noon.
2. People near them begin to move away.
3. First teargas is fired towards speaker's platform.
4. People scale fence as more teargas is fired.
5. Many scramble over wall, breaking limbs.
6. Casspirs retreat. Police fire teargas at crowds as they flee stadium.



Graphic: Gail Irwin

## Teargas forced us to jump, say the Mamelodi injured

CLAIRE ROBERTSON  
and McKEED KOTLOLO

WITH the only exit blocked by police, dogs and Casspirs, with teargas billowing around him, Jacob Nkambule scaled a 2.5-m brick wall topped with barbed wire and jumped — fracturing his "good" leg and breaking the artificial limb he has worn since childhood.

"I could neither breathe nor see properly," Mr Nkambule (40) said from his hospital bed this week. He was one of scores of Mamelodi residents who scrambled over the wall of the H M Pitse Stadium on Sunday to escape the fumes as police fired on the crowd of about 16 000 during a rent report-back meeting.

### Illegal

An estimated 255 were injured in the incident which has sparked the return of a total rent boycott by Mamelodi residents, on the brink of ending the five-year-old partial refusal to pay for rent and services.

Police claimed the meeting was illegal: organisers said they had obtained permission from the Mamelodi town clerk for the gathering.

Mr Nkambule, a Mamelodi West father of four, told the Saturday Star of his daily prayers to heal his leg. "I am always praying not to lose my only leg. If I lose it I will be as good as dead because I would not be able to work for my children again."

He told how he and other residents had hurried towards the only open entrance shortly after the first teargas canister had landed a few metres from where he was sitting.

"I was already affected by the teargas fumes when we arrived at the gate. We were turned back by police with dogs. To survive I had no alternative but to face the high brick wall which I managed with little difficulty.

"Trouble started when I had to stand up after landing on the ground. I could not walk. My only leg was aching. I was carried to a nearby house

by four youths before I was taken to the Mamelodi Day Hospital.

"Police continued to fire teargas canisters in our direction as the four carried me to safety," he said.

Other victims, mostly elderly people with fractured limbs, said they, too, were hurt after they scaled the brick wall.

Like Mr Nkambule, the majority of the injured was sitting on the playing field in front of the speakers' platform when the firing started. They first had to scale the field's 2-m high security fence before they could go over the wall.

Some had sustained multiple fractures, mostly in the legs, and had to be operated on.

Happy Mawetle (21), had assisted several elderly people to scale the wall before he lost balance, jumped and had both his legs broken.

### Crawl

Rose Masitela (38), a divorcee and mother of two, who also scaled the wall and had her leg fractured, said: "I had to crawl from the stadium to Jafra Mahangu Secondary School — about 800 m from the stadium."

She also sustained neck and thigh injuries.

Ben Dikgale (65) fractured his left leg during an attempt to scale the wall on the eastern side of the stadium.

Two days after the chaos at H M Pitse stadium, the home of the only city councillor to attend the rent meeting — called to tell residents of an historic deal struck with the Transvaal Provincial Administration — was hit by a grenade attack, injuring three.



# Demonstrators make sure they eat cake

DEMONSTRATORS encouraged a delegation of Johannesburg City councillors and officials — including management committee chairman Ian Davidson, town clerk Manie Venter and two MPs — to beat a hasty retreat from the Westbury Community Centre yesterday, and then proceeded to steal the leftovers of their lunch.

The incident followed a bus tour of Johannesburg's coloured townships by a high-powered delegation of officials and councillors from both the Johannesburg City Council and South

Western Townships management committee, apparently to assess what could be done to improve living conditions.

The officials included Mr Venter, Mr Davidson, Johannesburg council's director of housing Robbie Robins, South Western Townships management committee chairman Margaret Mateman; her husband, House of Representatives MP for Eldorado Park, Don Mateman; and the MP for Newclare, Mr G Wessels.

Soon after sitting down for lunch at the Westbury Community Centre,

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a group of about 150 placard-carrying demonstrators arrived to protest against the fact that officials were eating while children in the townships starved.

The demonstration was apparently organised by the Westbury Residents Action Committee.

When the delegation emerged from the community centre they hurriedly boarded the bus as the protestors drew close.

The demonstrators then stood in front of the bus while it inched its way forward, forcing them to get out

of the way.

They then rushed into the centre and emerged with their arms laden with lunch leftovers, including bottles of wine and food.

● Mr Robins later denied the Sapa correspondent's description of the incident, saying the group did not leave the centre because they felt threatened.

Mr Robins also said he only became aware that food had been stolen when he arrived back at his city council office. — Sapa.



## Civic in land talks

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THE Alexandra Civic Organisation will meet the Transvaal Provincial Administration on Tuesday to discuss the development of land on the Far East Bank.

The TPA has allocated the land to private developers. However, ACO wants to make recommendations on how the land should be developed.

In a statement ACO said past redevelopment schemes had kept houses out of the reach of the poor and homeless people in the area.

"We want to make sure the land is used for the benefit of all the people of Alexandra and decent affordable houses are built instead of expensive houses as in the past," said the statement.

ACO has demanded that the community be involved in development programmes in the area.



# The day of broken bones

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**M**AMELODI residents will be wary about attending mass meetings in the township after last Sunday's police attack at the HM Pitje Stadium.

Police and members of the Defence Force took residents by surprise when they pumped teargas into the stadium as community and political leaders urged them to end the rent boycott.

As far as residents were concerned, it was a peaceful gathering to solve a critical domestic issue.

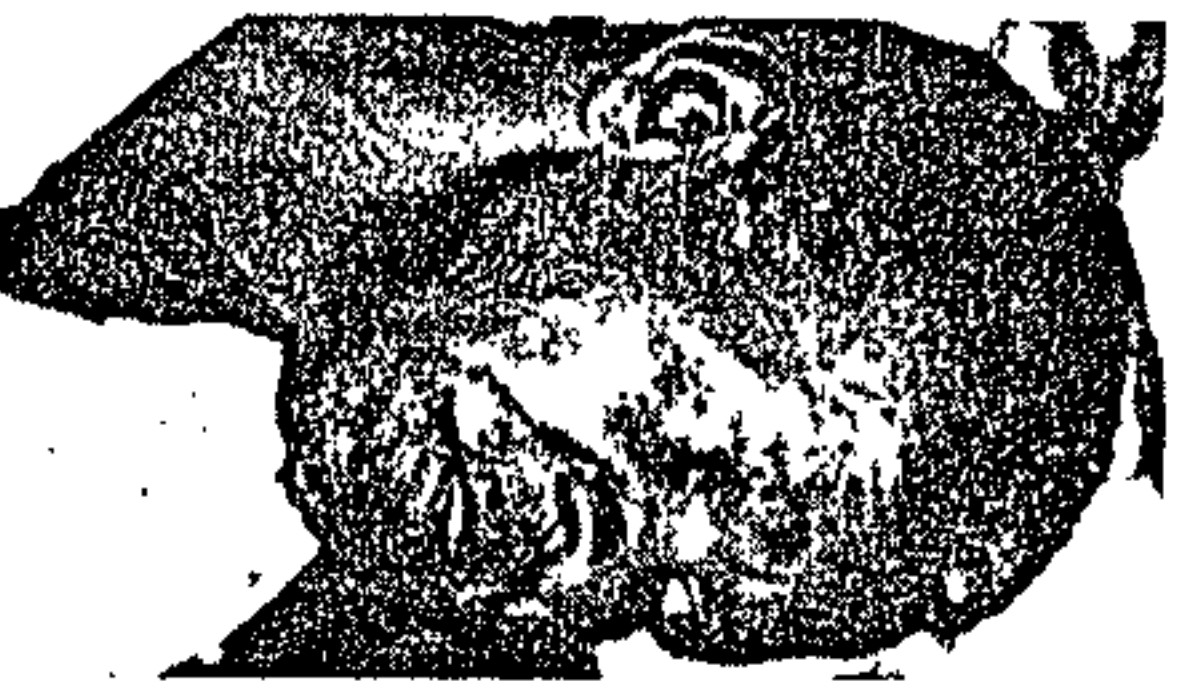
But for the second time in five years what residents perceived to be a peaceful gathering turned into chaos, and later, resentment.

In November 1985, residents staged a peaceful protest march to the local council chamber to voice their grievances. They were teargassed and attacked.

That incident, which left more than 12 people dead, changed what authorities deemed a conservative area into another Soweto and sparked the rent boycott.

The latest incident came about after the Mamelodi Civic Association (Maca) and the Mamelodi People's Delegation (MPD), finally met the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and reached a settlement on how to end the boycott.

According to township leaders, the TPA agreed to freeze rent debts and stop action against rent defaulters on condition residents started paying rent from the end of this month.



**Frans Madonsele, 64, injured in attack.**

**When police unexpectedly launched a teargas attack on 16 000 people in Mamelodi's HM Pitje Stadium last Sunday, City Press reporter ELIAS MALULEKE was there. Here is his eyewitness account.**

This is what leaders were urging residents to do when - amid cheers when they were told negotiations for a flat monthly rent were continuing with the TPA - teargas canisters rained down on them.

The police action puzzled residents, but from 10.45am it was clear the police had other plans for the day.

I was in the stadium at 9.45am and watched the crowd - pensioners, children, youths and middle-aged people - pouring in.

At 10.40 I left a tape-recorder with a friend to record the proceedings while I went to monitor the township situation.

A long convoy of police and army vehicles was rolling in through the back entrance. The time was 10.45.

The first hint that something was amiss came when Moss Chikane stood up on the stage and

stopped Pasty Malefo's plea to the crowd to start paying rent.

Malefo handed Chikane the microphone and stepped off the stage. Less than a minute later, the teargas canisters started to rain down on the pitch.

As the crowd scattered, I caught a glimpse of Malefo's wife dashing away with her two children Punzile, 7, and Bandle, 8.

Punzile was crying: "Nthuseng... Nthuseng (Help me... Help me). I reached out and took her tiny hand as we raced to the security fence on the east side of the stadium.

I lost my grip on her as bodies crashed into us. A young man picked her up and ran to the main gate with her. I managed to scale the fence and ran toward the four metre wall topped by a fence. People scrambled and

fell on the wall. There were heroes and heroines who helped others through the clouds of teargas. Others choked and collapsed, while some elderly people just sat down and wept.

An old woman I tried to help said: "Comrade, I am done at my age but you are still young and must run and try to save your life." I helped her to her feet and two youths grabbed her and dashed off.

The police and the army were well equipped with gas masks and guns. The convoy came to a stop near the Presbyterian Church near the stadium and police sedans started to race about the township as if monitoring the situation.

I returned to the stadium, and next to the toilets at the entrance, a group of old people sat following the proceedings with keen interest.

A young woman joked that they should be comfortably seated because it was not going to end like 1985.

About an hour later, I recalled her words as I

watched a stampede after teargas canisters had landed on the pitch, billowing acid smoke.

I was seated behind the stage next to marshals and officials of local organisations at the time. I did not hear police warn the crowd to disperse.

On top of the wall I could breathe fresh air and became alert once more. From my vantage point I could see Casspirs and vans chasing people, like cowboys on horseback trying to head off a stampeding herd of cattle.

I jumped off the wall and as I landed, blood coozed from a cut on my left eyelid. But I was fortunate because my limbs were still intact. Others who were not so lucky lay on the side of the wall as youths tried to help them.

As I rushed to my car, a policeman on a Casspir threw a teargas canister at me, but it did not explode and I managed to pick it up and run on.

The policeman seemed to be highly entertained as they laughed and mocked their victims.

Once inside the car, I saw Malefo searching in the bushes.

Driving around the township was hell as the police fired at anything that moved. Youths started erecting barricades and suddenly 1985 was repeating itself.

The Mamelodi Day Hospital resembled a war zone. Nurses ran out of



**Patricia Thema nurses her 3-month-old baby Nozipho at Mamelodi Day Hospital after she was overcome in a teargas attack on her home.**

**Picture: ELIAS MALULEKE**

ideas as stretchers being shooting went on until darkness fell.

That night, as residents had to lie on the floor. Young children battled for their lives with oxygen on Tuesday, they were a community going to bed with broken bones and

used for five hours. The broken dreams.



# 'Whites pistol-whipped me'

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

THE son of former Alexandra mayor Rev Sam Buti told a Johannesburg regional court this week how he was punched, kicked, insulted and pistol-whipped by a group of whites.

Kwena Buti, 22, was in court on a charge of attempted car theft. He pleaded not guilty and is on R1 000 bail.

Buti told the court he was walking

down Claim Street in Johannesburg when he saw a group of whites chasing some blacks.

He decided to run away because whites "are fond of attacking blacks", but the group caught him.

He said the whites took him to a basement where the assault allegedly took place.

He said one of his assailants jumped on his head while others kicked him.

Another threatened to shoot him, accusing him of trying to steal a car.

He was treated at the Rosebank Clinic, where he underwent surgery for a wound above an ear.

One of his attackers allegedly said: "Since the release of Mandela, you kaffirs are stealing from us. We will fix you."

Security guard David Ncawu said he confronted Buti when he saw him tampering with a white BMW.

He said Buti offered him R200 if he allowed him to take the car.

The case resumes on August 17.

# Indaba to tackle exiles' return

By LULAMA LUTU

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THE reception and care of more than 20 000 exiles expected to return to South Africa tops the agenda of a major conference to be held in Johannesburg at the end of the month.

The conference - whose theme is "Working together towards a new South Africa" - is organised by the National Assembly for Women in South Africa (Nwasa).

It will also focus on the role of women in ending the violence in the country and devising ways of helping victims of the Natal violence, mostly women and children.

More than 300 delegates from 30 women's organisations are expected to

attend the conference which will be held at the Braamfontein Hotel from July 27 to July 29.

Speakers will include veteran community leader Dr Ellen Khuzwayo, president of Federation of Transvaal Women Sister Bernard Ncube, the Black Sash's Sheena Duncan, Zimbabwe Council of Churches women's department co-ordinator Belisha Tonyongana and Natal Midland Women's Organisation's Busi Msomi.

Conference organisers' chairman Madikolo Motumi said women were faced with the challenge of helping bring about peace, stability and development in South Africa.

For more details phone Queenie Mgcina or Jeanette at (011) 403-5500.



# RIES IN ACKET'

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## Fake R50 notes may be circulating on the Reef

By ELIAS MALULEKE

TOP business and soccer celebrities on the Reef are rumoured to be involved in a massive racket involving counterfeit R50 notes.

The rumours began three weeks ago in the townships. As a result, possession of a R50 note in the townships has become a headache for many people because most business people are reluctant to accept the notes.

Although some people are believed to have been held at John Vorster Square in connection with the fraudulent scheme, police were reluctant to comment.

Police spokesman Maj N Hartwell said he could not comment about the allegations and referred *City Press* to Col Steve van Rooyen, who said the crime was being dealt with by Hartwell.

Later, Hartwell said it was not in the police interests to comment before the person or persons involved were charged.

Many shebeeners, taxi drivers and shopowners were refusing to accept R50 notes from their customers. Some accepted the notes during the day after inspecting them for the watermark.

However, the fakes are said to be so "professional" many people refuse to accept R50 notes even in daytime.

"We can't afford to take risks," said fruit vendor Emily Masemola of Dube.

Meanwhile, the commercial branch of the Namibian police have seized fake R50 notes worth about

R260 000.

Police said two women from South Africa had been caught with 5 200 of the counterfeit notes in a house in Katutura township, near Windhoek.

The women, one from Cape Town and one from Durban, were arrested after an intensive investigation.

About 2 000 of the forged R50 notes are already in circulation in Namibia. Namibian police said the counterfeit notes had five different serial numbers and were excellent copies of the originals.

In Pretoria, an Atteridgeville township man was arrested this week for possession of forged R20 notes.

The arrest follows a complaint lodged by Joseph Phetla after a neighbour gave him an allegedly fake R20 note. Head of the Pretoria Commercial Branch Maj J Kidson said police were investigating the origin of the R20 notes.

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# Shock housing subsidy cutback

By SOPHIE TEMA

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THE government shock cutback on subsidies for first-time homebuyers has sent property developers into a panic — they will hold an urgent meeting tomorrow with Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel.

According to the new measures, black households with joint incomes of more than R2 000 will no longer qualify for the subsidy.

Representatives of the construction industry will meet Kriel to discuss the matter, because they argue that a lot of people in the middle- and higher-income bracket will no longer afford to buy houses — particularly blacks.

A spokesman for a major building firm said this was why some big property developers moved out of the building industry in the past 12 months, while others reduced their activities.

The spokesman said the government did away with subsidies for white first-time home buyers two years ago and, because of the growing demand of housing in the sub-economic sector, the measure was now affecting blacks.

Kriel confirmed the new limits for subsidies were introduced on July 2 and building societies, banks and developers were informed in a circular which set out the new requirements.



# Rent crisis breakt

## Government moves to scrap arrears and open clean slate

By SOPHIE TEMA

THE government is considering scrapping the R800-million rent debt owed by black local authorities.

The Soweto People's Delegation said this week that black local authorities had been advised by Transvaal Provincial Administration MEC Olaus van Zyl to call together their civic associations to discuss how best they could start collecting rent in townships, once the arrears had been scrapped.

Van Zyl also said government had warned black local authorities that bridging finance would no longer be available, adding that some local authorities have already been directed by the TPA to start collecting monies for services and electricity.

The United Municipalities of South Africa (Umsa) said it was on record that it had called for the speedy scrapping of black local authorities and the scrapping of their staggering debts, and that a clean slate should be opened.

Umsa said this week: "The announcement... by Olaus van Zyl that rent arrears are being addressed at the highest level is welcomed with reservations, now that the TPA has already issued circulars calling on councils to act on rent defaulters, including measures to collect rent arrears."

Umsa president Tom Boya said: "It is my strongest feeling and that of my organisation that the TPA should have discussed the matter with the various councils before announcing that the matter is being addressed at the highest level, as it is a very sensitive and explosive problem which the councils are faced with."

"Councils are presently dependent on the bridging finance for the effective rendering of services, thus it will be a futile effort to debate the rent issue without suggesting an agreeable solution to the problem."

The SPD said it was generally accepted by all relevant State bodies that Soweto's infrastructure for services was inadequate, poorly maintained and structured incorrectly.

This, it said, made residents reluctant to pay - and contributed largely to the rent boycott.

However, an SPD spokesman said: "We will have to act very fast and take advantage of the (latest) situation, because this is what we have been asking for."

Last year, new tariffs were implemented by the Soweto Council, which the TPA said had been simplified and were substantially lower than cost.

TPA said the Soweto Council had stressed the new tariffs were temporary and would be reviewed, particularly when considering the supply of bulk services such as electricity and water.

Residents also were warned that some arrears would be difficult to write off, such as those due to Eskom and the Rand Water Board.

The council was told to reconcile outstanding amounts and submit proposals - within five months of the date of implementation of the new tariffs - to the administrator.

In Diepmeadow, letters were sent to rent defaulters by Florida lawyers Scholtz and Botha at the end of last month in an effort by the council to recover about R37-million in rent, and to end the rent boycott.

■ The free transfer of older and rented houses to residents is also being discussed by government, and local authorities are waiting for a response on this issue - a TPA spokesman said government was considering the transfer of houses to long-term tenants, and might take a decision soon.

Soweto mayor Sam Mkhwanazi said the proposal of free transfer to residents was first submitted by the Sofasonke Party, soon after it came to power in October 1988.

He said the SPD, the Sofasonke Party and other organisations - in calling on government to write off rent arrears - all shared the view that the total rented housing stock be transferred to private ownership.

Soweto councillors also supported the popular demand that older houses be transferred to tenants free of charge, and said this would amount to a significant concession.

The councillors said the transfers would also motivate residents to pay for all services rendered to them.

To date, houses have been sold to residents at below-market rates.



Mayor Sam Mkhwanazi ... rented houses should be transferred to private ownership.

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**Civic leader Tom Boya ... councils are faced with a very sensitive and explosive situation.**



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## Aunt weeps for the only child she raised

By Zingisa Mkhuma

Carol Mashiga, the 16-year-old Soweto girl who died after being shot in the neck at her school playground last week, had previously been sent to school in Piet Retief — because her guardian feared for her safety.

Her guardian and aunt, Harriet Sibiya, sent Carol away in 1987, fearful that Soweto was unsafe for young girls.

"When I lost my job and couldn't afford to send her money she had to come home", she said.

Now Carol lies dead and her aunt's life is shattered.

Home for Carol, a Std 8 pupil, was a backyard shack she shared with Mrs Sibiya.

Mrs Sibiya sobbed as she told of how she scrubbed floors and saved every cent she could to raise Carol.

Her dream was that one day the youngster, armed with a decent education, would get a good job and a home for them.

"After Carol's moth-



Carol Mashiga (16) ... shot dead at school.

er died I adopted her because I never had children of my own. I did odd jobs and sold fat-cakes at school gates to put her through school.

"I was happy to have something to live for. She was such a caring child and now God has taken her. Why am I being punished this way?"

"If I had kept Carol away from Soweto maybe she'd be alive today. I will never forget this boy who killed my baby", she said.

No one has yet been arrested.

## Moteong to continue boycott

A residents' meeting at Moteong Section in Tembisa yesterday resolved to continue with the rent boycott in spite of threats by the mayor, Solomon More, that water and electricity may be cut. *Sfor 16/7/90*

The residents said if the council dared cut off power and water they would reconnect them.

The power and water cuts which Mr. More said could be made yesterday if residents did not pay rent were not done. (343) (127) (128)

Last week, local structures warned the council that cutting essential services may lead to violence.

The council has called a meeting with various committees on Saturday to discuss the lack of adequate facilities, services and houses, and inappropriate rentals and service charges. — East Rand Bureau.



**By Helen Grange**

According to the police and sources in the township, three leaders of the notorious Jackroller gang have been killed by Soweto youths in recent weeks.

Miya, with the other murdered gangsters — Jeff Brown and a man known as "Makheke" — had terrorised Sowetans over many months, township sources say.

"We tried to oppose bail because we knew he was being hunted. But, in law, we can do nothing if

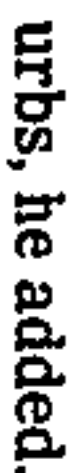
The problems of associating a suspect to a gang which had committed a crime meant that many gangsters were back on the streets within 42 hours of arrest — and at the mercy of the community, he added.

A singer in the township, Chicco Twala, whose brother Johnny was allegedly killed by a Jackroller recently, told The Star that township youths had had enough of gang terrorism.

"My brother was a member of the SA Youth Congress and was among those who were very much opposed to the continued gang harassment in the township. He was driving my combi in Diepkloof when he was shot dead," Mr Twala said.

**The Jackrollers carried firearms that were usually stolen in white sub-**

Three best known gangs are the Ninjas, Ama-Japan and the Jackrollers.



"They always have vehicles and money. Yet they continue to rape and steal. People are scared to be in the streets after dark.

"There were times when they would abduct brides just before they went on honeymoon and then rape them," Mr Twala said.

But gangsterism had decreased over past weeks because "the bosses are being wiped".

Although another two gangs — the Nijas and the Ama-Japan — are known to exist in Soweto, these have not been active in crime in recent weeks.

"They are just groups of youths who call them-

selves these names, but don't really get involved in crime," Captain Ngo-beni said.

At the beginning of the year, however, these gangs had been involved in heavy street-fighting in areas such as Zola, Jambulani, Zondi and Pimville.

**"Gang activity has de-  
creased noticeably of**

late. What we are dealing with now is groups of schoolchildren acting in unison.

"Recently we arrested 15 children after they had conducted a revenge attack on someone's house. We cannot have people exercising the law in this manner, this is the job of the police," Captain Ngobeni said.



# Consumer boycott in 4 towns to begin today

By Melody McDougall,  
Vereeniging Bureau

A consumer boycott in protest against "repressive measures" by the Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark town councils is set to begin in four Vaal triangle towns today.

The boycott is being called by the Cosatu's western Transvaal region, the UDF and Sayco affiliates, and will affect Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark, Meyerton and Sasolburg.

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A statement issued by the Vaal Boycott Committee last week listed several incidents of harassment of leaders, and the bannings of meetings and protest marches amongst the reasons for the boycott.

In the most recent incident,

Cosatu's application to stage a protest march through Vereeniging last Saturday was turned down by the Vereeniging Town Council.

Although there will apparently be no intimidation of black residents in the area who oppose the boycott, it is expected to continue "until the Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark town councils recognise the right of every citizen to protest".

Other demands being made include:

- One non-racial town council with a single tax base.
- That the Vanderbijlpark Town Council stop demolishing squatters' shacks.
- A constituent assembly to elect leaders to negotiate a new South Africa.
- An end to harassment by police.



# Shareworld plan to become Mega City

By Guy Jepson

The first details of a plan to transform Shareworld into a multimillion-rand shopping and business complex, accommodating a taxi interchange with 400 platforms and a post office, were unveiled last night.

Announcing the concept, Paul Asherson, chairman of the Johannesburg City Council's transport and taxi committees, urged the private sector to consider using Shareworld to its fullest potential. He had invited Shareworld

manager Rene Lion-Cachet to brief the council so that its facilities and expertise could be mobilised to bring about the renewal of Shareworld by a wide spectrum of private-enterprise participants.

A source close to the project said: "If implemented, it would yield the most far-reaching and fantastic change to the social fabric of Johannesburg."

A post office with 25 000 boxes would form the core of the development, providing an essential service to Sowetans whose postal

service was in a lamentable condition, the source said.

The post office and the proposed taxi rank — probably the biggest in the world — would form the lifeline of the complex, catering for an estimated 6 000 taxis a day.

The complex, which could be named Mega City, would have about 90 shops and businesses — including building societies, banks, filling and repair stations — and a hotel.

# Aco policy on resale of stands

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THE Alexandra Civic Organisation has presented Alexandra Town Council with its policy regarding the resale of old stands or yards to private landlords, an ACO statement said.

ACO said its policy is intended to resolve the conflict that surrounds the

By DON SEOKANE

illegal resale of yards and old houses by Alexandra City Council to private landlords.

## Original

The policy includes the following proposals:

\* The stand will be offered for sale to the original owner or his/her

descendant who is living on the stand.

\* If there is no such person, the stand will be offered for sale to the person who has been living for the longest period on the stand.

\* A stand or part of it cannot be sold unless the people living there have agreed to it.

\* If some of the tenants oppose the sale, the council should try to divide the stand so that part of it can be sold.

\* If part of the stand is sold, it should be done in such way that existing occupants are not deprived of services such as water,

access to a toilet, or electricity.

"It has been some time that the Alex community have been fighting this illicit sale. They won a Supreme Court order stating the sale was illegal.

## Refund

"However, after the court order, the council continued to sell houses and did not refund those who had bought stands illegally until Aco clarified the effects of the court order to the council.

"We are still waiting for a response from the council," said ACO.

## rises in Lebowa's s GaMashashane

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The hardest hit were the surrounding villages where there had never been provision for water.

ment was not available for comment yesterday.

A civic association spokesman said a mass



miles in a tent pitched at the in the area.

## 10 Bara babies die of Aids

Down Correspondent

Ten babies have died from Aids at Baragwanath Hospital in the last year, a hospital paediatrician has disclosed.

Of 30 infected babies admitted to Baragwanath in just over a year, 10 have died, 12 are known to be still alive, and the parents of the remaining eight have stopped taking their babies

for treatment.

Paediatrician Dr Ian Friedland said although there was no effective cure for the HIV infection, babies were treated for diseases which could attack their immune system and lead to an early death.

The 10 babies had been infected by their mothers during pregnancy.

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# TPA should pay councils' R730-m debt, says Boya

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By Claire Robertson,  
Pretoria Bureau

The Transvaal Provincial Administration's "carrot and stick" approach to the cash crisis facing black townships has drawn predictions of chaos and demands that the TPA assume the R730 million debt facing black local authorities.

The TPA is to curtail bridging finance to local authorities from

the end of this month. It is also considering freezing rent and service arrears to encourage residents to pay current charges.

If it goes ahead with this plan, the province must assume the black local authority debt, says United Municipalities of South Africa head Tom Boya.

Mr Boya yesterday welcomed the TPA's "clean slate" plans.

However, he said, councils would be left with no way of paying debts.

He said the money was owed not only to the TPA, but also to private financial institutions and companies.

He predicted chaos in black townships next month if the TPA cut bridging finance to councils, which used the money to provide essential services.

"This is a very big stick," said Mr Boya. "This could jeopardise good relations."

● The Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs has undertaken to investigate urgently allegations by the Urban Councils Association of South Africa concerning the intimidation of councillors and residents by civic associations, Sapa reports.



# Residents to help in decisions

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By DON SEOKANE

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration will not make any decisions about Orange Farm without consulting the committee in the area, Mr John Mavuso, MEC for Housing, said yesterday.

Mavuso was speaking at a ceremony held to present the regulations for control and management of Orange Farm to Mr Lawrence Mvelase, chairman of the Informal Committee.

"An important aspect of the regulations is that provision is now being made for a committee from the inhabitants to act as advisory body to the TPA, which will function as an interim local government," he said.

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## Police invited to talks

THE Mamelodi Civic Association has responded to the police message of "let's talk" by inviting them to a meeting.

An MCA spokesman, Mr Pasty Malefo, said the police, the Security Police and the South African Defence Force will be invited along with the Mamelodi Town Council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration to a meeting. (343)

At the meeting a programme of action over rent issues will be discussed. Sowetan 17/7/90

Malefo, however, said the MCA would not discuss the police action during last Sunday's meeting, which left 230 people injured, with the police as a final decision would be taken today on whether civil action will be taken against Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok. (222)

He said the MCA appreciated the police message but thought it strange it was conveyed through the Press and not directly to the MCA.



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# Officials quit as rent protests spread in E Tvl

By Therese Anders  
Highveld Bureau

There is growing turmoil in black townships in the eastern Transvaal as rent boycotts spread and more councillors resign.

The town clerk of Middelburg's Mhluzi township, Lehlo honolo Makae, confirmed that a number of councillors had resigned during the past week.

However he was not able to give any details before tomorrow's council meeting.

Last month three new Mhluzi councillors were elected in by-elections which attracted less than 5 percent of registered voters in each ward.

Mr Makae said that unrest in the township had resulted in

several projects being halted because contractors felt it was unsafe to be in the area.

The projects included the building of roads, the upgrading of a sewage outfall and the installation of services at new extensions.

A spokesman for Secunda's Emablenhle township said a rent boycott had been started three weeks ago. Two of the council's nine councillors resigned earlier this year.

## No electricity

Witbank's huge kwaGuqa township (population 115 000) is now being run by three Transvaal Provincial Administration-appointed administrators after the resignation of most the

township's councillors in April.

There has been a rent boycott in kwaGuqa and the nearby coloured township of Schoongezicht since earlier this year.

Schoongezicht's 2 500 residents have been without electricity since April 27 when the Witbank Town Council cut the supply after substations were tampered with.

In Ermelo's Wesselton township residents have been boycotting rentals since late last year. Town clerk Charles Maseko said there had been a slight pick-up in payments since last week's announcement that arrears were to be frozen.

Four of Wesselton's councillors had resigned in the past few months.

# Boksburg suburb in housing dilemma

By Anna Louw  
East Rand Bureau

Estate Agents in Dawn Park, Boksburg, are facing a dilemma — they do not know whether to market the houses in the suburb to coloureds or whites.

One agent, Laretta Featherstone-Cobbaert has written a letter to Deputy Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs, Andre Fourie, and submitted a copy of a letter to Minister of Housing in the House of Repre-

sentatives, David Curry, to try and clarify the issue.

According to Mrs Featherstone-Cobbaert agents do not know to which race to market the houses in Dawn Park, despite a recent referendum held by residents in the suburbs which was in favour of having the area opened to coloureds.

Mrs Featherstone-Cobbaert said there was a 10-year waiting list of at least 400 000 coloureds wanting to buy houses.

She said if an agent intro-

duced a coloured buyer to a white seller the buyer has no guarantee that a permit allowing him to live in the area would be issued in three months.

She said the salaries of the average coloured buyers enabled them to qualify for a house between R60 000 and R65 000. There was a government subsidy for first time home buyers of up to R65 000, but it was not applicable to coloureds.

● According to Mrs Feather-

stone-Cobbaert, a coloured buyer has offered a white seller R90 000 for his house. The owner has accepted the offer but the problem now is that a permit has to be issued before the buyer's bond is approved within a period of three months.

It has been established that the official who issues the permits in Germiston, is helping out in Midrand and will not be available for another month, which compounds the permit problem for the buyer.



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## Effects of Vaal boycotts differ

Small traders in Alberton said the consumer boycott launched by Tokoza residents recently had hit them hard and if it continued they would be forced to close.

The chairman of the Alberton Traders' Association, Ismail Loonet, said it was unfortunate that Indian traders were boycott targets, as they had nothing to do with the grievances of the Tokoza residents.

Although organisers of the consumer boycott in four Vaal Triangle towns claim the boycott was even more successful yesterday than on its first day, Vereeniging appeared to be thronging with black consumers during the lunch hour.

The boycott in Vereeniging, Vanderbijlpark, Sasolburg and Meyerton was called by organisations including Cosatu. — East Rand and Vereeniging Bureaux.

## Council's offer on arrears rejected

The Witbank Interim Civic Association has rejected the kwaGuga town council's offer of a freeze on rent arrears and a R100 flat rate for rent and services for each householder.

The association demanded that in future the TPA and the kwaGuga town council should make decisions in consultation with the "popularly elected leaders of the people".

The association called for the following flat rates for rent and services:

- Squatters on improved sites — R5, pensioners, no charge.
- Houses with electricity R30 and houses without R10. — Highveld Bureau.



## KwaGuga rent arrears to be frozen

THE Witbank Town Council has announced plans to freeze rent arrears in KwaGuga township in an effort to break the four-month-old rent boycott, writes WALTER LUKHULENI.

Town clerk Mr Adam Engelbrecht said this was an attempt to avoid elec-

tricity cuts. <sup>Sowetan 17/7/90</sup> He said: "We implore residents to pay or our supplier will cut our power at the end of July."

Negotiations with residents have been held twice already, but no conclusive agreement was reached as the residents were insisting that the

rent arrears be written off.

Responding to the residents demand, Engelbrecht said: "Unfortunately the rent arrears cannot be written off without the approval of both the council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration's resolutions." (343)

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# Warning on R50-m revamp for Shareworld

By Shirley Woodgate

Multimillion-rand plans to revive the Shareworld recreation complex outside Johannesburg would only get off the ground if taxi owners and operators were offered a "sizeable financial stake" in the scheme, transport consultant Nat Horwitz warned yesterday.

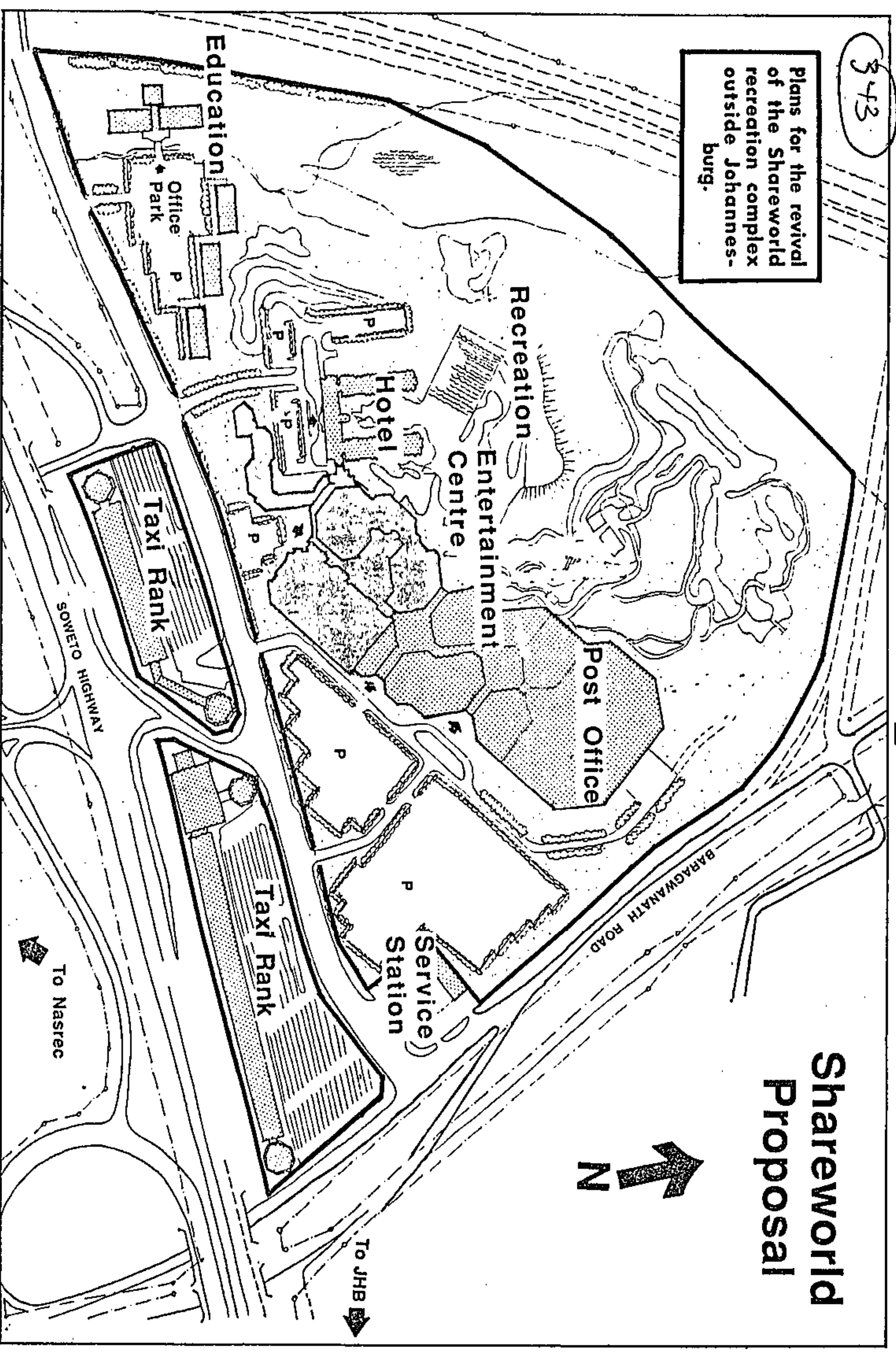
Commenting on the announcement made on Monday by Johannesburg management committee member Paul Asherson of a R50 million revamp of the insolvent project, Mr Horwitz said the taxi industry should be treated as a business when planning the incorporation of the world's biggest taxi interchange — catering for 6 000 people a day into the new Shareworld.

Private enterprise has been urged to invest in the revamped project, which was originally launched on 35 ha between Johannesburg and Soweto for R300 million, but sequestered in March this year, owing Standard Bank R52 million.

## Network

Described by Mr Asherson as "the hottest piece of real estate in the country", the area is well served by a network of major highways, lies adjacent to Nasrec and Soccer City, is 15 minutes from Johannesburg and a stone's throw from Soweto.

Plans for the revival of the Shareworld recreation complex outside Johannesburg.



## Shareworld Proposal

With postal deliveries down to a minimum in Soweto, a major magnet at the new complex is expected to be the post office intended to house 25 000 post boxes, making

it the biggest in the southern hemisphere, if not the world.

The post boxes will be surrounded by 90 shops, from chemists to restaurants, automatic banking tellers for depositing or withdrawing wages, public notice boards for advertising "stokvels" and batteries of telephone call-boxes.

The taxi interchange consisting of 400 platforms is planned to be a mega-centre, equal in size to any other in the world, and is due to be constructed next to the Soweto Highway where work has already started on the off-ramp.

The interchange will have extensive facilities for long distance travel

as well as short trips, enabling Sowetans to alight or disembark from points anywhere on the Reef.

An extensive garage complex planned for the revamped Shareworld — the third largest in the world — will provide fuel for 6 000 taxis, as well as repair facilities.

A study centre will cater for the needs of children in the morning, college students in the afternoon and emerging businessmen at night.

The existing entertainment centre will be revived, including eight

cinemas, a multi-sport arena for 3 000 delegates at union meetings, a night club accommodating 1 500 people, restaurants and gyms.

Also in the pipeline are an office block, a creche for children, and a replica of a large Cape Dutch homestead where wines can be introduced to the



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# D-day looms for township rent crisis

By Claire Robertson,  
Pretoria Bureau

Crucial negotiations on the rent crisis in black townships are in progress as the deadline for the Transvaal Provincial Administration's bridging finance "austerity measures" nears.

In two weeks, the TPA will implement its R16 million-a-month bridging finance package to black local authorities in an effort to make the available funds last the year.

The budgeted sum of R26 million for the 1990/91 fiscal year has been eroded by payments of up to R75 million a month in the first half of the year.

Councils which do not manage to negotiate a resumption of rent and services payments in the next month may have essential services cut off.

"The timing is critical," Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl said yesterday. The cutting-off of services "may be unavoidable in some areas", Mr van Zyl said.

## Encouraged

Province had appealed to the Government for additional funds for the past "two or three months" but he doubted these would be available.

He was, however, encouraged by the negotiations between residents' organisations — local people's delegations and civic associations — and councils taking place in about 30 townships.

In at least 10 townships, negotiations have been successful in halting boycotts. "I am still confident we will be able to reach an amicable solution," he said.

Province had also contacted

bulk suppliers of services in an attempt to minimise the effect on essential services such as water, and sewage and refuse removal, which, if stopped, would present a health hazard.

"The tragic thing is that cutting off services may affect people who have paid and it could affect areas such as health clinics that are essential," said Mr van Zyl.

In some cases the bulk supplier was the adjoining white town or city, many of which realised "that if it goes bad there (in black townships) it will affect them, too", Mr van Zyl said.

"In general, the funding situation hasn't improved, and strictly speaking there won't be additional funds. But the aim is not to curtail funds, and not even to stop the boycott, but to find the problems in local authorities and thus to stop the boycott."

## Azapo, ANC in closed talks

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A joint meeting by members of the ANC and Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo) took place late yesterday afternoon in Diepkloof, Soweto, under a veil of secrecy.

Azapo announced this week the residents' meeting would discuss "the harassment and intimidation of locals".

Despite an announcement this week by Azapo that yesterday's meeting would be open to the media, journalists sent out to monitor the event were told the meeting was closed to journalists.

Representatives of both organisations told journalists they were not allowed to attend the meeting, but the journalists would be briefed on the proceedings after the meeting.

ANC internal leader, Walter Sisulu who was expected to attend the meeting was not there.

The meeting follows an ANC/Azapo meeting and news conference on Tuesday. — Sapa.



# Pretoria teachers go back

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Pretoria Bureau

Teachers in Pretoria and surrounding areas returned to work yesterday after a week-long stayaway following a warning from the Department of Education and Training that they faced dismissal.

The local United Democratic Front office confirmed today that teachers at Mamelodi, Atteridgeville, Soshanguwe, Brits and Moutse schools suspended their protest action in a "tactical retreat" following DET Northern Transvaal chief director Job Schoeman's warning that they would be fired if they did not resume classes by next Monday, and that July absences would be treated as leave without pay.

The protest action began

when teachers refused to take classes during the DET-stipulated school terms. The present term began on July 10, but schools were effectively closed.

To protest over the lack of consultation on the school calendar, among other grievances, teachers instead intended to report for work on July 31, the first day of the DET's official school holidays.

"Teachers who fail to report at schools and perform their normal duties from Monday July 23 will have been absent for duty without permission for more than 14 days," said Mr Schoeman.

"Teachers' salary cheques for July will have to be adjusted. The inevitable effect of this is that salary cheques cannot be distributed before July 31."

# Rent pamphlets aren't ours, says Witbank Civic

By TSHOKOLO MOLAKENG

THE Witbank Interim Civic Association has disassociated itself from pamphlets claiming that it agreed to new rental rates, which were distributed in townships last week by the town council.

The association's publicity secretary, Dominic Mdluli, said "the pamphlets have not only antagonised us, but have angered the whole community."

In the pamphlets, dated July 17 but distributed on July 10, the council stated that Hlalanikahle squatters should pay R30 and Vosman squatters should pay R15 rent a month; registered pensioners should pay R30 rent; all unelectrified house-owners pay R25; and electrified house occupants should pay R100.

Mdluli said the council had acted arbitrarily. He added that they had held a meeting with the council last month. "They asked us whether they could issue the pamphlets, but we told them that we had to consult with our constituency."

The association's proposed standard rates state that registered pensioners should pay "absolutely nothing" and R5 for squatters in all areas. Mdluli added that they wanted electrified home-owners to pay R30 and R10 for unelectrified houses.

Although the civic body wanted the Witbank councillors to resign, Mdluli said the association demanded that the local authorities make decisions "in consultation with the leaders of the people."

The town council could not be reached for comment.

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# 'No one exempt from boycott'

By Brendan Templeton

Indian businesses would not be exempt from the consumer boycott being conducted in Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark, Cosatu's Vaal consumer boycott committee (VCBC) said yesterday.

And it would take firm action against looters who "intimidated and persecuted" delivery truck drivers taking commodities to the surrounding townships, the committee said.

The boycott is being held to pressure for the establishment of a non-racial town council with a single tax base, and to protest against shack demolition in Vanderbijlpark and the

clampedown on protest marches.

A number of businessmen had approached the committee to say they could be forced to close down because of the drop in business, but the boycott would be maintained until its objectives were reached, the committee said.

Indian businessmen would also have to bear the weight of the boycott because it was not a racist one and was intended to pressure all businessmen to force the councils to greater democratisation, the VCBC said.

The boycott call was heeded by all sections of the black community, it said.

● An irate Vereeniging busi-

nessman, Ken Rogers, telephoned The Star and said he could be forced to close down due to the boycott.

He criticised the local council for failing to make attempts to solve the issue or to make a statement: "While bureaucracy goes on according to its own pace, the man in the street is totally forgotten."

The boycott was 99 percent effective and people buying at his business had their goods confiscated by youths outside the store.

"There's intimidation going on here the whole time... if this continues, in two weeks I don't think I'll still be here," he said.

## Domestics 'were forced' to march

20/7/90 By Musa Mapisa

The organisers of a domestic workers' march in Doornfontein have been accused of intimidation.

Employers in Rivonia and Morningside said workers had been forced to join yesterday's march. The union said the march was held, but The Star could find no marchers.

Employers said workers were picked up in minibuses. The union denied this.

The union wants a R450 starting salary, 40-hour week, sick and maternity leave, a pension scheme, medical aid, an unemployment fund and housing aid.



# Deadline set for end of rent boycott

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Political Staff and Sapa  
Black local communities in the Transvaal have been given a month in which to end their rent boycotts.

The deadline for the communities to resume rent payments has been set nationally at August 31.

The Government is looking urgently at the problem of financing services.

A statement from the office

of the President announced last night that communities which had not paid rent and service charges would have to "take purposeful steps" to resume payment to ensure that their councils would be in a financial position to continue to provide such services.

President de Klerk expressed this view after discussions in Pretoria yesterday with the administrators of the

four provinces, MECs and senior officials. He was assisted by Cabinet colleagues Barend du Plessis, Adriaan Vlok, Amie Venter and Hernus Kriel.

The statement said that any additional bridging finance which might be necessary would have to be found from sources other than those of communities which were meeting their obligations.

# ANC calls for brutality inquiry

By Shareen Singh  
and Shehnaaz Bulbulla

Two teenagers have died this year after being held at the Welverdiend police station on the West Rand, leading to human rights organisations and the ANC demanding an investigation.

Nixon Phiri (16) died in January and Eugene Mbulwana (15) last Friday.

Phiri died at the Welverdiend police station of cerebral haemorrhage associated with external injuries. At the time police said a youth had died during interrogation and an inquiry would be held.

Captain E Baartman of the Western Transvaal SAP now says the inquiry into Nixon Phiri's death has been completed and the matter is with the At-

torney-General.

The ANC yesterday said the fact that two deaths were linked to the same police station called for an investigation.

Dr Malcom Chope from Khutsong, where the two youths came from, said he treated five youths last week who were arrested with Eugene Mbulwana and allegedly assaulted at Welverdiend station.

Brian Currin of Lawyers for Human Rights called on the Minister of Law and Order, Adriaan Vlok, to suspend Mbulwana's interrogators and the officer-in-charge at the time.

The ANC has demanded an inquiry into Mbulwana's death and an independent board to investigate allegations of police brutality and torture.





**SYDNEY HILIZA**

THE Alexandra Civic Association will hold a mass meeting at the local stadium on August 4.

The ACA will reaffirm its existence and explain its policy on property owners and tenants, the general secretary, Mr Sydney Hiliza, said yesterday.

Hiliza said among issues on the agenda will be problems resulting from the sale of old stands to landlords.

"The issue is re-emerging because the Alexandra Civic Organisation announced its contradictory policy on the resale of stands," Hiliza said. *Spoken 20/7/90*

### **Stands**

"While ACO is accusing the town council of selling stands illegally, the criteria used by the council is almost the same as the ACO's.

"Except for social problems created by the Government, conflict problems in the area have been caused by organisational differences.

"This area will be addressed at the meeting, with the hope that people will break the barriers of division existing in the

# Mass meeting planned for Alex

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By **DON SEOKANE**

township," Hiliza said.

Hiliza squashed rumours that the ACA had died four years ago.

He said it was the ACA which made it possible for the "bus people" to get homes after a decade of misery.



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A traffic department van in flames after violence erupted in Vosloorus yesterday when students went on a march to protest against the jailing of two teachers in 1988. Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

## Youth 'with petrol bombs' shot in township

By Abel Mabelane,  
East Rand Bureau

A youth, who was believed to be carrying petrol bombs, was shot in the arm and arrested with 17 other people when police clashed with students during a protest march in the East Rand township of Vosloorus yesterday.

Teargas and birdshot were used to disperse the protesters when they began stoning police and private vehicles, SAP spokesman Lieutenant Nina

Barkhuizen said.

Lieutenant Barkhuizen said two people were injured when youths allegedly attacked private vehicles and two houses and a shop belonging to councillors were set alight.

The home of the township's deputy mayor, Arend Ndambi, was petrol-bombed and extensively damaged.

It was not known if the house was occupied.

The march by youths and teachers in the township was in protest against the jailing of two

teachers in 1988, but teachers abandoned the protest after police warned that the march was illegal.

Youths, however, defied the warning and were later engaged in running battles with the police.

Lieutenant Barkhuizen said that about 400 people took part in the march to the local town council offices.

The protesters had planned to deliver a petition for the release of the teachers.

Vosloorus Civic Association

spokesman Keith Montsitsi claimed that between 25 000 and 30 000 people had joined the march before it was disrupted.

The Boksburg fire department extinguished the fire at the house and shop of Councillor Zem Mkize.

Mr Mkize said that despite the damage to his house and shop, he had no intention of resigning from his position as councillor.

He denied that the council was responsible for stopping the march.



# 'Debt erasure won't end boycott'

THE erasure of R800 million rent arrears by the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) would not necessarily mean that Soweto residents — who have not paid rent and service charges for four years — would resume paying.

This warning came from Soweto community leader and member of the Soweto Peoples Delegation, Mr Lebamang Sebidi in an interview with Saturday Star.

"Until the Government addresses the real grievances of the people, no one will be prepared to pay," Mr Sebidi said.

"The rent arrears were not part of the people's grievances because when the rent boycott started there were no arrears."

## 'Big step'

Last week the Government announced it was considering erasing the R800 million debt mountain accumulated by various local authorities through protracted rent boycotts.

Mr Sebidi said by scrapping the debt, the Government would not be addressing the complaints of the residents but would be paving the way to negotiations about the improvement of services. "It's a big step forward," he said.

Mr Sebidi emphasised that Soweto residents wanted to pay, but they would do so as soon as everything was set right.

"People demand affordable and high quality

services. No Sowetan in a right frame of mind would want to stay without paying for good services," the community leader explained.

Another big problem, according to Mr Sibidi, was the question of townships not being treated as part of their adjacent cities.

He said Soweto people also felt that the ownership of houses should be transferred to the resi-

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dents who have paid rent year on end.

"Soweto residents are not happy about not paying service charges.

"I want to pay, Frank Chikane wants to pay ... everyone wants to pay but only after everything has been set right," said Mr Sebidi.

Mr JJ van der Walt

director-general of the TPA said the scrapping of arrears was a significant issue in the rent boycott, as were other issues, one of which related to the improvement of services.

"The local authorities are giving their urgent attention to the question of services, but it stands to reason that they will only be able to improve them if residents are prepared to pay their munic-

ipal accounts," Mr van der Walt added.

The contribution of the Regional Services Council was considerable, but did not contribute towards the maintenance of existing services.

Said Mr van der Walt: "One therefore finds the situation that services will only be improved substantially if the entire community co-operates in order to improve the quality of life of every member."

On the question of the transference of the ownership of houses, Mr van der Walt said the TPA has not been officially approached for its views on the issue.

"And it has therefore not yet formulated its views on the matter."

Mr Tom Boya, President of the United Municipalities of South Africa (Umsa), welcomed the scrapping of the debt as a definite step in the right direction.

## Upgrading

He also did not believe that township residents did not want to pay rent and service charges.

"I don't think people don't want to pay, people will pay only if they are rendered good and efficient service by the councils," he said.

The Daveyton mayor believed what was needed now was a programme of upgrading through which local authorities could improve their service to the residents.

# 'Third force' in Khutsong terror

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A REIGN of terror is sweeping Khutsong near Carletonville, with the emergence of a third warring faction.

The death in police custody last week of 15-year-old Eugene Mbulwana, a member of the Gadaffi Squad (G Squad) has prompted a truce between two factions, a spokesman for the Khutsong Civic Association (KCA) said yesterday.

He said the G Squad and the Khutsong Youth Congress (KYC) had made peace following attacks by a powerful armed vigilante group.

A murder docket was opened yesterday in the case of 15-year-old Eugene Mbulwana, who died in police custody after allegedly being tortured at Welverdiend police station outside Carletonville.

Eugene was among a group of 22 youths arrested by police outside Khutsong. The youths, who were part of a delegation of local leaders and members of G Squad

and the KYC, were on their way to ANC office in Johannesburg to hold peace talks and discuss the "third force".

The bloody war which swept through Khutsong started in May when members of the G Squad were reported to have brutally mutilated eight youths after accusing them of a killing.

Five youths had pieces of their left ears severed with a razor and were forced to eat bits of their own ears. Three others had pieces of their foreheads cut off.

Saturday Star visited one of the victims, who said the youths did not report the matter to the police as they feared for their lives. A local doctor confirmed treating some of the victims.

Last month four members of the G Squad were shot dead and three civilians, including a six-year-old, were injured in an attack by unknown people.

The KCA spokesman said a third grouping, whom locals referred to as either "hit squads or Zim Zims", had emerged in the township and were responsible for attacks on the G Squad, KYC and anybody who opposed the Government.

He said these "vigilantes" did not work in any of the local structures, yet claimed to be comrades. They were not aligned to the PAC or ANC but were a splinter grouping of the KYC that had "taken the law into their own hands", he said.

The KCA spokesman said the third group consolidated itself in May after the mutilation of the eight youths.

SHEHNAAZ BULBULIA  
and SHAREEN SINGH



# Soweto council bracing itself for financial crisis

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THE Soweto City Council (SCC) is bracing itself for financial difficulties expected when, for the first time, it will have to pay for water and electricity without bridging finance.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), is to stop providing local authorities hit by rent boycotts with financial subsidies from the end of this month.

It had earlier warned that the "collection of rent and service charges was poor, and must be improved". This resulted in the TPA having to restrict its budget mainly to the administration.

## Advice

Asked how his council would overcome the pending hard times, SCC's public relations officer, Dr Johan van der Westhuizen said: "We are working together with the Development Bank of South Africa, and they are advising us on the financial adjustment programme".

Soweto mayor Sam Mkwanazi added: "If that happens, I will call a meeting with the concerned parties and I'm sure a solution will be found."

Dr van der Westhuizen said that 42 percent of residents were paying

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current electricity and service charges. He added that 66 000 families living in the four-roomed houses were paying R22,50 in service charges.

"This includes water, sanitation, refuse removal and general services provided by the council," he said.

To encourage residents to pay, SCC had "promulgated the flat-rate system". According to this system, residents would pay R50 for electricity but pensioners would pay R30.

Dr van der Westhuizen said he hoped that by the end of the year, the whole of Soweto would be ready for "freehold title deed", whereby the right of ownership of the houses would be transferred to the families.

Said Mr Mkhwanazi: "The council wishes to transfer old stock houses to owners". All those who purchased houses under the 99-year lease, he said, would have to bring their documents forward for conversion to freehold.

He also revealed that under the "Unemployed Relief Fund", his council was to build 500 houses at Chiawelo, for the "low income group".

# Police searching for assault victim

By ELIAS MALULEKE

*Given 22/7/90 (343)*  
POLICE are searching for a missing Delmas man who was allegedly tortured and assaulted with four others by six white men last month.

Far East Rand police spokesman Capt Eugene Opperman said police were looking for Stephens Vilakazi, 17, who disappeared after the alleged torture and assault at a Wolvenfontein farm at Delmas.

Vilakazi is regarded as a "very important" witness in the murder case of Samuel Ngwenya, 24, who died after allegedly being tortured and assaulted with Vilakazi, Milton Mkwai, Jeremiah Moreku and his younger brother Daniel.

Lt Robertson, the investigating officer in the alleged murder of Ngwenya, said it would be difficult to lay charges against the suspects if Vilakazi was not found.

Vilakazi's mysterious disappearance follows allegations that he was tortured with the four others on June 18 for stealing wheat.

The three witnesses - Mkwai and the Moreku brothers - alleged they were abducted from their homes

in Stompiesfontein, Delmas, and taken by the farmers to a Wolvenfontein farm.

The three said during the assault with fists, sjamboks and kicks, they were separated from Vilakazi and Ngwenya and locked in another garage for several hours before being freed late at night.

A day later, Ngwenya's body was recovered from a well in Wolvenfontein after a farmer allegedly reported that he had "run away".

In another new development, Capt Opperman said although the three witnesses made statements to the police regarding the alleged assault, this could not be regarded as a complaint against the suspects.

These statements were in connection with investigations into the alleged murder of Ngwenya during a routine police investigation.

Opperman said if the witnesses wanted to lay charges they should do so under oath and their statements would be regarded as official complaints.

He asked the three witnesses to consult Lt R Robertson at Springs police station.



# Daveyton probe on the rocks

By LULAMA LUTI

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THE collapse last week of the commission of inquiry into maladministration and corruption in the Daveyton City Council has left a cloud of uncertainty hanging over the township.

The commission lasted for three days and no evidence was led.

It came to a sudden halt after members of the Daveyton People's Delegation (DPD) refused to take part in the proceedings.

The commission was appointed after a march earlier this year in which residents accused the council of corruption.

DPD chairman James Ngubo said the commission – appointed by Daveyton town council – was not constituted in terms of the Commission of Inquiries Act and therefore had no power to subpoena witnesses, some of whom had already resigned.

He cited the example of an officer in charge of the transport department – which had a R3,5 million deficit – who resigned two weeks before the start of the commission.

Ngubo said in the light of the stalemate, DPD had resolved to approach Transvaal administrator Danie Hough to appoint a proper commission.



# Consulate sit-in 'made its point'

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By CONNIE MOLUSI

TUMAHOLE residents occupied the American Consulate in Johannesburg on Friday to highlight alleged repression and police harassment in the Free State village of Parys.

The 17 residents, including an 11-month-old baby and two women aged 70 and 71, appealed to the US government to intervene on their behalf.

As the group left the consulate at 7 yesterday morning, co-ordinator Tom Letsoenyo of the Tumahole Civic Association said the brief protest had made its point, which was to highlight the plight of Tumahole people.

A memorandum submitted to consular officials appealed to the international community to address the residents' concerns and take the necessary steps to stop police actions in the township.

Police spokesman Major Mike Lombard said no complaints about police action in Tumahole had been received.

"Once a complaint has been registered, investigations into the allegations can begin and action taken," Lombard said.

US spokesmen said the memorandum would be forwarded to the relevant South African authorities.

Pleas by the group for food about 8pm on Friday fell on deaf ears as officials said they would not do anything that would encourage the group to remain in the building.

Letsoenyo's plea for the 11-month-old Olga Longelwa to be brought food was flatly refused by consulate official Ronald Trigg.

South African Health Workers Congress (Sahwco) publicity secretary Dr Aslam Dasoo said Trigg also prevented two Sahwco health workers from entering the premises.

Several of the people occupying the embassy were recently hurt while in detention and they contacted doctors for treatment from inside the embassy.

Dasoo said Trigg told people to go downstairs to consult a doctor but they would not be allowed to return to the 11th floor of the building.

Letsoenyo said a march was planned for next week to highlight repression in Tumahole and to present a petition to the Parys police. A consumer boycott was also in the pipeline.



These Tumahole residents briefly occupied the American Consulate.



# Inyangas to build own AIDS clinic

By SOPHIE TEMA

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SOWETO inyangas want to build their own AIDS clinic – and they prefer a site next to Baragwanath Hospital. But there is a snag at the moment: The inyangas lack funds to put up their ambitious project.

The healers – all members of the African Skilled Herbalists' Association (Asha) – an affiliate of the Federated International Umbrella Government, a registered organisation, are still waiting for a fundraising number.

While medical authorities have warned that thousands of people, including newborn babies, are positive carriers of the HIV virus, for which no cure has yet been found – the healers are confident that they have their own type of "vaccine" to cure the disease.

Asha president Lymon Msibi said he hoped that once built, the clinic would offer a 24-hour service to AIDS sufferers with sleeping facilities, treatment and all – the first of its kind in the country.

Director for the Institute of non-Formal Education for South Africa Brenda Robson agrees with the inyangas' concept.

"I would like to see this happening at Bara, because some academic hospitals in Cape Town are already using traditional healers to identify cancer patients and are working as a three-man team consisting of the doctor, the inyanga and the social worker," she said.

The healers, who specialised in "muti" made from roots and herbs, say the only way by which they could prove that they were able to heal heterosexual HIV infected patients would be through the planned clinic.

The healers claim medical authorities in academic hospitals have denied them participation in the healing of the disease known as "iLumbo".

Baragwanath public relations officer Annette Clear confirmed several traditional healers had approached the hospital, adding however, the hospital could not hand its patients over to the healers for treatment.

"AIDS carriers can only be treated by traditional healers with their express consent and out of their own free will – if they have been identified by the healers themselves," she said.

## Teacher 'molested pupils'

By DAN DHLAMINI

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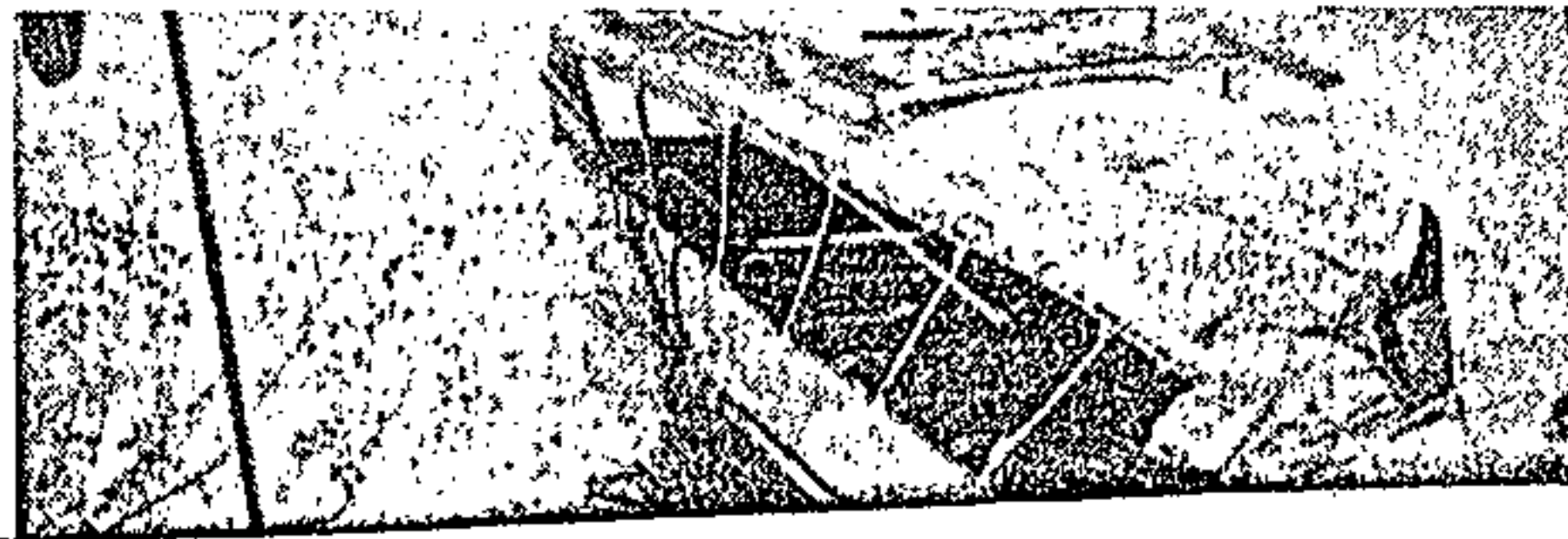
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A WHITE religious instructor in the western Transvaal is facing charges of indecently assaulting eleven black children – a girl and ten boys – aged between 14 and 17, at Bethal High School in Colligny.

Johannes Cornelius Lombaard, 48, a biblical study teacher at the school, appeared in court this week after being arrested at the school by Stilfontein child protection unit of the police.

No charges were read to him and he was released on R2 000 bail. The case was postponed to August 30 for a date to be fixed for the case to come before the Regional Court.

Prosecutor M Theunissen declined to give any further details of the case.



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# Township stresses weigh heavy

Sarah Sussens

The single most stressful factor for the average township resident is not being able to find a home.

It is rated as more traumatic than a host of other stresses, including witnessing a necklacing and the inability to provide regular meals for the family, according to research done by a psychologist at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Jacqueline Odesnik-Duke, a lecturer in industrial psychology at Wits, spent 2½ years researching township stresses and the impact they have on the workplace.

The research is to be used by a human resources company, Mandate, in an attempt to find ways of addressing community and family problems impacting on workers' jobs.

Mrs Duke said her research was a breakthrough as it was the first time it had been proved

there was a link between township stress and performance in the workplace.

"We found that unfavourable conditions such as poverty, poor education and housing problems created a negative attitude on the part of workers, many of whom felt their own employers were perpetuating the system of apartheid."

## Necklace

She said the inability to find a home was the most traumatic factor as it had a disruptive effect on township residents' health, family, home life and quality of life in general.

The witnessing of a necklacing was often seen as the meeting out of a well-deserved punishment.

"We hypothesised that this was less stressful, as those who were necklaced were often seen as perpetrators of apartheid. Necklacing is seen as a justifiable form of punishment for such a crime."

"Also, people are motivated by their most basic needs. If they don't have shelter they will get extremely stressed. This explains why it is a number one stress factor."

Violence in township life was, however, rated as one of the stresses that township residents endured.

Mrs Duke said that prolonged exposure to violence which is beyond the control of the individual can cause long-term psychopathology and an increased risk of physical illness and early death.

Among the research findings:

- 75 percent reported that life was dangerous in the township.
- 76 percent of the sample experienced disturbances of sleep because of township unrest.
- 51 percent were unable to obtain housing.
- 53 percent experienced violence on public transport.
- 60 percent had unemployed

family members who had lost their jobs in the last year.

● 65 percent had transport problems resulting in late arrivals work.

● 58 percent lacked finance to provide food for their family on a regular basis.

Mrs Duke said that although many of the sources of stress require a fundamental change in the structure of society, this does not exclude fundamental change in the workplace.

According to Mandate's director Heather Price: "Companies can't afford to say the township situation is not their problem any more. And those who do acknowledge the problems are often misinformed and spend their money badly."

Mrs Price said her company was offering a two-day workshop in August for South African businesses who are keen to address the needs of their workforce.

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## on the workplace



Looking at workers' problems at home . . . Jacqueline Odesnik-Duke (right) and Heather Price of Mandate.



# ANC chiefs meet to plan vital strategies

By Esmaré van der Merwe,  
Political Reporter

The ANC's highest decision-making body, the National Executive Committee, will convene at a secret venue in Johannesburg today.

The NEC will thrash out strategies on several pressing political issues — such as the future of the armed struggle, and the protracted Natal violence.

Still-exiled members of the organisation have been arriving in Johannesburg over the last few days to prepare for the historic meeting. They include director of foreign affairs, Thabo Mbeki, treasurer-general

Thomas Nkobi and Umkhonto we Sizwe commander Joe Modise.

The ANC's internal leader, Walter Sisulu, said last night that ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela will report back on his recent six-week international tour.

## Struggle

The organisation's steering committee will report on preparations for the August 6 meeting with the Government. One issue which was likely to be raised was the future of the armed struggle, he said.

The Government has insisted

that armed operations be suspended to pave the way for formal negotiations on a new dispensation.

ANC sources have indicated that a cessation of violence could be agreed upon at the Pretoria meeting early next month. The meeting, a follow-up to the Groote Schuur summit in May, is expected to implement the report drawn up by a joint ANC-Government working group.

The report details steps to remove the obstacles to negotiations.

Mr Sisulu said the NEC would also discuss a draft interim ANC constitution.

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Special constable  
killed at taxi rank

A Bekkersdal special constable was shot dead at the weekend while he and two colleagues were investigating a robbery.

A West Rand police spokesman said three policemen were confronted by about 30 "Ma Russian" gang members at the Bekkersdal taxi rank.

Two constables left the scene to get help while Constable Daniel Mpheng remained.

When they returned they found Constable Mpheng lying in a pool of blood. He had been shot four times in the head. — West Rand Bureau.



# Indian traders close

Pretoria Bureau

Almost all the Indian traders in the boycott-hit town of Bronkhorstpruit in the Eastern Transvaal closed their businesses at the weekend in an attempt to protect their black customers.

The action follows the distribution last week of new boycott pamphlets by the Consumer Boycott Co-ordinating Committee, which represents the civic associations of Zithobeni, Rethabiseng and Ekangala.

## Broken

The pamphlets extended the boycott to all white-owned businesses, and to Indian traders, who had previously been excluded. Chemists, surgeries and one petrol station are excluded from the boycott.

A committee spokesman said the decision to include Indians had arisen because some had broken an undertaking

not to buy from white businesses.

The Indian Traders' Association told The Star its members had supported the boycott from the beginning, but had experienced problems with some of the leaders.

The spokesman said they had set up meetings with leaders of the black communities, but nothing concrete had come of them because they always met new leaders, who did not recognise decisions taken at previous meetings.

He said they had decided to close their businesses to protect customers from the marshalls who enforced the boycott.

"Sometimes we tried to advise customers not to purchase anything, but they insisted. A few minutes later the same customers would be forced by the marshalls to return the goods."

He appealed to the committee to meet his association in an attempt to reach a better working method.

## 6 injured at weekend

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Six people were injured after a detonator exploded in a coal stove in a Benoni township at the weekend. A hand grenade was hurled at the home of a councillor in Umlazi, Durban, police said.

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## 'ET' in court again

24/9/90 By Celeste Louw

A former Soweto mayor, Ephraim "E T" Tshabalala, briefly appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court yesterday after he had failed to attend court last week on a charge of unlawfully collecting money from squatters.

An inquiry into why Mr Tshabalala failed to return to court last week after being granted time to consult his attorney will be held on September 17.

A warrant for his arrest had been issued but he undertook to appear yesterday.

He is to stand trial on 87 charges of selling and letting stands in Soweto unlawfully.



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# Police: no intention of releasing results

By Shehnaaz Bulbulia

The police do not intend releasing the post mortem results of 15-year-old "Gadaffi Squad" member Eugene Mbulwana, who died more than a week ago after allegedly being tortured at Waverdiend police station outside Carletonville.

A spokesman for SAP headquarters, Captain R Bloomberg, said yesterday that the post-mortem results were part of a police investigation and could not be released.

He said after the police investigation was completed all the information concerning Eugene's death would be referred to the Attorney-General.

Captain Bloomberg could not indicate when the investigation would be over.

He added that a murder docket was opened last Thursday.

An eyewitness who was detained with Eugene told lawyers that Eugene was brutally tortured until he became unconscious. He died at Leratong Hospital on July 13 while in police custody.

ABOUT 700 Atteridgeville town council workers downed tools yesterday demanding the immediate resignation of two senior officials accused of favouritism in the appointment of staff.

The workers, all members of the Transvaal Association of Employees of Black Local Authorities, called for the resignation of city secretary Mr Madumetsa Mogoba and his deputy Mr Isaac Manthata.

Workers said they could not work with the two officials because of their insensitivity towards their grievances.

A spokesman for TAEBLA said the strike was sparked off by recommendations by the management committee that a Tembisa man, who holds a diploma in public relations, be given the post of personnel manager.

A council employee, Mr Titus Khalo, who holds an honours degree in administration and has been acting personnel manager of the council for eight months, has not been considered for the job.

Mr Dick Mboweni, the council's industrial relation officer, confirmed that TAEBLA had ob-

# Council workers down tools

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jected to the recommendations made by the management committee.

He said his report to that effect would be tabled before the council tomorrow.

Employees also criticised the management committee for failing to appoint Mr Simon Bogopa as town clerk.

Bogopa, who holds two degrees, is deputy departmental head of health services and has been employed by the council for 13 years.

He is also a registered prospective town clerk. He was interviewed for the job about two months ago but nobody has as yet been appointed to the post.

Workers refused to go back to work and vowed to continue the strike until their demands were met and their grievances resolved.

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# Apartheid at fault Witbank killer

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Pretoria Correspondent

The Government and "its evil apartheid system" were to blame for the deaths of innocent people who died as a result of the liberation struggle.

This evidence was given in the Pretoria Supreme Court by one of the two teachers who were convicted on 70 charges for their involvement in the 1988 Witbank car bombing.

Joseph Vilakazi (26), yesterday testified in mitigation at his trial before Mr Justice de Klerk, saying that if it were not for the "evil apartheid system introduced by the Government", af-

fairs would not have reached such a state in the country.

Vilakazi and Ramoepe Maboa (26), both of Vosloorus, were convicted in Delmas on April 17 on 70 charges, including three of murder and 14 of attempted murder, following a car bomb explosion in October 1988.

They were found to have participated in the bomb explosion outside a Witbank office block housing security police and CID personnel.

Other charges comprised of malicious damage to property and one of car theft.

Vilakazi repeatedly maintained his innocence in the

crimes he was convicted for, and when asked by Mr G Roberts, for the State, whether or not he was an African National Congress member in 1988 Vilakazi — who admitted sympathising with the ANC — again pleaded innocence.

"The ANC was there to liberate the country of the evil system of apartheid. My feeling was that it was a liberation movement.

When questioned by Mr G Gertsch, defence counsel, Vilakazi said he did not think it was ANC policy to attack innocent people.

The hearing continues.

By Clyde Johnson,  
Lowveld Bureau

# Eastern Transvaal bid to cut off supplies to black townships

# Traders plan counter-boycott

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## NELSPRUIT

Businessmen in the predominantly right-wing Eastern Transvaal are planning counter-boycotts aimed at cutting off supplies to black townships in the face of a massive consumer boycott of white stores due to start this week.

The African National Congress confirmed today the boycott would be spread across the Eastern Transvaal.

Activists said stores from Witbank to Komatipoort would be targeted.

Included would be conservative strongholds such as Nelspruit, Malelane, Barberton and White River, where traders told The Star they would not take the boycott "lying down".

Pamphlets being distributed in townships on behalf of the "Eastern Transvaal ANC Consumer Boycott Co-ordinating Committee" refer to the Eastern Transvaal as the "killing fields of the AWB and other right-wing lunatics".

Details of the proposed boycott were due to be made known at a press conference at ANC headquarters in Johannesburg later today.

The Lowveld Business Club, an organisation comprising right-wing businessmen, has pledged a whites-only counter-boycott.

### 'Other plans'

Wholesalers of groceries, petrol and other commodities would be urged not to sell in black townships, said chairman Louis Badenhorst.

"If the people want to boycott, let's show them how and see who lasts the longest," he said.

All businesses affected by the boycott would immediately give their black staff unpaid leave.

Should the employees fail to resume duty after the boycott, people willing to work would be employed.

Mr Badenhorst said the club also had "other plans of action", which he declined to divulge.

Other businessmen have also indicated they would give leave without pay to all staff during the boycott.

Asked to comment, Nelspruit Chamber of Commerce chairman Auke Keyser said he was shocked and disheartened by the contents of the boycott pamphlet.

"With the changes that have and are taking place, surely we should be negotiating rather than boycotting."

Afrikaanse Sakekamer chairman Wouter Mocke said a meeting had been called to discuss the matter.

The boycott call, which the pamphlet warns will be closely monitored, includes demands for the dismantling, disarming and prosecution of the AWB; the scrapping of the Local Authorities Act; the right to hold protest marches through all towns; and the establishment of an interim government and immediate elections.



# Vosloorus housing packages sold out

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HOUSING packages offered in Vosloorus on the East Rand by Welcome Homes developers have scored a hit in the black home-buying market.

The initial phase of the company's development, comprising 85 homes, is already sold out and the first buyers moved in earlier this month.

Managing director, Mr John van der Bijl said: "Our aim now is to hand over one house on every working day of the week."

The company has also launched a second phase of more than 60 homes in Vosloorus and hopes to sell and build all of these before the end of the year.

Several designs, including those with separate bathroom and toilet, as well as a separate kitchen are available.

The packages will include kitchen

By KENOSI MODISANE

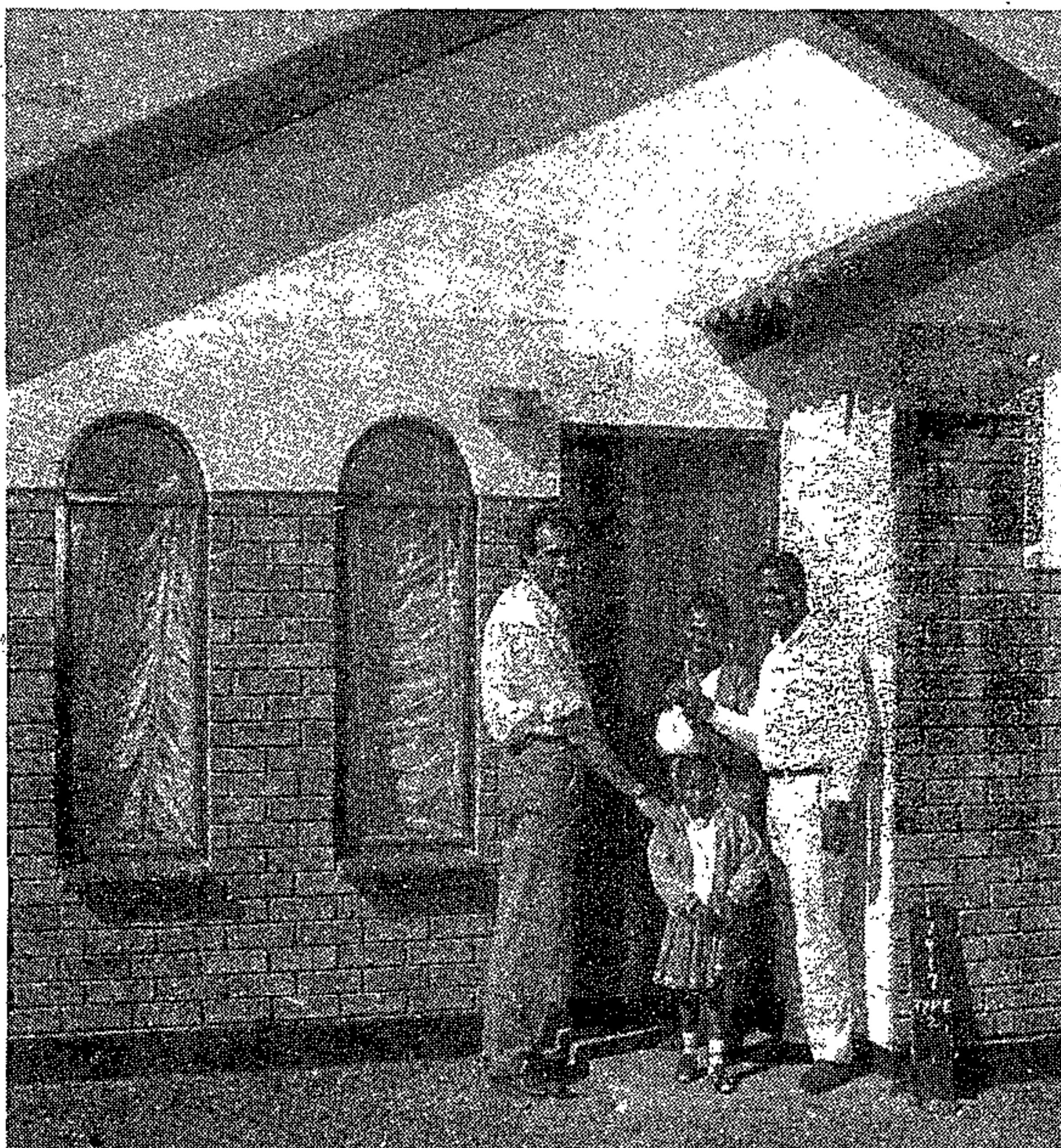
units, stoves, tiling and carpeting.

The prices for total packages including a serviced stand and legal costs will range from R43 000.

## Good offer

"I believe we are offering buyers one of the best housing deals available in the country today", said Van der Bijl.

One of the new occupants who recently moved into a R43 000 house, Mr Moses Nhlapo, previously of Soweto, said: "I always thought I would not be able to afford the deposit or repayments for my own home. But the price offered by Welcome Homes was within reach and the house has been well built with good quality finishes."



Mr John van der Bijl, MD of Welcome Homes (left) congratulates Moses Nhlapo on taking occupation of his new home in Vosloorus. With Nhlapo are his wife, Imelda, and daughter, Petunia.



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# HOME IMPROVEMENTS

## Development firm answers critics

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THE African Development Company has acquired rights to develop a portion of the Rietfontein farm in the East Rand into a township.

A spokesman, Mr Frans Badenhorst, said the company would build low-cost houses on 3 000 stands on the previously agricultural farm.

An earlier advertisement by the company in *Sowetan* that stands would be available at R800 was met with mixed reactions from some developers.

Badenhorst, however, conceded that the advert in the paper was misleading.

Mr Ian Bernhardt, a consultant in worker housing, challenged Badenhorst to explain how he expected to make a profit if he was to sell serviced stands at R800.

Badenhorst explained that the R800 was not for a stand but for shares which the company was selling to interested clients.

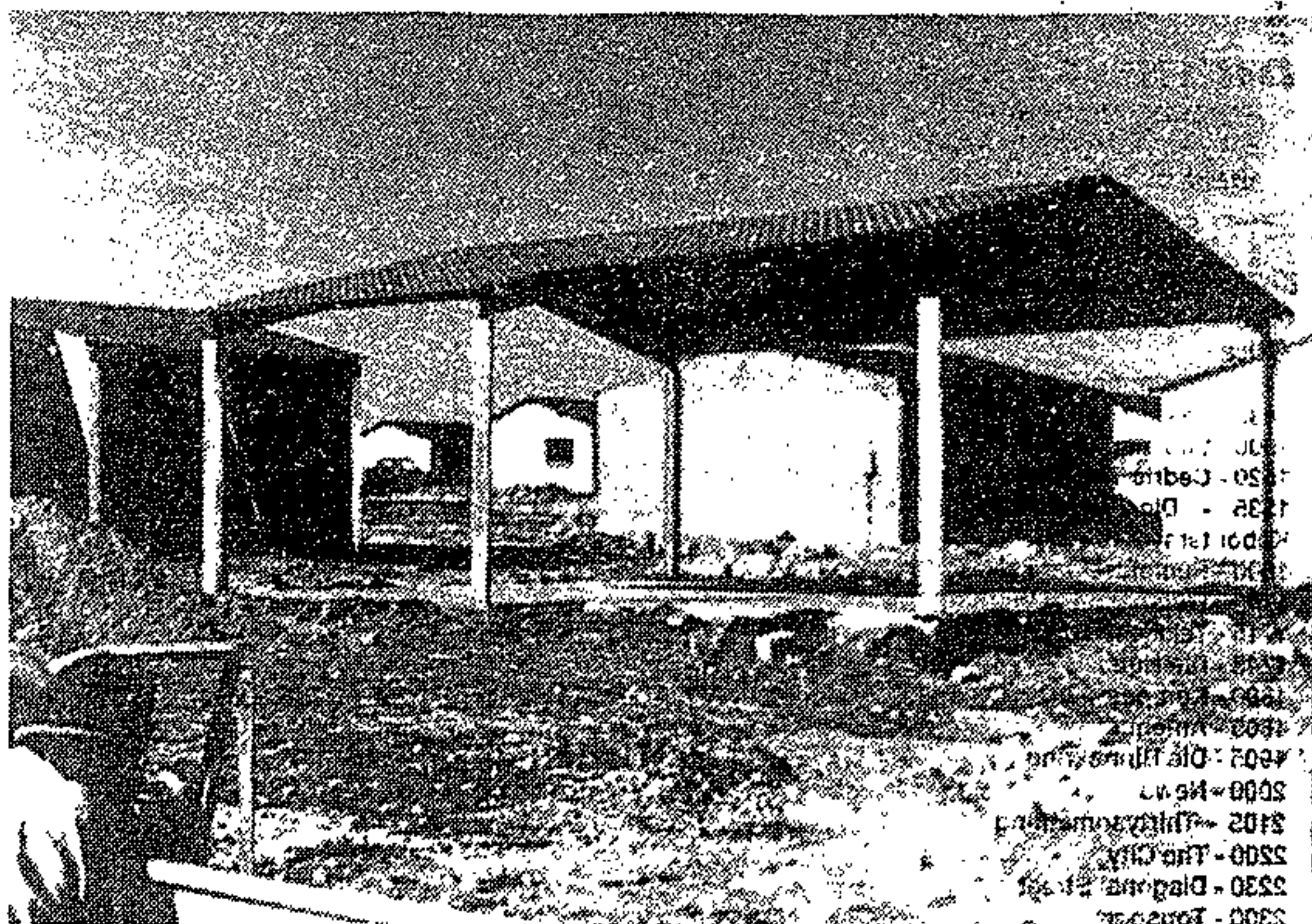
"Those would automatically qualify for a stand and we would then arrange a deal with them."

The land which is to be developed is next to the Apex Industrial area on the Brakpan-Benoni border.

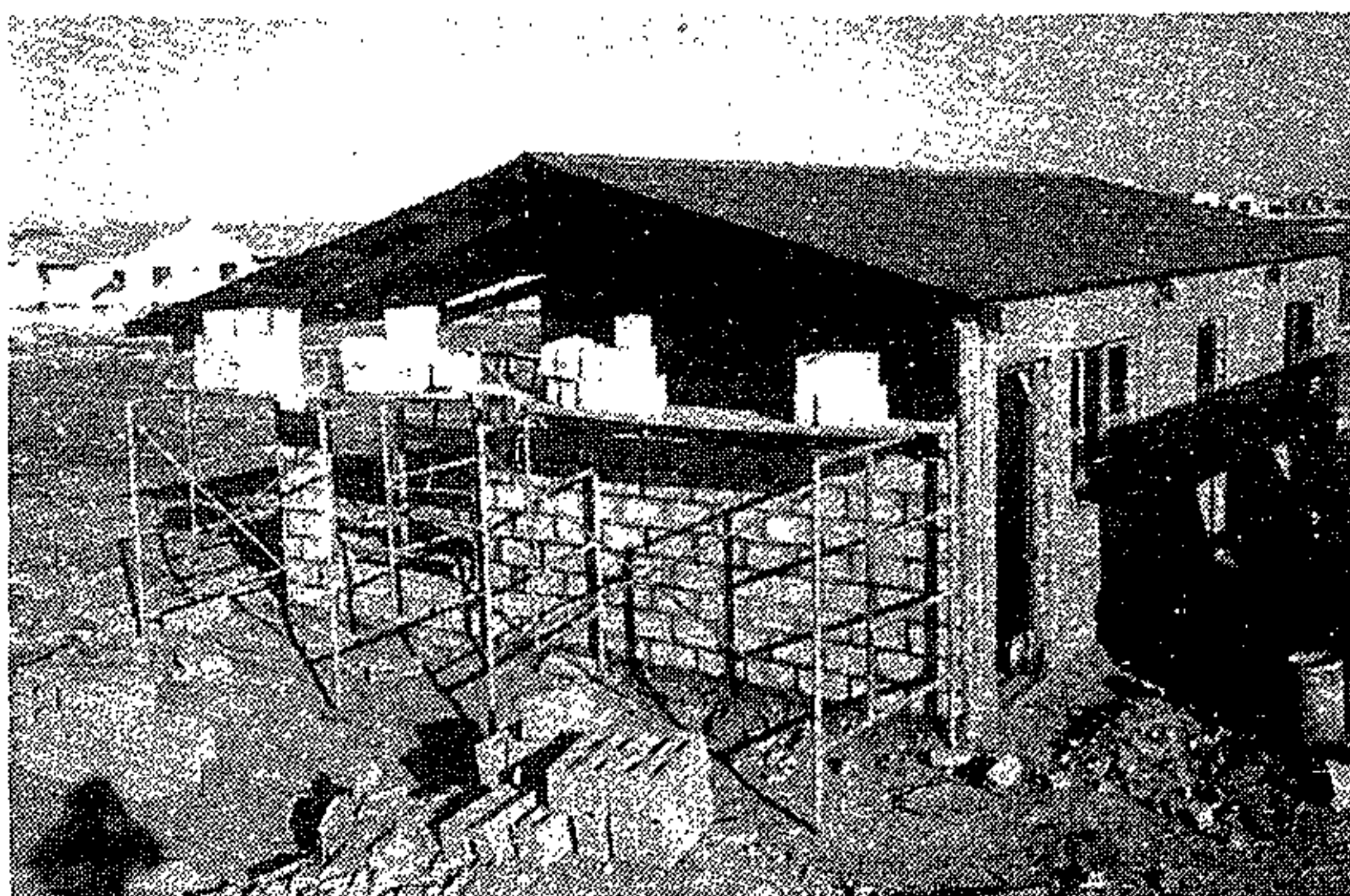
"We purchased the land in line with Provincial Affairs Minister Hermanus Kriel that houses should be provided for blacks as close as possible to their working place," said Badenhorst.

Four-roomed houses will cost R12 000 and five-roomed ones R15 000.

"Our aim is to keep a constant monthly payment of R150 and not to make use of bonds because of high interest rates."



Phase 1 ... Foundation, corrugated iron and tile roofing.



Phase 2 ... Bricks are added onto the structure.



Phase 3 ... Complete and ready for occupation.



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## Drowned man found in handcuffs

**Special Correspondent**  
A Soweto man said to have jumped into Vaal River while showing police where he had thrown a gun was in handcuffs and leg-irons.

The body of Mr Leslie Majola (28) of Zola was taken out of the river last Thursday by police divers, seven hours after he was taken into custody by the Vanderbijlpark Murder and Robbery

Unit for alleged armed robbery. (343) (29)

Captain Pieter van Deventer of Vereeniging said yesterday that Mr Majola died in police custody after he jumped off the Vaal River jetty into the river.

### Firearm

"Majola told arresting officers to take him to the Vaal River where he had thrown the firearm

he used in the robbery," Captain van Deventer said.

"When they got to the jetty just before 6 am, Majola jumped into the river without saying a word. Police tried to help him and called for divers immediately. He was fished out around 9 am.

"We are investigating the incident and an inquest docket will be opened."

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## NEWS

# Give black business a chance in tourist industry

Staff Reporter

A conducive atmosphere should be created for black businessmen to enter the tourism industry, delegates to Fedhasa's annual congress in Johannesburg heard on Tuesday.

Willy Ramoshaba, chief executive of WR Consultants, told about 60 hotel owners and managers that unless they started talking seriously to black entrepreneurs, the call for nationalisation would never cease.

"You have called on the Government to open the doors of your hotels, but you can play a much greater role.

"This does not mean a major exercise, it means sharing advice with black businessmen."

### One

Mr Ramoshaba said Soweto had only one hotel and it was not graded.

Lawrence Mavundla, president of the African Council of Hawkers and Informal Businesses (ACHIB), told delegates that prosperity in the hotel industry depended entirely on the black market.

"The only way any hotel or company can benefit in the future is by creating some form of partnership with black businessmen."

Mr Mavundla said there were attitude problems towards black customers in hotels. The fact that some hotels and restaurants were still reserved for whites also needed urgent attention.



# Non-racial school started

Starbridge

By Winnie Graham

A new non-racial private school on the banks of the Jukskei river, behind Woodmead School, has been started by two Johannesburg women, Joan Gertholz and Helen Dessing.



Founders Joan Gertholz (left) and Helen Dessing

Selamo, or "we share together", is the motto of the new school which was, initially, run from St Mungo's Church in Bryanston. The new school was established when it became obvious St Mungo's facilities were inadequate to meet the massive demand for primary education. The two women searched long and hard for premises until, by chance, Mrs Dessing heard about the prefabricated bungalows standing in Woodmead's grounds. These had been empty since the new Woodmead buildings were built.

The women approached Allan Graham, headmaster of Woodmead, with the idea of taking over the old buildings and were "welcomed with open arms". "The buildings were in a dreadful condition when we first arrived — they were really dark and dingy and desperately in need of painting," said Mrs Gertholz, "but we were thrilled to have a place in which to set up our school."

Enthusiastic parents organised "action days" to carry out the renovation of the buildings, putting in new toilet facilities and creating a garden. They also organised fund-raising days to help buy books and basic equipment for the school.

Mrs Dessing added: "We moved in in January this year, and we now have 65 children in classes ranging from nursery school to Grade 2. "We have one more classroom which is in the throes of being renovated at the moment, so that by next January we will be able to add on a Std 1 class."

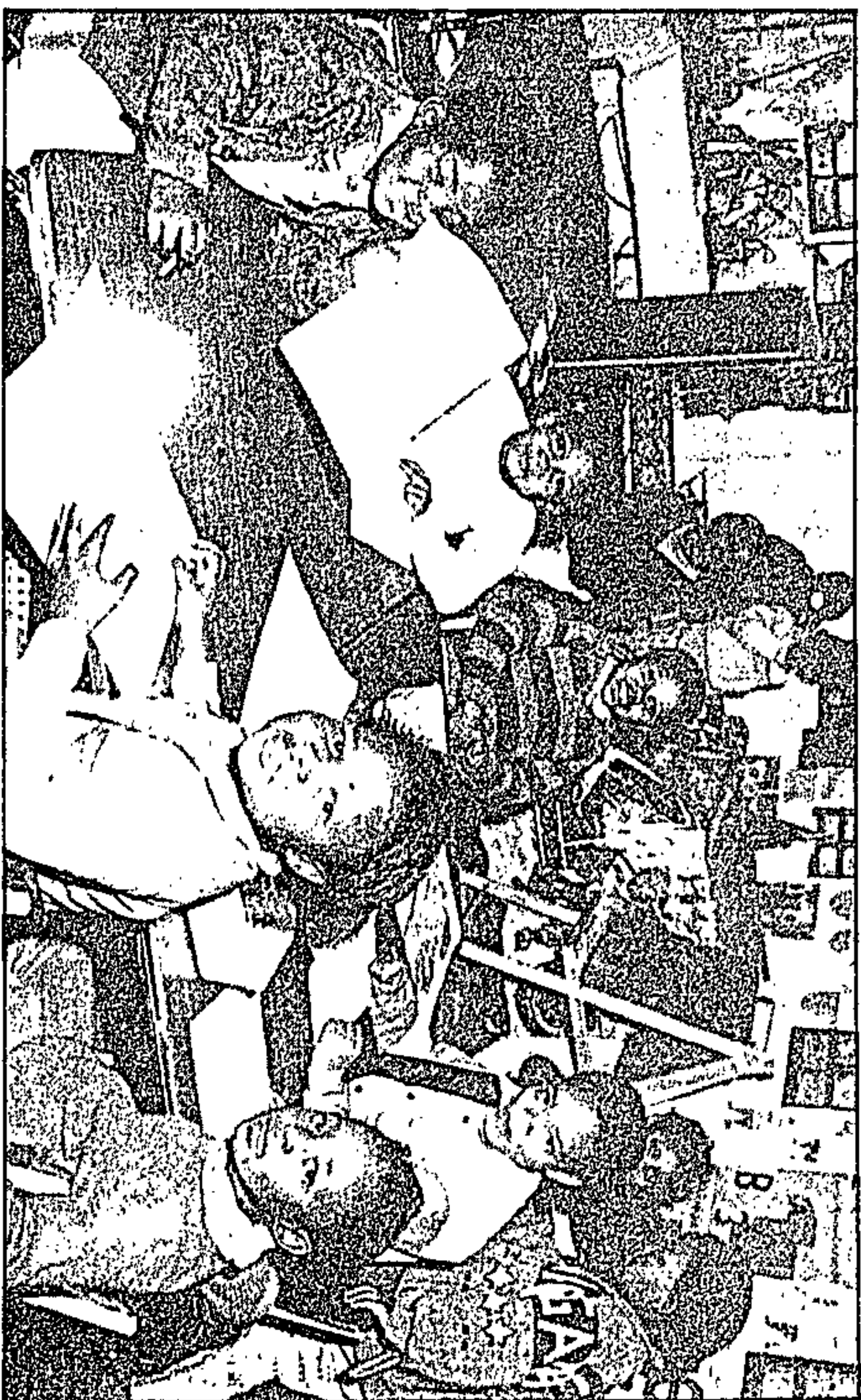
Selamo's aim is to extend classes to Std 5. Most of the children come from Soweto, and are brought in by minibus or arranged transport every day.

"Most of our parents are from the middle-income group and are extremely concerned about the standard of education that their children are, or rather are not, receiving in Soweto," Mrs Gertholz said. "They also recognise that a good education at this young age is absolutely vital, not only to themselves, but to the future of this country."

There is a staff complement of four permanent teachers, while reading and maths adviser Corienne Mitchell visits the school once a week. The school is fee-paying and follows the independent school syllabus. The medium of instruction is English.

"It is one of our urgent priorities to implement plans to set up a bursary scheme as soon as possible, so deserving children can be helped," said Mrs Gertholz. Various extra-mural subjects are taught, including music, karate and ballet. In addition, Irene Killian brings her own computer to the school to teach computer skills, a subject which has proved so popular with the children that she has had to extend her visits from one day a week to three.

Applications to attend the school have been overwhelming, and, according to Mrs Dessing, they could have filled the school "six times over". "The amazing thing is that we haven't actively



Children at work in one of the newly renovated classrooms at the Selamo school.

publicised the school — the news about us has spread by word-of-mouth," she said.

Although at present the pupil complement comprises black, coloured and Indian children, few people are aware that the school is anxious to receive applications from white pupils. In time, it is hoped it will become

a completely multiracial establishment, although, according to Mrs Gertholz, "there are still barriers to be overcome — no one wants to be the first."

The school depends solely on fees and donations for its financing. It has been adopted as part of the social responsibility programme of the international

pharmaceutical company, Bristol-Myers, which helped to fund the setting up of the school.

Said Mrs Gertholz: "Although we are in the grounds of Woodmead, we are independent of them. We pay rent on the buildings and pay our own way."

One of their priorities at the moment is to raise money for books. Following a highly successful golf day last year, the school is organising another in September.

This will be a betterball Stabelford to be held on Thursday September 6 at the Irene Country Club, Pretoria. For further details, contact R Gertholz, chairman of the Trust Committee, on (011) 787-8671 or 787-2615.

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# Talks on boycott

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By MONK NKOMO

THE Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation will meet the local town council tonight to discuss crucial issues, including the four-month-old rents boycott in the township.

A spokesman for Asro said another issue likely to be discussed will be the reluctance by councillors to heed the call to resign before the rent problem could be resolved.

Asro had indicated that a flat rate for essential services could be determined but only if councillors resigned before such a move was taken.

Tonight's meeting will be chaired by the regional director of the Transvaal Provincial Administration and will be held at the TPA's conference room in Pretoria from 6pm.

Also on the agenda will be the council's recent decision to temporarily ban political and civic organisations from using its facilities.



# HOME IMPROVEMENTS

## Soweto soccer fields to go for 200 new homes

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ABOUT 200 houses will be built for the lower and middle-income groups on the soccer fields alongside Soweto's Meadow-

By KENOSI MODISANE

lands hostel. Speaking at the launch of the project recently,

Diepmeadow mayor Mr J Khumalo said: "This project will help to alleviate the severe housing shortage in our area."

The houses will range in price between R30 000 and R75 000.

Khumalo said preference will be given to local residents who have been on the waiting list for houses.

"Those are the people who will first move into the houses when they are completed early next year."

### The cost

The total cost of developing the area including infrastructural services and building the houses is R27 million.

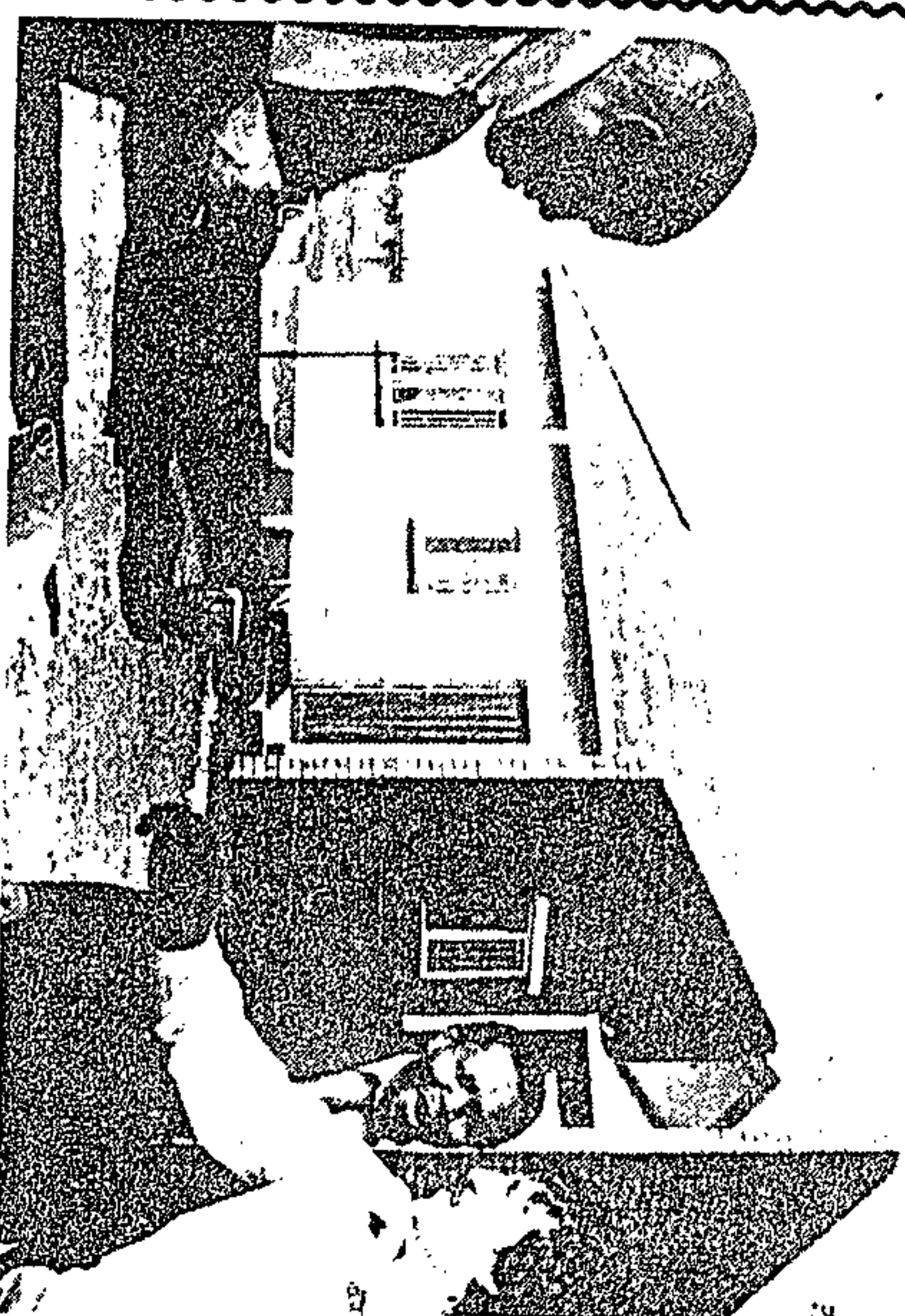
The money was allocated to the council by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council as part of a scheme to reduce the housing shortage in the townships. Part of the money will be used to upgrade family

quarters near the hostel. The improvements in the hostel will include electricity, sewerage and storm water drainage systems.

### Health

"We hope to eradicate the social and health problems caused by congestion and lack of privacy in the hostel," said Khumalo.

There have only been communal toilets and taps since the hostel was built.



Mr Philip Nicolaou and Mr Timothy Jiyana speak to would-be buyers at the launch of North Oasis suburb in Evaton.

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## Evaton housing developers launch an incentive scheme

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"We have an offer of R1 000 for children's furniture and a R150 subsidy for the first 12 months of repayment."

Ryba said the subsidy, which will be reduced to R75 in the second year will help ease the burden of adjusting into a new home.

"We felt it would be

best for us to help our clients cope with the high instalments in the first two years."

She said her company won the tender to develop houses in the new area "because of our good reputation in building quality homes and satisfying our clients".

The houses to be

built in North Oasis have some of the latest features in housing development. These include bullet and shatter proof windows.

"We are glad we are able to provide such advanced security to houses in these troubled times in our country," she said.



Diepmeadow mayor Mr M.J. Khumalo.



# Armed 'impis' storm trains

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By Thabo Leshilo

Soweto train commuters were attacked with knobkerries, sjamboks and pangas by men, alleged to be Inkatha members, who stormed the trains yesterday.

Witnesses told The Star the incident happened at the Ikwezi and Inhlanzani stations at about 6 pm. The attackers allegedly told commuters they were looking for "mzabalazo people" — people of "the struggle" who sang slogans in trains.

## Jumped out

Several of the injured were treated at Baragwanath Hospital. Most of them were ferried to the hospital by ambulances. It was not known whether anybody had been killed at the time of going to press.

One commuter, Sarah Morake, told The Star: "The large group of Zulu warriors entered the train at Ikwezi station looking for mzabalazo people.

They were armed with sjamboks, knobkerries, knives, pangas and guns."

She said the "impis" started attacking people indiscriminately.

"Many people jumped out of windows while the train was moving, to escape. I simply sat and resigned myself to death. I saw men run like children and leave their parcels behind."

Another passenger, Caroline Mathe, said people had left their parcels behind and lost their shoes in their haste to escape from the impis.

She said her son, who came in another train, brought home a shoe he had picked up during the chaos. Many passengers did not alight at Merafe station out of fear that they might be attacked by Inkatha people from the nearby hostel.

Another passenger said she heard two shots being fired as soon as her train stopped at Inhlanzane station.

"I am lucky I was not in the mzabalazo coach," she said.

Police could not confirm the incident last night.



## Businessman's home attacked

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The house of prosperous Vosloorus businessman Justice Radabe, whose businesses were at one stage boycotted because he allegedly associated with councillors, was stoned and petrol bombed on Sunday causing damage estimated at R60 000.

Mr Radebe said on Friday that his truck was also stoned and petrol bombed and the driver narrowly escaped death when his jacket caught fire.

"When the attack took place my wife was alone in the house watching television. She heard a loud bang at about 10.30 pm and then realised that the house had been petrol bombed.

"She escaped through the back door and screamed for help. While outside she saw a car leave the house at high speed.

"While my wife was trying to extinguish the fire in the front with the neighbours, there was another attack at the back of the house."

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## Forget 'plot' — Tshwete

By Esmaré van der Merwe,  
Political Reporter

The Government was deliberately refraining from acting against the militant right wing because it would like to negotiate with a "limping, fragmented ANC in disarray", ANC executive member Steve Tshwete said yesterday.

He was speaking at a rally in Johannesburg called to discuss joint campaigns by the ANC and other organisations against right-wing violence.

He criticised the Government and the "liberal press" for wasting their time with futile efforts to expose a non-existent plot.

Mr Tshwete warned that an unbanned ANC was not "the sacrificial lamb on the altar of white lunacy". If the right wing were to continue attacks on blacks, the ANC "will get to a point where we feel justified to reply in kind".

Asked whether the ANC would pull out of negotiations in protest against right-wing militancy, he said: "Negotiations take place precisely because people are fighting."



# Sharpeville gets reprieve

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Vereeniging Town Council decided last night not to cut power to Sharpeville township as planned, at least not until the middle of August.

This followed the receipt of a R500 000 bank guarantee from Lekoa administrator Jaap Joubert, which will cover Sharpeville's bill and buy electricity for the township until August 17.

Sharpeville falls within Lekoa, whose now-defunct town council allowed more than R146 million to accrue as debt.

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## Injured girl says police gassed her, burnt reeds

By Zingisa Mkhuma

A 17-year-old Natalspruit schoolgirl was admitted to hospital with serious facial burns after, she alleges, police burnt down reeds where she and some of her school friends took refuge from tear gas.

Beauty Khanye, a Std 7 pupil at Katlehong Secondary School, told The Star she was among the pupils who marched to Vosloorus last Thursday to demand the release of two teachers who were detained.

"On our way home we were followed by a police van from Vosloorus towards the Nyoni Game Park.

"The police suddenly started shooting and spraying teargas without any provocation from our group.

"I jumped into the reeds to get away from the fumes.

"The police kept on firing tear gas into the reeds. I got stuck into the mud. . . .

"The police then started a fire in the dry reeds to flush us out.

"I screamed and tried to pull out my leg but the fumes and the fire overcame me.

"After a while the fire died down. Then the reeds would flare up again and my face, my head and most of my body got burnt," Miss Khanye alleged.

She said she screamed for help and after a while a passerby called a man who was driving a van and they pulled her and three other girls out of the reeds.

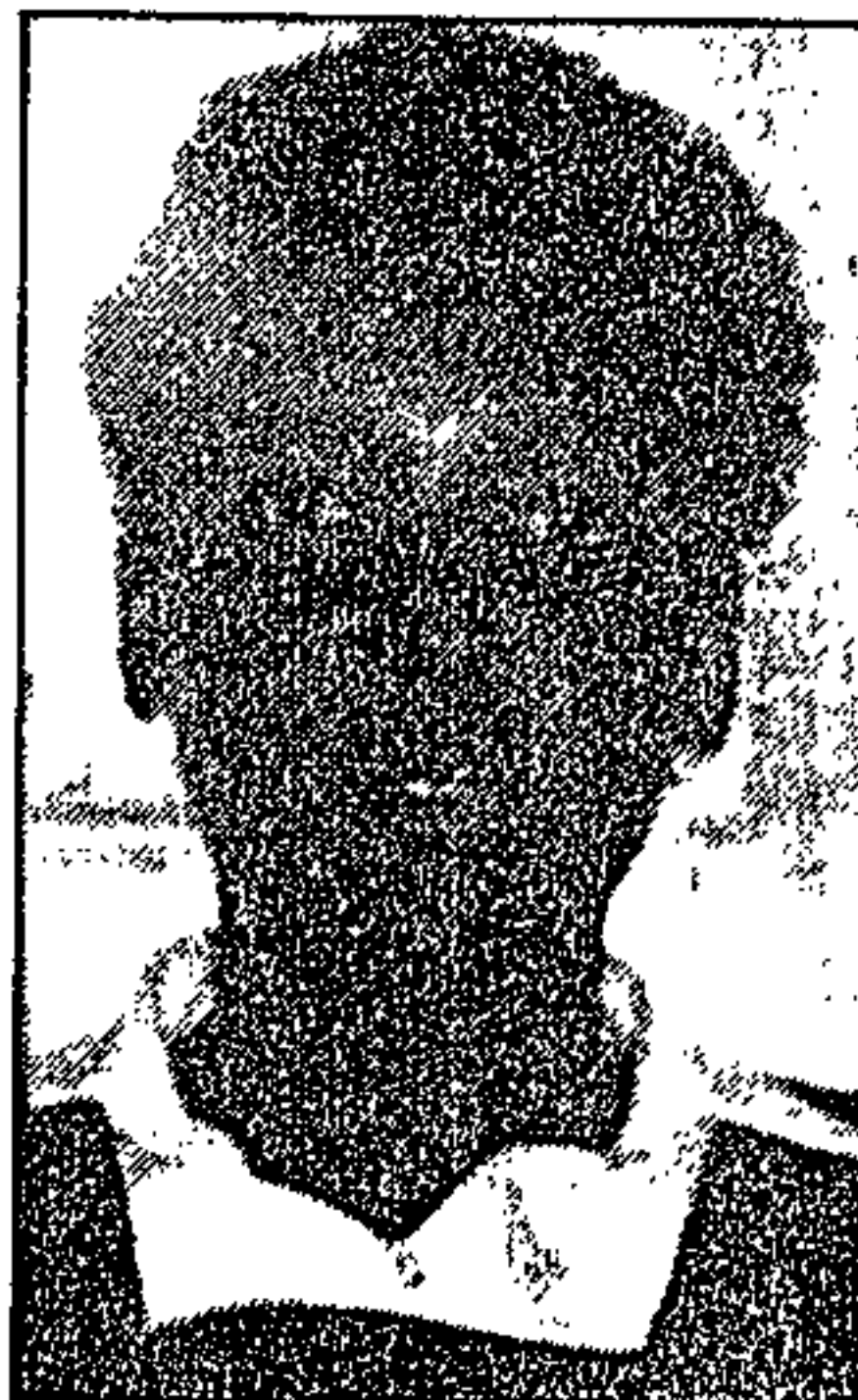
They took them to Natalspruit Hospital.

A nurse at the hospital said Miss Khanye was badly burnt and would need extensive surgery on her face.

The police said an investigation would be conducted.



Beauty Khanye (17) will need extensive surgery after her face, head and most of her body were seriously burnt. Below: a recent photo of Beauty.





# 1 killed, 29 hurt in trains rampage

By Stan Hlophe

One person died and at least 29 were injured when Soweto train commuters were attacked by men said to be Inkatha members on Wednesday night and yesterday morning.

The passengers, on trains from Johannesburg to Naledi, were attacked with knobkerries, iron bars and pangas.

A Baragwanath Hospital spokesman would not release the name of the dead person until the next of kin had been notified. Eight of the nine people admitted are: Alfred Ngubeni, James Kok, Martha Molegobo, Phineas Khoza, William Madiba, Joyce Maswele, Patrick Nsibandze and Maureen Kweni.

Nineteen others were treated and discharged yesterday.

Soweto public relations officer Captain Joseph Ngobeni said only nine people had been injured.

The assailants told commuters they were looking for "mzabalazo dancers" (people who toyi-toyi).

The Star visited the hospital yesterday and interviewed Elphas Ngubeni (33), of Jabulani hostel, who said: "I was coming from work and when the train was about to stop at Inhlazane I heard a lot of noise on the platform. When I looked through the window I saw a group of armed people whom I think were Inkatha members.

## Police arrived

"They were armed with all sorts of weapons. People ran in different directions and screams followed. I also ran and managed to get outside the station. The attackers were shouting 'where are the mzabalazo dancers? This is their day today'.

"Police arrived and fired tear gas and shots. There was confusion and I tried to run away, but I felt something in my thigh. I forced myself to move away from the commotion but could not. It was then I realised I was shot. I was rushed to hospital in an ambulance waiting at the station."

James Kok (53), of Moletsane,

said: "I boarded a Westgate/Naledi train and when the train was to stop at Inhlazane station I heard people screaming, and shots followed. People jumped out of the windows and I also followed.

"When I attempted to run away I was struck by a hard instrument on the forehead. I became dizzy and fell. I remained there for almost 15 minutes.

"I woke up slowly and went through the police and managed to reach home full of blood. My wife telephoned an ambulance which rushed me to hospital."

The Soweto Civic Association (SCA) said it regarded the attack in a very serious light.

In a statement yesterday, SCA publicity secretary Patrick Lepunya appealed to township residents to "foster a spirit of understanding" with hostel dwellers, after what he termed a crime of apartheid.

The SCA called on Sowetans "to be alert and at the same time not allow themselves to be derailed from the fight against the enemy and spend too much effort fighting each other".

# Leaders injured in violence

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27/7/90 By Therese Anders  
Highveld Bureau

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ERMELO — Four of Wesselton's leaders have been seriously injured and their houses and businesses petrol-bombed as violence continues to rage in the Eastern Transvaal township.

At least one man has died, hundreds injured, and many homes damaged or burnt out since fighting began on Sunday. The conflict is between a vigilante group called the "Black Cats" and ANC supporting comrades.

However, two prominent local businessmen, who asked not to be named for fear of reprisals, yesterday accused police of supporting the vigilantes.

They claim the police had, until Wednesday, given the vigilantes protection at the local council offices. One of the men said he had seen a group of vigilantes walk to a police vehicle after an attempt to petrol-bomb his house on Tuesday night.

A delegation of local clergyman met senior policemen this week and pleaded with them not to take sides.

SAP spokesman Captain Ruben Bloomberg denied police were supporting the vigilantes.

Yesterday, the situation in the township was described as explosive. Schools have been closed all week and many township shops are shut.

Four of the township's leading figures, all members of the Wesselton Action Committee, have been attacked by members of the vigilante faction.

The four — school teacher Hezekiel Kubheka, John Mndebele, Themba Cindi and Cizwe Simelane — are being treated in hospital.

Another prominent local businessman, Elijah Ngwenya, arrested by police and charged with arson and intimidation, was released on bail of R1 000.

Lawyer Steve Ngwenya, who represents the Wesselton Action Committee, had two petrol bombs thrown through his office in the middle of Conservative Party run Ermelo on Wednesday.

Mr Ngwenya said "it follows from what has been happening in Wesselton since Sunday".



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## Blacks stock up to beat shop boycott

By Clyde Johnson

NELSPRUIT — Last-minute shoppers, bracing themselves for the consumer boycott called for by the ANC's co-ordinating boycott committee, flocked to supermarkets and stores in Nelspruit yesterday.

At closing time, Checkers store was crammed with buyers — nearly all black.

Wholesalers throughout the region reported record sales as traders from the townships stocked up.

"It looked like a pre-Christmas shopping spree," said shop-owner George Mathebula, as he drove away in his loaded car.

Although township traders are delighted by the increased business, many black consumers have expressed concern.

"The ANC first killed innocent people, placing bombs in supermarkets. Now they are starving us by preventing us from buying at the supermarkets," said Grace Msibi, clutching her young baby. "I am interested in rearing my children — not in politics — and if the ANC want to burn my house or kill me for saying this, let them do so."



# SACP steps from sh

PATRICK LAURENCE

THE South African Communist Party, which holds its first public rally in 40 years tomorrow, has travelled a long, hard and circuitous route to its present position as a *de facto* interlocutor at the negotiating table.

In an astonishing turn of events since the SACP was outlawed 40 years ago, its general secretary, Joe Slovo, is again included in the African National Congress negotiating team for the scheduled August 6 talks.

President de Klerk is trying to exclude Mr Slovo from the talks following the discovery of an alleged communist plot to seize power if the negotiations fail or do not turn out to the SACP's satisfaction.

Even if Mr de Klerk prevails upon the ANC to drop Mr Slovo, the SACP will still have a presence at the negotiating table. The ties between the SACP and the ANC are so close that the SACP will be represented, whatever the precise composition of the ANC delegation.

The SACP, however, took several wrong turnings in its protracted journey to the brink of power and, in the view of its opponents, it may be about to take its followers and its ANC ally into another cul de sac.

The SACP is today a tireless champion of the oppressed and of racial equality. But in 1922, during the bloody Rand Rebellion, it sided with white mine workers against the mining companies under the racist slogan "Workers of the world unite and fight for a white South Africa".

The SACP emerged as a trenchant opponent of apartheid long before it became a fashionable cause. It espoused the idea of a "Native Republic" in South Africa a few years after the 1922 rebellion, thus anticipating the bantustan policy adopted by the ruling National Party by nearly three decades.

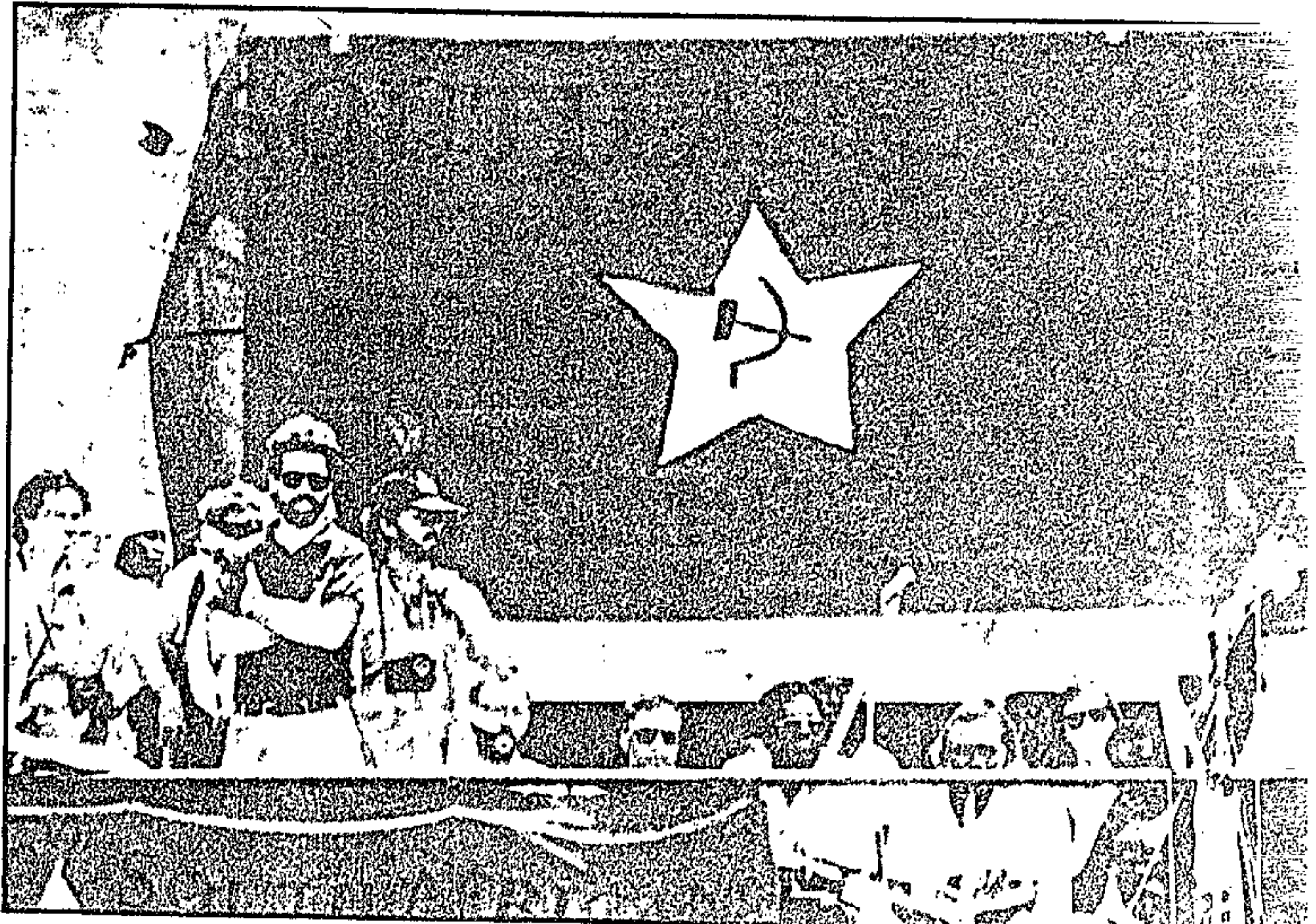
Whether the SACP is out of kilter again in prescribing socialism as the answer to South Africa's economic and social ills in the 1990s is hotly debated.

Where communist parties in the rest of the world are on the retreat after the upheavals in Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union itself, the SACP, sensing the possibility of power, is on the advance. Its buoyant optimism is summed up in the title of its revised programme: "The Path to Power".

Where many communist parties have hastily abandoned the once proud label "communist" in an attempt to distance themselves from the tyrannies associated with communism in Eastern Europe, the SACP still proudly proclaims itself to be a communist party.

It must be, remarks Ronnie Kasrils, former intelligence chief of Umkhonto we Sizwe, the army of the SACP and its ANC ally, one of the few communist parties whose flag still contains

## But will its 'path to power' end in a cul



SEEKING ANSWERS: Observers and "the masses" at Soccer City, Soweto, for the SACP rally tomorrow, will seek answers

the hammer and sickle.

The SACP is more than an anachronism in an age where socialism appears to have lost the battle against capitalism in key parts of the world.

After surviving for 40 years as an underground party — it was banned in 1950 under the Suppression of Communism Act — the SACP is re-surfacing as a potentially powerful but still largely unknown force to many South Africans.

The SACP boasts that "our party and what it stands for are more popular today than at any time in our 69-year history". It is a boast which cannot be dismissed as idle.

Its underground existence forced it to become a highly secretive organisation, causing some political observers to compare it to the subterranean Afrikaner Broederbond and to accuse it of manipulating the ANC in some way as the Broederbond is thought to control the ruling National Party. But, promises Mr Slovo, the party has no intention of functioning as a Broederbond within the ANC or as a secret organisation.

In the relatively free atmosphere of post-February 2 South Africa, created by President de Klerk's decision to unban the

SACP, Mr Slovo says: "We intend moving towards a situation where every communist will be proud to acknowledge they are members of the party."

He adds a caveat: "We cannot yet abandon (all) the levels of our underground because the process of democratisation is not yet irreversible."

The first instalment of the SACP's pledge to "go public" will be delivered tomorrow at a rally in Soweto, when it will disclose the names of its internal interim leadership, as distinct from those of its central committee members.

Even that partial disclosure will be a leap forward into the age of glasnost. Very few details are known about the SACP's leadership. With one or two exceptions, the names of its central committee members remain secret. Mr Slovo is one exception. Dan Tloome, the SACP chairman, is another.

When political observers assemble at Soccer City in Soweto for the rally, together with "the masses", they will be seeking answers — or even partial answers — to several critical questions.

One concerns the identity of its leaders. A second focuses on the strength of the SACP within

the ANC. A third relates to the SACP's appeal on the ground.

A fourth seeks to probe the sincerity of the SACP's apparently sudden acceptance of multiparty democracy, a notion which many SACP leaders, nurtured on the authoritarian traditions of Stalin and Brezhnev, once contemptuously dismissed as "bourgeois democracy".

Observers seeking to identify the central committee membership will be disappointed. There will be no disclosure, Mr Slovo cautions, until the SACP's 70th anniversary congress next year and then only if the "process of democratisation" is judged to have gone far enough to make disclosure safe.

It follows that the exact strength of the SACP in the ANC will remain imponderable until the names of its central committee are known and one can run a check list against the names of the ANC national executive.

Until then, however, observers and the public generally will have to make do with various estimates.

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The South African government assessment puts the proportion at about two-thirds.

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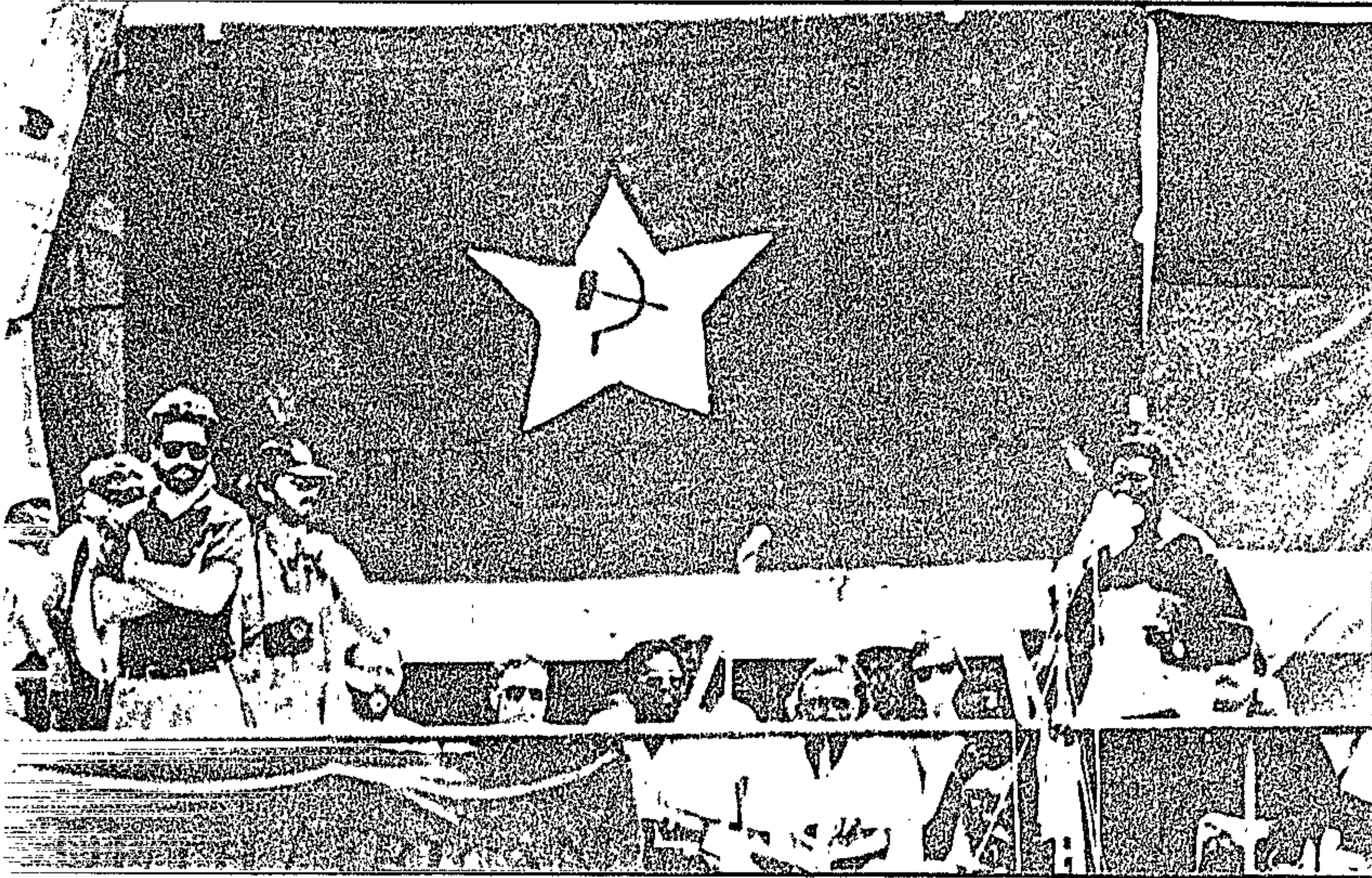
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SACP estimate that 70 percent of its members are black is not an exaggeration.

Black people not only joined the SACP: they also died for its cause in the guerilla war which started soon after the banning of the ANC in 1960 and the formation of Umkhonto we Sizwe in 1961.

A special rally issue of the SACP journal, *Umsebenzi*, proudly re-

counts: "Communists (were) in the front rank of the struggle. No sacrifice was too much. More than 100 members lost their lives on the gallows, in police cells and in battle with the enemy."

Judging from the names of communists who lost their lives in "the struggle", which was published in an earlier edition of *Umsebenzi*, the overwhelming majority of those who died were black.

Some of the best-known communists have been black men and women: the legendary, in communist circles, JB Marks and Moses Kotane; J Nkosi, Dora Tamane and Moses Mabhida; Govan Mbeki, the first of the men imprisoned with Nelson Mandela in 1964 to be released, and Tloome, the present SACP chairman.

Assessment of the SACP's ac-

tual and potential strength has to take account of the growth of trade unionism among black workers. It is there that the SACP's natural constituency lies.

It is significant rather than coincidental that the SACP's first press conference since it was unbanned was held at the headquarters of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, South Africa's biggest trade union federation.

The disclosure of the names of the SACP's internal leadership and of those of its central committee members at a later date will facilitate accurate appraisal of its strength in the trade union movement.

Of particular interest to South Africans ensconced in executive positions of the giant corporations will be whether either list includes Cyril Ramaphosa, the able and cool-headed general secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, South Africa's biggest trade union.

The most important question to ordinary citizens, however, is whether the SACP has really discarded its Stalinist post.

In a position paper, published in January, Mr Slovo admits that the SACP must accept its share of responsibility "for the spread of the Stalin cult". He acknowledges, too, that the "pernicious habit" of branding those who do not agree with the party as the "enemies of socialism" has not yet been excised from its ranks.

He ends by proclaiming the SACP's commitment to the fundamental freedoms of liberal or bourgeois democracy — freedoms of speech, thought, movement, organisation and so on — and pledges to uphold multiparty democracy in post-apartheid South Africa.

In a fascinating article in the journal *Transformation*, Palo Jordan, the ANC's secretary for information, accuses Mr Slovo of glossing too lightly over the SACP's Stalinist past.

He criticises the SACP leadership of having "produced a spirit of intolerance, petty intellectual thuggery and political dissembling among its leaders". He calls for an "unsparing interrogation" of the Stalinist past as the only way to salvage hope for the future "from the existing tragedy of socialism".

Dr Jordan, one of the ANC's really incisive thinkers, ought to know what he is talking about.

According to *Africa Confidential*, he was detained for eight weeks in June 1983 as a dissident by a high-ranking ANC-SACP apparatchik for daring to raise his voice against abuse of power by ANC security officials.

He was released and exonerated after the intervention of ANC president Oliver Tambo and rose to eminence in the ANC in later years.

Some board room observers may see in Dr Jordan's criticism of Mr Slovo's paper a sign that socialism is being rejected from within the ANC. They will be wrong.

Dr Jordan's critique is made in the name of socialism and in the best tradition of democratic Marxism.



# Sebokeng the ANC's fault — Buthelezi

THE African National Congress is "nurturing a culture of violence and intolerance" avows Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi.

He blames the ANC and its allies for the clashes between Inkatha and pro-ANC forces which left at least 30 people dead in Sebokeng and neighbouring Evaton.

Speaking in his office in Ulundi, Chief Buthelezi disagrees strongly with those who interpret the Sebokeng fighting as an ominous sign that the violence in Natal may be spreading into the Transvaal.

"The violence started in the Vaal Triangle," he says, recalling the wave of arson, looting and killing which swept through Sebokeng and the neighbouring townships of Sharpeville and Evaton in 1984, leaving four town councillors dead.

## Burning

"To talk about the violence in Natal spilling over is nonsense. Councillor Jacob Dlamini (the victim in the Sharpeville Six case) was killed in the Vaal Triangle."

Chief Buthelezi lists the necklacing of Maki Skhosana on the East Rand and the murder of Tamsanqu Kinikini, his son and two nephews in Ultenhage in 1985, to support his contention that the violence spread into, and not from, Natal.

"If you look at the killing of Kinikini, if you look at violence where the PAC and Azapo have been on the receiving end, in every case the common denominator is the ANC-UDF-Cosatu," he says.

Speaking quietly, he adds: "It is the dancing partner in violence everywhere, whether it is Inkatha, the PAC or Azapo."

He charges the ANC and its allies with adopting a "winner-take-all" approach in the political arena, in which their opponents face the choice of being co-opted into the ANC camp or being

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crushed by its cohorts or comrades.

"They are not tolerant. Unless you queue up behind them you have no right to exist..."

He described as "intolerance of the first order" the ANC-approved campaign for the dissolution of the KwaZulu police. The ANC-axis believes disbanding KwaZulu's police is indispensable for peace in Natal.

The campaign began with a massive stayaway on July 2. It was followed by protest marches in the main cities and towns on July 7. It culminates next month in a "peace conference" from which In-



CHIEF BUTHELEZI: "Violence started in Vaal Triangle."

katha will be excluded, next month.

The ANC-aligned SA Youth Congress has labelled Chief Buthelezi an "enemy of the people". He comments: "They are the minions of those who want to isolate me."

The drive to isolate and destroy him politically derives, Chief Buthelezi avers, from an ANC internal document circulated in 1985. It identifies him not as a puppet but a "counter-revolutionary" who must be deprived of his social base and destroyed.

His classification as a "counter-revolutionary" stems, he believes, from a recognition of his strength and independence of mind. He reckons the ANC dislikes these qualities even more than the stupidity or

avarice which lead some tribal leaders to accept independence.

To separate Chief Buthelezi from his "social base", the ANC is trying to drive wedges between him and the Inkatha members on the one hand and between him and the Zulu monarch, King Goodwill Zwelithini.

He recalls the remark of Inkatha's former general secretary Dr Oscar Dhlomo, on the drive to isolate him from Inkatha. "It is like having the Roman Catholic Church without the Pope. That is not my quote. That is Dr Dhlomo's."

On the ANC's bid to woo King Goodwill, Chief Buthelezi notes that it was a strategy tried by the ruling National Party when it, too, tried to break his power.

"That campaign is an old one. Shortly after the king took over (the throne), the Government tried to do that and it failed... There is a sense of irony about it. We are going back to the old days of the Inala Party, Shaka's Spear and the Zulu National Party."

## Forgiven

The refusal of ANC leaders to come to Ulundi, KwaZulu's administrative capital, and their apparent bid to reduce Chief Buthelezi's status to that of an induna, provokes a quiet vehemence.

He notes that the ANC leaders have no difficulty in travelling to Umtata and Bisho, the capitals of the nominally independent states of Transkei and Ciskei, or of developing fraternal relations with men whom ANC propaganda once despised as Bantustan puppets.

"All the others, even those who took independence, are 'forgiven'. But I, who opposed independence, I am the villain of the deepest dye, who must be isolated and treated as the ultimate leper of South African politics."

His comment is not infused with self-pity. It is the appraisal of a man who knows the score, but who has chosen to do battle in the political arena whatever the odds.



# Stompie's last days .

## Winnie punched me — exclusive interview

THE trial over the death of Stompie Moeketsi Seipei (14) resumes for the sentencing of Mandela United Football Club coach Jerry Richardson on August 6.

During the trial, the judge found that Winnie Mandela must have been present on the evening of the assaults in her home which led to the death of Stompie.

The question is will Mrs Winnie Mandela face charges?

One person who would most like to know is key witness in the trial, Kenneth Kgasi, who yesterday, in an exclusive interview, expanded on his court evidence.

He gave a similar interview to London's Sunday Telegraph this week in which he told of events leading up to the teenage activist's bloody murder and being forced to participate in an attempted murder.

### Worried

"Since it all began on the night of December 29 1988, my life has not been my own. I do worry about my safety because my evidence linked a powerful political figure like Mrs Mandela to the assaults. But I was more worried before I gave court evidence," said Mr Kgasi, one of the four young men abducted from Soweto's Methodist manse by members of the Mandela United Football Team and viciously interrogated and assaulted.

Mr Kgasi (30) explained that he came to be living at the manse because he was a writer and was in the process of writing about the lives of the youngsters who took refuge there. This is his story:

I first met Stompie, the tiny Tumahole activist, about two weeks before our abduction. He was brought into the manse one night and, because there was no room for him to share a bed with the other boys, he slept with me.

At first we believed him to be just another street urchin. He told us he had been sleeping at a township station.

Because I was non-political ... and still am ... I was often a mediator when quarrels broke out between about youngsters aged between 14 and 28 years old. There were usually about a dozen living at the house.

The day after Stompie's arrival, a fight broke out when the others accused him of being a sell-out and police collaborator.

Stompie was furious, like a little wild animal, but he denied the charges.

In the days that followed, just before Christmas, things quietened down and although he was still gossiped about the others seemed to accept him.

I soon realised he was a child who had never known childhood. He was very intelligent and very political. He idolised the Mandela name and could recite the ANC's Freedom Charter by heart.

However, tension was developing in the manse because of a clash between the minister who headed the manse, Paul Verryn and the housekeeper, Xoliswa

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Falati. She was a very militant supporter of the ANC and always wore the colours.

She forced us to celebrate Christmas as "a black Christmas" which meant little or no celebration and no lights in the house, only candles.

After Christmas, on December 29, the night of our kidnapping, a stranger rushed into the house followed by a gang of others and Mrs Falati. She then pointed out Stompie, Thabiso Mono and Pelo Mekgwe. They took me too because they seemed to think I might inform on the kidnapping.

We were shoved into a waiting panel bus and the gang began to sing revolutionary songs, led by Mrs Falati. We were ordered to join in the singing. We were driven to what I later discovered was Mrs Mandela's Diepkloof house. One of the gang demanded our watches and we gave them to him.

We entered and found two rooms divided by a carpet and in the centre was a jacuzzi. It was here that we were questioned by the leader, who we were told later told was Jerry Richardson.

Then I came face to face with Mrs Winnie Mandela for the first time in my life. She entered the room and seemed very tall. Her movements were slow. I am not sure if she hadn't been drinking or something.

She looked at us scornfully, then began to berate us. "For 26 years our leader has been inside for your benefit, yet you are continuing your nonsense. You are not fit to live."

She ordered us to stand up and Xoliswa informed her about us. She started with telling Mrs Mandela about Stompie being a sell-out and added that he kept a taping bug (recording device) up his nose. She said I claimed to be an intellectual and she said that the other two were homosexuals and shared a bed with the Rev Paul Verryn.

Mrs Mandela thought about this for a while, then she suddenly lashed out at me, grabbing me by the hair and punched me in the eye. She was very strong. I managed to get out of the way of the second blow but she then grabbed Stompie.

### Punched

She accused him of being a sell-out and before he could reply to her accusations she punched him. Then she turned on the other two. "Why did you sleep with white men?" she shouted. "Why do you sell comrades to the police. Don't you know it is wrong?"

She continued to pick on Stompie and beat him. She was wild and had savage eyes as she turned back to punching me. "You should be fighting the white man like the comrades, but instead you allow them to destroy us," she screamed.

The Mandela United Team, her bodyguards, then joined in and began to punch and kick us. We were yelling for mercy and I could taste the salt of blood in my mouth.

Mrs Mandela then stood back



**SHEER TERROR:** Kenneth Kgasi, one of the key witnesses in the Stompie trial, describes the kidnapping from the Methodist manse and the events that occurred there in the story on this page.

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and watched with a satisfied look on her face. I was shocked that this woman — the mother of a nation — could do this. She was so obviously in power and I don't think she even realised it was wrong. For me her image was spoiled.

After what seemed hours of beating, it suddenly stopped and we were taken outside to wash. Stompie, the smallest, could hardly make it. During the assault he actually confessed to selling out comrades in Parys and Jerry threatened him again and again.

When I saw my face the next day I could not believe the bruises. My face was fat and purple.

We were then told to apologise and call Mrs Mandela "mummy" by Richardson. But Stompie's torture was not over. He was not to be forgiven and, as Jerry told us, he would not live.

### Blood

The child was struck by a muscular man who came into the room with Jerry. He was kicked and beaten solidly by this man. Stompie was in agony and totally destroyed while we could only look on.

The next day Stompie could not eat. Later Jerry asked him to write down his address and gather his belongings. Stompie managed to get up and left with Jerry without saying goodbye.

The following morning I saw Jerry's shoes had blood on them and there was no Stompie.

Then we were allowed more freedom around the house. We were given physical training and I was told I would be given a duty.

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## Angry AG says no decision on Winnie

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THE Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand Local Division, Klaus von Lieres und Wilkau, can still give no indication whether Mrs Winnie Mandela is likely to face charges arising out of her involvement in the Stompie affair.

When approached for comment this week he said: "I told you I would study the case and decide after judgment has been passed in August whether Mrs Mandela will be prosecuted."

Earlier he had said: "My decision is still a long way off."

"I will, in due course, take a decision on whether to prosecute Mrs Mandela."

"It was my decision to reserve the right to do so. The police investigated the case to my complete satisfaction," said Mr von Lieres und Wilkau.

In May this year, a Johannesburg Supreme Court judge convicted Mandela United football coach and Mrs Mandela's former body guard, Jerry Richardson, of the murder of 14-year-old Tumahole activist Stompie Seipel. The trial resumes on August 6 for the sentencing of Richardson who has, in the meantime, been sent for psychological tests.

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ACCUSED: Mrs Winnie Mandela beat Stompie, according to Mr Kgasi. The trial judge found she must have been at her home during the assaults.



UNDER FIRE: Members of the Mandela United Football team with police in May last year. Former coach Jerry Richardson is to be sentenced on August 6 for the death of Stompie.

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## Inkatha is trying to export Natal war, say angry residents

By SANDILE MEMELA

FEARS rose this week that Natal's bloody conflict between Inkatha and the ANC/UDF was spilling on to the Reef - after confrontations left at least 29 people dead in Sebokeng.

A further nine people were seriously injured when Inkatha supporters allegedly attacked train commuters alighting at Inhlanzane Station in Soweto on Wednesday night.

The violence has also spread to Ermelo's Wesseltown township in the eastern Transvaal.

Five more people, believed to be Inkatha members, were killed in renewed violence on Tuesday when they entered a Sebokeng hostel to look for food and to arrange the removal of their property from the complex.

Hostel residents have resolved that no Inkatha members would be allowed into the hostel grounds until Inkatha's leadership had declared its intentions for peace.

A spokesman said the previously Inkatha-dominated Block F in the hostel had been "combed" for Inkatha supporters. An unwritten "law" had also been imposed that they may not be found carrying weapons in the vicinity of the hostel.

"The community is in a state of fear. The killing of community members has left us with no trust for armed Inkatha members," the spokesman said.

All Zulu speakers are also allegedly required to register themselves with the hostel committee - and to declare their political affiliation.

At a heated meeting held in the hostel grounds this week, residents resolved that families of Inkatha members who have since fled the area be left alone.

"We are not fighting against wives and children of Inkatha members. Their families will not be persecuted," a spokesman said.

Inkatha supporter and shop-owner Gatshana Buthelezi has also been banned from trading in the hostel.

Inkatha leader Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi was reported to have come out in support of the Inkatha members involved in the weekend clash in Sebokeng.

Sapa reports he said he was "very sorry about the incident, but could understand that Inkatha supporters felt the need to defend themselves and carry arms".

"In view of what the ANC is saying and doing in calling for the isolation of Inkatha and sending hit squads to murder Inkatha leaders and supporters, it is clear Inkatha is seen as fair game.

"Given these actions and utterances of certain ANC leaders and supporters, and in these circumstances, one can understand Inkatha supporters feeling the need to defend themselves and carry arms," Buthelezi said.

Meanwhile fear and suspicion has been expressed that the violence is a concerted effort by Inkatha to



Armed hostel dwellers toy-toying in Sebokeng last week after violent clashes between Inkatha and ANC supporters left at least 29 people dead.

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make its political presence felt throughout South Africa.

Throng of youths in the Sebokeng hostel complex spent nights in vigil in anticipation of a revenge attack by Inkatha elements. Strategic entrances into the hostel were manned by groups of youths wielding kieres and other weapons to defend themselves.

"We are in a state of war and are left with no choice but to form ourselves into defence units," said resident Sello Morake.

SA Youth Congress (Sayco) Southern Transvaal publicity secretary Bheki Nkosi alleged at a Press conference that Inkatha wanted to bring itself to the Transvaal to impose itself on the people.

"This violence is a concerted campaign by Inkatha to spread its influence outside Natal. There is no doubt that they have to use violence and intimidation to make their presence felt by ordinary folk," Nkosi said.

He said the violent outbreak in the Vaal had bad implications for the near future.

"We fear that what has happened may only be the beginning of things to come," he said.

Skirmishes between supporters of Inkatha and the ANC/UDF have already spread to Tembisa and other areas in the eastern Transvaal.

Residents and leaders of the ANC-aligned Vaal

Civic Association said the explosion of violence between Inkatha and members of the UDF had always been threatening.

Sayco's Southern Transvaal president, Peter Skhosana, told *City Press* the fear of a fatal confrontation between Inkatha and the Mass Democratic Movement had been expected.

"It has been clear from the beginning of the year that such a thing was to happen. I am not surprised, but only lament the shedding of innocent blood," Skhosana said.

Sources in the MDM said as early as March this year residents feared an impending Inkatha attack. Thus shortly before the commemoration of Sharpeville Day in March, contingency plans were made to win over the hostel inmates into MDM structures.

Consequently, most of the residents in the hostel now belong to UDF youth, civic and other structures.

"The drive to consolidate our position in the hostel was inspired by our fear of the danger of violence," said Skhosana.

This resulted in Inkatha members being marginalised and reduced to a few hundred. However, they were not stopped from organising themselves and from embarking on a recruitment drive, he said.



# A hard flight to freedom

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By ELIAS MALULEKE

## Released MK guerrilla tells of battle to reach ANC camp

UMKONTO we Sizwe guerrilla Themba Nkosi was welcomed back home to Mamelodi yesterday after serving 13 years of a 16-year jail sentence.

He says he misses his cellmates who are still in jail and that President FW de Klerk did not go far enough in freeing political prisoners.

Although he skipped the country and went to jail with only a Std 8 certificate, Nkosi now holds a B Com degree and is studying for honours.

Nkosi was convicted with two others in 1977 after infiltrating the country to establish MK cells.

He was trained in Angola and underwent intensive military warfare with Solomon Mahlangu, who was hanged for his part in the Goch Street shooting.

His passage to Angola was not an easy one. Nkosi was held for three months in a Mozambique rehabilitation camp manned by government traitors.

In an interview with City Press, Nkosi told how he skipped the country in 1976, was tortured in Mozambique and finally made it to an ANC camp.

He returned home in 1977 and set up military structures before he was arrested, having been in the country 10 days. An informer in Swaziland had tipped off police.

Born the third of six children to a policeman and a domestic servant in Mamelodi in 1958, Nkosi says he grew up like other township kids.

When he began school at Ndima Lower Primary with childhood friend Solomon Mahlangu, his wish was to be a policeman like his father.

At Mamelodi High School they teamed up with Richard Phakathi, a senior student and a top athlete.

His "political education" began in Std 9 when Tom Masuku briefed him about the Mozambiquan revolution and the ANC's Radio Freedom broadcasts.

"At home we did not discuss politics and I had no knowledge of the ANC. But Tom had books and Press cuttings which he gave me to read."

It proved difficult for Nkosi to tune in to Radio Freedom at home. Instead he and Mahlangu sneaked into a backroom to listen.

With his friends, Nkosi decided to skip the country early in 1975, but the plan fell through at the last minute when their guide failed to fetch them.

When Nkosi failed Std 9, he went to work as a labourer — first at a glass company and later at a motor assembly plant.

"The racism I experienced at work and in the streets added to my resentment of apartheid and gave me the urge to take up military training."

"Tom heard Radio Freedom appealing for people to join MK in Lusaka and contacted us to revive the plan to skip the country. He found me more than ready."

In January 1976 Nkosi, Mahlangu, Masuku and

17 other youths including Phakathi, got together to set their final plans in motion. But 16 of the "comrades" pulled out a day before departure.

"Minutes before Solomon, Tom and myself were to board a train to Komatipoort with Richard, our guide, he informed us he was not available."

Nkosi says at this stage there was no turning back and they boarded the train.

On their arrival in Komatipoort, the bus that was to take them to the border failed to show up.

They went into the bushes and changed their city gear for dirty and torn clothes, then hiked a lift to the border on a tractor.

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Mozambique border, the police failed to arrest them twice. First when a foot patrol chased them into thick bush and again when shots were fired at them as they scaled the border fences.

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They were held at the Frelimo base in Ressano Garcia for three days then interrogated by officials of the Ministry of the Interior in Maputo.

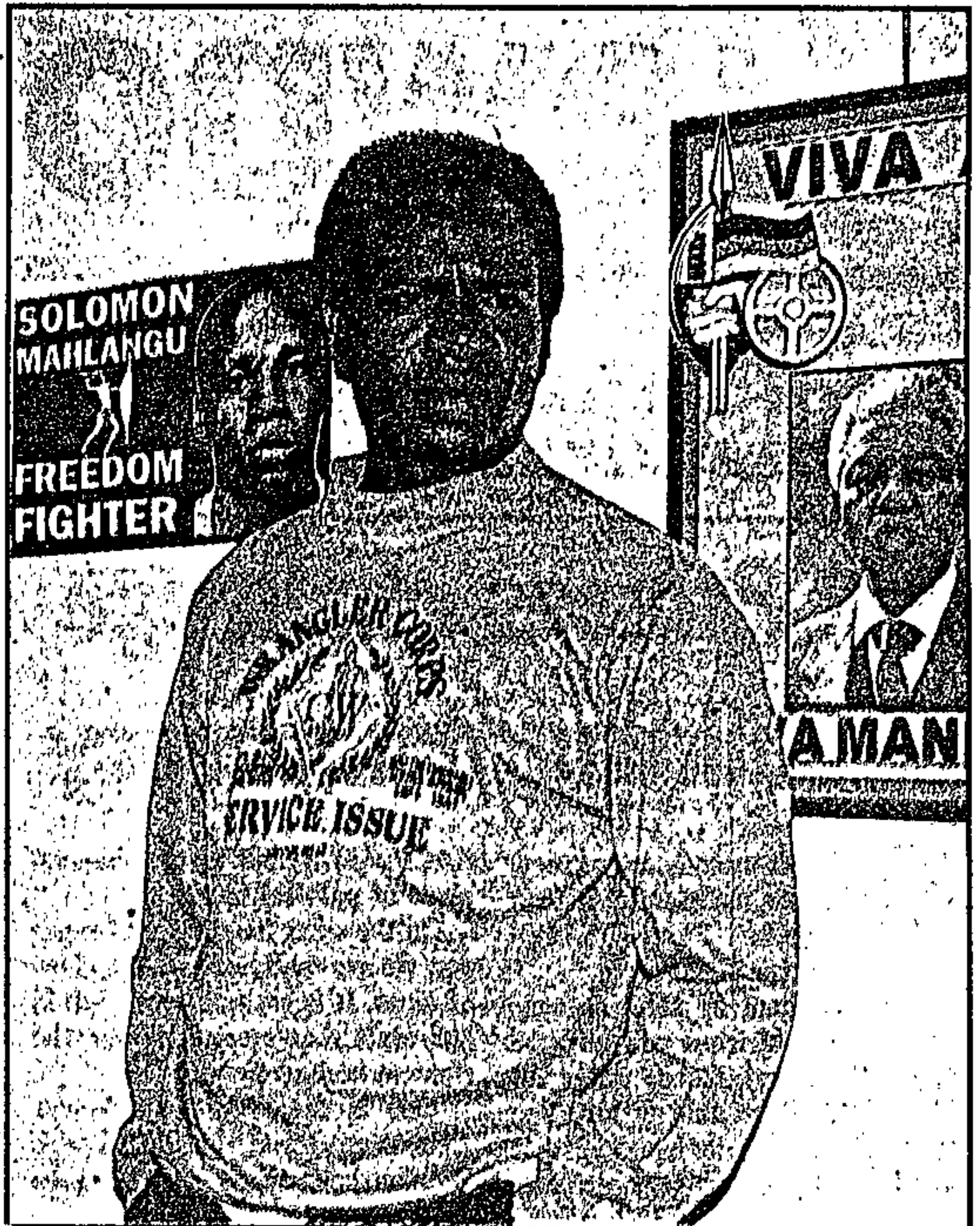
"I told them: 'We are here to join the ANC to fight the apartheid regime as you fought the Portuguese'."

"I was told there were many agents of the system in the country and we would be taken to another camp for 'screening' and not to ANC officials."

The "screening" camp in Shai-Shai was a rehabilitation camp run by white Rhodesian agents and police informers without the knowledge of authorities.

The trio found many other ANC recruits holed there without the ANC knowing about it.

Nkosi said the bad treatment and "mental" torture meted out at the camp was the worst in his life.



Themba Nkosi... a friend of Solomon Mahlangu. ■ Pic: ELIAS MALULEKE

# Mandela speaks, Vaal youth listen

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By SANDILE MEMELA

AS soon as Nelson Mandela had finished speaking in strife-torn Sebokeng this week, youths removed barricades from the streets.

Hostel leader Silas Toli said he hoped the visit would help restore normality.

The ANC deputy president had been visiting the Sebokeng hospital to see the injured. More than 3 000 people packed the hospital complex to hear him plead for peace and calm.

Nurses abandoned their chores, and patients jumped from their beds to catch a glimpse of Mandela.

Mandela praised the Sebokeng community for forming "defence units" and said it was their right to protect themselves.

He repeated the community's resolution to ban Inkatha members from the Vaal Triangle.

"Those black people who think they can come to power on the corpses of the black people are making a serious mistake."

Inkatha PRO Suzan Vos has condemned the remarks as "inflammatory".

Speaking to crowds perched on rooftops, Mandela pledged that the ANC would raise the issue of violence in its next round of talks with government.

"The government cannot continue to talk peace and negotiations while conducting war against the people."





Hostel resident Sello Morake holds ammunition he claims was used by Inkatha supporters in the Sebokeng clashes.

## Behind the violence

By SANDILE MEMELA

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katha supporters.

THE explosion of violence between Inkatha and UDF members in the Vaal Triangle has been simmering for the past four weeks.

The origin of the violence – which left at least 29 people dead this week – can be traced to July 2 when the house of an Inkatha member, identified only as Nhlapo, was burnt to the ground.

This followed Nhlapo's alleged harassment of UDF members who were canvassing for support in Evaton.

Inkatha's public relations officer in Johannesburg, Suzanne Vos, said at least nine houses of Inkatha members had been razed in the Vaal Triangle in the past two weeks.

Residents also said the allocation of Sebokeng Stadium to Inkatha to hold its meeting when the Vaal Civic Association (VCA) had planned to hold a report-back meeting there first sparked the violence.

Members of Inkatha and VCA turned up at the stadium on Sunday.

VCA senior officials went to the stadium to monitor the situation and turn away their supporters.

But Vos has questioned their presence, saying UDF and ANC supporters had waited in the area to ambush In-

South African Youth Congress Southern Transvaal president Peter Skhosana said Inkatha supporters attacked houses near the stadium shortly before the meeting.

"When we asked the police to intervene they told us they had brought us our equals who would deal with us," said Skhosana, adding he had spoken to a senior officer driving a van with the registration BFW802B.

After the meeting, a large crowd of Inkatha members were seen armed with guns and other weapons, marching towards a Sebokeng hostel.

Vos maintains the ANC had planned to ambush Inkatha members returning to the hostel after the rally.

Skhosana told *City Press* that when the situation became desperate, attempts were made to contact the ANC leadership in Johannesburg.

"But we could not get hold of them and the situation got worse," he said.

Violence broke out inside the hostel grounds, leaving 24 people dead.

On Tuesday there was renewed violence when five members of Inkatha were attacked and killed when they returned to the hostel to look for food and their possessions.



CP Reporter

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THE spectacular success of the black taxi industry in South Africa is the subject of a well-researched book, *No Easy Ride*.

Written by Colleen McCaul, the South African Institute of Race Relations' surveys research manager, the book traces the history of what was once a fledgling industry to its present position as one of the most important means of transport for hundreds of thousands of black commuters, and a vital force in the motor industry.

By 1989, the minibus taxi share of the African commuter market had overtaken that of buses and trains.

The book shows that about 625 000 African commuters travel in these taxis every day, reducing

## They took a ride on the wild side and won the day

the daily travelling time of African commuters from almost three hours a day in 1984 to two last year.

McCaul concludes that:

■ The average annual growth rate between 1979 and 1987 for minibus registrations was 15 percent. The growth rate in African registrations was well above average at 26 percent, with 10 percent for whites.

■ During 1987, the year in which white ownership was supposed to have taken off, it grew at only 4 percent over the previous

year, whereas African ownership grew by 8 percent.

The growth of the taxi industry took place in the face of attempts by the government to stem this development.

In the mid-1980s, the Welgemoed Commission proposed that minibus taxis be kicked off the roads.

The Competition Board also investigated the taxi industry, concluding that illegal taxis could never be controlled.

McCaul says: "The board was extremely sensitive to the pressure of illegals, believing that trying to keep them out would be futile.

"The government accepted this proposal, rather than the restricted deregulation advocated by the National Transport Policy Study."

By mid-1989, however, the government had changed its view and agreed to a compromise with the South African Black Taxi Association on the issue of deregulation.

While the taxi industry unquestionably solved many problems, it also created new ones.

For example, McCaul says there is no guarantee that because the taxi industry is black-owned, it will not run into the political problems that have affected South African transport in the past.



# Hawkers pushed out of Marble Hall

CP Correspondent

MORE than 100 hawkers operating from the Marble Hall bus and taxi rank have been expelled from the centre as whites reacted to the consumer boycott by black shoppers in the area.

The director of the Organisation of Progressive African Healers and Informal Businesses, Maggie Rankwesi, said the owner of the complex, JJ Garden, on Monday told all hawkers to move out.

"He said he could not allow them to sell in the complex any longer because black people were boycotting white-owned shops. As a result many hawkers are now destitute and have rotting stocks. This attitude will only prolong the boycott," said Rankwesi.

Garden said he had no comment to make on the matter. He added that meetings were being held to try and resolve the boycott.

The boycott, affecting Marble Hall and Groblersdaal, started last Saturday and is organised by the Groblersdaal-Marble Hall Consumer Boycott Committee which comprises Azapo and ANC activists.

The committee is demanding:

- An end to assaults by whites on blacks;
  - Recognition of trade unions;
  - An end to apartheid in public facilities such as libraries;
  - An end to police harassment on hawkers;
  - Provision of facilities such as toilets and off-loading zones for taxis;
  - The provision of "proper transport" for farmworkers when they travel into town in open trucks;
  - The immediate and unconditional reinstatement of all workers dismissed following the July 2 national work stayaway.
- Local residents said several businesses closed during the week as a result of the boycott.



# Natal peace talks planned

By S'BU MNGADI  
and SANDILE MEMELA

AS Natal-type clashes threatened to spill over the PWV this week, Natal itself was preparing for a major peace breakthrough between the ANC and Inkatha forces.

A high-powered consultative conference of the national and Natal leadership of the ANC, Cosatu, UDF and Sayco will be held next weekend in Durban.

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela is scheduled to address the conference.

Thabo Mbeki, the ANC's director of international affairs, arrives in Durban tomorrow to work with the Cosatu-UDF joint working committee in preparation for the conference.

Natal ANC leader Dr Diliiza Mji and Cosatu's Alec Erwin met Inkatha national chairman Dr Frank Mdlalose and KwaZulu Interior Minister Steven Sithebe for three hours on Tuesday night and both parties pledged to report to their respective sides before holding further meetings.

On Thursday night, in a speech hailed by observers as a major breakthrough, Patrick Lekota, the ANC's southern Natal convenor, used his address to a 5 000-strong memorial service for last week's 26 victims of the Inanda

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But violent

bus disaster to make a passionate plea for an end to the continuing violence. Ironically, while peace talks are held in Natal, Reef residents fear a carbon-copy of the Natal violence following this week's Sebokeng violence and sporadic clashes in Soweto.

Four people died of bullet wounds after an alleged Inkatha mob assaulted residents at Inhlazane railway station.

This followed an explosion of violence between members of Inkatha and the ANC-axis in the Vaal Triangle that left at least 29 people dead.

Observers believe the violence that has plagued Natal for the past four years has finally crept into the the PWV area.

Police liaison officer Lt G Marie-muthoo said the violence came into Soweto when a mob armed with axes and assegais assaulted residents at Inhlazane railway station in Soweto on Wednesday.

When police arrived the mob fled and afterwards two men, Phineas Khoza and Alpheus Ngobeni, were found with bullet wounds.

Later, two women were found with bullet wounds at Jabulani hostel, about 300m from the station. They were sisters Grace and Betty Sithole.

Betty was wounded in the hips and Grace died from her wounds.

Angry Soweto train commuters marched to New Canada railway police headquarters after the Inhlazane station clashes to protest.

In a memorandum handed to the police, protesters said commuters travelling on late trains on Thursday were attacked and thrown out of windows by Inkatha supporters, injuring more than 25 people.



Part of the Soweto train commuters' protest group march to New Canada police headquarters.

## Thousands thrown away

THE non-profit-making Venda Agricultural Corporation had spent an estimated R100 000 on "useless" overseas trips for white officials, the Taylor Commission of Inquiry heard in Thohoyandou on Thursday.

The head of industrial relations at Agrivan, Venda's agricultural corporation, AT Mulaudzi, said his chief executive officer, Pieter Oosthuizen, visited a coffee plantation in Brazil, although the corporation had no such project.

Mulaudzi also revealed Oosthuizen visited Italy and later ordered a new irrigation machine costing more than R25 000, which could not be used.

Oosthuizen, who earned R127 000 a year, had failed to produce a matric certificate since 1981.

He said grass for animal feed had also been left to rot

## R25-m in aid needed

OPERATION Hunger needs more than R25-million to provide development and relief aid for the needy.

While the organisation receives three to four new appeals for help a day from rural areas, more appeals are pouring in from urban areas.

Announcing the organisation's latest Gold Rush competition in Braamfontein this week, executive director Ina Perlman said: "We need support now. Over one million children need a square meal each day. Over 20 000 families will be helped when we complete the 534 self-help projects underway."

Deputy director Mpho Mashini said the organisation may have to abandon rural areas to provide aid for people near cities.

"Since the beginning of July, we have received 48 applications for aid from the Hammanskraal, Makapanstad and Winterveld areas which are less than 50km outside Johannesburg," he said.

## Showdown over

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## Workers protest over insults

ABOUT 109 workers of Pick 'n Pay supermarket in Lynnwood, Pretoria, took off their uniforms and went to work in their own clothes to protest against insults by white customers.

Store manager Andre Coetser confirmed the incident but declined to comment further because "the issue has been sorted out".

According to a South African Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union official, the incident followed several insulting remarks made by customers.





**"Look for yourself," says butcher Joe Buthelezi after youths alleged he kept dead bodies in his fridge.**

## Bogus consumer boycott cripples Daveyton butcher

By ELIAS MALULEKE

DAVEYTON businessman Joe Afmark Buthelezi is being crippled by a three-week old consumer boycott following unfounded allegations that two bodies were found stored in his butchery.

Buthelezi says his once-popular butchery has lost a lot of business.

"There is no truth in the allegations," he says.

The 41-year-old former bootlegger and popular businessman also owns a bottle store in another section of the township and is busy building a supermarket.

He says only the butchery is being boycotted.

Buthelezi says he doesn't know how the rumour started, but he suspects a rival local businessman was behind the move to ruin him.

"I spoke to the police who checked and found the rumours to be untrue, but the youths continued to spread the lies about me."

Buthelezi then took the matter up with the Daveyton People's Del-

egation (DPD) but he was told the boycott call did not come from UDF affiliated structures.

David Raseshu, a spokesman for the DPD, said: "Even the so-called witnesses who said they saw the bodies failed to come forward."

DPD Chairman James Ncqubo said action would be taken against anyone found intimidating Buthelezi.

Buthelezi's wife and mother of three children, Esther, said a youth came into the butchery while her husband was out at the beginning of this month and ordered her to close shop for two weeks.

The youth told her the bodies of an Indian woman and a black girl were being stored in the fridge.

"When I refused to close, the youth left and minutes afterward a group of youths started to stone the butchery," she said.

She Buthelezi said the youths then put up notices warning people about the boycott, and customers were turned back.



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SACP central executive committee member Ronnie Kasrils.

## SACP man comes out of hiding for party launch

By Kaizer Nyatumba,  
Political Staff

South African Communist Party (SACP) central executive committee member Ronnie Kasrils yesterday emerged from hiding and made a surprise appearance at the First National Bank Stadium outside Soweto at the official launch of the SACP.

Mr Kasrils, a member of the African National Congress's national executive committee who was also included in the relaunched SACP's interim executive committee yesterday, surprised even his SACP colleagues when, dressed in party colours, he walked to the stage when his name was announced.

A surprised announcer, Cheryl Carolus — who was one of two women in the ANC's delegation which held talks with the Government in Cape Town in May — told the rally: "The next comrade, we really didn't expect to see here."

### Second time

Ms Carolus was herself included in the SACP's interim executive committee.

Yesterday was the second time Mr Kasrils came out of hiding to honour public engagements in three days. It is believed police are on his trail after arresting his friend and colleague, Mac Maharaj, last week.

Last Thursday Mr Kasrils made an unexpected appearance at a Foreign Correspondents Association lunch-hour meeting in Parktown, Johannesburg, where he confirmed that Umkhonto we Sizwe (MK) had continued to infiltrate guerillas and weapons into the country during the pre-negotiation period, but hotly denied the existence of the alleged "Red plot to organise an insurrection to seize a post office or the Union Buildings".



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# New bid to resolve Soweto boycott

By Stan Hlophe

Three key organisations have agreed to form a technical committee in an effort to resolve the four-year rent boycott in Soweto.

Transvaal Administrator Dannie Hough, his executive committee, the Soweto City Council and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) agreed to form the committee after a closed meeting on Friday.

All three bodies will be represented on the committee.

## Upgrading

The committee will look specifically into the writing-off of R570 million in arrears, the upgrading of municipal services in Soweto, affordable tariffs for municipal services, the transfer of rented housing, and a common fiscal base for Soweto and Johannesburg.

The first meeting of the committee is to take place tomorrow and is expected to report back to the three bodies on August 9 with firm proposals.

The committee has also been sanctioned to co-opt the Development Bank, Johannesburg City Council and other concerned local government bodies.

Both SPD spokesman Isaac Mogase and Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman Piet Wilken said the discussions were held in a positive spirit.

## Budgeted

After the meeting, a TPA spokesman expressed concern about the insufficient funds available for bridging finance for 49 Transvaal councils.

Of the R428 million budgeted for 1990/91, only R99 million was available. The TPA had paid R213,6 million during the past four months.

The total amount owed by the 49 councils is R1,1 billion and Soweto alone owes R570 million.

The spokesman said it "was up to the people" to help ensure that sufficient funds were available.



# SACP introduces interim leadership group

By PATRICK LAURENCE

The South African Communist Party yesterday introduced its 22-member "interim leadership group" to 45 000 party members and sympathisers at a huge rally in Soweto.

Reflecting the supra-racial nature of the SACP, its interim leadership corps consists of 11 blacks, five whites, four Indians and two coloureds and includes two women.

The 22 members include members of the SACP's powerful and still largely secret cen-

tral committee, some of whom serve on the African National Congress national executive committee.

Twelve members of the SACP interim leadership corps who are members of the central committee are Joe Slovo, the SACP general secretary, Dan Tloome, SACP chairman, Raymond Mhlaba, Ray Alexander, Brian Bunting, Jeremy Cronin, Ronnie Kasrils, Goyan Mbeki, Billy Nair, John Nkomo, Essop Pahad and Reg September. Eight of the 22 interim lead-

ership corps members serve on the ANC national executive: Mr Slovo, Mr Tloome, Chris Hani (who is chief of staff of Umkhonto we Sizwe), Mr Kasrils, Mac Maharaj, Mr Mbeki, Mr September and Mr Sizakele Sigashe.

## Identified members

Six of the 22 SACP interim leaders serve on both the SACP central committee and the ANC national executive: Mr Slovo, Mr Tloome, Mr Kasrils, Mr Mbeki, John Nkomo and Mr September.

Among those identified publicly as members of the SACP for the first time yesterday were: Cheryl Carolus, a convenor of the ANC in the Western Cape, Chris Dlamini, a vice president of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, Mr Hani, Sidney Mafumadi of Cosatu and Mose Mayekiso of the National Union of Metalworkers.

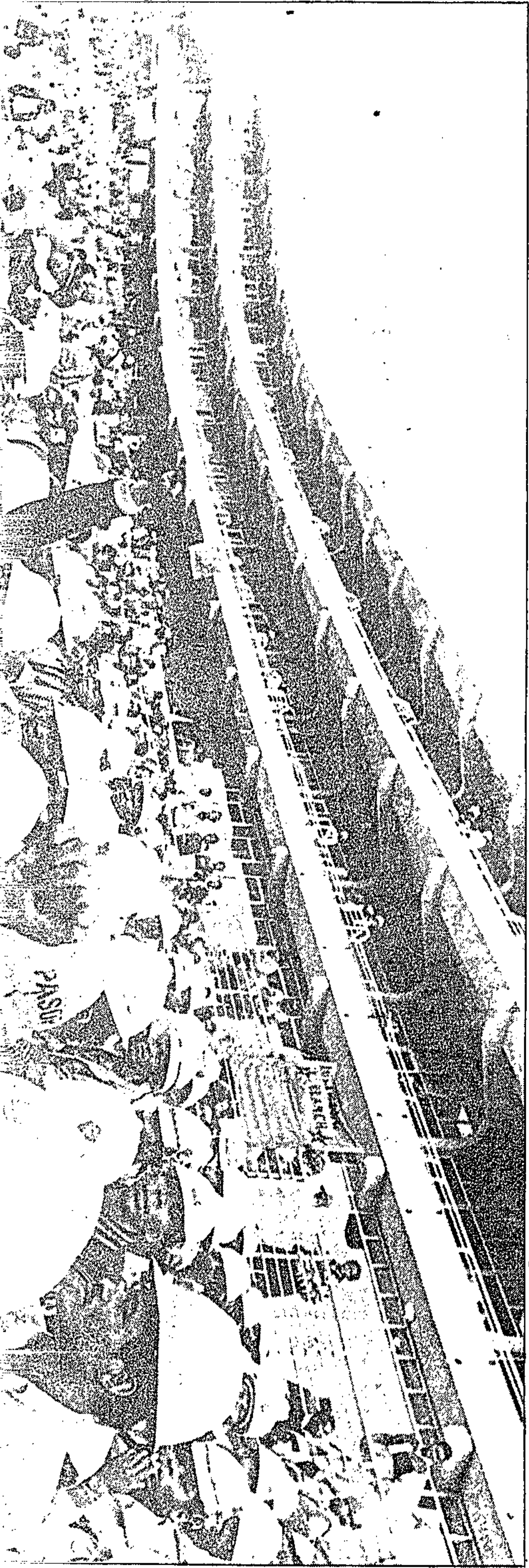
whom have been in exile until recently.

Ms Alexander, a Latvian-born trade unionist, was elected to Parliament in 1954 by black voters on the common roll but prevented from taking her seat because of her communist convictions.

Mr Bunting, author of a critical study of the National Party entitled "The Rise of the South African Reich", was similarly elected to Parliament in the 1950s but prevented from becoming an MP.



Ray Alexander... a member of the SACP's interim leadership corps and central committee.







No longer underground... Cosatu members wearing brightly coloured plastic miners' hard-hats rejoice at the official launch of the SA Communist Party.

Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

# Red carpet for the communists

By KAREN STANDER

The roar of 45 000 voices thundered over Soweto's slumland as the people rose to their feet to welcome home the SA Communist Party at its launch after 40 years underground.

But the biggest welcome was reserved for ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, who cemented the alliance between the two organisations by his appearance as one of the main

speakers at the historic rally at the FNB Stadium yesterday.

As the huge crowd sat silently listening to Mr Mandela, he said the ANC was not communist, but as a defender of democracy had fought and would continue to fight for the SACP's right to exist.

## Cheering

To cheering, a message of congratulations from the central committee of the Communist Party in the Soviet Union

was read out. It said real prospects of the eradication of apartheid through negotiations were opening up.

The celebrating but well-behaved crowd was strictly controlled by hundreds of marshals who searched all vehicles thoroughly and body-searched everyone entering the stadium. People toyi-toyed and sang in their seats as the rally began with several choirs.

Flags and banners, one reading "Sansco (SA National Students Congress) says no Slovo,

no talks", flapped in the icy wind as many people wrapped scarves in the ANC colours of black, green and gold around their necks.

## Wooden AK-47s

In evidence were several youths clutching wooden AK-47 rifles, many of them looking disconcertingly real.

As the cars ferrying the dignitaries — led by Mr Mandela's new red Mercedes and escorted by four traffic department vehicles — was spotted, the

crowd rose to its feet with a roar of welcome which became a frenzy as the leaders disembarked and walked around the field waving to the crowd.

A cry of "Thabo, Thabo" went up as Thabo Mbeki appeared a minute later and walked across to the platform erected on the northern side of the stadium.

This was replaced a moment later by another thunderous roar as the crowd recognised Ronnie Kasrils — introduced as "the red pimperlne" — who

had evaded police efforts to arrest him in order to put in a surprise appearance.

## 'Viva'

Long-time SACP leader Joe Slovo was the first of the party leaders to be introduced, and once again the crowd rose to their feet and greeted him with a cry of "Viva!"

Other speakers were Jay Naidoo of the Congress of SA Trade Unions, Chris Hani, a leader of both the SACP and the ANC, and Mr Slovo.



Govt sources admit they may be wrong about Slovo

# New twist in 'Red plot' claim

Political Staff

The Slovo row took a new turn today when Government sources acknowledged that the Government may have been wrong to accuse SA Communist Party chief Joe Slovo of attending a secret meeting in Tongaat where insurrection plans were allegedly hatched.

This follows yesterday's denial by Mr Slovo that he was present at the meeting and his attack on "enemies of peace" who surround President de Klerk.

At the SACP's first public rally in South Africa in 40 years, Mr Slovo yesterday declared the party's commitment to peaceful negotiations.

## Manoeuvring

Addressing 45 000 people at Soccer City outside Soweto, Mr Slovo charged unidentified men in the upper echelons of the Government with launching a poisonous offensive against the party.

"They are clearly more interested in anti-communist manoeuvring than in bringing about peace," said Mr Slovo, to roars of approval from members and sympathisers of the SACP and the African National Congress.

Mr Slovo excepted President de Klerk from his response to allegations that the SACP was secretly conspiring to seize power if negotiations for a peaceful settlement failed.

While the SACP acknowledged Mr de Klerk's commitment to peace was sincere, it was convinced he was fed on "a diet of ghastly lies and dis-

tortions" by men who aimed to drive a wedge between the SACP and ANC.

On the "Red Plot", as he labelled accusations against the SACP, Mr Slovo said it rested on three lies:

- That he was at the purported conspiratorial Tongaat meeting on May 19 and 20: "Their (police) records will show I left for Lusaka on May 14 and returned for the business conference at the Carlton (Hotel) on May 21."

- That he told the secret meeting the SACP was not bound by a ceasefire agreed to by the ANC and the Government: "I have never said anything of the sort, at any meeting, anywhere."

- An attempt to present an old ANC plan to build up its underground structures as a new anti-peace negotiation plot by the SACP: "They know perfectly well that Operation Vula was an ANC underground project ... dating from 1987."

ANC deputy leader Nelson Mandela paid tribute to the SACP as "a dependable friend who respected our independence and our policy".

Mr Mandela said the ANC decided how and when the weapons in the hands of the "people's army" would be used, rejecting any notion that the SACP would be able to hijack the ANC guerilla army Umkhonto we Sizwe.

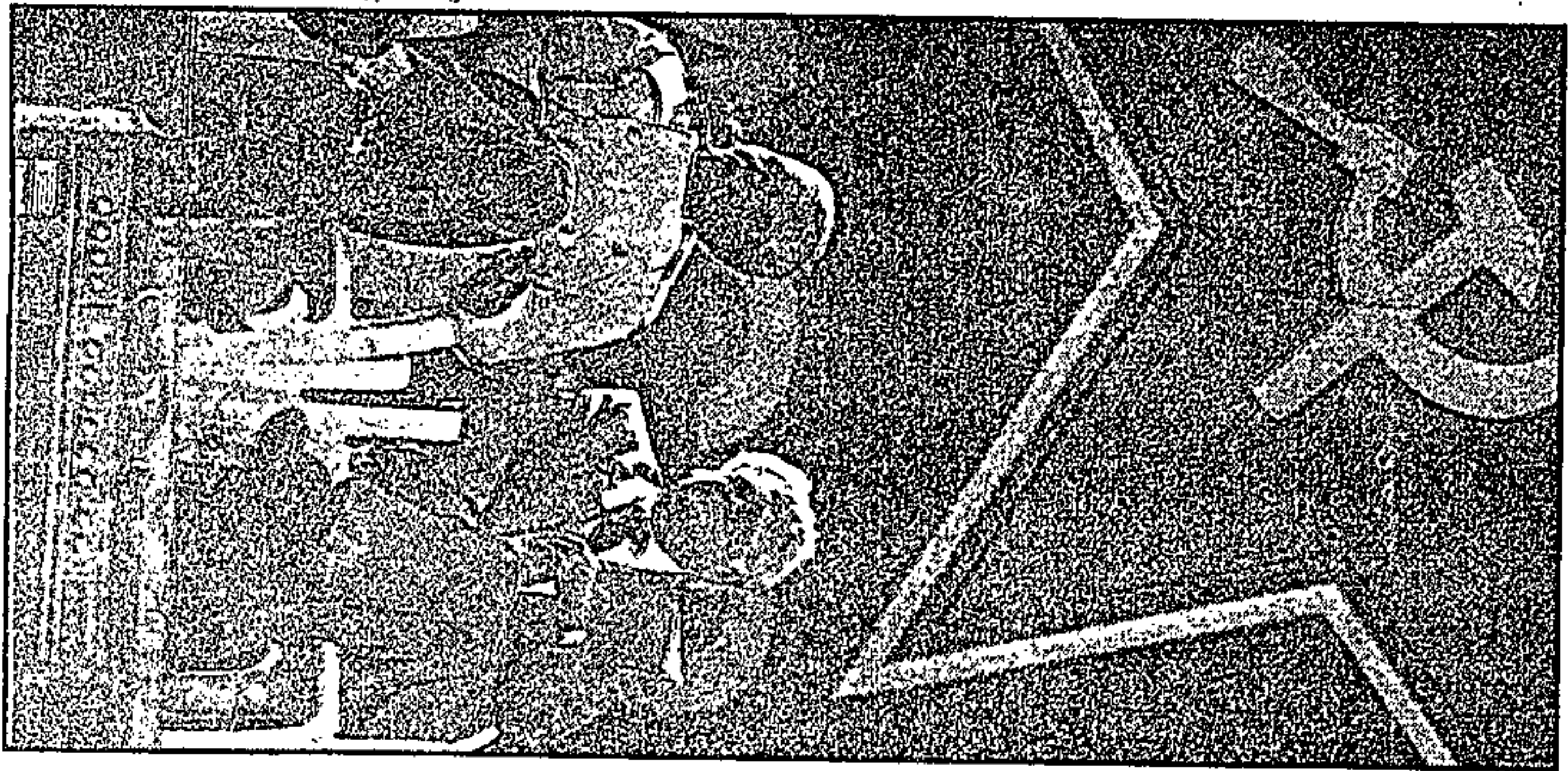
Umkhonto we Sizwe chief of staff Chris Hani was introduced as a member of the SACP internal leadership. He said any attempt to prevail upon the ANC to exclude Mr Slovo from its negotiating team would be resisted.

- Police sources yesterday stood by their claim that the Tongaat conference was a SACP policy-making meeting — Page 2.

- Red carpet for the communists — Page 11.

## ANC prepares its response

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Nelson Mandela and Joe Slovo at the Soccer City re-launch of the SACP.



# 'Vigilantes' kill 3 workers

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BRENDAN TEMPLETON

AT least three workers were murdered and seven critically injured by "vigilantes" at Wadeville railway station, Germiston, on Wednesday evening, the National Union of Metalworkers (Numsa) said yesterday.

The union believes three other workers were killed, but was still trying to confirm this yesterday.

White managers and supervisors from National Spring — which dismissed the workers last month — and two neighbouring companies, Henred Fruehauf and Propan, joined the vigilantes on the platform, Numsa said in a statement.

The attack left a train carriage "full of blood" and another eight injured, Numsa said. The union said the attackers assaulted its members with assegais, kierries, and knives as their train pulled into Wadeville station.

A police spokesman confirmed the deaths of three workers and identified one as Orbec Mathisa (42).

Two bodies were found the next morning lying in the veld surrounding the station and further investigations led to Natalspruit Hospital where an-

other man, pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital the previous night, was found.

"Police are investigating the murders and any witnesses can telephone Detective Constable Bailie at 824-1263 (work) or 862-2474," the spokesman said.

Union lawyers were drawing up statements and intended laying murder charges. The possibility of further charges against the police and Spoor-net was also being investigated, Numsa said. Numsa said 300 employees at the factory were laid off on June 22 because they went on strike after a worker was dismissed.

The National Spring spokesman confirmed a court interdict was obtained preventing strikers from being within 500 m of the factory.

The union took the matter "very seriously" and had referred it to the union's members in the motor and car assembly industries and to the International Metalworkers Federation.

## Council withdraws letters

DIEPMEADOW City . Khumalo, said the council Council, in a bid to end and the Diepmeadow the on-going rent boycott Civic Association has in the townships, has held agreed, among others, meetings with Diepkloof that the current accounts, and Meadowlands Civic regarding rent, water and Associations and resolved electricity be paid and to withdraw the letters that the Diepmeadow sent to residents by the council will negotiate council's attorneys. with the Transvaal Provincial Administration about the arrears.

A statement released by the Mayor, Mr J



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# Train violence now serious, says Transnet

By Helen Grange

Political violence on trains, an alarming new trend in the wake of deepening divisions between Inkatha and the ANC, is being investigated by Transnet as a "serious problem".

Last week one person died and at least 29 Soweto train commuters were injured after being attacked with knobkerries, iron bars and pangas by a group of men said to be Inkatha members who went on the rampage in trains from Johannesburg to Naledi.

The men told commuters they were looking for "mzabalazo dancers" (toyi-toyers).

In one incident, people jumped from windows of a moving train in an effort to escape.

Transnet spokesman Gawie Visser said the violence in black residential areas had spread to the trains. "People board the train and start singing and rocking the coaches, inciting clashes. We are trying to identify the latest elements. They are not usually the city workers."

Mr Visser said it was impossi-

ble to provide sufficient security staff to man the 1400 trains which passed through Johannesburg daily.

"There is one security official a train — and a security team that moves around doing surveillance — but in the face of a group, there is little one security official can do," he said.


Stepped-up safety measures to protect passengers were being looked at as a matter of urgency.

"People prevent the hydraulic doors from closing by wedging their feet or bodies between them as they close. The doors can be easily opened with force because, in an emergency, passengers must be able to get away," said Mr Visser.

Some passengers had devised a home-made key that activated the safety valve that opened the doors. Some criminals kept the doors open with their feet in order to escape after snatching another passenger's bag as the train moved out of the station.

"We are very perturbed about the ongoing crime on trains and we are trying to eliminate it," Mr Visser said.

## Sebokeng mass funeral

A mass funeral for the 22 victims of Inkatha-African National Congress clashes in Sebokeng will take place on Saturday. *Star 30/7/90*   
The Vaal Civic Association plans to march on the Sebokeng Police Station and Evaton Council offices to demand that Inkatha supporters leave the area. — Sapa.



# Committee seeks boycott solutions

EDYTH BULBRING

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Soweto City Council and the Soweto People's Delegation have set up a joint technical committee to make proposals on how to resolve five demands pertinent to ending the rent boycott.

The creation of the committee follows a meeting of the three parties in Johannesburg on Friday.

A joint statement from the parties said the technical committee was constituted with five terms of reference.

- The writing off of arrears in respect of municipal charges and rents;
- The upgrading of municipal services in Soweto;
- Affordable tariffs for municipal services;
- Transfer of rented housing stock; and
- A common fiscal base for the cities of Soweto and Johannesburg.

The committee will meet tomorrow and

has been asked to report back to a meeting of the parties concerned on August 9, the statement said.

At this report back meeting the committee must come up with firm proposals on how each of the issues could be resolved and lines of further action, if required.

## Priority

As a matter of priority the committee must urgently formulate proposals on the writing off of arrears, the statement says. The committee is allowed to co-opt the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the Johannesburg City Council and any other local government body that it believes should be consulted or involved in addressing these issues, the statement said.

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## 515 arrested in Soweto

West Rand Bureau

During the past week, 515 people were arrested in Soweto for various crimes and 89 stolen cars, valued at R1,9 million, were recovered.

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for Soweto police, said the arrests included 10 people for murder, 11 for attempted murder, 35 for robbery, 17 for rape, 18 for housebreaking and theft, 81 for assault, 14 for possession of unlicensed firearms and 14 for car theft.

One incident in which an unlicensed firearm was recovered ended tragically when two people died.

A 22-year-old man was apparently playing with a 635 pistol in a Meadowlands house on Friday when he accidentally shot and killed a five-year-old boy, Velaphi Khanyela.

When he realised what he had done, the man shot himself.



## Gunman kills three, wounds one at Mamelodi beer party

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PRETORIA — Three people were shot dead and a fourth wounded after an unknown gunman went on a shooting spree in Mamelodi.

A police spokesman said today the shootings happened at about 11 pm yesterday, after a fight broke out at a beer party in Mamelodi East.

An unidentified man pulled out a 9 mm pistol and started shooting at guests, killing three and wounding a fourth man in the jaw. He then fled the scene.

The dead are Surprise Gebisa (19), Neville Suzuki (25), and Esther Madisela (28), all of Mamelodi East.

Harry Sibandi, also from Mamelodi East, was taken to Kalafong Hospital with a bullet wound in the jaw.

Police said the gunman, whose identity is not known, escaped after the shootings.

No arrests have been made.

The condition of Paul Wiesenag, who was stabbed by two men at his Waterkloof Glen takeaway in another incident on Thursday, has improved slightly, according to police.

### Stab wounds

Mr Wiesenag, who sustained multiple stab wounds, has left the intensive care unit at H F Verwoerd Hospital.

A man arrested after the attack is expected to appear in court today.

Police today said it was not known whether Marie Loots (47), manager of a Paul Kruger Street cafe, has lost her sight after thieves threw acid into her face. She is still undergoing tests in hospital, police said.

## Independent Soweto area is on the cards

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A Ribn Soweto development was planned as an independent, self-sufficient metropolitan area, town clerk Piet Geers said yesterday.

His committee had approved the Urban Structure Plan for Soweto, which would include a 140ha CBD in Jabulani area.

A team of professionals was to prepare a structure and commercial development action plan with the aim of supplying guidelines for Soweto's spatial development.



# Soweto police 'adopt' 60 children

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31/7/90 By Glen Elsas  
West Rand Bureau

The Soweto police notched another first recently when they "adopted" a Jabulani children's home after obtaining the necessary permission to act as guardians for about 60 children.

This is the first time that such a project has been undertaken by a police region anywhere in South Africa.

Major-General Johan Swart, regional commissioner of the Soweto region, said the mission of the South African Police in Soweto was to provide effective policing and to maximise their relationship with the community.

One of the ways of accomplishing this mission was to become more in-

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volved in community affairs and projects. The police decided to become involved with one of four children's homes in Soweto, the Emdeni Children's Home.

As an initial gesture the police donated blankets and swings to the home during the launch of the project yesterday.

General Swart said further projects included a supplying of Christmas trees for the children at the end of the year. They would also be invited to take part in the first Soweto "candles by candlelight" which is being planned for this year.

Reverend Samuel Tladi, the home's principal, thanked the police for acting as guardians of the institution.

# Blacks confused about boycott

By Therese Anders,  
Highveld Bureau

There was confusion throughout the Eastern Transvaal among black consumers yesterday about whether those observing the ANC's call for a consumer boycott were allowed to buy from Indian traders.

The ANC's Eastern Transvaal interim convenor, Ntombi Shope, said the position was that all shops in white CBDs were to be boycotted, irrespective of

whether they were owned or managed by Indians.

In several towns the boycott has been postponed briefly to allow for planning and meetings with Indian businessmen.

Miss Shope announced that at the request of Lowveld businessmen the ANC's Eastern Transvaal boycott co-ordinating committee would be meeting a group of businessmen from the region on August 8. The venue has not been announced.



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## Policeman and taxi driver both wounded

Staff Reporter

An off-duty policeman and a taxi driver were wounded when unknown gunmen shot at them during a suspected armed robbery in Moletsane, Soweto, police confirmed last night.

Soweto police spokesman, Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo, said the incident occurred at about 8 pm while the policeman and the driver were parked outside house number 1066, Moletsane. They both suffered leg wounds.

The unidentified policeman returned fire and the attackers fled.

Lieutenant Mariemuthoo said nobody had been arrested in connection with the incident and police were investigating.

# Peace returns to Sebokeng

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Staff Reporters

Order appears to have been restored to Sebokeng.

Children yesterday returned to school and residents prepared to bury their dead after at least 22 people were killed in fierce fighting between Inkatha members and supporters of ANC-allied organisations.

Swayi Mokoena, a member of a committee handling the funeral arrangements of the victims, told The Star five people would

be buried at the Evaton cemetery on Saturday.

Four of the victims will be buried in Transkei and seven others have not yet been identified.

"We have identified all our dead and we suspect that the unidentified bodies were Inkatha supporters," Mr Mokoena said.

Mr Mokoena said there could still be more unidentified bodies at the Sebokeng Hospital mortuary.



# Top ANC man claims he escaped assassination attempt in Soweto

A senior African National Congress official claimed yesterday that he escaped an assassination attempt in Soweto on Sunday night.

Penuell Maduna, a member of the ANC's committee planning the August 6 talks with the Government, told a news conference in Johannesburg he was attacked by four men in Rockville after his car had been tailed.

Mr Maduna (38) said he was struck with a brick and had beer poured on his face before the assailants fired six shots. He was hit in the arm, where a bullet remained lodged. The attackers also used a panga, he said.

Mr Maduna, who spent 11 years in exile, returned to South Africa in March following the unbanning of the ANC in February.

He had earlier attended the re-launch rally of the SA Communist Party near Soweto and said he was attacked moments after he and his coun-

in had refilled their vehicle at a petrol station in Rockville.

The attackers then allegedly smashed windows of his car.

At Baragwanath Hospital, he claims, two black policemen approached him and said they knew he had been shot.

He had not reported the incident to the police because: "Police are behind this. Why should I go to them?"

He claimed he had recognised one of the attackers as a known "thug".

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tinnie Halgryn denied later that the incident had happened.

"I strictly deny it. We have a duty to protect and to serve. It's impossible that police could not act as he was being attacked."

"He must lay an official complaint," he said, adding that Mr Maduna was trying to put the police "in a bad light".

— Sapa.