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# Man's throat cut in hostel

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By Andra Louw,  
East Rand Bureau

An unidentified man was found dead with his throat cut at a Tembisa hostel on Saturday.

Police said the body was found in a pool of blood at the Vusi Musi Hostel.

The body of another man was found in the Italeni section in Tembisa yesterday.

Police said the man had several stab wounds in the head.

● In Daveyton four people were wounded when a man, armed with an AK-47 rifle, opened fire on a group of people at the weekend.

Arnold Tanteka (40), Jeanette Mzuni (28), Thabitha Mokete (22) and Aletta Romoir (35) sustained gunshot wounds in their arms and shoulders.

● In Katlehong a group of people stoned a house and set the contents alight.

● In Benoni a security guard was stabbed in the back near Dunswart station.

Police said the guard was attacked by a group of about 10 men armed with knives who robbed the man of his shotgun.

The guard was admitted to the Boksburg Benoni hospital.

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# SAP indemnity yields 575 arms

By Abel Mushi  
and Guy Jepson

The Government indemnity to people and organisations illegally in possession of arms and ammunition has produced a substantial response, SAP Commissioner, General Johan van der Merwe, said yesterday.

General van der Merwe's announcement follows Saturday's decision by Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee and Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok to extend the indemnity period to October 31.

The original indemnity was scheduled to expire today but was extended because people in remote areas were apparently unaware of the Government offer.

The original indemnity offer was accompanied by the announcement of a R100 000 reward for information leading to the discovery of illicit weapons, explosives, ammunition and arms caches.

To date, 575 weapons had been turned over to the police, General van der Merwe disclosed in a statement.

"The SAP considers these results to be substantial and is grateful that the Government has extended the period of indemnity."

Pointing to Boerestaart Party

deputy leader Piet Rudolph's call at the weekend to members and supporters to return illegal weapons, General van der Merwe said he hoped this would "motivate other leaders to follow his example".

"The SAP wishes to appeal to all leaders to encourage their people to hand in weaponry. It is particularly characteristic that while numerous AK-47 rifles, limpet mines and hand grenades are in circulation, to date none of these weapons has been handed in."

## Warned

He also warned people who failed to make use of the indemnity that they ought not to expect "any mercy" when they were found in possession of illegal arms.

Soweto police liaison officer Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn has disclosed that not one of the 575 weapons handed in had come in from Soweto residents. Despite the reward, Colonel Halgryn said, there had been no response "whatsoever" from Soweto residents.

"We have promised to handle the matter in absolute confidence but we haven't received any firearms yet," he said.

Although residents were generally reluctant to comment on the subject, a few of those in-

terviewed by The Star in Soweto on Friday said they knew of places where they could easily buy AK-47s for at least R2 000 in cash.

"If you don't own a gun in Soweto, you don't want one," one resident said.

A Meadowlands woman told The Star the firearms in circulation were not enough to meet an increasing demand.

News reports have cited Swaziland as a most likely smuggling point for AK-47 rifles, probably from Frelimo dissidents.

Although the police believe the smuggling is continuing, a spokesman said they did not believe the Swaziland route was of any consequence.

From 1984 until the end of July, more than 600 AK-47 rifles are reported to have been confiscated by the police, mainly from ANC arms caches.

In a raid at hostels in Vosloorus and Katlehong last week, police found numerous firearms, including PPSA machineguns, AK-47 rifles, Makarov and Tokorev pistols, and rounds of ammunition.

At a house in Soweto last week, police found an arms cache containing two F1 hand grenades, five RGD hand grenades, one Scorpion pistol, an AK-47 rifle and ammunition for both firearms.

# Mandela pounds pavements

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A relaxed Nelson Mandela braved scorching heat yesterday morning to canvass ANC members in Soweto's Orlando West township.

Dressed in a black tracksuit with the yellow and green stripes of the ANC flag, the ANC deputy president walked from door to door meeting residents and asking them to join up.

Most residents had al-

ready joined, he said, and those who had not, signed up immediately.

"There hasn't been one house where we have not been successful."

Mr Mandela was welcomed with open arms. Excited teenagers asked him for his autograph, and housewives took snapshots for the family album.

Membership fee is R12. Pensioners can join

free of charge.

● The ANC's aim of recruiting a million members by December received a boost yesterday when 10 new branches were launched in the Natal region.

● Christmas Tinto was yesterday elected president of the Western Cape branch. Hilda Ndude is vice-president.

— Own Correspondent and Sapa.



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## 600 homeless as shack fire spreads

A fire that raged through a squatter camp in Alexandra burnt down more than 100 shacks and left more than 600 people homeless last night, police reported.

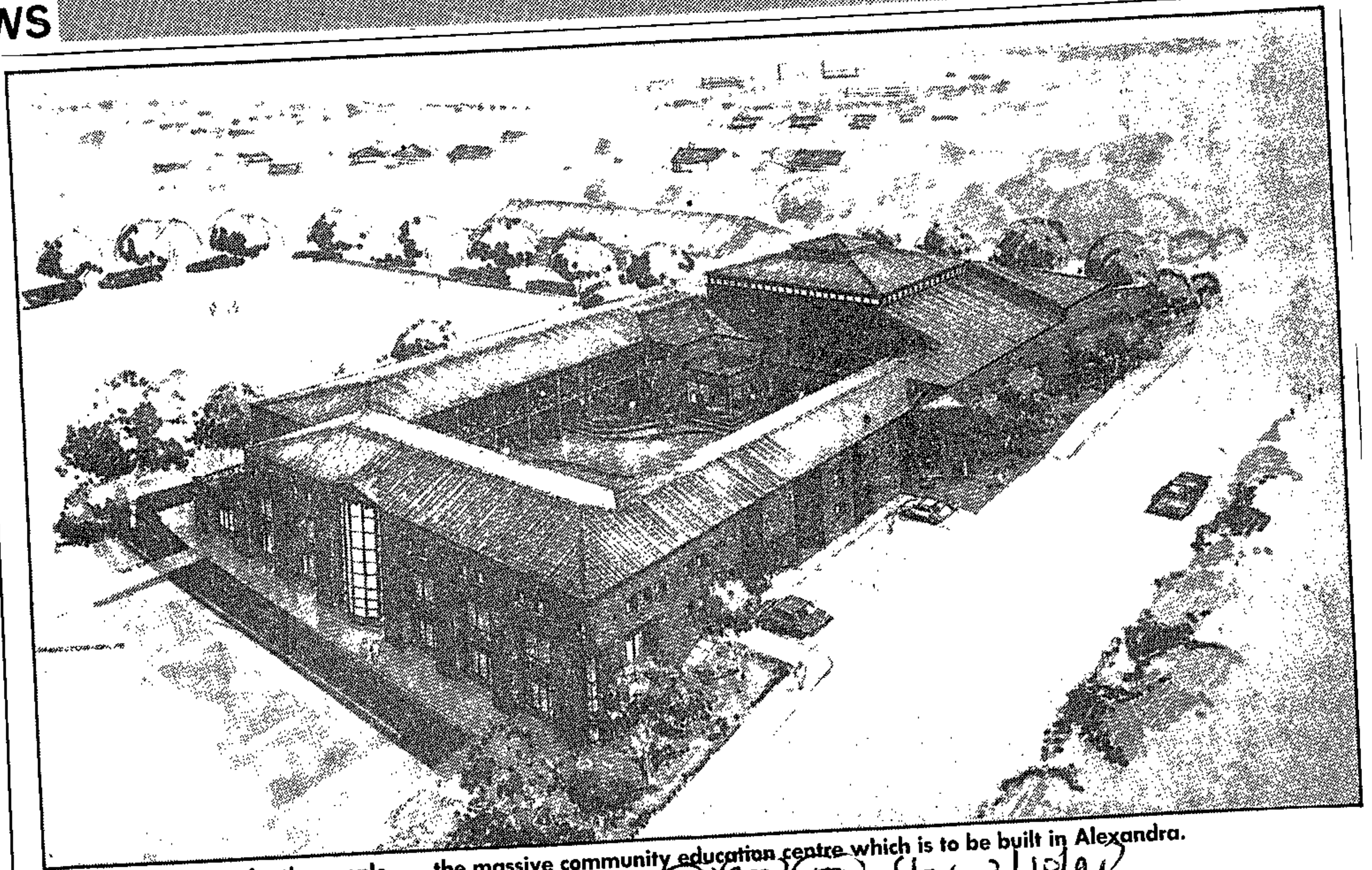
Captain Piet van Deventer said the fire began at 11.30 pm when a paraffin stove overturned and set a shack alight.

"The shacks are very close together, so the fire spread quickly, totally destroying the camp," he said. No one was injured.

Sandton Municipality is seeking accommodation for the homeless.

Captain van Deventer said he had been told a clean-up operation began at daybreak and many people were rebuilding their homes.





Boost for the people . . . the massive community education centre which is to be built in Alexandra.

## Alex gets R6,3-m education centre

By Winnie Graham

Alexandra and the Sandton Civic Association have joined forces to build a massive community education centre in Alexandra at a cost of R6,3 million.

Money for the project — known as Alex San Kopano — has come largely from overseas. The largest donation, more than R4,6 million, came from the Evangelical Centre for Development Aid in Germany.

The facilities will include a hall seating 1 000 people, seminar rooms, offices for community organisations and a community library.

A comprehensive survey is soon to be launched which will collect up-to-date information on the physical, demographic, educational and socio-economic aspects of Alexandra.

Based on the survey's findings, education programmes will be arranged to teach people skills equipping them to

deal with issues such as improvement of formal education, training for unemployed people, provision of affordable housing, and community and health education.

Holly Luton, chairman of the management committee, described the project as exciting because it could serve as a model for community-based development initiatives in other parts of South Africa.

"Alexandra has a population of about 185 000 and although it

has tremendous problems, it is of a more manageable size than Soweto.

"If we can develop strategies here which enable people to tackle their problems on a basis of self-reliance and dignity, then perhaps we're creating something that can be replicated elsewhere," she said.

Dave Jackson, an experienced education and development consultant, has been employed as the project's development director.



# Soweto casualties streaming in again

By Stan Hlophe

A dramatic decrease in patient admissions to Soweto's Baragwanth Hospital since the implementation of tough security measures in the townships was short-lived.

A hospital spokesman said the hospital had 750 empty beds last Friday, apparently due to "Operation Iron Fist" and the curfew, for the first time in the hospital's history.

But admissions rose by 234 at the weekend, which coincided with the end of the month.

Last week a total of 264 assault cases were admitted compared to 498 this past weekend. Fourteen had bullet wounds compared to 20 at the weekend. A fortnight ago there were 312 assault and 39 bullet wound cases.

"The number of patients admitted to the

trauma section last week showed a remarkable decrease which left 750 beds empty," said the spokesman. The hospital now has about 500 empty beds.

The Star visited the trauma section yesterday and found the ward overcrowded with many patients sleeping on stretchers and on the floor.

The sister in charge and her staff of nine had to cope with 105 admissions.

She said yesterday there were 30 more admissions to a capacity ward of 65.

"This is an abnormal situation and we are finding it difficult to cope. Last week we had 60 patients and had a sudden increase over the weekend."

She said last week's lull in admissions was short-lived.

**Alex workers stop  
working over pay**

About 760 municipal workers in Alexandria downed tools yesterday demanding a 10 percent wage increase and the resignation of top council officials.

National Union of Public Servants spokesman Leslie Maguro said workers were demanding a judicial inquiry into the financial affairs of the council.

They also wanted the town clerk, the personnel manager and the city treasurer to resign immediately. — Staff Reporter.

# Massacre on train: 3 are held by police

Staff Reporter

Police are holding three men in connection with last month's Johannesburg train massacre in which 26 people died and more than 100 were injured when a gang went on the rampage on a Soweto-bound peak-hour commuter train.

The three men, all hostel-dwellers, have been identified as Martin Ngcobu (49), Basie Nkosin-gondle (37) and Mmegela Magu-bane (34).

Minister of Law and Order Adriaan Vlok said last night that the three men were arrested on September 30 and were being held in custody pending a further court appearance on October 15.

The three appeared in Johan-nesburg Magistrate's Court briefly yesterday in connection with charges of murder and attempted murder. Several other charges against the men are being formu-lated and further arrests are ex-pected.

The arrested men have not been linked to any organisation at this stage.

A large quantity of weapons was seized by police during their in-tense investigation. Spent car-tridges, collected on the train and at the station, have been sent for ballistics tests.



## Campaign to improve Soweto's image

Star 3/10/90 (343)  
By Thabo Leshilo

It was high time that the community spirit inherent among black people was rebuilt to counter the social evils that had befallen Soweto, chairman of the Soweto Friendship Month (SFM), Cathy Pelonomi Makhene, said recently.

In an interview with The Star, community worker Mrs Makhene (60) said Sowetans should reach out to one another and destroy the beggar status that many of its neighbours had been reduced to by apartheid.

Mrs Makhene said the SFM, which was formed four months ago and was part of the Goodwill Foundation, wanted to cre-

ate goodwill towards and among the people of Soweto, involve people inside and outside Soweto in a wide range of outreach activities and create a greater national interest in Soweto.

SFM began its programme with a conference on the changing face of Soweto held at Vista University recently. The conference, organised in conjunction with the Soweto Developers and Builders Forum, was to inform businessmen about opportunities in Soweto.

The committee held goodwill church services on Sunday at which visiting clergy preached in Soweto churches and those

from Soweto visited churches outside the township.

The SFM will make history when it hosts a rugby match to be played in Soweto on October 13. The match, between Naas Botha's Northern Transvaal side and the SA Barbarians, will be played at Orlando Stadium.

Other activities planned are a Women's Day and a photographic and poster competition.

Other SFM committee members are Aubrey Mokoena (treasurer), Dr Malefetsane Ngatane (vice-chairman), Nombeko Mazibuko (secretary), Christopher Jiyane, Masechaba Mabaso and Cecil Nene.

# 'I saw two men shot down'

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Staff Reporters

A Soweto pensioner, Philemon Mathonsi (64), who witnessed the shooting of two men by policemen near the Avalon cemetery on Tuesday, says he saw two vehicles driving past at high speed.

"Both vehicles were (coming) from a gravel road in the township. They were racing towards the cemetery. Motorists had to give way and pedestrians ran for cover.

"A few minutes later a passenger got out of the vehicle and ran. A policeman followed him with a gun in his hand. He shouted 'Hey, hey!' and the pursued man looked back and started to reduce his speed.

He said the policeman shot the other man in the back and he fell.

"The policemen joined his colleague who was running after two others who drove

away. Their vehicle did not go any further as it got stuck in the mud.

"One man managed to run away but another was shot by police. The policeman who shot the first man went back to where he was lying, and he was dead.

"A group of police arrived holding another man. They asked if he knew the dead man. When he denied ever seeing the dead man, the police told him he was lying.

"Another police crew joined the group and they filmed the scene with a video camera. A breakdown truck arrived to tow away the stuck vehicle.

"A senior policeman took down my particulars and said he would keep in touch if I am wanted on the day of a court case.

"I have never seen anything like this before and it will take me a long time to forget," Mr Mathonsi said.

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## Council must pay R2-m to attorneys

Own Correspondent

The Diepmeadow council's attempt to recover rent arrears by hiring a firm of attorneys backfired when it was presented with a R2 million legal bill.

The council hired attorneys in July to collect more than R37 million rent owed by Diepmeadow residents.

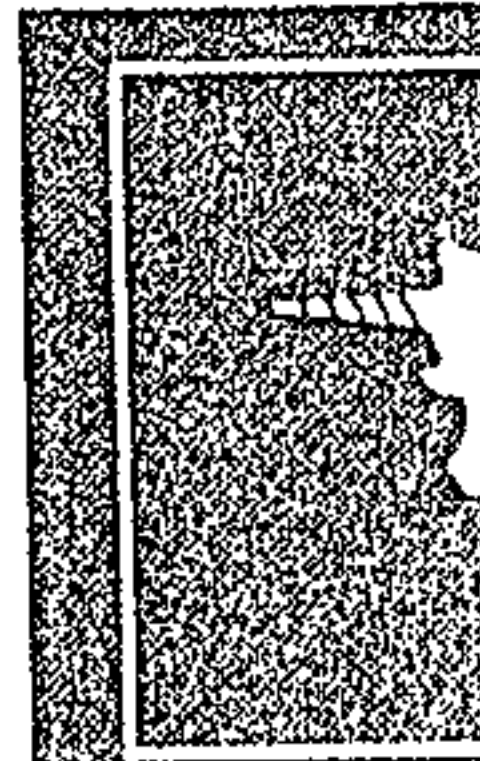
This was after black local authorities had been warned by Transvaal authorities that services would be cut off if they failed to pay.

The firm of attorneys sent several letters of demand to residents in July warning them to pay their arrears.

The impression given to the council at the time was that the legal costs would be borne by the residents.

However, the plan to take the residents to court was halted when the Diepmeadow Civic Association intervened on behalf of the residents, and the council was left to foot the bill.

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# Avalon shooting stories conflict

## Staff Reporters

Two vastly different versions have emerged of an incident near Soweto's Avalon cemetery on Tuesday, when three men were killed and a policeman wounded in a shootout.

## Police say

Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said Constable Neels Goosen of the Soweto Vehicle Theft Unit and a colleague stopped a car in Soweto on Tuesday and searched it shortly after 9 am.

They found spent cartridge cases in the car. The four passengers of the car promised to co-operate with the police and offered to point out a place where ammunition was stored.

This car, a yellow Ford Escort, drove in front of the police car. Near the Avalon cemetery the suspects suddenly started accelerating and shooting at the police vehicle.

Constable Goosen and his partner gave chase and re-

turned fire. The suspects stopped their vehicle at the cemetery and tried to flee. They were warned to stop, ignored the warning and were shot at by the police. Two men fell.

Constable Goosen approached one man, who shot him in the thigh. The policeman returned fire and this suspect was killed.

The other suspect who had fallen was dead. The two remaining suspects had fled.

Members of several police units, including members of the murder and robbery squad, were soon at the scene.

Among these was Constable James Bouwer who, with his colleagues, searched the cemetery. They found one of the suspects, who had slightly injured himself and torn and dirtied his clothes. They arrested him.

The arrested man asked if he could change his clothes and the police accompanied him to his parents' home in Thabo Street.

When they arrived, Constable Bouwer waited outside the room while two armed policemen accompanied the man in-

side.

They undid the suspect's handcuffs so that he could change. The suspect lunged at one policeman and grabbed his pistol.

In the ensuing struggle two shots were fired and Constable Bouwer ran inside the room. As he entered the suspect pointed the gun at him. Before the suspect could shoot him, Constable Bouwer fired at him. The man was fatally wounded and fell to the ground still holding the policeman's pistol.

Colonel Halgryn said the first incident happened shortly after 9 am and the second just before 11 am.

The matter is being investigated and no names have been released by the police.

Constable Goosen is being treated at the Garden City Clinic.

## Survivor says

In a sworn statement made to lawyers yesterday, Benjamin (assumed name for the purposes of protection) said he was the only survivor of the shoot-

out.

Benjamin, a merchandiser at Metro Trade Centre, said he was working on his car at about 8.45 am near his home in Soweto. Three friends joined him.

Two plainclothes policemen in a red Ford Husky stopped beside the group and searched them, then went to each of their houses, which they also searched.

The police found a pistol and magazine with ammunition at the home of Jack (also a pseudonym).

Benjamin claims they took R400 from his pockets and R200 from Jack.

After Jack offered the police a bribe to abandon charges, the policemen replied that they should go to Avalon cemetery where it was quiet and no one could witness the transaction.

All four got into Benjamin's yellow Ford Escort and drove slowly to the cemetery, with the police following them.

"I drove slowly into the grounds, but I didn't know where they wanted me to stop. Suddenly they started shooting at us. One of my friends said: 'Hey, these guys want to kill us.

Drive faster.'"

"I speeded up, but there is no way out of the cemetery. Three of us got out and started running. They shot my best friend first. I saw him fall. 'Jack' was running next to me but said he was tired. He said he would wait for them to arrest him. I saw them shoot him as he stood there. I managed to run to Tshiwelo station. I caught a train and escaped."

Benjamin was nicked by a bullet on his right shoulder.

He said one policeman, wearing jeans and a yellow T-shirt, had a heavy scar on the left side of his neck. The other was wearing jeans and a white T-shirt.

Another eyewitness, the nephew of the man who was shot in Thabo Street, has also made a sworn statement.

He said he was awakened by plainclothes policemen at about 10 am on Tuesday. The policemen took him outside to a red Mazda 626 and white Golf and asked him to identify his uncle.

"My uncle was there in the car. His face was very swollen and there was blood coming

from his mouth. He said 'These policemen beat me up. I don't know what they want.'"

"Then they took my uncle inside and told me to wait outside. They also chased Isaac's girlfriend out of the house. The policeman, James Bouwer, went in alone. I heard some shots.

"They took me inside and there was Isaac on the floor, face down in the diningroom. He had two wounds on his chest and one in his head. There was a lot of blood. There was a pistol lying next to him.

"They told me to bring an axe to open a small money safe. I asked them why they didn't wake up Isaac for the key. They told me they couldn't, he was dead.

"Then they chased me outside again. A Black Maria (mortuary van) came to take the body away and they left. The money safe had been forced open and there was R1 400 missing."

The witness said he had recorded the registration numbers of both vehicles.

# Rent boycott to stay until demands met - Mayekiso

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By Esmaré van der Merwe,  
Political Reporter

Rent boycotts would continue until a wide variety of demands, including the scrapping of all discriminatory laws and the current system of local government had been met, the president of the newly formed Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal said last night.

Moses Mayekiso said the organisation would meet on Sunday to draw up a plan of action on violence, the curfew and the "mini state of emergency" in several townships.

Speaking at the ANC's first conference on local authorities in Johannesburg yesterday, Mr Mayekiso said civic associations should retain their independence, stay clear of any political affiliation and should not replace local government structures.

They should remain pressure groups fighting for better socio-economic conditions and should act as watchdogs over any future government.

Demands which should be met before the rent boycotts were called off included:

- Scrapping of the black local authority system.
- A start to negotiations on a system of nonracial municipalities.
- Ending of the "mini states of emergencies" and phasing out of the hostel system.
- Abolition of discriminatory laws.
- A stop to the privatisation of housing, with civic associations taking control of residential development.
- Removal of imbalances in the distribution of wealth through economic restructuring, including nationalisation.



# Sayco starts township clean-up

Star 5/10/90  
By Stan Hlophe

The Sebokeng branch of the South African Youth Congress (Sayco) is to launch an environmental awareness campaign in the township tomorrow.

The theme of the campaign is: "Peaceful unity for health as a right — not a privilege."

The Vaal Civic Association, the ANC and

several local organisations will be involved.

A prize for the cleanest area will be awarded at a rally at 3 pm in the stadium in Zone 11.

Organisers have appealed to the community, truck owners and businessmen to help make the campaign a success. Businessmen who wish to donate

money should contact Sayco office bearers at the Zone 14 Community Hall.

Sayco will also stage a "Run with Sayco and Run for Freedom" 10 km race starting from Mphatlalatsane Hall in Zone 14 on Kruger Day, October 10. Registration fee is 50c and everyone is welcome.

# Taxi war leaves family in trauma

Priscilla Zwane (32) sits on the mattress she shared with her husband until he was shot dead last Tuesday.

Half a dozen women are comforting her.

She ponders the prospect of having to bring up her five young children who have been left fatherless by the continuing feud between the Baragwanath-Johannesburg and the Baragwanath-Pretoria taxi associations.

Priscilla, of Soweto, is one of several young mothers who have been widowed by the bloody taxi feud, which has already claimed about 30 lives.

Her taxi-owner husband, Sydney Zwane, who was affiliated to the Witwatersrand African Taxi Association, died in a hail of gunfire unleashed by unidentified men last week. His cousin, Thulani Mbatha, a Bara-Pretoria taxi operator from Natal, was also killed in the attack.

## Travellers

The chairman of the Bara-City Taxi Association, Joe Simelane, said the trouble began when the Baragwanath-Pretoria route was established in November 1988. He said his association was surprised when the taxis started operating near their rank unannounced.

Before their arrival, people travelling to Pretoria used his association's taxis to get to Johannesburg's Noord Street rank, from where the Johannesburg-Pretoria taxis operate.

"Our members complained they were losing business as a result of the new service. Also, the Pretoria-Johannesburg taxi operators said they were losing business because of the Baragwanath-Pretoria service."

As the taxi feuding goes on, with bloody attacks and counter-attacks, women are left without husbands, children without fathers, reports **THABO LESHILLO.**

Mr Simelane said the new arrivals had been informed that there was a standing agreement with taxi owners in the Soweto area, whereby taxi operators did not "poach" passengers.

Several meetings were organised to try to include the new arrivals in this arrangement but they would not co-operate.

He said the Bara-Pretoria people were approached in April and told to leave the area and return with their officials to discuss the situation.

They left but returned in six minibuses two hours later and parked their taxis at the disputed rank.

"While our men were watching what the combis were up to, unknown men who had apparently been dropped off by the combis at nearby Toby's Ford opened fire on our men. Nine of our members were injured," Mr Simelane said.

Another meeting was held between the warring factions and attended by the Johannesburg-Pretoria group. They agreed to launch a joint committee on November 7.

However, the BPA allegedly reneged, saying that as members of the Federation of International Transport Organisations (Fito), an affiliate of the National African Federated Transport Organisations (Nafto), they could not amalgamate with Bara-City and the Johannesburg-Pretoria groups,

which are affiliated to the Southern African Black Taxi Association (Sabta).

Since then there have been attacks and counter-attacks with AK-47s and R1 rifles, and the Bara-Pretoria taximen recently stopped operating from the rank.

Mr Simelane said 30 taximen and passengers, 13 from his side, had already died in the violence. He sees an amalgamation of the Baragwanath taxi bodies as the only solution to the problem.

"Only the coming together of the parties involved can end the killings. We must all forget about about what happened in the past and end this unnecessary killing.

"Guns cannot solve anything. They only create more widows and orphans," he said.

## Frantic meetings

Attempts to get comment from the BPTA drew a blank. Fito director Evelyn Moepi could not be reached.

Nafto spokesman Peter Rabali refused to comment. However, another Nafto official said as far as he was concerned, Fito no longer existed.

Sabta public affairs director Mike Ntlatleng could not comment until he had received a mandate from the Soweto region.

Now, frantic behind-the-scenes meetings are being held by Sabta's Soweto region and Soweto police to end the killings.

Diepmeadow council's acting town clerk Tom Mabambe said Fito had been given the go-ahead to use the rank by the former mayor, Johannes Mathala. They, however, had no permit to operate in the municipality.

# Vlok scraps the curfew in Soweto

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By Monica Nicolson

The Government's controversial 9 pm to 4 am curfew has been lifted in Soweto with immediate effect, Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok said today.

The curfew will still operate in Tokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong on the East Rand.

After intensive analysis, Mr Vlok said the move was justified in the Greater Soweto area of Meadowlands, Diepkloof and Dobsonville, because the crime level had dropped so dramatically.

Crime figures have dropped in the township by more than 65 percent in the 10 days the curfew has been enforced — with murder dropping by 62 percent.

The Government was able to lift the curfew so quickly because of the excellent co-operation between police and Soweto residents, he said.

The curfew, part of Operation Iron Fist to deal with recent violence, was condemned by the many organisations and residents.

A 24-hour police hotline has been instituted where residents can complain about criminal elements. The number is (012) 326-8300.



# Attacks on trains continuing

By Thabo Leshilo

Four people were injured on Tuesday evening as unidentified men once again attacked Reef train commuters.

Three people jumped off the moving train on the West Rand to escape the attackers and the fourth was thrown off.

A snap survey by The Star showed recently that security arrangements to protect train commuters on the Reef, in the wake of recent attacks in which people have been shot, hacked, stabbed and hurled from moving trains, were not yet satisfactory.

This is in spite of assurances by Spoornet that "everything humanly possible" was being done to ensure the safety of commuters.

Spoornet spokesman Ian Bleasdale said yesterday trains were being patrolled by Spoornet's security staff together with police. He said platforms were patrolled by guards from private firms.

Mr Bleasdale strongly denied reports that the guards were untrained and came from fly-by-night security firms. He said Spoornet scrutinised each firm to ensure that it complied with the high standards required.

Police spokesman, Captain Eugene Opperman, said police were patrolling the trains "as usual" but emphasised officers could not be in all trains at all times.

Every day 1 400 trains pass through Johannesburg. About 50 passengers have died and 200 injured since the spate of attacks started in July.

Prior to the recent attacks, attributed to the so-called "Reef war", The Star published reports about other forms of lawlessness rampant in the trains, including robbery, dagga smoking and illegal shebeens.

There have also been instances in which passengers have been forced to engage in indecent sexual acts.

On September 13, in the most horrific attack to date, 26 people died and more than 100 were injured when two groups shot, stabbed and hacked their way through a crowded train from Johannes-

burg to Naledi. At least two people were disemboweled in the attack. Many of the injuries occurred when commuters jumped from windows to escape.

Three hostel dwellers, Martin Ngcobo (49), Basie Nkosin-gondle (37) and Mmegela Magubane (34) appeared briefly in the Johannesburg Magis-

trate's Court on Monday in connection with the attack. They were arrested on September 30.

Several other charges are being formulated and further arrests are expected.

The men have not been linked to any organisation at this stage. A large quantity of weapons was seized in the in-

tensive investigations.

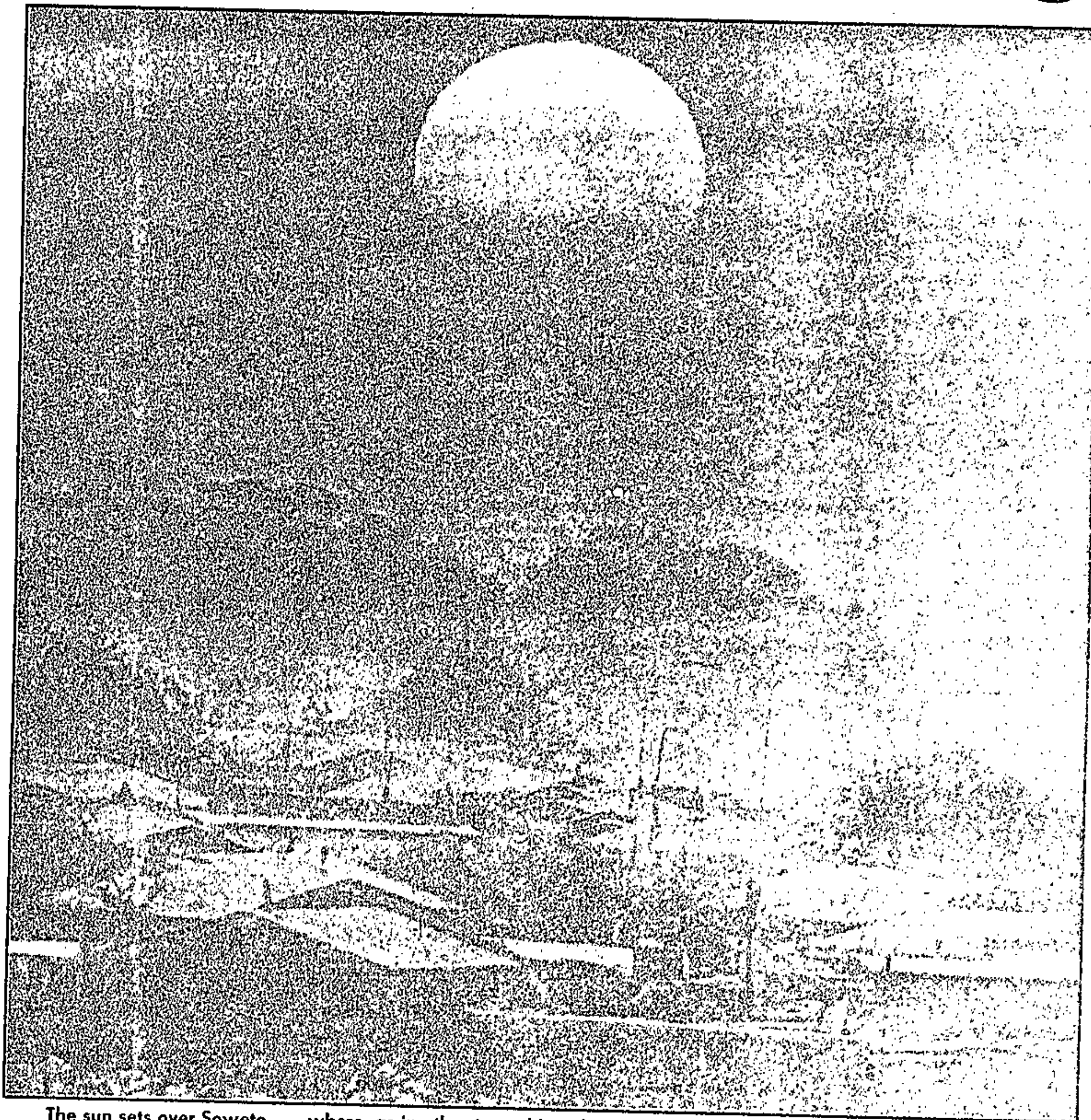
On September 23, police discovered the bodies of seven men, aged between 18 and 20, on the rail line between Riverlea and New Canada stations.

Police later found that the men had jumped off the train after a false alarm to the effect that commuters were

being attacked.

About 200 SAP, SADF and Spoornet guards launched a massive crime prevention exercise at a railway station near Benrose on Monday.

No arrests were made during the two-hour operation during which four peak-hour trains were stopped and searched.



The sun sets over Soweto . . . where, as in other townships, there has been a dramatic decrease in violence since the introduction of curfews last month.

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HOUSING *FIM 5/10/90*  
**MATTER OF INTEREST**

**Serious concern** has been voiced in the low-cost housing market over the role of a property marketing company owned by SA Housing Trust former MD Joe Taylor — because he is still a director of the trust.

Taylor was this week defended by his successor, Wallie Conradie, after minutes of a meeting between a trust official and its residential agents came into the possession of the *FM*. (343)

The trust's mission, according to its 1989 annual report, is described as "the improvement of the quality of life of lower-income communities through the funding and initiation of affordable mass housing . . . to maximise job creation (and) opportunities for entrepreneurs . . ."

Conradie says there is no conflict of interest involving the trust and Fortune Homes, the company formed by Taylor after he resigned as trust MD. Conradie says he and executives of the trust are aware of Taylor's chairmanship of Fortune Homes. "The trust currently has no contractual or other relationship with Fortune Homes."

Conradie acknowledges, however, that various trust residential agents "voiced their concerns about Taylor's involvement with Fortune Homes."

The trust has appointed residential agents in all the major centres through its Khaya-



**Taylor . . . concern voiced by agents**

lethu Home Loans division.

Taylor was an economic adviser to ex-President P W Botha; he now serves on the National Housing Commission and SABC board. His involvement and that of Fortune Homes in the property market emerged during a management meeting held by residen-

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 tial agents in August last year.

The point was raised by agent Dawid Human, co-director of PWV Housing Agency, in Fairland. Manic Smith, a former director of PWV Housing, joined Taylor's Fortune Homes last year. (343)

The meeting was attended by Human; Bartel Pieterse and Dennis Graham of Graham Pieterse cc; Ivan Dembo of Projects Air Land Sea; and Frans van Eeden, a former trust official who is now a director of the iKairos agency. According to the minutes the agents informed Khayaletu's Dirk Ackermann of their "frustrations, mistrust and fears" concerning Fortune Homes.

Taylor reacted to the *FM* on Monday. He denies his company presents any competition to the residential agents, or that there is a conflict of interest.

He says Fortune Homes acts on behalf of developers. "We do the paperwork for the contractors. When we receive an application we take it to the trust, or the commission or a building society. About 15%-20% of the financing is done through Khayaletu." He says his company gets paid a stipulated commission per house sold: "R100 per house from the commission and R500 per house from the trust. Normal commissions are paid by the building societies."

Taylor says he is now involved with the construction of the Ultra City complex near Halfway House, Transvaal, through Founders Facilitators (a subsidiary of Sege Holding, the holding company of Prestasi Makelaars, of which he is a director).

Taylor's involvement with Fortune Homes — and the subsequent meeting with Ackermann — were recently mentioned in another document which initially had been compiled to serve as a petition to Planning & Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel.

It was intended to form part of a written complaint by residential agent Ivan Dembo and fellow directors Trevor Horner and Linda O'Donovan, after their contract with Khayaletu had been cancelled.

However, Dembo tells the *FM* that legal action is being considered against the trust instead of a petition to Kriel. *Eddie Botha*



# Loan Guarantee Fund finances first project

THE Perm's new low-cost housing development in Daveyton, aimed at people with incomes from as low as R600 a month, is the first project financed by the Loan Guarantee Fund.

## MARIETTE DU PLESSIS

Borrowers qualifying for a loan would be required to pay monthly instalments of at least R120.

Speaking at the launch of the Emaphupheni pilot project yesterday, Perm GM housing Denis Creighton said mortgage finance under R35 000, requiring a 5% deposit from individual qualifying borrowers, would be available from the Perm within the Association of Mortgage Lenders and the Urban Foundation Small Loans initiative.

The first phase, to be completed in November 1991, comprised 550 houses ranging from 30m<sup>2</sup> up to houses of 55m<sup>2</sup> and would be available for purchasers from R12 540.

housing, opening up a range of housing options not previously addressed by the industry. Through this private sector initiative, low-income earners in the informal sector, small business and domestic service could become eligible for loans.

## Development

Creighton said the planning was done with an integrated approach which balanced township design and construction in order to reduce costs and increase delivery speed.

Being concerned with the micro and macro environmental conditions within which the housing process developed, the Perm actively involved the local community in the development of the concept, he said.

The houses would "cluster" around the courtyard, replacing some 60% of the formal streets and meeting the social and cultural needs of the target area, he said.

Services provided included the availability of waterborne sewage, reticulated water, electricity and hard-surface roads.



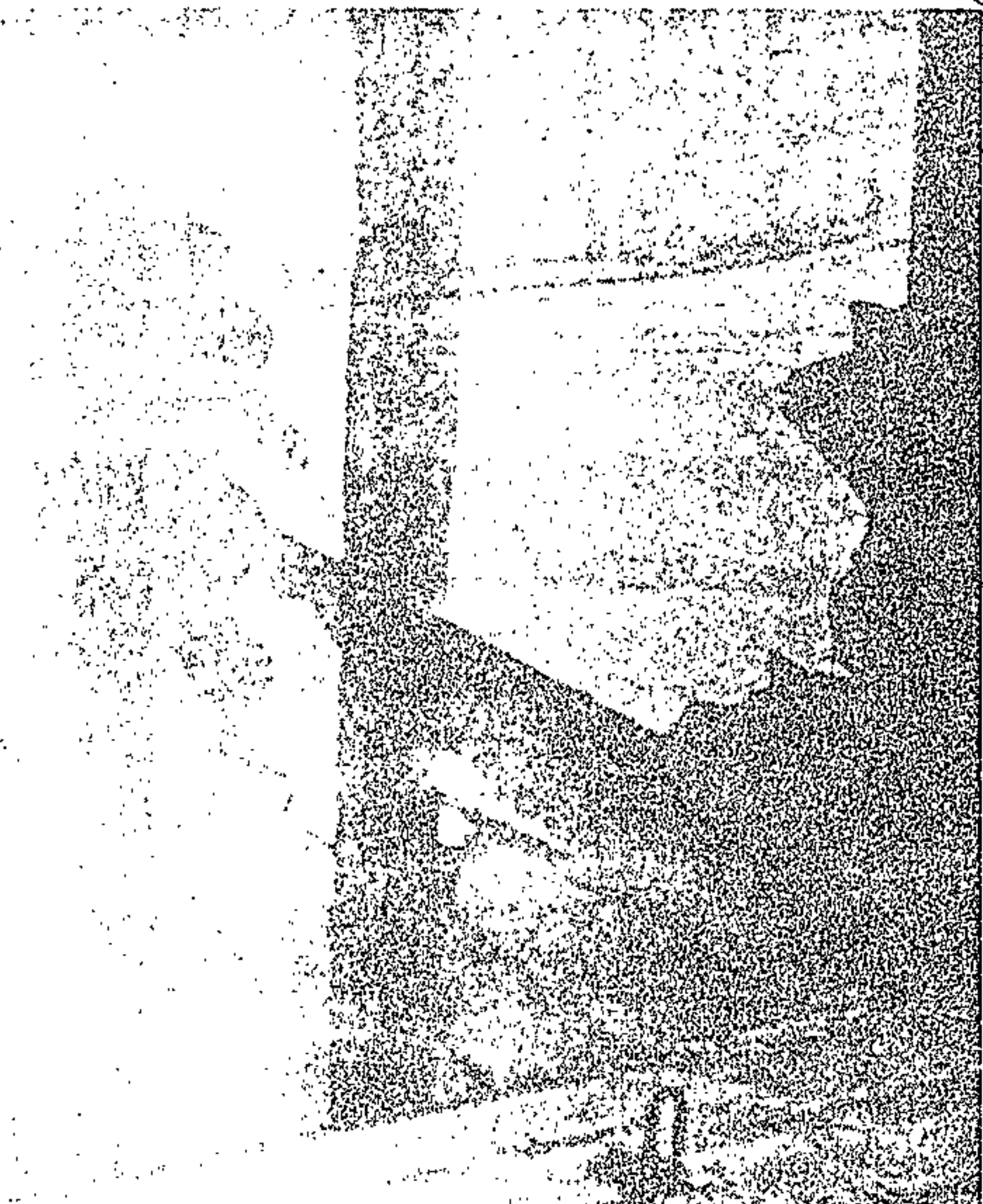
# MANDELA CHILD DIES IN ATTACK

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Founder  
of PAC  
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home

A FOUNDER member of the PAC, 62-year-old Selby Tshaba Ngendane, was gunned down outside his house in Nyathi Street, Northcrest, in Unitata on Thursday night.



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By SOPHIE TEMBA

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Neighbours who spoke to Mandela and his wife after the attackers had fled told *City Press* how Mandela had put up a lone and desperate battle to try to save his family during the attack.

The neighbours said Suzan wept bitterly as she related how her baby was hit by a bullet while she held her in her arms, hoping she would not be hurt.

Adelaide Mabophe, who lives next door in a row of semi-detached houses, said Mandela told them he caught the first hand-grenade that was hurled into their house and threw it back at the attackers.

She said he caught two other hand-grenades and put them in a bucket of water. Three other hand-grenades were thrown and ripped through the house, damaging the wall that separates the Mandela home from their neighbours'.

Joe Radebe, Mandela's brother-in-law, said yesterday morning's attack was the third attempt on the lives of the family.

He said three weeks ago their home was attacked by unknown gunmen who fled when Mandela challenged them to a fair fight.

Adelaide Mabophe said at about 2.15am yesterday she and her family were woken by gunshots and later by a blast.

"I ran to the kitchen and opened the door when I spotted two men near the house – one armed with a huge firearm and wearing a striped T-shirt. I quickly closed the door and remained in the house until they had left.

"Later, I saw Suzan come running out of her house carrying her baby in her arms, followed by her husband. I followed them to the house of another neighbour, Mavis Masina, where she told us her baby had been killed."

Neighbours said when they tried to call an ambulance they found the attackers had cut all the telephone wires.

## ANC exiles' return negotiated

Special Correspondent

TENSION between the government and the ANC about the security situation could soon be eased as a result of various positive developments during the past week.

In Pretoria, Unkhonto we Sizwe Chief of Staff Chris Hani

According to the agreement, ANC prisoners whose offences were of a political nature, will be released in groups over a period.

The first ANC exiles – including women and children – will soon return to South Africa. They will not include the large majority of ANC members who have re-

were promoting or opposing a specific cause.

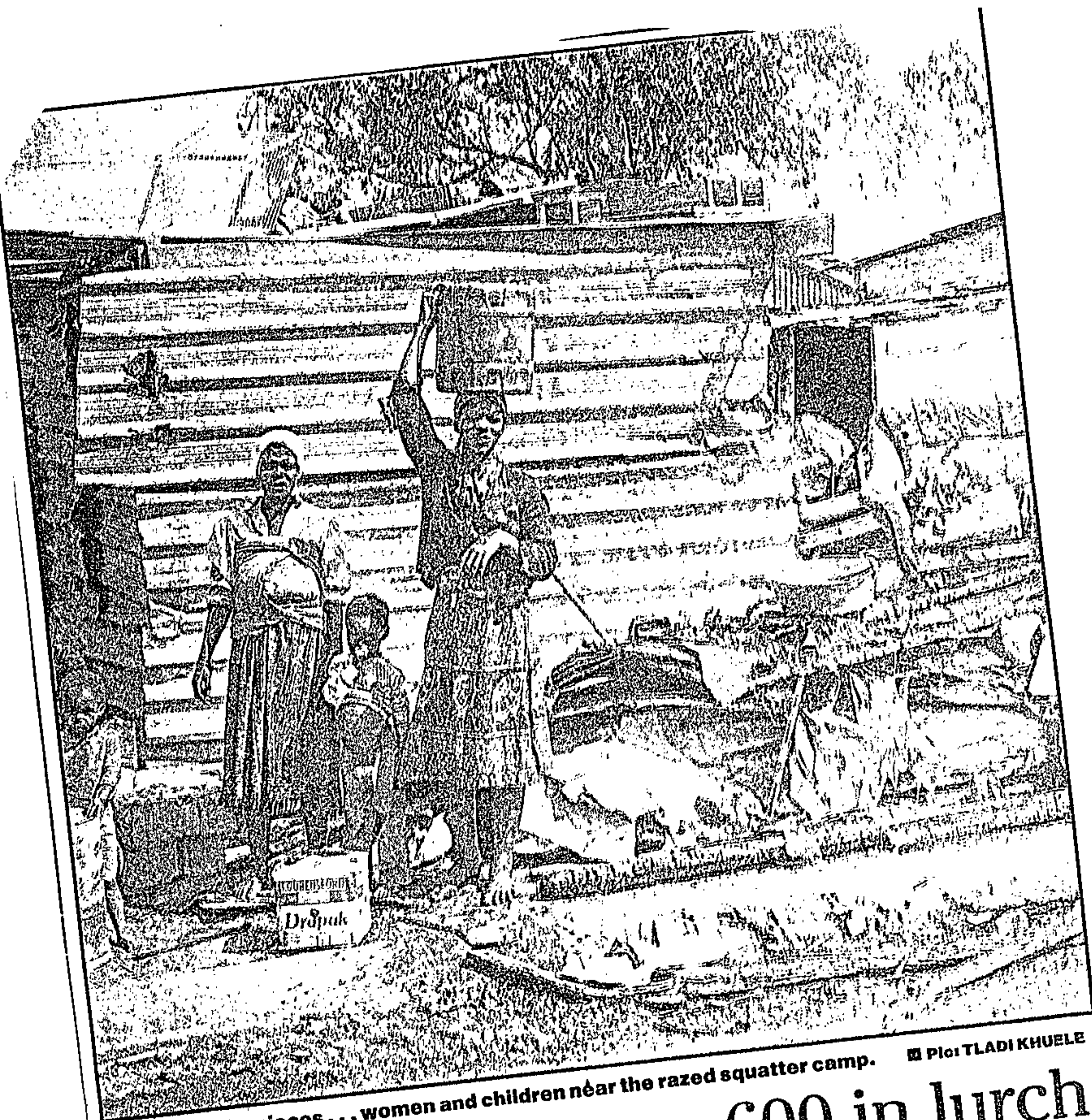
According to the Pretoria Minute, the process of release of prisoners and the return of exiles must be completed not later than April 30 next year.

The joint working group of the ANC and the government – which investigates the practical implica-

Next-door neighbour Adelaide Mabophe, in the shattered Mandela home. She said she was woken by gunshots and a blast. "I ran to the kitchen and opened the door when I spotted two men near the house – one armed with a huge firearm." She closed the door and stayed there until they left.

Picture by EVANS MBOUENI





Picking up the pieces . . . women and children near the razed squatter camp. **PLOI TLADI KHUELE**

## Alex council leaves 600 in lurch

By SOPHIE TEMA *9/10/97* *2011* *343*

THE Alexandra Town Council has done nothing to help the 600 squatters who lost everything when a fire destroyed more than 100 shacks in the area this week.

Town Clerk William Khumalo says this is because squatters have not made a formal request for help from the council.

But the squatters are not organised, and have no leader to make a formal request.

Khumalo told *City Press* the squatters did not have rights as residents, but the council would assist shack-dwellers who want to be relocated.

"Those who are willing to go voluntarily will be resettled at Ivory Park near Rabie Ridge and all arrangements to acquire sites for them and to get them

moved to the area will be the responsibility of the council," he said.

Meanwhile, Operation Hunger has donated food and clothes and Women for Peace has distributed blankets.

Nocawe Sajeni is one of the survivors who managed to save herself and her three children - one of them a three-week-old baby.

"I battled to get the two eldest children out of the burning shack. Then I had to fight through the flames to get to my baby.

"As I braved the flames I said a silent prayer. I reached my baby and rushed out of the shack to safety.

"All my money, personal belongings and my children's clothing was destroyed," she said.

Alexandra Civic Organisation secretary Richard Mdakane appealed for help from civic and charity organisations.



# Brutal murder

By DAN DHLAMINI

RESIDENTS of Kutlwanong township are living in fear of rightwing reprisals following the brutal murder of four whites from the nearby conservative Free State mining town of Odendaalsrus.

The four - Basie van Niekerk, 34, Shirley Basson, 32, Michael Beletie, 33, and Anthony Casey, 32 - went to buy liquor at a shebeen in Kutlwanong township after they ran dry during a drinking spree last week.

A few hours later their charred remains were retrieved from the nearby Mshenguville squatter camp.

According to Kutlwanong resident Biki Sephiri, the four and many other whites often frequented local shebeens and taverns where they socialised with blacks.

Kutlwanong Civic Association spokesman Aaron Mguni said it was most unfortunate the long-planned Odendaalsrus consumer boycott coincided with the brutal murder.

The aim of the boycott is to reinforce calls to desegregate the local hospital and speed up the installation of sewerage and tarring of roads in the township.

Kutlwanong - which means Place of Harmony - was in the news two years ago as a haven for love across the colour bar.

The dusty township shot into the limelight in 1988 when a young Afrikaner woman, Annette Heunis, defied her parents, the church and the white community of Odendaalsrus, and eloped with her black Romeo, Jerry Tsie.

The couple settled in Kutlwanong, where Annette was rechristened "Palesa" - which means Flower. Jerry and Palesa lived happily in Kutlwanong but moved to Bophuthatswana the following year after several threatening telephone calls from white Odendaalsrus men.

Another white man, Silvano "Spencer" Gregorin, 28, who has been living happily in Kutlwanong for the past three years with his fiancée Dikeledi Makume, said the murders were brutal, but should not be interpreted as a total onslaught against whites.

He said he was not frightened by the incident and still moved freely in the township without fear.

Gregorin, who runs a small business supplying goods to spaza shops in Kutlwanong, is also involved in local community affairs. He said he left the apartment which he shared with Makume in conservative Odendaalsrus because whites disapproved of his fiancée's presence in the neighbourhood.

This week City Press visited Kutlwanong, whose 5 000 houses are surrounded by the more than 10 000 shacks of Mshenguville.

Residents of this squatter camp were cautious in what they said about the incident. Recent police swoops netted more than 30 people - including minors - in connection with the murders.

Most of the squatters who spoke to City Press wished to remain anonymous, saying rightwingers in town had threatened to avenge the deaths of the four whites.

However, the AWB area secretary in Welkom, Blikkies Blignaut, earlier this week said the AWB would only consider further action if it turned out the four victims had been taken to the area against their will, Sapa reported.

When he learned they had intended visiting a shebeen, Blignaut's only comment was: "White people have no place being in black areas in times like these."

Schoolteacher Mirriam Pholosi, who

## Were whites mistaken for the feared third force?

lives near the murder scene, said an alarm had been raised the previous night that Inkatha or "Russians" were to attack the squatters, after which youths patrolled the area.

"Russians" are blanket-wearing gangsters found mostly in townships close to mining areas.

Pholosi said three black men in a brown car chased the whites in their car from the main township into the squatter camp.

"As the car with three black men cornered that of the whites, the whites could be heard begging for mercy, saying they were not fighting and that their attackers could search them. But despite their plea, they were attacked," said Pholosi.

"The youths, having seen the attack by occupants of the brown car, might have thought the whites were the notorious 'third force', which is said to be fanning violence in Reef townships."

"We at Mshenguville are totally against violence from whichever section and we abhor the brutal murder of those innocent whites," she said.

However, nobody could say how the clash started between the victims and the occupants of the brown car which chased them.

The motive of the killing will perhaps only unfold in court.

To date, 28 men linked with the killings have already appeared in court at Odendaalsrus.

Their ages range from 14 to 35. They were charged with four counts of murder and were not asked to plead. The case was postponed until October 23. Two of them - Philip Matela, 25, and Johannes Koele, 35 - were this week released on R600 bail each.

Orange Free State police spokesman Maj Johan Fouche said police had been using aircraft to detect the alleged killers.

Javas Inn tavern owner Ben Chaane, whose place is frequented by whites, said he did not see the four whites on that day.

Another taverner, Morgan Phumo, said it was unfortunate such an ugly scene should occur when blacks and whites were reaching out to each other.

It's haunt town



# Power cuts loom for thousands

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By Therese Anders,  
Highveld Bureau

As the rent and services boycott continues in 27 Transvaal townships, many thousands of people face power cut-offs this week.

Cash-strapped town councils now owe Eskom R70 million, an increase of R47 million since the Government cut bridging finance on September 1.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) reports that after recent agreements, service payments in Soweto and in the Eastern Transvaal have improved.

However, the situation has deteriorated on the East Rand, and more towns have joined the boycott in the Western Transvaal.

Last week Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal president Moses Mayekiso announced the boycott would con-

tinue until a number of demands had been met, including the scrapping of discriminatory laws and the system of local government.

The organisation later said the boycott in Soweto was off.

Carolina's Conservative Party-led council, which cut electricity, water and sewerage services to Silobela township several weeks ago, has warned it will cut services again today.

## Flat rate

Vosloorus residents, who are already having their power cut for up to six hours a day, have until Thursday to pay up.

Unless accounts are paid, the Pretoria City Council will cut power to a number of townships, including Mamelodi and Atteridgeville, on Friday.

In many Eastern Transvaal townships, residents are paying a flat rate for rent and ser-

vices that is well below the amount needed to cover the ratepayer's true electricity and water consumption charges.

This still leaves black local authorities with big bulk-supply accounts that they cannot pay.

The TPA, therefore, is allowing councils to apply for funds earmarked by regional services councils for township capital projects.

Eskom communication manager Johan du Plessis said the electricity giant viewed the boycott in a serious light.

"But we are not anxious about it because we are negotiating ... rather than switching towns off."

He said the fact that people were starting to pay meant they felt they could "pull this thing through".

He stressed Eskom would not consider writing off any of the R70 million debt.

# Police bury Reef bodies

By CHARLES MOGALE

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POLICE have already given pauper's burials to 196 Reef unrest victims because their bodies could not be identified at the mortuaries.

A police spokesman said the bodies were buried in separate graves in Germiston this week. Last month 212 bodies were given paupers' funerals, and more than 100 unidentified bodies are still lying unclaimed in Reef mortuaries.

Most were victims of the recent violence which erupted between hostel dwellers and township residents.

The police burials come at a time when the South African Council of Churches has appealed to churches and other organisations to "adopt a body" to give decent burials to the victims.

A police spokesman said relatives who come forward can still exhume their bodies for family reburials.

"We are keeping their pictures, and all the graves are numbered," he said.

The police have also called on people whose relatives have disappeared recently to come forward and see if they are among the victims.

# Sowetans queue to pay rent

By Montshiwa Moroke

There has been a dramatic increase in the payment of rent and service charges in Soweto since the signing of the Greater Soweto Accord about two weeks ago, says the Soweto City Council.

The accord was signed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the three Greater Soweto councils of Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto, and the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) on September 24.

Figures released by Soweto town clerk Piet Geers for the period between September 1 and October 4 show dramatic increases of between 15 and 917 percent.

On September 1 Jabavu collected R12 778 in rent and on October 1 R31 257 — an increase of 144 percent.

On the same days, Chiawelo collected R8 668 and R19 861 (129 percent); Orlando East R9 165 and R26 228 (186 percent); and Zola R3 438 and R21 834 (535 percent).

Tladi's rent collection showed a 917 percent increase from last month.

Mr Geers said the department had taken extra security measures at pay points since the increase in payments.

The acting town clerk of Diepmeadow, Tom Mabambe, said the response to the accord had been good.

A spokesman for the Dobsonville treasury department, Chris van Zyl, said that from Tuesday last week, cashiers had been fairly busy.



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**Project will  
house 5 000**

By Jovial Rantao

A R25 million housing project, which will accommodate an estimated 5 000 black people in Daveyton, was launched last week.

The "Emaphupheni" project has a community centre and school.

Speaking at the launch of the project, general manager of housing of the Permanent Building Society — chief funders of the project — Denis Creighton, said there was already a waiting list of more than 1 000 registered homeowners signed up for houses costing between R12 540 and R27 800.

# Car hijackers Sto 9/10/90 disrupt Bara clinic services

Own Correspondent

Baragwanath Hospital may suspend some of the services provided by its 12 clinics in townships because of the continuing hijacking and theft of its vehicles.

The cars transport patients between the clinics and the hospital daily; deliver medicines and ferry district nurses who call on patients at their homes more than 250 000 times a year.

Baragwanath superintendent, Dr G Louw, said the clinics initially ran a fleet of 140 vehicles, but now had only 93. Last month, three vehicles, including a new minibus, were stolen.

## Futile

Dr Louw said he was concerned about the safety of his staff because thieves often threatened patients and nurses before driving off in the hospital's vehicles. As a result, nurses were reluctant to do house calls.

The superintendent said they were now trying to replace the stolen vehicles but this was futile as the new ones were more "popular among the thieves".

In December 1988, six new minibuses were stolen within six weeks. An appeal to the public in 1989 resulted in a lull over the following six months.

However, the hijackings had started again.



# 600 angry mourners at slain woman's home

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By EDWARD MOLOINYANE  
and HENRI DU PLESSIS  
Staff Reporters

MORE than 600 angry mourners gathered at the gutted Khayelitsha home of Mr Mike Mapongwana, whose wife was murdered this week.

Mrs Mapongwana was shot in the chest during Wednesday's attack. Mr Mapongwana was shot in the arm and admitted to Groote Schuur Hospital. The bullet entered his arm and exited through his back. He was discharged from hospital after treatment.

The couple's two-roomed house was petrol-bombed and the contents destroyed in the attack which took place about 12.30 am.

## Shocked

News of the slaying of Mrs Nomsa Mapongwana shocked the Khayelitsha community and by 10 am yesterday Mr Mapongwana's home was a mass of people who toyi-toyed and sang freedom songs.

The mourners were mostly youths in African National Congress T-shirts waving ANC flags. There was a strong police presence throughout the four-hour gathering.

The situation in the township, especially in the two-roomed houses section of Khayelitsha, was tense throughout the day.

In some streets youths singing anti-Lingelethu Town Council songs formed groups and called for the council's removal.

The couple were described as "fearless and courageous freedom fighters" whose dedication would be missed by the "oppressed and exploited" in Khayelitsha.

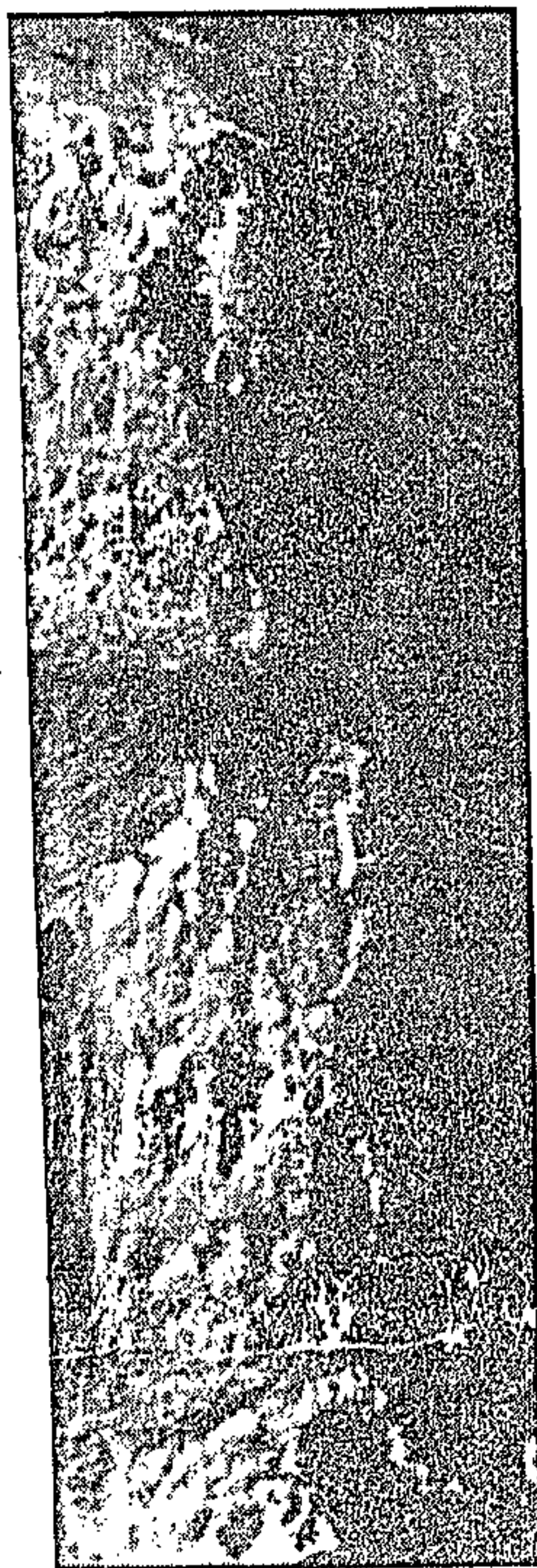
The attack on Mr Mapongwana, an active member of the ANC and chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association, is believed to be linked to his civic politics.

● Mrs Mapongwana's assassins could have been the same people who tried to kill Mr Mapongwana during a meeting in March this year, says Democratic Party MP Mr Jan van Eck.





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# Blacks aim to wreck local govt

By Esmaré van der Merwe,  
Political Reporter

Civic associations in the Transvaal are to organise campaigns to bring about the collapse of the (black) local government system, the Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (CAST) said yesterday.

CAST, formed last month as an umbrella for 38 civic associations, announced at a press conference in Johannesburg that "mass grassroots struggles and campaigns would be intensified" to force the resignation of councillors and the adoption of a new non-racial municipal dispensation.

CAST president Moses Mayekiso said civic associations would determine the nature of protest actions within the next few weeks.

CAST announced several decisions which had been taken at a one-day meeting in Johannesburg on Sunday. These included:

- Racial local government structures should be disbanded and replaced with a system of single tax-bases in townships and cities.
- One person, one vote elections for non-racial municipalities.

## 'Written off'

- All service charge arrears must be written off and houses should be transferred to "those who had paid for them".
- CAST would establish community trust funds to contribute towards the building of new houses.
- CAST would campaign for the conversion of hostels into family units and the development of shacks into formal housing.

Mr Mayekiso said: "People are angry with the State for undermining their organisations and are committed to intensifying the struggle."

CAST said yesterday guidelines on negotiations between civic associations and provincial authorities would soon be drawn up to ensure that "weaker civics" were not pressured into signing unfavourable agreements to end rent boycotts.

These guidelines would ensure uniformity in agreements reached through negotiations between the Transvaal Provincial Administration and about 30 civic associations, the organisation said.



By SOPHIE TEMA

A new rent crisis was looming in Transvaal townships, civic associations warned this week.

## Power cuts 'recipe for disaster'

The associations said the official strategy of power and water cuts was a recipe for disaster that would affect the progress of a number of official and township negotiations in progress on rent boycotts.

But the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) pointed out this week that electricity and water in townships were being cut by the bulk suppliers of these services - Eskom and the Rand Water Board - and not by the TPA.

Meanwhile, civic associations - the UDF National Civic office and the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal

(CAST) - said the water and power cuts to Sibobela, Mhluzi, Vesselton and eMzini would lead to intensified residents' action.

Water and electricity were cut to these areas between October 15 and 16.

A statement by the UDF National Civic Office said: "We are deeply disturbed by the developments in various townships in the Transvaal."

"The switching off of the electricity supply to numerous townships, together with the uncompromising attitude of the TPA, local authorities and other par-

ties, have led to a situation where negotiations at local level have become untenable."

CAST said: "The switching-off of lights while negotiations are in progress can only lead to anger among the people."

Matters came to a head on Friday at the Pretoria Supreme Court when the Pretoria City Council was ordered to temporarily restore electricity to Atteridgeville residents.

The court ruled that: "Power cuts to the 1 500 houses be stopped until October 24 this year."

During this period residents were required to pay their accounts for September only.

Failure to comply with the temporary relief would lead to electricity cuts after 1pm on October 24.

This means that more than 8 000 residents must pay their service charges for September only, plus a R15.50 reconnection fee.

Final judgement on the application would be delivered on October 26. In the meantime residents were requested to pay their accounts for September.

Several organisations including the East Rand's Daveyton Town Council were this week negotiating with the white town councils that have been affected by the power cuts.

In Germiston electricity supply and the switch-offs were discussed at length at a meeting held between the Daveyton Town Council, the TPA, the Daveyton Residents' Association and the Daveyton Miners' Fraternal.

Following discussions with Eskom, an agreement was reached between the council and the supplier to reconnect electricity to Daveyton. The accord would be valid until October 31.

It was agreed Daveyton residents would start paying a flat rate of R70.



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enced in 1967 to six years in prison.

## 'Curfew could be lifted'

Star 11/10/90  
By Guy Jepson

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok has hinted that the 9 pm to 4 am curfew in the East Rand townships of Tokoza, Vosloorus and Katlehong will be lifted soon.

Addressing a press conference at the Vosloorus Police Station this week, Mr Vlok said that after evaluating the situation he believed the curfew could not remain in force "for a long period".

"We will lift it as soon as circumstances permit but I want to stress that if violence breaks out again we will not hesitate to reimpose the curfew," he said.

Mr Vlok said he had been

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pleased to find that residents were heeding the curfew and co-operating with police, but said electricity black-outs in certain areas made law enforcement difficult.

The mayor of Vosloorus, Morrison Sinukela, said the imposition of the curfew had saved many lives in Vosloorus and had been welcomed by local residents.

"Before the curfew more than 200 people died in this town," he said.

He told The Star that the situation was normalising and he hoped the curfew would be lifted during the course of next week.

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# Khayelitsha 'on brink of exploding' about levy

By CHRIS BATEMAN

KHAYELITSHA was on the point of "exploding" into uncontrollable violence due to a retrospective service charge to residents "without notice", West-ern Cape Civic Association chairman Mr Michael Mopongwana said yesterday.

Wednesday night saw the petrol-bombing of a Lingeletu West Town Council Section A rent and welfare office, after an earlier protest rally of about 10 000 residents in the township's main stadium.

A day earlier, the home of Lingeletu West town councillor Mr Alfred Mquboko of Site C was petrol-bombed for the second time in a month. Total damage is estimated at R700 000.

Council employees, escorted by police, were yesterday distributing notices announcing the service charges in several parts of the township.

Earlier in the week, a rubbish bag full of already delivered notices was dumped on the Lingeletu West Town Council office premises in protest.

Captain Attie Laubscher, a police spokesman, last night said that three men and a woman were arrested about 11am yesterday in connection with the theft of about 2 000 electricity and water accounts found in a house at Site B.

Police are investigating the possibility that the four people had robbed women who were delivering the accounts.

The four are to appear in court on Monday.

## Loss of nearly R3,5 million

Khayelitsha was granted legal city status at the end of last month, enabling town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence to levy service fees for the first time. The township is running at a loss of nearly R3,5 million.

Mr Mapongwana said yesterday that if widespread violence broke out his civic association would inevitably be blamed, "in spite of the Lingeletu council never having consulted us about the effect of introducing these fees".

Mr Lawrence "emphatically denied" this, saying he had personally written to Mr Mapongwana and had displayed the new promulgation at the council offices for twice the required period.

He added, however, that as there was no postal service in Khayelitsha it was "physically impossible for us to get the notices out".



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him he could not live any longer.

# Blackened faces, *Star 13/10/90* *343* *343* *343* 'police' in assault

FOUR white men with blackened faces and several others, who all appeared to be policemen, allegedly assaulted a former black police officer and his friend, Lawyers for Human Rights said yesterday.

In a sworn affidavit submitted to LHR, suspended policeman Jabulani Victor Vane of Alexandra said that on Wednesday about 8 pm he was driving his friend home when he realised a car was following him. Shots were fired shortly afterwards.

According to the affidavit, he said: "No bullet struck my car so I continued to drive on."

Then four men in a yellow Golf, with police insignia on the doors, forced Mr Vane to stop. He and his friend were told to lie on their stomachs. The men then allegedly assaulted them after accusing them of stealing cars and carrying ammunition.

His statement continued: "We noticed that they had smeared something black on their faces. We noticed also that their hands were white and they had straight hair. Two of them had blonde hair."

"While (I was) lying on my stomach the four men kicked me and jumped on my back. They struck me several times with the handles of their firearms. One told me in Afrikaans that they were looking for me and said 'Jy sal kak,

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kaffir'. Another accused me of stealing cars and that I had ammunition in my car.

"My friend bled from a wound on his face," said the statement.

During the assault a yellow Opel Monza with blue stripes and the words "Flying Squad" on the doors arrived. This was followed by two vans, one yellow and the other white, which the victims claim were police vans.

Mr Vane alleges that 10 men, four of them black, alighted from the vehicles and joined in the assault. The victims claim to be able to positively identify four of their assailants as policemen.

The driver of the white van allegedly lowered the handbrake of Mr Vane's car and allowed it to roll and collide with the yellow police van causing damage to the indicator lights of both vehicles, the statement said.

One of the police officers then allegedly threatened the victims with death if they made a case against them.

A sworn statement by Mr Vane's passenger gives a similar account.

A spokesman for Police Headquarters, Pretoria, said they could not comment and added that complaints should be forwarded to a station commander for further investigation.

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# AWB men blinded me, says gardener

By ELIAS MALULEKE

A SOWETO family man has lost sight in one eye after he was attacked by two white colleagues who are allegedly AWB members. The men work for the Soweto electricity department.

Albert Ramokgalapa, 55, a father of eight and a gardener employed by the Electricity Department in Nancefield, alleged he was attacked while he tended a garden last week Friday.

He was blinded in the right eye after he was sprayed in the face with water from a power hosepipe.

He alleged he was also called "kaffir" as the two whites grappled with him on the ground while he was still blinded by the water and could not defend himself.

The attack led to more than 200 workers employed by the department downing tools this week to demand the immediate dismissal of the two whites.

The employees also complained to management that the whites were AWB members and carried firearms at work.

They claimed the men had been seen on television in the company of AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche, and allegedly acted as his bodyguards.

The strike ended on Friday after the workers were addressed by Soweto Council technical committee chairperson councillor Mavis Maseko and another councillor.

The two alleged assailants are technicians in the electrical engineering department and were described by workers as "racists".

One of the alleged attackers has since been suspended from duty without pay, pending an "official" disciplinary inquiry by senior officials of the department and members of the Soweto council.

However, a senior department official told City Press the matter had been blown out of proportion and described it as a "childish and unnecessary" incident.

He pointed out that accusations linking the men with the AWB and of carrying firearms at work were "political", but he confirmed that workers had claimed seeing the two men in the company of AWB leader Eugene Terre'Blanche.

Soweto Mayor Sam Mkhwanazi confirmed the incident and the suspension of the technician, but said a full statement would be released early this week.

"My council will investigate all allegations and no stone will be left unturned," he said.

West Rand police spokesman Lieut Govand-samy Mariemuthoo said

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Albert Ramokgalapa ... allegedly blinded in his right eye by AWB members. ■ Pic: ELIAS MALULEKE

## Gardener: AWB men blinded me

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police were investigating charges against the men.

Ramokgalapa said he was about to water the garden at about 9am, when the two technicians doused him with water.

"The water struck me in the right eye and I felt pain as if I had been hit by a bullet," he said.

The force of the water made him fall, but the two kept on dousing him until he desperately grabbed the hose and twisted it around, dousing one of the white men with water.

"They grabbed me and called me names and a kaffir, but I could not see as I had been blinded by the water," he said.

He reported the attack to his supervisor, who gave him tablets to drink and eye drops.

"I could not see with the painful right eye and consulted a doctor who said it had been damaged and referred me to the St John's Eye Clinic," he said.

He is still receiving treatment for the other eye which has also been affected.

Ramokgalapa said he was planning to sue his alleged assailants.

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**RESIDENTS** of Meloding near Virginia, whose water supply had been cut from October 4 to October 9, are up in arms after their councillors resigned on Friday.

This week irate residents told *City Press* the seven left them in a lurch and should have cleared up their "mess" before resigning. Those who resigned were Meloding mayor Mokebe Finger, his deputy Thabiso Modise and councillors Seabata Moletsane, Itso Mokalishe, Sello Tau, Mitholele Makoko and Ida Finer.

Meloding Civic Association chairman George Moahlodi said residents had vowed not to pay rent arrears which had been caused by councillors.

He said nobody had campaigned for a rent boycott and those who refused to pay did so because councillors had increased service charges and they could not afford to pay.

"Those who had been paying, unaware of the council's 'maladministration', were surprised this year to learn the council owes about R2-million.

"Councillors must know what happened to that money.

# Meloding up in arms as council quits

"We therefore call for a commission of inquiry to probe the Meloding Council coffers," Moahlodi said.

He further alleged councillors had entered into an agreement with the Goldfields Water Board (GWB) to pay R10 000 a week to cover the R134 000 water debt.

In an interview with *City Press* on Friday, GWB chairman R Vermaak confirmed there was an agreement between Meloding Council and his board, but declined to divulge the contents of the agreement.

Vermaak, a National Party member who is also deputy chairman of the Goldfields Regional Services Council, said the water supply was resumed on Tuesday following their agreement.

Meloding Women's League chairman Elisa Lunda said councillors were elected by the people, but they did not even have the decency to call a public meeting to announce their resignation.

"We first received short written messages from individual councillors at the water taps, stating they were resigning - before it appeared in the Press.

"We also found notices at the Mandela Squatter Camp saying shack dwellers must pay R10 a week to the council to make up for the huge amount owed," Lunda said.

The Black Local Authorities (BLA) system had failed dismally and needed to be scrapped outright, she added.

In a statement the seven coun-

cillors said they had quit because the Orange Free State Provincial Administration (OPA) refused to assist the township financially, despite the fact Meloding did not have a tax base and had been hit by a rent boycott initiated in March this year.

Responding to the incidents in Meloding, Goldfields' Democratic Party chairman, Dr R Kahn, said it was surprising the OPA could not write off the R34-million owed by the whole of the OFS, when the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) waived over R500 million owed by the Soweto Council.

"Why pick on Meloding? Is it a test case for the government to check if the rent boycott could be ended, or is it because they know Meloding people cannot resist like the Sowetans?" Kahn asked.

Talking about water problems in Meloding and Mamahabane, Kahn said he tried in vain to convince the authorities to be more lenient.

Referring to Section 20 (5) (a) of the Health Act No. 63 of 1977, Kahn pointed out it was the responsibility of the Department of National Health to supply water intended for human use to the people of South Africa.

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# Mandela secures release of marchers

ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela yesterday intervened to secure the release of 32 marchers arrested by police in Soweto.

The 32 took part in a march which demanded the release of political prisoners.

The decision to free the ANC supporters came after a meeting between Mandela and regional commander of the Soweto police, Maj-Gen Johan Swart.

Mandela met the police chief at the Moroka police station just hours before he flew to India.

Addressing hundreds of cheering ANC supporters at Rockville's Elkah Stadium, Mandela said it was decided the protest march should be postponed to next weekend, and that permission should be sought.

It had also been agreed that no charges would be laid against the 32, who were warned to appear at the Protea Magistrate's Court tomorrow.

Mandela also urged police, who had locked five people in the back of their van, to release them.

A senior police officer on the scene, who refused to identify himself, said the five would first be taken to the Moroka police station from where they would be released.

The ANC leader then said goodbye to the crowd before departing for Jan Smuts Airport.

Earlier yesterday, police fired teargas and rubber bullets to disperse the marchers. Several people were injured.

The situation became tense when a large contingent of police in armoured vehicles patrolled the streets, while others stood guard at the Elka Stadium where the march started.

Police liaison officer Maj-Ray Harrald said police had warned a gathering of the marchers that their intended action was illegal. The marchers had been warned that action would be taken if they proceeded with the march.

When they broke the agreement at 11am they were warned again and when they began to leave the stadium,

teargas and rubber bullets were fired.

Maj Harrald added that six people - three men and three women - were injured as a result of police action and were taken to Baragwanath Hospital for treatment.

Police armed with shotguns chased youths into yards of nearby houses, while some protesters - most of them women - handed themselves over to the police for arrest.

South African Youth Congress (Sayco) official Parks Tau said organisers of the march had not yet established the number of injured. Three ambulances had arrived on the scene and emergency officials helped the injured. Sapa.



## Old-timers face the sack

by CHARLES MOGALE

THE Soweto Council is on the brink of a major workers' crisis following alleged threats to retrench workers in a bid to save money.

Discontent swept through the council's offices this week as workers threatened to take "major steps" should the council retrench workers.

A spokesman for the workers, who asked to remain anonymous for fear of reprisals, said heads of different departments had unofficially told old staffers they would have to take early pension, or be dismissed - to save running costs.

In another swift move, the council withdrew telephone lines from employees, making it impossible for them to make outside calls.

The spokesman said: "Strange that the council should be hiring thousands of so-called information officers, who are nothing but informers. These people

draw a salary, but they do nothing but roam around. This gives credence to our belief these officers were promised jobs if they voted the Sofasonke Party into power."

He also questioned the "locomotion" allowance paid to white staff, believed to be R2 000 each.

"These gentlemen are paid that massive amount just for using their cars to drive to work. Why not fire them?"

"Why not give houses in Soweto to the residents, which would inevitably lead to improvement in the township - and make it unnecessary to have township managers roaming around looking for leaking roofs and burst pipes?" he said.

Attempts to reach mayor Sam Mkhwanazi and town clerk N Geers were unsuccessful. The two were said to be in different meetings and could not be reached at their homes.

# War of words breaks out over new hawkers' group

by PATRICK MAFAFO

WAR of words broke out this week after the African Council of Hawkers and Informal Businesses (Achib) charged the Foundation for African Business and Consumer Services (Fabcos) of trying to break it up and form a rival hawkers' organisation.

Achib president Lawrence Mavundla alleged that Fabcos set up the Foundation for African Informal Businesses (Faibs). He claimed Faibs was started by three former Achib members.

Fabcos management committee chairman Ken Dlamini on Friday denied the claims.

"Our letters to you (Achib) prove that Fabcos has attempted to unify the hawkers under Achib. This is proved by our insistence on Faibs joining the Achib fold," said Dlamini.

Achib has applied for affiliation to

the National African Federated Chamber of Commerce (Nafcoc) - thereby terminating its 11-month Fabcos membership.

"Faibs originally broke away from Achib and claimed that their reasons were because of the dictatorial management of Achib and your continued refusal to hold elections." Faibs was prepared to pass on its 4 000 registered members to Achib.

Matters came to a head last week, charged Mavundla, after his organisation discovered that Fabcos had "planted a mole" in a bid to destroy Achib.

Mavundla claimed Faibs was run by three former Achib members. "Their office expenses and salaries are being paid by Fabcos."

But Dlamini said the person who was alleged to have tried to get names from Achib had been suspended.



## East Rand township curfew lifted

THE East Rand township curfew was lifted on Friday by Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok, as it had effectively halted the violence which hit the area last month. ~~343~~ ~~343~~ ~~343~~ (343)

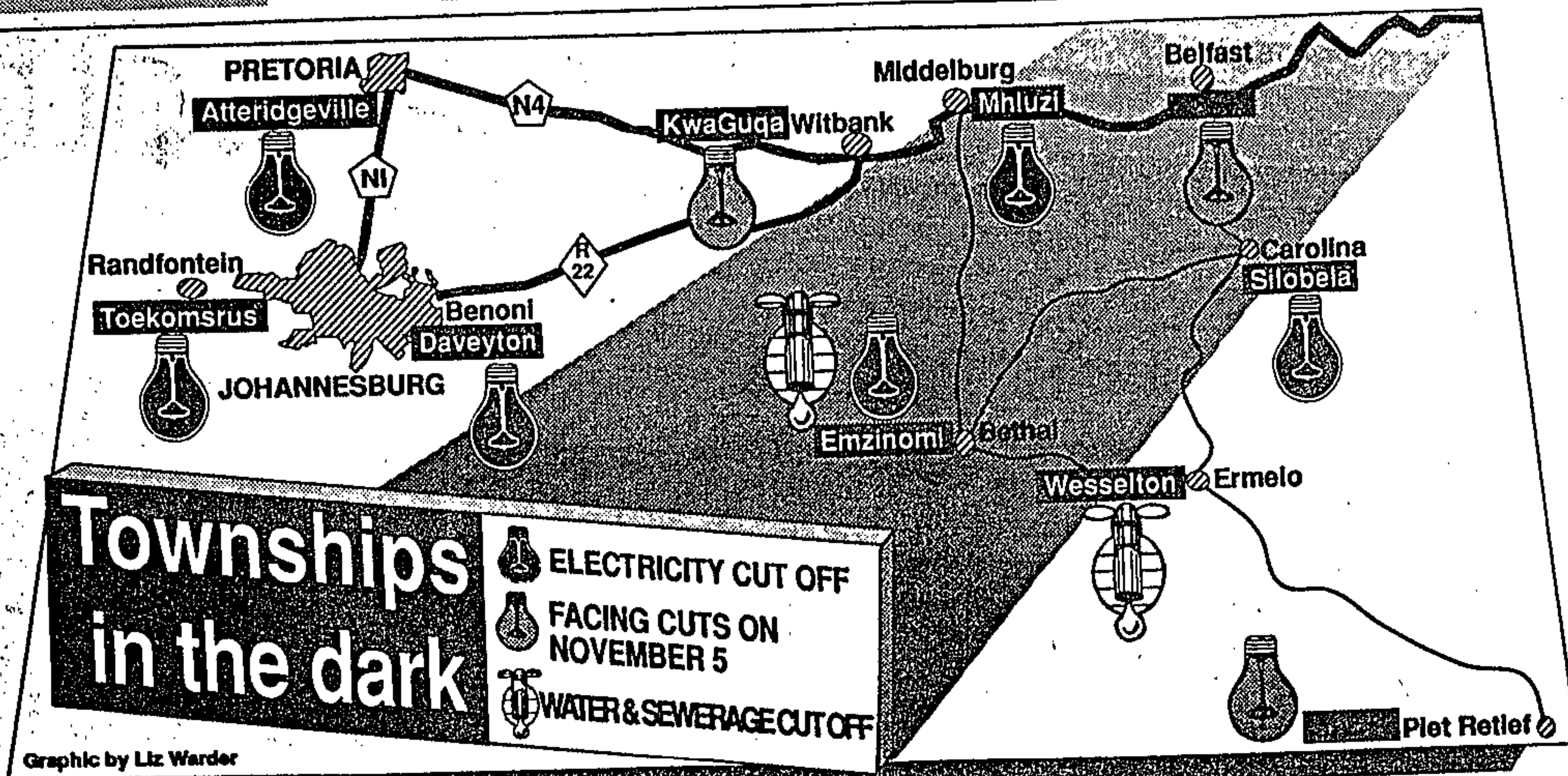
Vlok said the dramatic drop in violence warranted the move. But he warned the curfew would be reimposed if necessary. *C/ren 14/10/90*

Senior police spokesman Col Steve

Van Rooyen said there had been 242 "instances of unrest" in Thokoza, Katlehong and Vosloorus from September 1 to 16. After September 25, when the curfew was implemented, to date, there had been no instances of unrest.

This meant there had been no killings, stonings, petrol-bombings, burning or damage to property. — Sapa.





Graphic by Liz Warder

# Civic bodies warn of fresh boycotts over services cuts

By Louise Burgers  
Municipal Reporter

Civic associations have demanded that the Government intervene and halt cuts in essential services at Transvaal townships or face a total breakdown of local negotiations and a resumption of rent boycotts.

United Democratic Front national civic co-ordinator Pat Lephunya and representatives from the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal said swift action was needed by the Government to prevent an increase in conflict and protest action.

## Eroded

The attitude of Conservative Party-controlled towns was a declaration of war against black people, Mr Lephunya said.

About 100 000 people are without water in two eastern Transvaal townships and thousands more are in the dark in five towns.

Mr Lephunya said: "The attitude of the authorities has resulted in the climate for negotiation being seriously eroded."

"The switching-off of the electricity supply to numerous townships has led to a situation where negotiations at local level have become untenable."

He said negotiations were close to collapse and he did not rule out the resumption of the rent boycott. He stressed that the civic associations were committed to negotiation.

On Tuesday, Bethal's Conservative Party town council severed all services to Emzini's 30 000 residents, and Ermelo suspended water and sewerage services to Wessellton's 45 000 inhabitants.

Electricity has been cut to the 70 000 residents of Middelburg's Mhluzi township, and Carolina's tiny Silobela residential area is also without power.

Electricity to Daveyton on the East Rand was cut by the Benoni Town Council at mid-

night on Tuesday.

The Atteridgeville Town Council cut power earlier this week and Randfontein cut off electricity in Toekomsrus yesterday.

In total, the affected townships owe more than R12 million for services to the various white local authorities and Eskom.

## Offensive

In a statement, the ANC said: "It is clear the decision to cut services is a political one. It is contradictory that at the very time a solution is being achieved regarding the boycotts, and people are beginning to pay rent as per agreements, services are being cut in an offensive against our people."

The ANC said the switch-off was part of the resistance by pro-apartheid groups in an effort to retain apartheid.

It demanded that water and electricity supplies be restored immediately.

## Residents report chaos as council cuts water, power

By Stan Hlophe

Taps, taps everywhere, but not a drop to drink. That's how things are in Emzini, near Bethal.

Emzini, with a population of 30 000, is one of the Eastern Transvaal townships in which water and electricity supplies were cut off by the CP town councils on Tuesday night.

When The Star visited the area yesterday, children were pushing wheelbarrows and go-carts full of water containers.

Businesses were at a standstill. Schoolchildren were sent home earlier than usual as the situation was described as chaotic by one principal.

A resident said: "Our houses are buzzing with flies, and an unbearable smell is everywhere. The toilets are not working and there is no running water."

The Emzini Town Council held a meeting with its CP counterpart last night.



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## Seven die in East Rand faction fight

By Anna Louw, East Rand Bureau

A faction fight between Zulus and Xhosas claimed the lives of seven men at a compound in Chloorkop Road, Kempton Park, last night.

Police said fighting had broken out in the compound at 10.45 pm.

Seven bodies were discovered after shooting broke out. Police said 9 mm pistols and pangas had been used.

A Kempton Park ambulance spokesman said two men had been taken to Tembisa Hospital, where they were being treated for serious injuries presumably inflicted with pangas.

More workers were apparently injured in the fighting.

The men dispersed when police arrived. No arrests have been made.

# Defiant Vosloorus to continue boycott

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By Stan Hlophe  
and Sapa

Residents of Vosloorus on the East Rand have rejected their town council's demand of a R70 per household flat rate for rent and vowed to continue their six-month-old rent and services-charge boycott.

At a mass meeting at the local stadium yesterday, the Vosloorus Civic Association said the council was demanding a R70 flat rate fee but the residents' final offer was R50.

The VCA said the council, and not Eskom, had been responsible for intermittent electricity cuts in the township over the past two weeks.

Electricity was fully restored on Saturday morning.

Vosloorus residents have also boycotted electricity bills, which they claim cost 2,5c a unit more than the rates paid by the nearby Boksburg Town Council's white residents.

In Katlehong, residents will pay a flat rate of R45 a month for services, in accordance with an agreement reached on Friday between the local civic association, Eskom, the town council and the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The R45 fee is applicable only to residents with electricity; those without will pay R10.

The R45 fee per household will ensure Eskom's electricity supply for another month, while negotiations continue.



# Negotiate, councils told

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Intransigent white municipalities will have to enter into negotiations with black communities over new models of local government or else be excluded from agreements and face protest action, local government experts warn.

The Greater Soweto Accord ending Soweto's rent boycott formed the basis for discussions in other Transvaal communities between the Transvaal Provincial Administration, civic associations and white local authorities.

## Benefit

One of the most important provisos of the accord was the establishment of a metropolitan chamber to promote negotiation for new nonracial local government structures, according to an expert in local government.

A research officer for the University of the Witwatersrand Centre for Policy Studies, Khetha Shubane, said it would benefit both white local authorities and the country if they got involved right away in negotiations for new systems of democratic local government.

Negotiations between civic associations and provincial authorities on new nonracial systems of local government could affect talks for a new constitution, reports LOUISE BURGERS.

a specific form of local government which could stay with us for a long time."

Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl said the present system of local government had to continue until replaced by a negotiated, acceptable system.

"Hopefully that will be soon, but we cannot say whether the national negotiation forum will indicate that a new local government system must be implemented with a new constitution. It depends on the negotiation chamber's timetable."

Mr van Zyl said the constitutional future of the country could not be decided by the Government alone and had to be worked out around the negotiating table.

"But what do we do in the meantime? We can set up the

forums for discussion and get more people involved in local government.

"I believe one of the major achievements in this process is that the civics have become involved."

The local government expert warned that while local authorities which refused to become involved in the negotiation process could face protest action, forcing them to capitulate.

"Local-level negotiations are going to continue irrespective of what happens, and it is only a question of whether local authorities give in or face consumer boycotts, stayaways and marches to make their point."

## Break away

Mr Shubane urged all interested groups, including white ratepayers' associations, to become involved in the negotiation process.

He said some white local authorities had already taken steps to find a more effective form of administration. In Kimberley, a common administrative base had recently been formed between the town and Galeshewe township.

Pro-reform municipalities



The historic signing of the Soweto Accord last month by Soweto mayor Sam Mkhwanazi (left), Diepkedouw mayor Joseph Khumalo and Debenville mayor Steve Nkomo along with the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Soweto Civic Association.

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within the controversial Conservative Party-dominated Transvaal Municipal Association (TMA) have threatened to break away after the TMA decided to ignore the Thornhill Commission's new models of nonracial local government structures.

At a recent conference, the majority of delegates also blocked attempts to open the association to all races.

"This is a time to include people rather than exclude them. If we are going to be the voice of local authority in the Transvaal, we should represent

all local authorities," Sandton management committee chairman Perry Oertel said.

He described the CP action in the TMA as a "totally unrealistic, blinkered attitude".

Chutes and town councils opposed to the CP viewpoint, mostly on the Reef, have formed a pressure group and decided to actively support an investigation of Thornhill's new models for local government.

Johannesburg management committee member Cecil Bass believes the time might have come for urban municipalities to seriously reconsider their membership of the TMA, as the association had become an obstacle to reform.

Mr Bass said the issue was serious as the TMA was a major player in the United Municipal Executive, which represents all white municipalities in South Africa.



BACKGROUND

# Civic associations flex muscles

Civic associations, which carried the anti-apartheid torch while political organisations were banned, are emerging as a massive power bloc in the phase of transition. The consequences are examined by Political Reporter ESMARE VAN DER MERWE.

only one political group. "We will retain a separate identity, but in many instances we might decide to do things differently from the political leadership."

Cast was formed shortly before the first ANC-convened consultative conference on local government last weekend to thrash out a policy on local government.

Details on the policy are still scant. However, the aim is to elect nonracial interim local government structures in one person, one vote nationwide elections. These elections, the ANC says, should take place after the abolition of all apartheid laws but before a new constitution comes into being. Cast supports these principles.

Confusion still seems to exist on a number of issues: ● How can nonracial elections take place in terms of the current Constitution? ● Who will be responsible for demarcation of constituencies? ● Will the Government go along with the ANC's proposal that the elections should be funded by the State? ● Will political parties put up candidates for election? ● The ANC believes these in-



Cas Coovadia... assistant general secretary of Cast.

terim structures should make proposals on a new local government policy to a national constituent assembly, a body which has been proposed to draw up a new constitution. However, the Government has rejected the principle of a constituent assembly.

● In view of the civics' decision not to merge with local government structures, will the current civic leaders remain in the civics or stand for election on to councils? ● Would a system of nonracial councils and civics not duplicate activities, and how would the powers of these separate entities be defined?

## Battle

Mr Mayekiso's remarks on "civic independence" were interpreted by one activist as "the firing of the first salvoes in the battle for independence from the ANC".

However, civics in the main dominated by ANC supporters, would at most constitute a loyal opposition to the ANC.

There could be several motives behind the formation of regional, and eventually national, civic association bodies: ● It could be an attempt by the ANC, which supports the move to consolidate civics, to ensure and extend control over grassroots structures. Civics could become important recruiting armies for the ANC — both among non-affiliated residents and civic members who

support other political organisations like Azapo and the PAC. ● The consolidation of the considerable power of civics could also be a bid for power by internal leaders whose status has been eroded since the return of the exiled leadership. If they could prove they represent a significant constituency, they might strengthen their chances to be elected to office at the ANC's congress in December.

Significantly, many of Cast's leadership are trade unionists. Some of them with strong SACP ties. At least two office bearers, Mr Mayekiso and Cast treasurer and Cosatu vice-president Chris Dlamini, are SACP central committee members.

This could mean that the SACP, whose marriage with the ANC is being subjected to some strain, is focusing on civics to establish a separate power base in working-class structures. ● There is growing concern

## Upliftment

"Civics are beginning to consolidate. Up to now we have played a political role. But because of the unbanning of political organisations, we can now resume our most important role — to facilitate socio-economic upliftment, development and reconstruction."

"Civic members belong to more than one political organisation. The political affiliation of a particular civic will be determined by the members. We therefore cannot link up with

While the ANC is battling to come to grips with the realities of national negotiations and reconstruction, well-trenched community structures have taken the initiative in grassroots negotiations which could affect township residents most directly — in their neighbourhood ways of life.

Civic associations — country-wide community structures which fall under the umbrella of the United Democratic Front — are now emerging as a significant and separate power bloc which could control negotiations at the level of local government.

While national negotiations move ahead falteringly, local initiatives between the provincial authorities and about 30 civic associations are proceeding on rent boycotts, service provision and other issues.

Last month, 38 "civics" came together to form the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) under the leadership of Alexandra activist and trade unionist Moses Mayekiso.

Plans are afoot to form a national civic body by March. Mr Mayekiso said civics would remain independent from political organisations, al-



Alexandra activist and trade unionist Moses Mayekiso... leader of the newly formed Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal, an association of 38 civic bodies.



## Illegal march: 30 in court

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By Abel Mushi

Thirty of the 32 people arrested in Rockville, Soweto, on Saturday for taking part in an allegedly illegal march appeared briefly in the Protea Magistrate's Court yesterday.

The trial was set for November 15.

Warrants of arrest have been issued for two of the accused who failed to appear.

The accused, who are said to be supporters of

the South African Youth Congress, held the march to call for the release of Mac Maharaj, an executive member of the SA Communist Party and ANC.

He was arrested in July for alleged involvement in an arms-smuggling plot.

The accused, some of whom were accompanied by their parents because they were under age, were not asked to plead.

## More funds needed for Alexandra

MORE funds are needed to equip and run the R6,2m multipurpose community and education centre being built in Alexandra township, Alex San Kopano development director Dave Jackson says.

The centre will offer training programmes to enable people in Alexandra to acquire the skills and qualifications to get better jobs.

It has been sponsored by local and overseas businesses including the Evangelical Centre for Development Aid (EZE) of Germany, Toyota SA Foundation, Nissan Motor Company, the WK Kellogg Foundation (US) and the Anglo-American and De Beers Chairman's Educational Fund.

Local residents have also undertaken community fundraising activities including raffles, traditional dance competi-

tions, fun runs, jumble sales and buy-a-brick competitions. (343)

Architects Osmond Lange have been commissioned to draw up a plan for the centre offering a multipurpose hall seating 1 000 people, a kitchen for catering and cookery classes, activity rooms for meetings and training courses, offices for counselling and community organisations, pre-school education facilities, a children's and adults' library, a flatlet for a centre manager and administration facilities.

The project is being overseen by an executive committee of the Alex San Kopano Association.

It includes representatives from various organisations in Alexandra, service organisations, the Sandton Civil Foundation and residents from Alexandra and Sandton.

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# Power cuts continue despite ultimatum

By Mckeed Kotlolo  
Pretoria Bureau

The Atteridgeville City Council ignored yesterday's ultimatum by the local civic body to immediately restore electricity to hundreds of houses of rent and service charges defaulters whose supplies were cut off on Monday.

The Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro) had written to the council demanding that it halt disconnecting electricity to households and businesses and restore power to affected houses.

Asro's acting secretary-general, Simon

Tshidi, said the council had until 3 pm yesterday to respond to the demand, failing which Asro would file an urgent application in the Supreme Court today.

Town clerk Daan Mouton confirmed receipt of the letter and said the council had instructed its lawyers to respond.

Asked if the council would heed the demand, Mr Mouton said: "We informed them that the action is continuing".

When The Star visited the township yesterday afternoon, the power to more houses was being disconnected.

# E Transvaal tense as services are cut

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By Therese Anders  
Highveld Bureau

An explosive situation was developing in several Eastern Transvaal industrial townships last night after the cutting of essential services, including electricity, water and sewerage, by Conservative Party-controlled councils.

In Ermelo's Wesselson township, where water was cut at noon, a large crowd of angry residents was reported to be marching to the township council offices last night.

The local civic association has labelled the CP council's actions inhumane and barbaric.

The affected townships are in arrears to the white local authority supplying bulk services for amounts of up to R1 million.

And the ANC has urged the Government to use its legal powers to "call these disruptive CP elements to order before the situation gets out of hand".

The ANC's Eastern Transvaal region secretary Joe Nkuna said he believed the CP councils were cutting services to retaliate for the scrapping of the Separate Amenities Act.

"This is a political, not economic, decision. The CP is desperately trying to prove to its followers that it is still able to control things."

Yesterday Bethal's CP town council severed all services to Emzini's 30 000 residents, and Ermelo suspended the water and sewerage service to Wesselson's 45 000 inhabitants.

## Influence

Electricity has also been cut in Middelburg's Mhluzi township (population 70 000) and Carolina's tiny Silobela black residential area.

The chairman of the regional Joint Co-ordinating Committee, Paul Broodryk, has charged that the ANC and the civic associations did not keep their

side of the agreement.

"They agreed to get their people paying, but they didn't."

"It is doubtful that they have influence with their people."

● Negotiations between authorities and civic associations are in danger of being derailed.

The talks were under threat yesterday when it emerged that a letter sent to black councils instructed them to use funds collected from residents to pay council salaries before paying electricity debts.

However, after a meeting, Transvaal MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl gave the assurance that councillors' salaries were paid with bridging finance, not residents'.

● A pamphlet blitz has been mounted in Atteridgeville by the SADF urging calm as "Operation Switchoff" began.

The pamphlets said: "The SADF has been requested to maintain law and order and prevent violence and intimidation in Atteridgeville."



# Massive shopping mall for Soweto, southern suburbs

THE R170-million shopping centre, Southgate Mall, which will serve thousands of customers in the southern suburbs and Soweto, will be open on October 24.

Southgate Mall is strategically situated off the M1 south at the Columbine off-ramp. It will serve the surrounding southern suburbs' catchment area such as Meredale, Mondeor, Southills and Glenvista but due to the number of national and arterial roads leading in and around it the centre will also attract customers from Alberton, Lenasia and Soweto in the South and Germiston in the east.

According to I R Oxley, marketing and promotion manager, apart from the

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

major chain stores Woolworths, Edgars, Pick 'n Pay and OK Bazaars, there are 49 fashion, eight shoe, 18 furniture, 11 fast food and restaurants, not to mention the seven Ster cinemas. Altogether there are 187 shops.

Social attention has been paid to an airy modern design incorporating an abundance of natural light which will penetrate skylights and into the lower levels via large wells in the upper mall floors. This design feature sets it apart from other more dated centres and is in keeping with the South African outdoor life style.

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# Building firms quit black housing market as bond boycott takes its toll

PRETORIA — Eight major construction companies had withdrawn from the black housing market because of untenable conditions created by political unrest and bond repayment boycotts, Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hennis Kriel said yesterday.

Addressing a media conference in Pretoria, Kriel blamed the boycotts on ANC, IACP, Cosatu, UDF and MDM supporters. He said these organisations' leaders could do the country a service by telling their supporters to "stop this nonsense because it's not to the advantage of anybody". Kriel declined to name the companies.

Spokesmen for several companies canvassed said they were either pulling out of the black housing market, had retrenched staff or had rationalised, or were shifting their emphasis to the white market.

Among these were Bester Homes, LTA Corniat Homes, Gough Cooper Homes, Time Holdings, Stocks Housing and Grinaker Construction.

Kriel said the shortage of black housing should be blamed on those political leaders who advocated sanctions and whose supporters encouraged the non-payment of bonds.

However, government would welcome

opportunities to discuss housing policies with extra-parliamentary groups.

Kriel said it was not possible for the state to be solely responsible for providing housing, and the private sector had to become involved.

He had directed the SA Housing Advisory Council to formulate a national housing policy — to be published as a White Paper — and he invited all interested parties for their input.

Industry spokesmen said yesterday the biggest problem facing the black housing

industry was financing. Financial institutions were unwilling to make finance available because of faulty bond repayments.

Most industry spokesmen said the major problems had been high interest rates, financing, government's indecision regarding the first time home-buyer's subsidy, restrictive red tape, administrative procedures and unrest.

Bester Homes' Transvaal construction director Rob Henderson said the company had decided to move out of the black housing market.

LTA Corniat Homes MD Martin Van Zyl

said Corniat, its French partner in the home building venture, had withdrawn. He said the company expected to have lost R20m over the three-year period ending this year.

While the company would stay in the market, it would be consolidating and retrenching staff, he said.

Gough Cooper Homes MD Frank Berkeley said the company would change its emphasis in home building from 80% in the black market to an even split between the black and white markets.

Time Holdings financial director Neil

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## Black housing

Carter said Time Housing would stay in the black housing market as it was not "universally bad". However, it would rationalise in some areas.

Time Housing had lost R3m in the first half of this year but expected to trim these losses in the second half of the year.

A Stocks Housing spokesman said as long as the work and money was available the company would continue in the black housing market. However, there had been problems with financial institutions.

Industry spokesmen said Schachat Home Builders had temporarily pulled out

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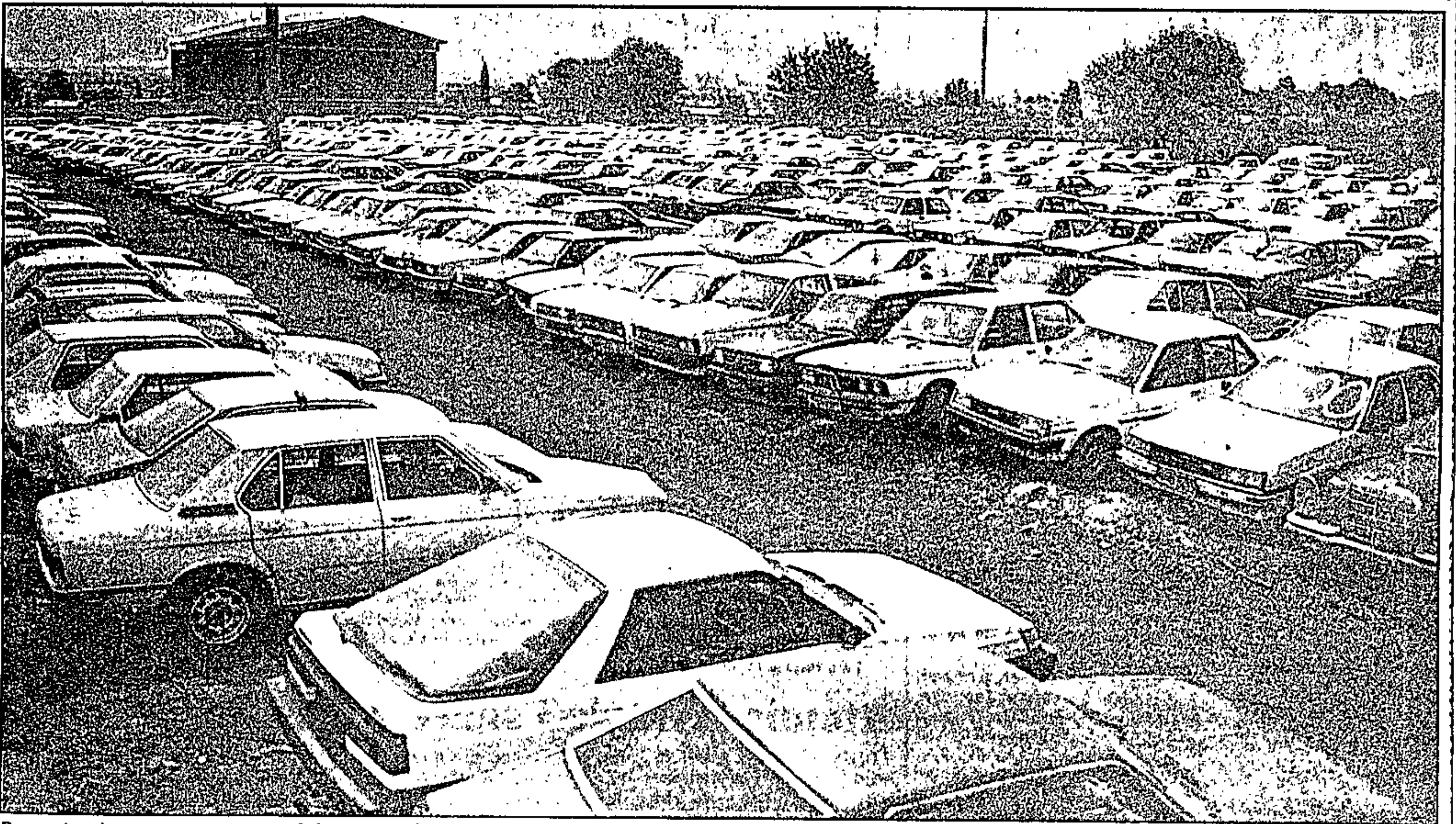
of sales in the Katlehong area because of unrest although the company did not foresee pulling out of the market at the moment.

A Grinaker Construction spokesman said the company would engage in a lower level of activity in the housing market.

PETER DELMAR reports the convenor of the ANC's local government committee Thozamile Botha said it was unfair to blame the ANC for the companies' decision to pull out of the market. It had been unable to participate in forming housing policies.



NEWS



Recognise these cars? . . . Some of the scores of stolen or hijacked vehicles at the Jabulani car pound which have been recovered by police in Soweto. All the cars seen here have yet to be claimed by their owners. ● Picture by Herbert Mabuza.

## Thuggery on the increase in Soweto area

Staff Reporter

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Most people who had been robbed while in their cars had not locked their doors. He advised motorists to keep their doors locked and windows

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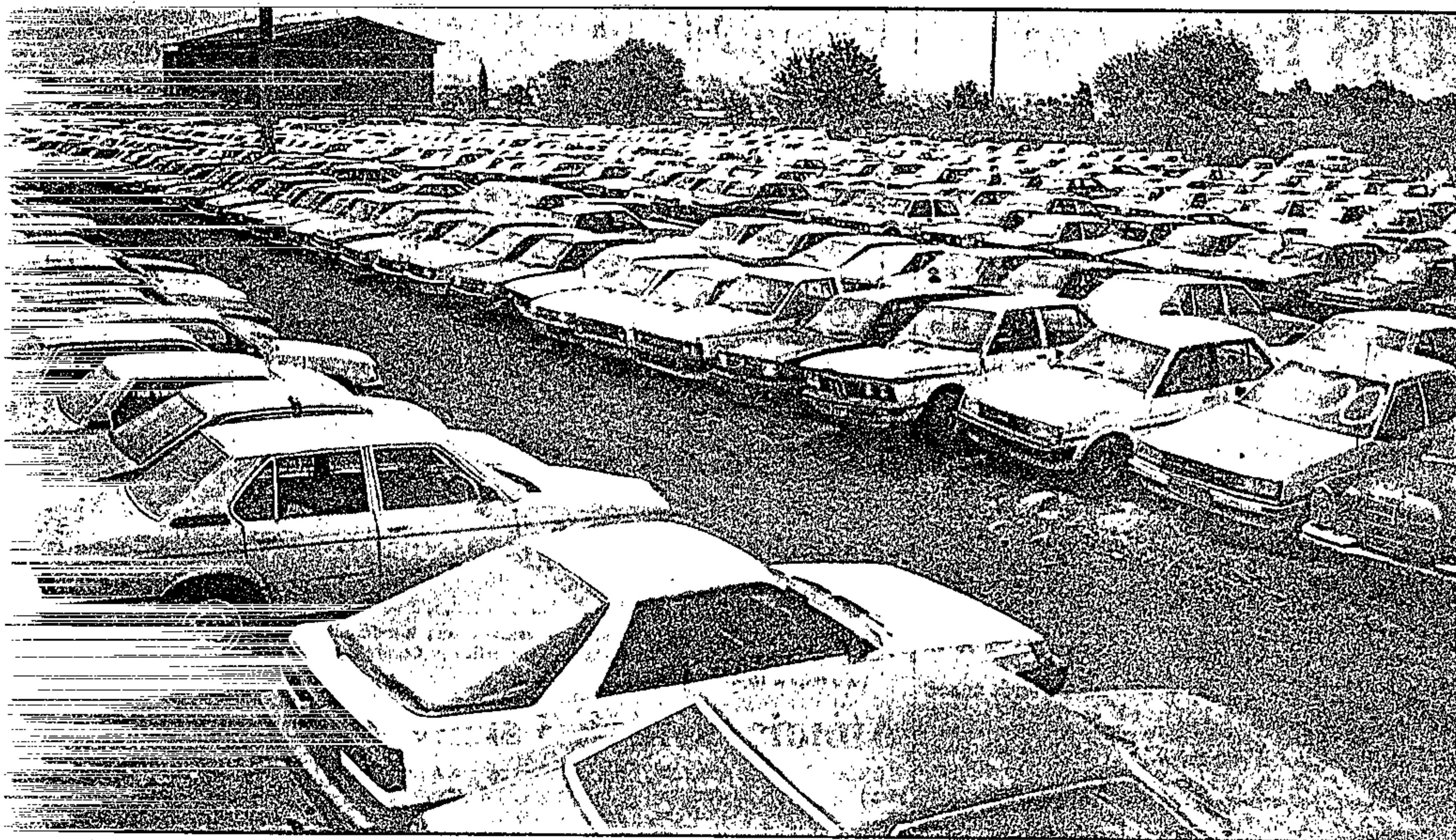
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# Tension climbs as power cuts spread

*CAH Times 18/10/90 (343)*

JOHANNESBURG. — Tension mounted in the Transvaal last night as black township residents reacted to continued cuts in power, water and other services by councils hit by rent boycotts.

The Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) threatened mass action and blamed the cuts on the government's reluctance to act against the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The mass action — expected in the next few weeks — could involve consumer boycotts, mass demonstrations and work stayaways to pressure the government on the crisis created by its apartheid policies, Cast said.

Affected areas included Atter-

idgeville in Pretoria, Toekomsrus near Randfontein, Wattville, Daveyton and Vosloorus on the East Rand, and several areas in the Eastern Transvaal.

In Atteridgeville, where power has been cut to an estimated 3 000 homes, residents are planning legal action to stop further cuts to rent defaulters.

Crisis point loomed as the water and power cuts spread to more townships last night.

Residents of Maokeng in Kroonstad decided on a stayaway from today until services had been restored, while in the Eastern Transvaal township of Mhluzi, Middelburg, three councillors were attacked and a minibus was petrol-bombed.

Years of boycott of rents and

service charges have plunged black town councils into near collapse. Residents regard the councils as "puppets" of the government.

The ANC yesterday issued a statement condemning the cuts, saying they affected hundreds of thousands of people and would fuel tensions.

It held the government responsible "for any violence or chaos that results from such cut-offs".

"The boycotts began and have been sustained because our people totally reject apartheid institutions," an ANC statement said.

"The various communities have agreed to resume paying rent in agreements painstakingly hammered out with the TPA." — Sapa

# Emergency water relief as Vaal townships erupt

The Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — Transvaal provincial authorities are to send water tankers to townships where Conservative Party councils have cut off water supplies.

At least two townships — Wesselton in Ermelo and Emzinoni at Bethal — are without water, leading to fears of the spread of disease.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration will send water tankers today to provide emergency supplies for struggling residents.

The move by provincial authorities to restore water cut by rightwing councils came as many townships remained tense today after overnight violence.

## RUNNING BATTLES

Violence erupted in several townships as the CP councils continued to cut water and sewerage services to townships where rent and services charge boycotts had left huge bills.

Sections of Toekomsrus, Randfontein, were ablaze last night. The township's library and post office were petrol-bombed and vandalised as were a creche and several homes and municipal offices.

Youths and police were engaged in running battles in streets where burning barricades had been erected.

Defence Force members conducted house-to-house searches in some streets.

Town councillor Arthur Padiatcha was awakened shortly before 1am today when a petrol bomb was flung through his lounge window, causing extensive damage.

Late last night a Randfontein Town Council spokesman said the situation had calmed with outbursts occurring only in pockets. A West Rand police spokesman said this morning the situation was tense, but quiet.

Yesterday evening police dispersed a

crowd of about 3 000 with teargas and rubber bullets.

Regional police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said the crowd threw stones and petrol bombs at policemen, who ordered them to disperse.

The council spokesman said electricity supplies to 24 houses were suspended yesterday morning. These were houses where residents had last paid their accounts three months or more ago.

No official casualty figures were available from either region.

In Ermelo's Wesselton township, which has been without water or sewerage since Tuesday, police used teargas to disperse a crowd of angry residents attempting to march into the town.

Violence continued in Mhluzi, Middelburg, last night. Several vehicles were set alight and the homes of police and councillors stoned and petrol-bombed. Police used teargas and birdshot to disperse mobs.

The TPA announced it would send in water tankers as sanitary conditions rapidly deteriorated in Wesselton.

## RESIDENTS 'BETRAYED'

A spokesman said a tanker had already been deployed in Bethal's Emzinoni township.

A weeping Wesselton mother of a small baby said today: "These CP people are very cruel. My baby's nappies are all filthy and smelling, I've got no clean dishes left ... how can they expect us to live like this?"

Residents said they felt betrayed because in the past month, after a year-long boycott, they had begun paying a R45 flat rate to the Wesselton council.

A spokesman for the Wesselton council said its income had not been enough to meet its September water account.



## Expert warns over black housing

*Sowetan 18/10/90*  
RAPID politicisation of the black urban communities has been identified as one of the contributory factors that has put extreme pressure on the ability of homeowners to repay their housing loans.

In his annual report, the chairman of the South African Housing Trust, Dr Simon Brand, says activities related to

shelter will continue to attract major political focus in the year ahead. *343*

He says: "Endeavours in this field are, therefore, bound to be marked by sporadic boycotts, unrest and collective group actions directed towards all the actors in the housing delivery." *18/10/90*



Set alight . . .  
the new town  
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Randfontein,  
go up in flames  
last night.

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Violence, arson follow supply cuts

# Water tankers save townships

## Staff Reporters

Provincial authorities will send water tankers to townships where Conservative Party councils have cut off water supplies in a move that has sparked fears of diseases spreading.

At least two townships — Wesselton in Ermelo and Emzini at Bethal — are without water and sewerage.

The move to provide water from tankers came as many townships remained tense today following overnight violence.

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Youths and police were engaged in running battles in the streets where burning barricades had been erected. There were sporadic incidents of stone-throwing and tear-gassing.

Members of the South African Defence Force conducted house-to-house searches in some streets. A TV camera crew had to abandon a car and flee when youths stoned it.

Late last night a Randfontein Town Council spokesman said the

situation had calmed down, with occasional outbursts of violence.

A West Rand police spokesman said this morning the situation remained tense but no new incidents had been reported.

Earlier in the evening a crowd of about 3 000 people was dispersed by police who fired teargas and rubber bullets.

Regional police spokesman Colonel Frans Malherbe said the people threw stones and petrol bombs at policemen who ordered them to disperse. Two police vehicles were damaged.

The council spokesman said electricity supplies to 24 houses had been suspended on Monday morning. These were houses where residents had last paid their accounts three months or more ago.

## Stoning

No official casualty figures were available at the time of going to press.

A Toekomsrus crisis committee member, who did not want to be identified, claimed several people had been hit with rubber bullets and live ammunition. A police spokesman said no live ammunition had been used. The crowd had thrown stones and petrol bombs and the police had used only teargas and rubber bullets.

In Ermelo's Wesselton township,

which has been without water or sewerage since Tuesday, police used teargas to disperse a large crowd of angry residents attempting to march into the town.

Bitter township residents charged that the CP councils gave them no warning of the coming cuts, nor made any emergency provisions for families to get water elsewhere.

A weeping Wesselton mother of a small baby told The Star today: "These CP people are very cruel. My baby's nappies are all filthy and smelling, I've got no clean dishes left . . . how can they expect us to live like this?"

She said mothers were forced to walk several kilometres to nearby farms to get water because township residents were scared to go into the white town.

Many residents told The Star they felt betrayed because, in the past month, after a year-long boycott, they had begun paying a R45 flat rate to the Wesselton council.

A spokesman for the Wesselton council said its income had not been enough to meet its September water account.

Civic association representatives from Middelburg, Carolina and Bethal met at the ANC's eastern Transvaal office in Nelspruit yesterday to discuss the problems in detail and decide on action.

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**UPGRADING** (26/10)

THE Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council's budget for 1990/91 is approximately R200-m for upgrading in its area, according to the *Update*. (3/11)

Of this total, Soweto, Alexandra, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville will receive R165-m (83 percent). The chairman of the CWRSC, J Griffiths, has said R800-m is

# Unrest: Curfew in Toekomsrus

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PRETORIA. <sup>3/3</sup> The Minister of Law and Order, Mr. Adriaan Vlok, yesterday slapped a 9pm-to-4am curfew on the battle-scarred Toekomsrus township near Randfontein.

The imposition of the curfew comes amid continuing violent protests, which began on Wednesday, against a decision to terminate electricity supplies to some households in the area.

A youth, 18-year-old Malcolm Kano, was killed and a policeman received burn injuries in the violence, police said.

Local authorities have cut off electricity or water, or both, to several other townships.

Earlier yesterday the Kroonstad town council announced that it had decided to provide water to neighbouring Maokeng township for two hours a day, starting yesterday.

The announcement followed a deci-

sion by Maokeng residents late on Wednesday to begin a stayaway starting yesterday until all the services were restored.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has provided water tankers to Emzinomi township, outside Bethal, and Wesselton, near Ermelo.

Meanwhile, the Regional Services Council (RSC) of Pretoria yesterday approved a loan of over R17 million to Atteridgeville, Mamelodi and Zithobeni township councils to meet their services' arrears to the end of October.

The recently formed Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) grouping has threatened to mount a mass campaign against the power and water cuts.

Both the UDF and the ANC have condemned the cuts. — Sapa



# Police battle with mobs in Toekomsrus

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Several other people were injured, including three policemen who were petrol-bombed when their vehicle broke down, said police liaison officer Captain Henriette Bester.

A crowd in Toekomsrus threw stones and fire-bombs at a police vehicle, wounding one policeman, according to police. They opened fire in response, killing an 18-year-old youth.

Sam Mathe, a driver from The Star, was one of several people injured by rubber bullets.

Running street battles between police and residents broke out after electricity was cut off at certain houses in the township on Wednesday.

Within an hour of the curfew being introduced last night, police drove through the township announcing that all residents should stay indoors between 9 pm and 4 am.

Debris from barricades littered dozens of streets as protesters tried to prevent police from patrolling the township.

Four men with birdshot wounds were admitted to the Leratong Hospital yesterday afternoon, said the hospital superintendent. None of the patients, all residents of Toekomsrus, had been critically injured. She said three other men had been admitted to the hospital on Wednesday night with gunshot wounds.

● The partially burnt body of a man was found in Sebokeng yesterday. He had been stabbed, hacked and set on fire. Police are investigating the possibility that the man was involved in the murder of two taxi drivers.

## Govt keeps watchful eye on West Rand

19/10/90 (343)  
The Government is adopting a wait-and-see approach to the crisis in West Rand black townships where violence has flared in reaction to Conservative Party-led town council decisions to cut off essential services.

Asked what the Government intended doing, Planning and Provin-

cial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel said through a spokesman that it was watching the situation to see if it was "more than a storm in a tea cup".

However, he advised individuals who thought they had been treated badly by councils to take them to court. — Political Correspondent.



# 15 injured as train commuters panic

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By Montshiwa Moroke

Four commuters were badly injured and 11 slightly hurt when passengers panicked on a crowded train travelling between Pretoria and Johannesburg yesterday morning.

Police said 15 people were thrown off the train by attackers, but none of the injured people interviewed by The Star had seen a hostile group.

Saleswoman Mabel Nkosi, who fractured her left hip, said that near Van Riebeck station, one of several policemen who were patrolling the train tried to search a man. The man resisted and hit the policeman.

"After that all hell broke loose as people in the packed train panicked and ran. I was sitting next to a window and because of the commotion I instinctively jumped out of a window while the train was moving," said Mrs Nkosi, a mother of two.

"I fell between the railway tracks, like many others who were injured. I'm lucky to be alive."

She said that of those injured, three were men and the remainder women.

W Lamola, a mother of four who broke her leg and injured her neck, said: "Commuters from another coach rushed into ours shouting 'Inkatha, Inkatha'."

"One minute I saw myself next to an open door and the next thing I was flung out of the moving train and fell between the railway lines. I can't remember exactly what happened in the confusion, but someone must have pushed me."

"I think all of us panicked because we remembered what had happened when 26 people were killed at Jeppe Station," Ms Lamola said.

The four badly injured were admitted to Tembisa Hospital on the East Rand. The names of three are Ms Nkosi (30) of Emangweni Section, Tembisa; Ms Lamola (39) of Lifateng Section, Tembisa; and Miriam Sondlane (29) from Bushbuckridge in the Northern Transvaal. The name of the fourth woman is not known.



Residents chased from taps – claim

# Police 'slashed and punctured water buckets'

By Therese Anders  
Highveld Bureau

Ermelo

Young white policemen slashed the plastic containers of desperate Wesselton township people who walked up to 4 km to find water, witnesses allege.

They also claim police yesterday overturned hundreds of buckets of water as weary residents trudged home, Casspirs rode over tin containers and police used dogs to chase thirsty mothers and children away from taps in the nearby Indian township.

All those making the allegations have given permission for The Star to use their names.

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## Govt hints at petrol price in-

By Peter Fabricius  
Political Correspondent

The Government has hinted that another increase in the petrol price is imminent. The move is expected this weekend.

creases must not lead to sustained increases in general prices.

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Boetie Tilly, a garage owner in the Indian township of Cassim Park said: "On Wednesday about 100 black people were lined up filling containers at my garage."

"All of a sudden a police Casspir and a van arrived and parked right outside my building."

"Two young white cops got out of the van. In front of my eyes they took out knives and began puncturing the plastic containers so that they were unusable."

"And they were laughing. To them it was a great joke."

"These people, and the council, will have to answer to God for what they are doing."

Johannesburg businessman Ahmed Cassim says he was in Cassim Park yesterday morning at 10 am when he saw police with dogs chasing black women and children with buckets away from private residences.

The Star saw a policeman approach Zakhi Nkambula as he was filling a large drum at the Indian primary school. Mr Nkambula claimed he had permission to use the tap but the policeman threatened to arrest him for stealing water. The officer then gave Mr Nkambula a long lecture about paying his water account.

A police spokesman said Ermelo police had been experiencing difficulty since the water stoppage, with people entering private premises and stealing water.

A number of fire hydrants had been broken and water pipes had been dug open and punctured.

He said police had organised a water tanker to be parked in Cassim Park, but "because youths intimidated the people who went to fetch water, police were forced to withdraw the tanker".

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# Pupil killed in curfew township

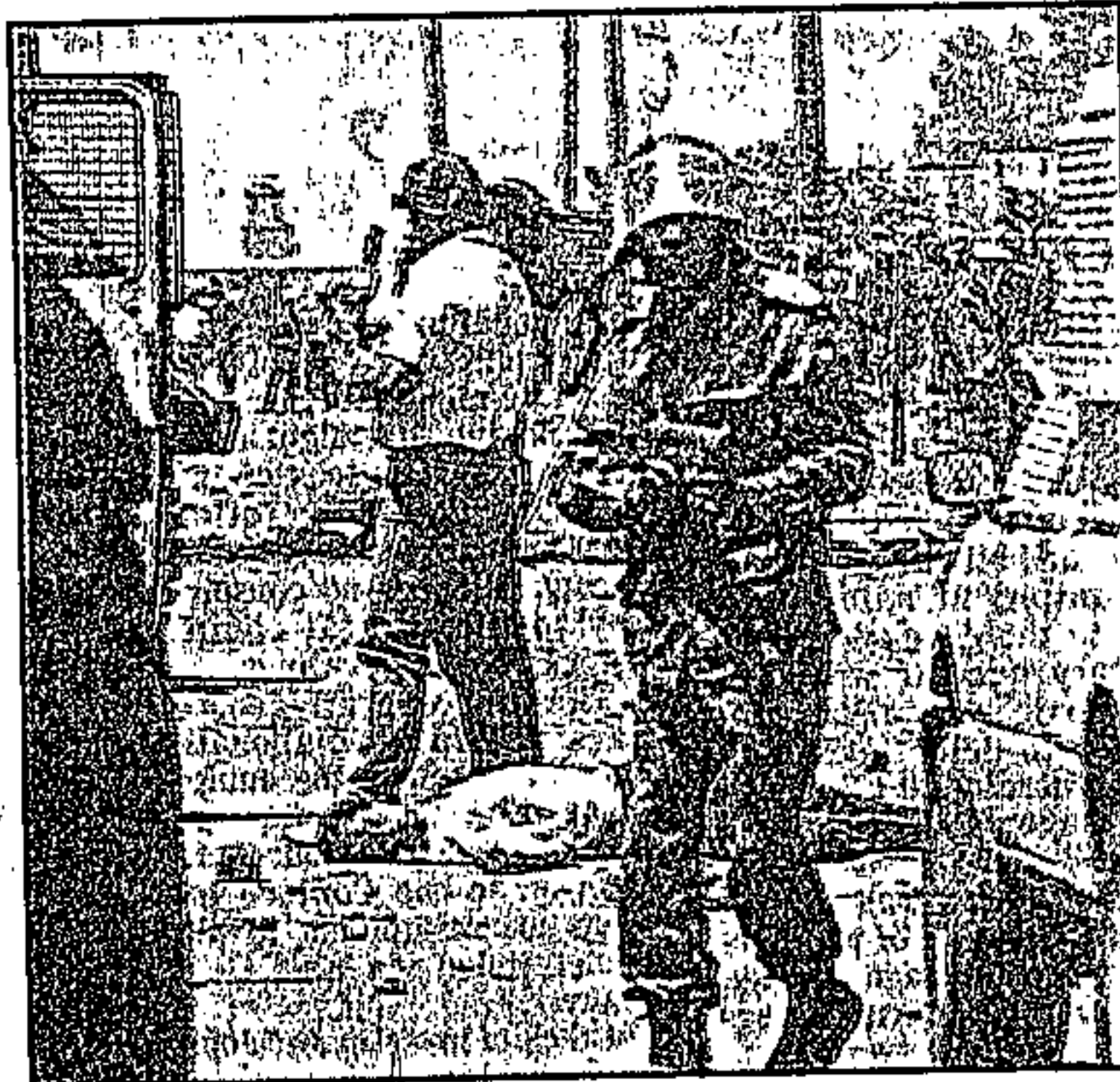
Staff Reporters and Sapa  
Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok last night imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew in strife-torn Toekomsrus, Randfontein.

This came within hours of a school pupil being shot dead. Reporters from The Star witnessed police opening fire and saw the youth drop.

Meme Kano fell, tried to crawl away and called for help. Policemen tried to reach the injured youth but were pelted with stones. The youth died minutes later.

His hysterical mother, Betty Kano, sobbed beside the body.

Police managed to take the body away about 30 minutes later.



Dead ... police in riot gear stand guard in front of the body of Meme Kano, a pupil shot dead in Toekomsrus, Randfontein, yesterday.

Picture by Alf Kumalo.

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Wounded ... a horrified member of a foreign television crew screams at police after the man at her feet was shot in the face in Toekomsrus.

Picture by Herbert Mabuza.



# Inkatha, ANC leaders in township 'peace tour'

DURBAN — Top Inkatha and African National Congress leaders toured the violence-torn Mapumalanga township yesterday in a demonstration to residents that the two rival organisations are committed to peace.

"We think we should be able to solve our problems, if any ... by discussion, not by killing and murdering," John Nkadimeng, a senior member of the ANC national executive committee, said to the group of journalists accompanying the tour.

"We are at one that we should stop insulting each other and we should get on our feet and start building ourself as a community," said Frank T. Mdlalose, the national chairman of the Inkatha Freedom Party.

## Fighting

Dr Mdlalose and Mr Nkadimeng referred to each other as "my brother".

Mapumalanga has been the scene of fierce fighting between supporters of the UDF and of Inkatha.

Violence has decreased since the SADF was sent into the township — two patrols of armed soldiers were seen walking through the township yesterday.

The ANC and Inkatha leaders spent most of their hour-long tour

viewing scores of burnt-out houses in the township.

The motorcade — five Mercedes Benz cars containing the politicians and 10 less luxurious cars with reporters and photographers — left residents agog.

Those present when the leaders made their one stop to meet the local people appeared delighted to meet the dignitaries.

Accompanying photographers were equally pleased when the delegation obliged to the request for photo opportunities and inspected the burnt shell of a house once occupied by Noel Ntsele, who now chairs the Mapumalanga ANC branch.

The visiting dignitaries included Mr Nkadimeng and Dr Mdlalose; Ngobizizwe Nkehli, Mapumalanga's MP in the KwaZulu legislature; Velfi Ndlovu, also a KwaZulu MP; Thabo Mbeki, the ANC spokesman on international affairs; Steven Sithabe, the KwaZulu interior minister; Jacob Zuma, the intelligence chief of Umkhonto we Sizwe and an ANC national executive member; ANC security chief Joe Nhlanhla; Joe Jele, a senior ANC national executive member; Patrick Lekota, the ANC convenor for southern Natal; Joel Netshithenzhe, an ANC national executive member; and Musa Zondi, head of the Inkatha Youth Brigade.

# Uneasy calm in Toekomsrus after residents meet police

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AN uneasy calm descended on Toekomsrus township near Randfontein yesterday as Casspir patrols were withdrawn.

This followed an urgent meeting of the police and representatives of the Toekomsrus Crisis Committee.

Police liaison officer Captain Henriette Bester, however, said some of the Casspirs would remain to protect the community. She said they would be withdrawn as soon as the situation had improved.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok imposed a dusk-to-dawn curfew within hours of the death of a 18-year-old senior secondary school pupil Meme

## BRIAN SOKUTU and SAPA

Kano, who was shot by police on Thursday night.

According to a police spokesman the shooting occurred after a police vehicle had broken down in the township and was petrol-bombed.

Several people, including The Star driver Sam Mathe were injured when the police opened fire with rubber bullets and teargas.

Duty police officer Captain Eugene Opperman confirmed the incident.

The situation seemed quiet yesterday morning

with youths playing football, watched by police in Casspirs.

Two policemen guarded the partially burnt home of Labour Party official Basil Padayache.

The family left to stay with relatives after their home was attacked on Thursday.

An 11-year-old girl, Tessa Stadhouer, was also injured and damage was caused when a teargas canister ripped through a front window of the home of Margaret Stadhouer.

The violence erupted following the cutting off of electricity by the Randfontein Town Council earlier this week.



# Desperate acts to get water

PRETORIA. — Desperate West-  
selton residents near Ermelo are  
digging up water pipes and  
breaking fire hydrants to obtain  
water, which has become a rare  
commodity in the township.

The residents have been with-  
out water or sewage services  
since Tuesday, when the Conser-  
vative Party-led Ermelo Council  
cut the supply because service  
charges had not been paid.

SAP spokesman Lieutenant  
Nina Barkhuizen said police had  
experienced difficulties when  
people flocked from the township  
and entered private property in

Indian and white areas "to steal  
water".

"Fire hydrants have been  
broken and water pipes have  
been dug up and punctured."

The police were reacting to a  
report in a Johannesburg news-  
paper, which said policemen had  
slashed plastic containers of  
residents who had walked 4km to  
find water.

It was also reported that police  
overturned thousands of buckets  
of water as weary residents  
trudged home, that Casspirs rode  
over containers and that police

used dogs to chase people from  
taps in the Indian township of  
Cassim Park.

Lieutenant Barkhuizen said  
police had arranged for a water  
tanker in Cassim Park, but were  
forced to withdraw it because  
youths had intimidated those  
wishing to use the facility.

Residents who had complaints  
against the police should file a  
statement at the nearest police  
station, she said.

"We can give the assurance  
that any (SAP) member identified  
will be acted against." — Sapa





Xhosa workers and their families gather their furniture and belongings for the trek back home. **By JOSEPH OESI-ZUMA**

By SIBU MNENADI

"I STRUCK, struck and struck with my panga at those Xhosas we found sleeping, fleeing or had fallen because of their injuries. I don't know if anyone died as a result of my blows. The task of finishing them off was left to those at the back of the raiding party."

These are the words of a mineworker, describing how more than 1 000 Zulu-speaking workers at Iscor's Hlobane Colliery in Vryheid were forced out of their beds by Zulu colleagues and told to attack Xhosa workers on Monday.

The worker, who refused to identify himself, told City Press he tried in vain to find out who had declared the war. He was warned he would be killed if he continued with his questions.

Ten people were killed and 52 injured in the violence. Most of the victims were Xhosa speaking. About 600 others, who had sought refuge at the nearby Draaifontein SAP station, quit their jobs after the mayhem and were bussed to the Transkei, Ciskei, Border and elsewhere.

Two weeks ago 1 000 workers were also repatriated to Transkei after clashes at the Duncol quarry.

The Eshowe man told City Press the residents of his Zulu-only hostel were woken up at about 9pm on Monday by hard knocks on the door. On lifting his head, he noticed about 20 of his colleagues and strangers waking everyone up.

They were ordered to dress, arm and, if possible, "fortify" themselves with multi.

The mineworker reluctantly joined

# I WAS FORCED TO ATTACK THE XHOSAS!

## Hotheads start rampage after alleged taunts

with. I don't know if I killed anyone. The task of finishing them off was left to those at the back."

Although ethnic tension has been simmering for a long time, the Zulus did not as a group declare war on the Xhosas, he said.

It was certain "hotheads" among them who were in collusion with people from outside the mine.

Zulu-speaking mineworkers who challenged the raiding party to try and protect their Xhosa colleagues were also attacked - and are now among the dead and injured, he said.

But he does not regret the Zulus went on the rampage, killing people in their

sleep. It was important, he claimed, that it be proved "who is who on the battlefield".

He said he had heard "rumours" that Xhosa had taunted Zulus for a long time.

The taunts were that all senior positions were held by Xhosas because Zulus were stupid. ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela can go to Parliament and talk to State President FW de Klerk, while Inkatha president Mangosuthu Buthelezi can't, when South Africa is finally liberated the Zulu king (Zwelithini Goodwill) will be Mandela's tea-maker.

He conceded he had not heard a single Xhosa-speaking colleague making these utterances, but it was "strongly rumoured" at the colliery.

The worker said he hoped now that the Xhosas had been forced out of the colliery, there would be peace and Zulus would be "elevated" to senior positions.

Several of the Xhosa workers bussed home told City Press they dared not stay on in their jobs at the colliery.

Phiso Pali 26, a belt attendant, is a member of the National Union of Mineworkers (Num), although public activities of the union ceased in May 1987 when violence between it and the Inkatha-backed United Workers' Union of South Africa (Uwusa) erupted, claiming the lives of 12 Num activists. No one was charged in connection with the 12 deaths.

Pali said he and 12 members of his extended family were sleeping in a five-roomed house at the married quarters section on Monday night, when the house was attacked by people chanting "Usuthu! Usuthu!"

The attackers - some his colleagues - forced their way in, waving pangas, axes, guns, spears and knobkerries. Four members of the family - including a four-year-old boy - sustained serious injuries.

Bleeding profusely from the head and body, Pali single-handedly rescued the injured from the house which had

been set alight. However, he discovered his uncle, Elijah Senzela 35, was dead and burnt by the time he got to him.

Pali also said the attack took place in full view of mine security.

He is convinced many of his Zulu colleagues had not known of the impending attack, but had nevertheless joined the aggressors in fear for their lives.

"At the Vryheid hospital, I had come across two Zulus who claimed they had been attacked by fellow Zulus because they had resisted joining them," he said.

Jerry Majaladi of Num said these attacks by Inkatha supporters come after mineworkers organised by Num had successful strikes at Iscor mines for higher wages and decent working conditions.

South Africa, Transkei, Ciskei, and KwaZulu set up a mediating committee on Friday which will "proceed without delay" to Hlobane and Duncol for talks with workers and management. Thereafter they will travel to Transkei and Ciskei to interview workers who fled. The committee must report in two weeks, reports Sapa.

## OCTOBER-NOVEMBER MATRIC EXAMS

### Exam papers and scripts safe Strictly under lock and key.

All question papers for the October-November examinations have been set by qualified senior examiners and experienced moderators.

This assurance was given by a spokesman for the Department of Education and Training, who also added that it

was done under the watchful eye of the Joint Matriculation Board - as is the case with the papers of all other examining bodies.

Meticulous security measures have been made to ensure the safe transportation of the examination papers. Papers will be transported to the various examination centres on a daily basis.

The Department of Education and Training has seriously warned that any person who unlawfully tries to gain access to examination papers will be guilty of an offence and will be prosecuted.

### How and where scripts will be marked

The Department of Education and Training has chosen marking centres in and around Pretoria where strict control and supervision can be guaranteed at all times.

The department indicated that no marking will be done at the Show Grounds in Pretoria this year.

Dr Bernhard Louw gave the assurance on behalf of his department that no unauthorised persons will be allowed access to the marking centres. He also said that markers will be expected to submit proof of their official appointment together with identification documents before they will be allowed access.

Marking will be done during official hours only and examiners will not be allowed to mark scripts at home or anywhere else away from authorised marking centres.

According to Dr Louw qualified, experienced markers with suitable qualifications in and teaching experience of the specific subject they will be marking have been appointed as sub-examiners.

These sub-examiners will be marking the scripts under the strict supervision of moderators and chief examiners.



**I DID not attack those I knew, but pretended to attack so as to scare them away, while my fellow Zulu attackers killed right before my eyes. I avoided the dying eyes of people I knew - by simply turning my head away.**



No work back home, but... "we dare not stay at the colliery," these workers said before leaving.



# What streetkids need is love

By LULAMA LUTI

DELINQUENTS, shoplifters – they live in the gutter, high on glue, jail their only future.

These are children of the streets, commonly called "malunde" or "malalapipe".

Many people would like to have them removed from the streets and locked away and forgotten.

Social worker Jill Swart says most people have this stereotyped attitude towards street children, an attitude she is hoping to correct.

"There is another side to these children that is often overlooked. Their intelligence is tremendous and their sense of humour incredible.

"All they need is space and opportunities, not institutions. Locking them up will not solve the problem," she said.

Childcare worker at the Tshepo centre at Bertrams, Abel Makhubedu, agrees: "I have been with these kids for two months now and because they are different from kids who grow up in normal homes, my work was initially tough.

"What became clear is they need love, care and great patience. They even need to be reminded to perform daily activities like washing.

"But we've seen a lot of improvement in most of them, which is very encouraging."

The Tshepo centre is one of four rehabilitation centres run by Streetwise South Africa – an organisation which aims to get street children back into society.

These centres – in Soweto, Johannesburg, Pretoria and Durban – offer basic literacy and job skills training programmes to street children of 16 years and younger.

Why do these children – mainly boys – leave home to live on the streets?

Swart says a lack of love at home led many to the streets.

Very often parents are

working so hard at earning a living, they have little time to care for their children.

Others come from rural areas, in search of better education or lured by the glamour of the city.

The social, economic and political situation in

the country has also contributed to the plight of street children.

About 10 000 children live in the shadows of South Africa's streets, most of them black and coloured.

But Swart believes these children have a better chance of being

saved than the thousands of children on the streets in South America, where the conditions are even worse.

Looking at boys from the Bochabelo commune in Soweto, neat and smart in their school uniforms, this seems possible.

Former street kids,

these boys are affectionately known as graduates.

Mina Motaung, a teacher dedicated to helping the boys, says: "Working with these kids is a challenge.

"Giving them the love they were deprived of at childhood is of vital importance," she said.

And what do the kids say?

"We may have been street kids before, but now we are Tshepo boys," the Bertrams boys say.



Locking them up will not solve the problem ... social worker Jill Swart with boys from the Tshepo centre in Bertrams, Johannesburg.

## 'Graduates' from Soweto's Bochabelo commune prove it

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## Lights on in Pretoria and Daveyton

THE Pretoria Supreme Court on Friday ordered that no further electricity cuts be made to Atteridgeville homes. (343) (20) C/P 21/10/92

This interim ruling follows an urgent application on behalf of the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation.

Meanwhile, Daveyton residents must pay their electricity bills by October 31 or have their supply cut.

The Daveyton Interim Committee brought an urgent action in the Rand Supreme Court against the Daveyton Town Council, the Transvaal Provincial Administration and Benoni Town Council after electricity was cut off this week.

Meanwhile, power was restored after Escom agreed to supply electricity for two weeks.



# Cops charged for brutal murder

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

A GROUP of young white policemen kicked and punched an Alexandra man to death and flung his body from a moving police vehicle, the Rand Supreme Court heard this week.

In papers before the court, one of the accused alleged George Ndaba was assaulted by three other policemen on July 19 last year. This resulted in Ndaba's death.

Petrus Rudolph de Villiers, 19, of Pretoria; Andries Wilhelmus Vorster, 20, of Randfontein; Johannes Marthinus Olivier, 21, of Donkerhoek, Ladybrand; and Guillaume de Witt, 22, of the SAP Quarters, Sandown, are charged with murdering Ndaba and defeating the ends of justice.

All have pleaded not guilty. They were released and asked to

appear again.

De Villiers made damning allegations against his co-accused. He alleges Vorster slapped Ndaba, Olivier kicked him and De Witt threw him to the ground.

He said on the day of the alleged murder he and Vorster had chased a speeding car in Alexandra. They stopped two black men, one of whom was Ndaba. They saw a computer and video player in the car. After questioning the men the police found the goods had been bought for R1 000.

The men were ordered to drive to the Bramley police station and were booked on false charges to keep them in the cells.

Later that afternoon, Ndaba was booked out of the cells, and taken to his house which was searched. Nothing was found.

That night Ndaba was again

booked out of the cells and was taken by the four accused to point out where he had bought the goods.

De Villiers stated that Vorster kicked Ndaba before he was thrown to the ground by De Witt.

After the assault Ndaba was placed in the minibus and when De Villiers touched Ndaba's body, it was "ice cold".

De Villiers later told Olivier Ndaba should be taken to a clinic, but was told the man was still alive and would soon wake up.

Later De Witt touched Ndaba's body and confirmed he was dead.

Olivier then told De Villiers to throw Ndaba's body out of the mini-bus, but he refused.

Vorster then opened the door and threw Ndaba's body out of the moving vehicle, De Villiers said.

## EXAM THEFT: MORE APPEAR

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

THE number of people facing theft charges of Vista University examination papers swelled to four this week when three more appeared in court.

Joining teacher Eunice Zonke Gumede, 33, before magistrate TF Veldman in the Soweto Magistrate's Court were Halo Nkateko, 22, of Meadowlands; Johannes Sebata, 27, of Atteridgeville, Pretoria, and Herman Edward Winter, 26, of Verwoerdburg.

The four accused were not asked to plead and their case was postponed to December 6.

Gumede was granted R2 000 bail two weeks ago on condition she does not leave Protea township, Soweto.

The appearance of the four is a sequel to the police busting

of an alleged examinations paper racket last month in which students allegedly bought papers for R50 each. Police raided a Protea North house and arrested Gumede. They also questioned another woman who had allegedly bought an exam paper for R50.

As the result of the theft university examiners were compelled to reset the papers. According to Vista acting rector Prof Ernst Neuland, the theft was discovered before the start of the examinations two week ago. The papers were traced to the Protea North house and recovered.

The theft of examination papers has been a regular occurrence in the townships in recent years, with education authorities being criticised for their lax security.

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Soweto residents tell council:

# WE'RE NOT MOVING!

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By SOPHIE TEMA

ABOUT 21 Soweto families are refusing to move to make way for the new road to Roodepoort.

The families – all residents of Mofolo North – were earlier promised homes in a new area to enable the reconstruction of the road.

All the families but one previously agreed to be relocated to new homes in Zondi. They then undertook to move as soon as the houses and premises were completed.

But the families claim the Soweto City Council has not honoured its promises.

Most of the families say they had their original houses either renovated, extended or reconstructed and the council promised to build them similar houses..

They claim the sites on which their new houses are to be built are smaller than their present ones, therefore the new houses will be too small for them.



Mayor Mkhwanazi ... the council is looking into the complaints.

The foundations of the houses have been dug, but the families expressed their dissatisfaction and have told the council they would only move when the council honours the agreement

Soweto mayor Sam Mkhwanazi said this week: "The council is looking into the complaints and will not force them to move if they are dissatisfied with the new offers.

"If they refuse to move, then the construction of the road will be hindered and new plans will have to be drawn up."

Mkhwanazi, however, said the council was prepared to help the families wherever possible.

The families are to be moved to an area opposite the Zondi shops, and a notice served on them warns that failure to move when required to do so, or to accept compensation, may constitute a breach of the undertaking.

According to a notice that was served on the residents, all would be obliged to move when required to do so by the council, or accept compensation.

George Sipho Mngomezulu and other residents were served with notices in January this year, informing them about the intended move.

Mngomezulu, said he immediately opted for compensation with the intention of buying a place of his own.

"Evaluators were sent to my house and I was told it was worth R84 000. While waiting for the transaction to be finalised, I was informed to first settle my debt with the council and pay up all arrears on my house loan, rent, water and electricity.

"It all came to R4 400 which I paid up," he said.

Mngomezulu then expected the council to pay him out, "but instead I was asked if I could remain in the house until further notice".

He said he has still not been paid, and had heard nothing further from the council.

# Eviction law is breaking down in black areas

By EZRA MANTINI and DIRK TIEMANN

SOWETO businessman Peter Maringa has been trying for five years to take occupation of a house inherited from his grandmother.

When he tried to evict the tenants, they told youngsters in the neighbourhood they were being ejected for not paying rent — and Mr Maringa's life was threatened.

Warnings, visits by the deputy sheriff and police orders have not helped: the tenants won't budge.

In another part of Soweto, a man who defaulted on his bond has refused to vacate his home.

After an unsuccessful attempt to auction his house last year, Mr Thabo Mhoweni (not his real name) has chased away all prospective buyers.

"I have lived here for 10 years and will not lose the house now to a building society. I hope to recover next year and pay my arrears," he said.

Mr Maringa and Mr Mhoweni represent two faces of the same problem: the breakdown of law in some black townships.

The recession and township violence have led to a dramatic slowdown in black homebuilding. Major housing developers are pulling out of the black market and some financial institutions are cutting down on loans to black clients because it is impossible to evict defaulters.

Lefa Estates managing director

Camuel Dikotla said this week: "Building societies are facing big problems in recovering their money from bond defaulters."

"It must be appreciated that home ownership is a relatively new concept among black people. The situation is different in white areas. When a house is repossessed in a white area, the old owners simply move out without too much fuss."

"But in the case of black townships the situation is different. Instead of a defaulter moving out, he digs in his heels and refuses to go. In most instances, the client

claims he has not been notified about the sale of his house."

Mr Dikotla said township homeowners usually met their obligations once they understood what was expected of them.

But not all institutions are experiencing serious bond defaults. The Perin's Bob Tucker confirmed that specific and localised threats of repayment boycotts had been experienced — but had now been resolved.

Uncertainty over the first homeowners' subsidy, which was recently terminated, and the "to-ing and fro-ing" to have it reinstated, had put developers in a quandary.

"To lay the blame solely on bond boycotts is misleading and inaccurate," he said.

But United Building Society general manager Piet Kruger supported a statement by Housing Minister Hernus Kriel this week that there has been a drastic slowdown in lending.

"One gets a situation where the normal laws do not work," Mr Kruger said. "A court order is obtained and the property is sold in execution, but the messenger of court cannot evict the owner."

"If he does succeed, the owners move back in after he has left, or the new owners are intimidated should they dare to move in."

On the question of building and development, Gough Cooper Homes managing director Frank Berkeley said: "Many developers

have over-extended themselves and the major players are holding hundreds of millions of rands tied up in land they cannot develop."

"The building societies have not stopped lending, but the requirements are now more stringent."

Chairman of the National Association of Homebuilders Llewellyn Lewis said more than 145 000 people were employed in the home building industry.

But he warned that there was an exodus from township housing into the high-cost housing market.

He said: "Developers don't know where to buy because the abolition of the Group Areas Act implies that townships will in future be developed according to economic criteria."

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# Many ignore stayaway call

By McKeed Kotlolo  
Pretoria Bureau

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Hundreds of residents in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, heeded today's stayaway call by the local civic body, but many others ignored it and travelled by train, bus and private cars to work.

Today's stayaway is in protest against the local council's refusal to resign and the recent electricity cuts in the township.

Taxis were not operating and commuters were forced to use trains, buses and private cars to reach their places of employment, township sources said.

They said scores of police

were patrolling the streets.

The sources said that no incidents had been reported.

The local town clerk, Daan Mouton, said few council employees had reported for work today.

Mr Mouton appealed to residents to pay their September rent, as ordered by the Supreme Court on Friday.

Electricity supplies to households which were recently disconnected could then be re-connected, he said.

Township sources also said that primary school pupils were sent back to their homes by older pupils from secondary schools.

# Police probe Wesselton water crisis

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## Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The police are conducting a full investigation into allegations that police slashed and overturned water buckets used by Wesselton residents to fetch water some four kilometres away after the township's supply was cut off last week.

Law and order spokesman Brigadier Leon Mellet yesterday confirmed that an investigation into the allegations was underway.

He said that initial investigations had not come up

with any evidence to substantiate the allegations published on Friday.

A senior officer is busy with it at the moment but initial evidence does not reveal that the police were in fact responsible," he said.

"If these allegations are true then we will certainly do our utmost to get hold of those responsible."

Brig Mellett said immediately after the report appeared the police obtained sworn affidavits from people who were quoted as saying they had seen

what had happened, but no evidence substantiating the allegations had been obtained.

"Whoever is responsible can only be condemned in the harshest possible terms," he said.

Brig Mellett added that if subsequent investigations did back up the allegations then those responsible would be punished.

The Wesselton township has been without water or sewerage since last Tuesday when Ermelo's CP town council suspended supplies because of non-payment.



By Sefako Nyaka

Press freedom will not be unlimited in a new South Africa, representatives of the liberation movements told a conference on the media in Soweto last week.

Because racism and ethnicity would be outlawed in a future constitution, it will affect freedom of speech, delegates said at the one-day conference organised by the Sowetan newspaper.

What was significant about the event was that for the first time a public platform was shared by representatives of the ANC, PAC, Inkatha, Azapo and the New Unity Movement.

The Unity Movement's Goba Ndlovu said there would be State control of the Press "for sometime until people are clear" that racism would not be tolerated.

"The freedom of speech, and indeed all human and peoples' rights, are fundamental elements of the post-apartheid South African constitution," ANC's Mathole Motshekga said.

Mr Motshekga said parties that propagated racism would be outlawed "because we don't

want to allow the freedom to propagate racism".

The ANC rejection of racism and ethnicity should not be confused with the rejection of the propagation of language, cultural and religious rights, he added.

The PAC's assistant general secretary, Philimon Tefo, said the first step was freedom of speech.

Azapo's general secretary Pandelani Nefolovhodwe said: "Freedom of speech of the individual and the media has traditionally meant the absence of State control".

"The freedom we are talking about must be controlled to ensure equal media access and to promote equal treatment of proponents of different views. To what extent is the question," Mr Nefolovhodwe said.

Inkatha Freedom Party central committee member Musa Myeni told the conference freedom was indivisible: "If you deny anyone freedom of speech you are denying others their freedom. In a future South African constitution you can't talk about one freedom and not another," he said.

# White shops face boycott

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Pretoria faces a consumer boycott if talks between Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Mr Hernus Kriel and black civic organisations fail to resolve the electricity and water crisis.

Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Association (Asro) publicity secretary Mr John Ramatsui said yesterday that the decision to embark on a boycott of white businesses came after Pretoria City Council refused to reconnect electricity and the Transvaal Provincial Administration refused to dismiss the local authority.

## No end to electricity crisis

Mr Ramatsui said Asro had been informed by planning department officials that Mr Kriel was willing to hold talks with them, but by last night there had been no indication when these would take place.

He said Asro and civic organisations from Brits, Hammanskraal, KwaNdebele and Bronkhorstspuit were due to meet on Thursday to decide on when the boycott would begin. Last week a court ordered the Pretoria and Atteridgeville councils to stop cutting power to residents, and residents were in turn urged to pay

their September accounts. The order expires tomorrow.

But residents would not accept the offer and decided to continue their rent boycott until the black councilors, whom they said were corrupt, had been dismissed.

Mr Ramatsui said: "A commission of inquiry found that Atteridgeville councilors were corrupt, so we demanded that the TPA dissolve the council and appoint an administrator, who could even be an official from the Pretoria council." Meanwhile, the TPA yesterday gave

the following picture on the cut-off of electricity and water supplies:

● Daveyton in Benoni had had its electricity supply restored last Friday, while 10 700 Atteridgeville (Pretoria) households were without lights. September bills must be paid by tomorrow.

● In the Eastern Transvaal, Eskom was supplying electricity to Wessellon township while the Ermelo town council had cut water supply. The TPA had provided water tankers to relieve the situation.

● Bethal town council cut off water supply to Emzini township on Friday and the TPA had provided three water tankers.



# Water row: new statements

By Norman Chandler  
and Musa Mapisa

More residents of Wesselton, Ermelo, who have been without water, electricity and sewerage for eight days, have described police slashing water containers and chasing people from taps.

At a rally in Wesselton yesterday residents spoke to The Star and said police had spilled water, broken buckets and driven over containers when they had gone to collect water at the Indian township of Cassim Park.

On Friday The Star first carried claims by residents that police had slashed and overturned buckets and used dogs to chase thirsty mothers and children from taps.

Lawyers for Human Rights national director Brian Currin yesterday said that a witness to the slashings, Boetie Tilly, had been asked "to commit perjury" after he had earlier given a statement to the police.

In his statement, Mr Tilly said he had seen policemen slash buckets filled with water after he had given people permission to take water from taps at his Cassim Park petrol station.

Police yesterday denied trying to force Mr Tilly to change his statement.

In Wesselton yesterday, resident Khabo Ngcobo said she had seen police pour a "substance" into a stream near the township on Wednesday. Other residents also said they had seen this.

Sibongile Manana said as she walked home on Wednesday after fetching water at Cassim Park, police stopped



Damaged . . . a Wesselton resident holds a bucket of maize she says was kicked and damaged by police last week.

Picture: Alf Kumalo.

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her, crushed her container and hit her with a sjambok.

Other residents, many of whom did not want to be named, made similar allegations.

Police said yesterday the claims were viewed in a very serious light.

Police spokesman Brigadier Vic Haynes added: "It is definitely not police policy to

act outside the law, and where such behaviour by any member can be proved, the police will act against the individual."

He said many people had been asked to provide information and that statements had been or would be taken. He appealed for any witnesses to contact the police.

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# Zach blames 'third force'

Political Correspondent

Democratic Party leader Zach de Beer has added his voice to suspicions that a "third force" from inside the security forces is stoking township violence.

He called on the Government to take action to root out of the security forces people who had put a monkey foetus on Archbishop Tutu's stoep and perpetrated similar acts.

If not there would be reason to believe that the 'third force' was operating within the security forces, with or without the knowledge of Cabinet Ministers and senior officers.

Dr de Beer was speaking to students at the University of Natal, Durban, yesterday.

"I have seen some snatches of evidence given before the Harms Commission which strongly suggest that there are still clandestine elements operating within the security forces," he said.

He had considered the bus queue murders and the train massacre.

In both cases the murders had been cold-blooded, ruthless and efficient and in neither case could the murderers have had any inkling of the politics of their victims.

The only motive for the murders must have been simply to "raise the level of carnage in our country with a view to creating chaos and delaying or derailing the process of democratic settlement".

Dr de Beer said he suspected that only extremist elements, either from right of the Government or left of the ANC, would want to do that.

He believed the far Left lacked the military or organisational skills to execute such operations and he could not see what they had to gain.

"On the other hand it is all too clear that murderous behaviour of this kind among black people strengthens the hand of right-wing extremists whose aim is still to re-establish total political control by whites.

"The Renamo flavour of the whole thing is strong."

Dr de Beer said he had no evidence to support his view but said his reasoning was sound.



# Tvl water, electricity supply crisis continues

JOHANNESBURG. — Certain regional service councils in the Transvaal will be asked to subsidise the salaries of people employed by those black local authorities which are hardest hit by rent boycotts.

By late yesterday there was seemingly no end in sight to the electricity and water supply crisis as several black townships retaliated at the cut-offs with consumer boycotts against the white business community.

Mr Len Dekker of the Transvaal Provincial Administration said the TPA would do all in its power to see negotiations taking place between communities affected by cuts to essential services, and those threatening to withdraw these services.

He said the TPA would give priority to

negotiating the subsidising of salaries, and to helping communities who had their water supplies withdrawn.

● Women from the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation (Asro) arrested during a sit-in at the TPA in Pretoria last week, have secured an appointment with MEC Mr Olaus van Zyl for today.

Asro publicity secretary Mr John Ramatsui said yesterday that the women would discuss the issue of corruption in black local government with Mr Van Zyl.

● The Mhluzi town council at Middelburg yesterday "restated their commitment" to resign en masse by October 26.

Town clerk Mr Lucky Mokae said the council had again expressed a commit-

ment to avert ongoing violence, with the termination of service as one of the options.

● A rent crisis meeting between the Vosloorus Civic Association and Transvaal Provincial Association deadlocked yesterday over a R30 difference in service rates proposed by the association for residents of the East Rand township.

VCA publicity secretary Mr Keith Montsitsi said Eskom — also present at the meeting — lowered their initial electricity payment demand from R50 to R40, but TPA representative Mr Nigel Mende insisted on a monthly payment of R70.

The TPA, VCA, Eskom and Regional Services Council are to meet again on Monday. — Sapa

Police inquiry ordered

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PRETORIA. — The country's top policeman yesterday ordered a high-level inquiry into allegations of police involvement in damaging water containers and denying water to residents of Ermelo's Wesselton township.

The police actions reportedly took place when township residents tried to get water from taps in areas not affected by a power and utilities cut imposed on Wesselton for non-payment of service charges.

"Should any policeman be guilty of such conduct, the strongest possible steps will be taken against him," the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said yesterday.

"So far, not a single shred of evidence to back these allegations has emerged," he said.

One of the main witnesses, quoted as having seen policemen puncture water containers, had now retracted this statement. — Sapa



# Boya explains why he resigned

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THE free political activity triggered by the unbanning of organisations in February seemed to sound the death knell of government-created structures and started Tom Boya questioning whether the urban black council concept was worth defending.

Boya, former Daveyton mayor and Urban Municipalities of SA (Umsa) president, resigned from both positions in a surprise announcement to 80 000 residents who packed the local stadium on Sunday.

"For the first time I felt a free man, I had found myself again. I could not go on defending the indefensible," Boya said in an interview at his home in Daveyton yesterday.

Boya said he still saw a role for himself in local government, "but now I will be doing it on the side of the people".

Boya said the growing irrelevance of black local councils and frustrations in dealings with provincial and central government had convinced him that the time had come to leave the arena he had entered 12 years ago.

"On Saturday I attended a meeting of Umsa in Barberton and only eight councillors, out of a membership of 60, turned up."

He said they all told of frustrations they had encountered such as the water and electricity cut-offs.

The next day his council was due to address residents at a local stadium but he found residents were at a meeting called by the Daveyton Interim Committee.

Boya said he went to the meeting and listened to speaker after speaker asking councillors to join them.

"A hush fell over the stadium as I stood up to tell the crowd: 'We have heard you, gentlemen. I stand up to announce my resignation from my positions as mayor of Daveyton and president of Umsa'."

He said he and three other councillors who had stood up to announce their resignations were carried shoulder-high by toyi-toying youths and freedom songs were sung.

Asked about his plans, the former furniture marketing executive said he would make an announcement in a fortnight. In a clear reference to ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, he said: "There is a man I have to talk to first, but he is at present overseas."

Of the "shoddy" treatment he received from government, Boya said: "When the issue of bridging finance drying up came to a head, I, in my capacity as president of Umsa, sought a meeting with President F W de Klerk. He ignored me."

"I have had talks with Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel, TPA Administrator Danie Hough and MEC John Mavuso, pleading for a suspension of the switch off of supplies."

"But even as I was reaching accord with the TPA, I learnt that electricity had been cut off in Daveyton, and the TPA went back on its promise, saying they could only give us R220 000 for our R1,2m wage bill."

Boya said he did not regret being part of a "discredited" black local government exercise.



● BOYA

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# Police save Soweto men from necklacing

By Glen Elsas  
West Rand Bureau

Two men were rescued from a mob of schoolchildren who planned to necklace them after they were apparently caught stealing money from an elderly woman in Soweto on Monday morning.

Lieutenant Colonel Tienie Halgryn, liaison officer for the Soweto police, said an elderly woman had been robbed of R419 in cash.

A huge crowd of schoolchildren apparently apprehended the two suspects and decided that they should be necklaced.

A Soweto police photographer and a member of the Murder and Rob-

bery Squad were on their way to another scene when they saw the mob leading the men, who had their hands tied behind their back, to their execution site.

The policemen questioned the group and were told that the men had been caught stealing. The money was produced as evidence.

The mob, numbering about 300, then said they were going to necklace the suspects.

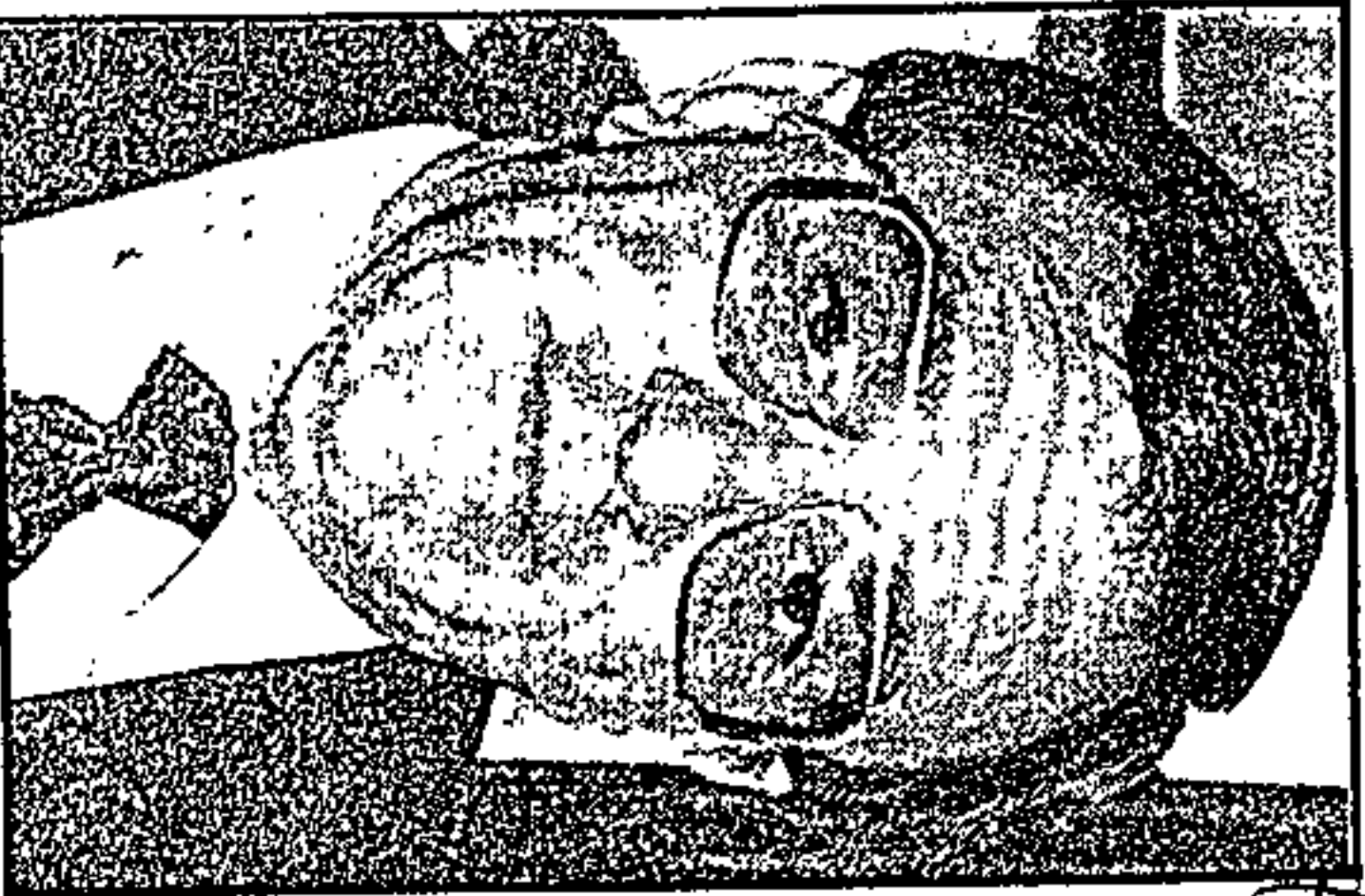
After negotiating with the policemen, they agreed to hand over the men.

The men, aged 25 and 24, were then taken to the Orlando police station. They will appear in court today.



# All roads lead to the CBD

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Stanley Arenson . . . accessibility is of prime importance.

For all the great commercial build-up of Johannesburg's satellites, the city's heart is as healthy as ever and its main survival factor remains the vital transport system.

"All roads lead to the central business district," says Stanley Arenson, a director of Sandton-based Russell Marriott & Boyd Trust (RMBT) — a "city man" who believes with the emergence of the non-white blue collar worker, the accessibility to the city workplace is of prime importance.

Substantiating this view is the on-going institutional development process within the city, which must inevitably lead

to a constant growth in the office army well into the future.

First National's Bank City complex and Standard Bank's blocks in Simmond Street — Standard also plans big commercial developments on adjacent properties — as well as projects by insurance groups and mining houses will all ensure a prosperous city centre.

"The people needed to staff these undertakings can easily commute to work without the use of a second car which is very much a requirement for northern areas," says Mr Arenson.

"Evidence of the use of public transport can be seen in the

parking allocation of the CBD — one bay per 100 sq m of office space — compared to the northern suburbs figure of four bays per 100 sq m."

The RMBT director, in a breakdown of the city office market, puts total A grade office at more than 822 000 sq m, of which nearly 77 000 sq m is vacant (9,34 percent).

There are more than 485 000 sq m of B grade offices, with a vacancy figure of 83 500 sq m (17,23 percent).

Planned new developments account for 268 500 sq m, while 250 500 sq m of new space coming on to the market has been prelet.

## R154-m to keep services going

By Louise Burgers  
Municipal Reporter

An emergency grant of R154 million has been made by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) to ensure that essential services continue operating in Greater Soweto and Alexandra. Responding to an "SOS" from the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the CWRSC last night resolved to take emergency action to prevent further hardship in the Soweto, Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Alexandra communities. CWRSC chairman John Griffiths said the financial position of the four councils was critical and TPA funds for bridging finance were seriously depleted.

### Agreed

The flat rate paid by residents in Soweto, for example, was not enough to pay the electricity bill of R50 million owed to Eskom.

"At the request of the Minister of Finance, the CWRSC has agreed not only to reschedule capital projects for the improvement of infrastructure in black local authorities, but also to provide additional financial assistance to meet essential operational costs," Mr Griffiths said.

The action is temporary and the situation will be reviewed in April next year. A thorough investigation established that between September this year and March next year, the four councils would need R172,7 million to enable essential operations to continue.



# Murder, gang rapes at Soweto school

Staff Reporter

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A man was murdered and two women gang-raped at a school in Meadowlands, Soweto, on Monday night, police said yesterday.

The incident follows reports of rape, drug peddling and extortion at another Soweto school, Altem High School, in the past few weeks.

Police said that in Monday

night's incident six men had abducted a woman and taken her to Kelokitso High School in Meadowlands.

At the school the gang found a couple.

They chased the man away before raping his girlfriend and the other woman in a classroom, police said.

They said a woman was apparently helped to escape by one of the gang members.

The man was later found dead in the school premises.

He has been identified as Mr Samuel Tlhapane (24) of Zone 10 Meadowlands.

The group was later confronted by two men and one suspect was apprehended.

He is to appear in court on rape charges.

A gang calling itself "Rebeka" is thought to be conducting a reign of terror at Altem High.





Tom Boya... his decision to quit could trigger further nations by beleaguered black councillors.

# Black councils On Death Row

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# Police, witness clash over water bucket row

By Norman Chandler  
Pretoria Bureau

A war of words between a man who alleges police intimidation, the Minister of Law and Order and the Commissioner of Police continued today with police suggesting they would welcome a charge of intimidation being laid "so that we can get to the truth of what happened".

Yesterday Ermelo garage owner Boete Tilly categorically denied a claim by police commissioner General Johan van der Merwe that he had retracted a statement he had made regarding policemen cutting plastic water buckets carried by Wesselson residents.

And last night he told Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok on a radio programme that there were no differences in his two statements to the police on the issue. The Minister and the police say there are differences.

Mr Tilly said: "I stand by my statement."

In a statement to the SA Press Association on Tuesday night, General van der Merwe said "no shred of evidence had been obtained" about a report in The Star that policemen had punctured plastic buckets of water carried by blacks.

In his second statement yesterday, General van der Merwe said there were discrepancies between Mr Tilly's two statements.

Mr Vlok's assistant press secretary, Captain Craig Kotze, said today: "We deny emphatically that any policeman intimidated Mr Tilly to change his statement. All we want to do is get down to the truth of what happened."

Two statements were made by Mr Tilly to the police and one to The Star. The three statements differ from each other."

According to the police, in his first statement (to The Star) Mr Tilly said he saw two policemen "in front of my eyes" use knives on plastic buckets.

"In his first statement to the police, Mr Tilly says he noticed the holders were being damaged but did not see SAP members doing it. He mentions seeing four policemen and not two as he told The Star."

"In his second statement to police, Mr Tilly again changes what he said."

"Now he says that three or four policemen were present and saw them damage the buckets. However he did not see how it was done but says the policemen had sharp objects in their hands."

Captain Kotze said Mr Tilly had made the two statements voluntarily, and added: "We would welcome him to lay a charge of intimidation, which we will investigate fully."

## Inquiry

In further reaction yesterday, lawyers for Human Rights national director Brian Curran called for a semi-judicial inquiry into the matter.

Wesselson residents Khabo Ngebo, Sibongile Manana, P T Kediakane and Johan Nkambule have corroborated Mr Tilly's claim, and a Cassim Park businessman is prepared to supply an affidavit.

Wesselson's water and sewerage services were restored yesterday — eight days after being suspended for non-payment of accounts.

In his second statement to police, Mr Tilly said: "On Wednesday October 17 when I arrived at my garage I saw about 20 to 30 black people there. They asked me if they could obtain water."

"The crowd (at the garage)

grew to between 100 and 150 people. Between 10 am and 11 am on October 17, a Casspir vehicle and a yellow bakke of the SA Police came to a halt at opposite corners of my garage."

"Three or four white members of the SAP climbed out of the two vehicles. They walked over to where the black people were getting water. I could not hear what was said but the next moment I saw that four of the water buckets held by the blacks were beginning to leak. I was about 30 yards from the crowd."

"I could see that the policemen had damaged the buckets, although how it was done I am not sure out apart from the fact that a sharp instrument may have been used."

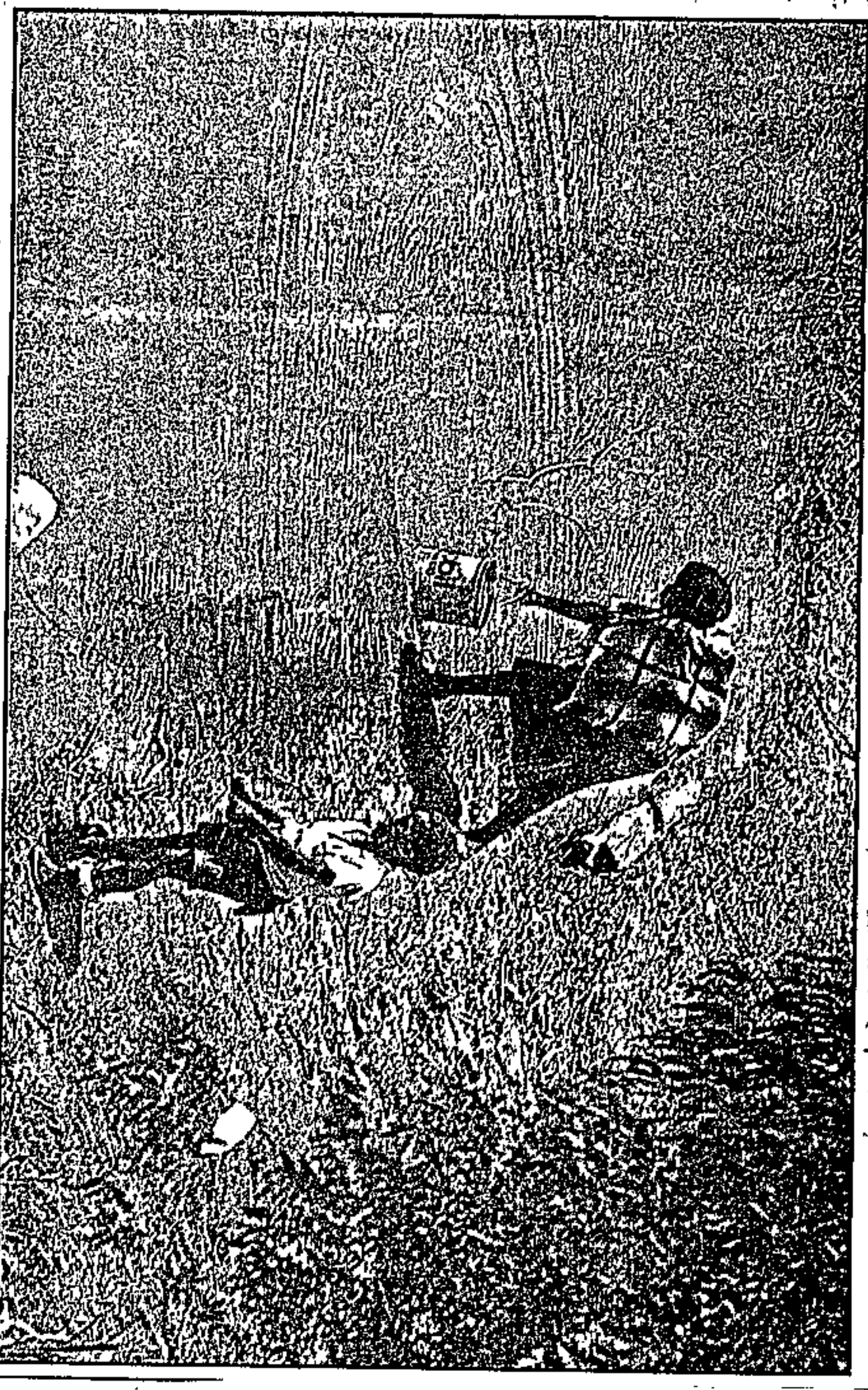
General van der Merwe said in his original statement that he had "noted with extreme concern press reports on allegations of police involvement in denying residents of Ermelo's Wesselson township water and the alleged damaging of water containers last week."

Such actions, if true, were strongly condemned by the police, he said, and he had ordered Major-General R Robinson, regional commissioner for the eastern Transvaal, to institute an inquiry.

"So far, not a single shred of evidence to back these allegations has emerged," said General van der Merwe.

"What has emerged is that one of the main witnesses, quoted as having seen policemen puncture water containers, has now retracted his statement."

"He now also states that after the police left the scene, four blacks approached with leaking buckets and alleged that police had damaged them. The same man now rejects the original press report in which he was quoted as seeing police damage water containers with knives."



Hidden health threat . . . Drinking water that can cause serious health problems has been drawn by locals from a dam in Wesselson after the water supply to the township's 50 000 people was cut off for nine days. Picture by Jacobus Rykloff



By Musa Mapisa  
and Therese Anders

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## Services cut-off blamed for outbreak of gastric diseases

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As water was reconnected to Wesselton township's 50 000 residents yesterday after being cut for nine days, an Ermelo doctor has reported an outbreak of diarrhoea among residents.

The doctor, who cannot be named for professional reasons, said: "The outbreak is almost certainly the result of the poor sanitary conditions while the township was without water and sewerage."

Six out of every 10 patients he had seen in the past week had either diarrhoea or gastro-enteritis.

Wesselton's water was reconnected yesterday morning after Gemini's Ermelo Mines handed a cheque for R130 000 to the Ermelo council.

Ermelo Mines made the payment after negotiations with the township's administrator, the local civic association, church leaders, the ANC and Inkatha.

When The Star visited Wesselton yesterday, water supplies had still not been reconnected to large parts of the township.

Many women were continuing to walk long distances to collect water.

Thirsty mothers and children were seen drinking from a murky dam where the water had a strange smell.

One of the mothers, Gloria Bhayi (18), was feeding her newborn baby with a milk powder mixed with unboiled dam water. She said her month-old baby was sick with stomach problems, but she had no money to go to the doctor.



# Heated exchange over statements

By John Miller

The telephone lines burnt when Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok and an Ermelo garage owner, Boetie Tilly, exchanged heated words on Radio 702's "Newstalk" last night.

The exchange came after Mr Tilly told listeners he saw policemen laughing and puncturing water containers belonging to Wesselton residents. They had come to collect water from his Cassim Park garage last week after water to the township was cut.

Earlier yesterday the Commissioner of Police, General Johan van der

Merwe, claimed that one of the main witnesses to the incident had retracted his statement.

Mr Tilly and Mr Vlok argued over whether there were differences in two statements.

Mr Vlok said: "Why did you make the second statement to the police?"

Mr Tilly: "Which statement, I never..."

Mr Vlok: "Didn't you make a second statement to the police?"

Mr Tilly: "First statement I made and then he came for the second statement, which I gave him the same statement as the first statement."

Mr Vlok: "No, but there really are differ-

ences in the second statement that you made to the police. Why did you do that?"

Mr Tilly: "What was the difference in that statement?"

Mr Vlok: "There are differences. I don't want to get involved in specifics now."

Mr Tilly: "I made one (statement) on Friday morning and one on Friday evening."

Mr Vlok: "No I don't want to get involved, but let me make this quite clear. You made two statements to police and they differ markedly to what you said in the beginning and what you

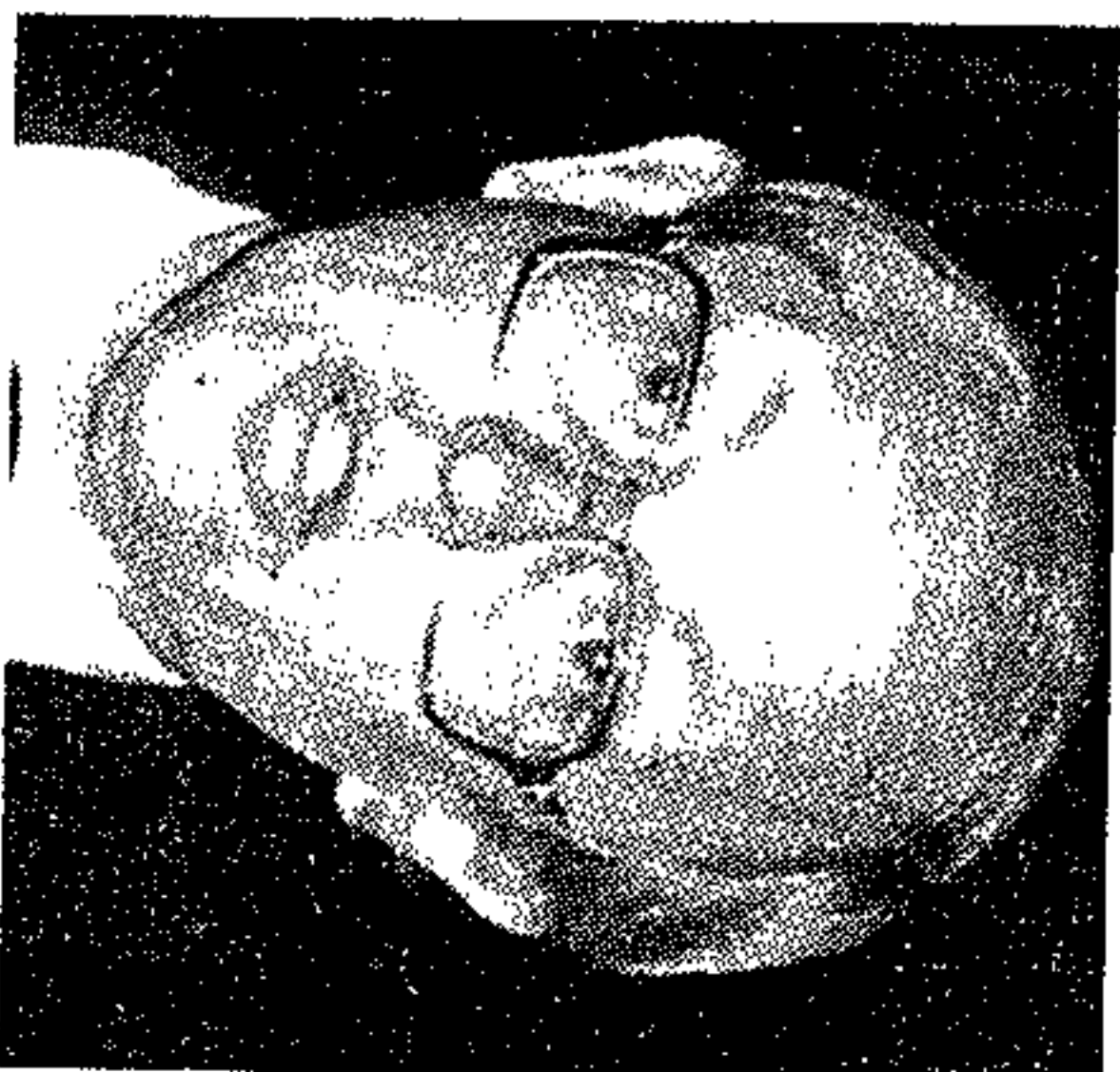
said in the second statement. This is right."

Mr Vlok suggested the two statements be "put next to each other and we can go through them and then we will see there are differences and I suggest this should be done as soon as possible. I will take the necessary steps to have this done".

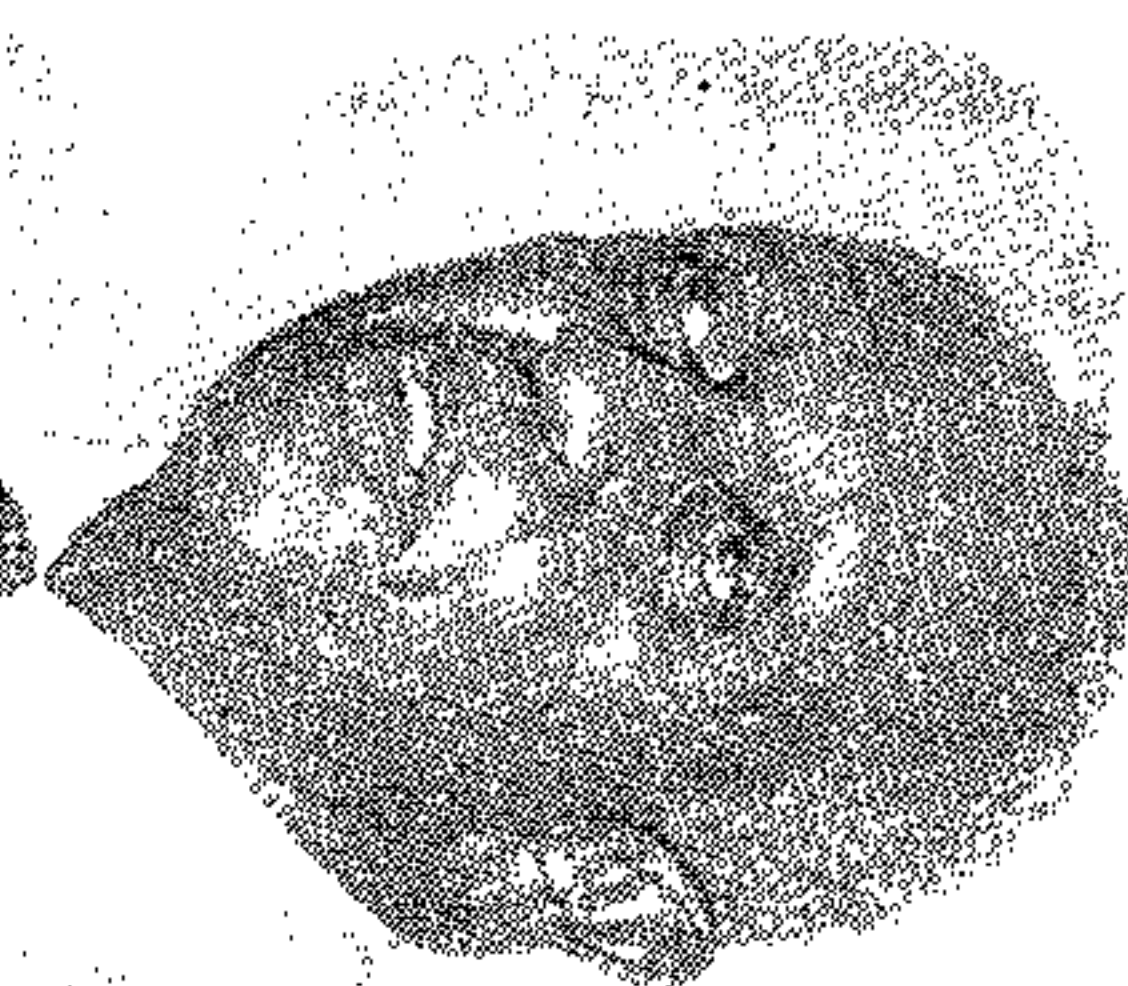
He said this was not to cast any doubt on Mr Tilly's version but because he took a personal interest in what had taken place.

Prior to speaking to Mr Tilly, Mr Vlok said that if such actions were true, he would severely condemn them and would not tolerate them.

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TOM BOYA ... quit Daveyton council



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# Pressure forces 146 councillors to quit TPA

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A TOTAL of 235 seats were vacant in Transvaal black local councils, and 146 councillors were known to have resigned because of pressure from civic associations, TPA spokesman Piet Wilken said yesterday.

Wilken, who said this was the situation before the weekend resignation of Daveyton mayor Tom Boya, said the calls for councillors to resign could not be accommodated until new models had been worked out.

"Until new models have been negotiated, we must go on with the existing structures," Wilken said.

He said the 235 vacancies — out of a total of 692 seats — could not all be taken as resignations, "but 146 councillors are known to have resigned through pressure from civic associations".

A TPA source said administrators had been appointed in 22 councils and 24 townships were without councils. Of the 82 local authorities in the Transvaal, 58 still had councils, she said.

Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast), which was campaigning for the dissolution of black local authorities, yesterday welcomed Boya's resignation.

The mayor of the Middelburg township of Mhluzi, Phillip Nhlapo, and his council were expected to resign tomorrow after pressure from the local civic association.

Nhlapo, who is also president of the Urban Councils Association of SA (Ucasa), confirmed yesterday that his council had been given an ultimatum to resign tomorrow, and said: "If others go, I can't remain."

Mhluzi town clerk Lucky Mokae said yesterday a meeting at which a local stainless steel company decided to pay Mhluzi's R370 000 electricity debt to Middelburg had decided that the council should resign by October 26.

## Adcock welcomes Blom 25/10/70 govt probe

ADCOCK Ingram Limited, whose pharmaceutical company Sabax manufactures drips allegedly linked to the deaths of 24 babies and four adults in the Transvaal, yesterday welcomed the investigation by the Department of Health into the spate of deaths.

Group CE Don Bodley also confirmed the company expected the results of its own internal and external investigations by the end of the week.

TANIA LEVY reports that Health and Population Development Minister Rina Venter and House of Assemblies Health Services and Welfare Minister Sam de Beer will now not ask President F W de Klerk for a judicial commission of inquiry — requested by the parents — until they have results of the investigations now under way.

TPA Health Services spokesman Piet Wilken said yesterday "rumours" of more deaths at black hospitals were being investigated but declined to give details. — Sapa.

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## Vosloorus relents after pleas from residents

By Montshiwa Moroke

Electricity was restored to Vosloorus on the East Rand yesterday after twice-daily cuts in the past three weeks.

The switch-on came amid complaints that exam preparations had been disrupted and small and informal businesses were suffering.

Electricity had been cut from 5 am to 8 am and again between 5 pm and 10 pm because of arrears in service charges.

The mayor of Vosloorus, Morrison Sinokela, said the town council switched on after a residents' delegation had told it of the great hardship caused to pupils preparing for examinations and of an increase in crime.

Sapa reports from Queenstown the municipality cut off water to a Transkei town at noon yesterday, leaving 50 000 people with only a week's supply in its reservoirs.

### Arrears

It was the second time this month that Ezibeleni's water was cut because of account arrears.

Ezibeleni residents were previously without water for three days because water and sewerage account arrears totalled R718 554.

The water supply was restored on humanitarian grounds because the township's reservoirs were empty.

Ezibeleni was given 14 days to settle the account, which was subsequently reduced to R500 000.

In a statement yesterday, Queenstown mayor Johnny Johnson said Ezibeleni bought water in bulk from his council.

He said payment difficulties sometimes arose. Attempts to solve the problem included correspondence with Transkei local authorities and the military government, but no solution had been forthcoming.



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40 arrested in  
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swoop on hostels

By Montshiwa Moroka

Forty men and women were arrested in a pre-dawn swoop by municipal police on Dobsonville hostels in Greater Soweto yesterday, according to Soweto police liaison officer Lieutenant Govindsamy Mariemuthoo.

He said they were held for being on the premises without permits. "They were taken to the Dobsonville police station. Later, they were taken to court where they appeared on charges of trespassing."

The outcome of the court proceedings could not be established last night.

Dobsonville council executive committee member V Thusi recently said the greater section of the hostels would be converted into family units.

# Ucasa president quits post as township mayor

URBAN Councils Association of SA (Ucasa) president Phillip Nhlapo has followed his council in the Middelburg township of Mhluzi and resigned as mayor.

But Nhlapo, as Ucasa's president, has been appointed to the committee which will investigate interim measures to alleviate the pressure on black local authorities and coloured and Indian management committees to resign.

A meeting held to resolve Mhluzi's financial position had decided, after a local steel company had agreed to pay the council's R370 000 electricity debt, that the Mhluzi council should resign by today.

Nhlapo said in Johannesburg yesterday: "If everyone has resigned, I will also go. I can't carry on alone. I am out of local government."

"But now I have been appointed to this new committee at today's meeting of the Council for the Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs."

The committee, under the chairmanship of Deputy Provincial Affairs Minister Tertius Delport, will include Department of

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Planning and Provincial Affairs representatives and one delegate each from the United Municipal Executive (UME), the four provinces, the three own affairs administrations, the National Ad Hoc Committee, Ucasa, United Municipalities of SA and the RSC Association.

Meanwhile, another black local government veteran, Shadrack Sinaba, has also resigned from the Daveyton Town Council.

Sinaba, 71, said yesterday he was quitting because of the way in which local government was being conducted.

"We always seem to be running things from Pretoria down to the people, not the other way round. Nothing that comes from and serves the interests of the people is ever carried," Sinaba said.

He said he was going into national politics and joining the ANC.

Sinaba's resignation follows that of former Daveyton mayor Tom Boya and three other councillors.



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## Beauty and the boxer: We're just friends!

By SANDILE MEMELA

HAS beauty queen Pinky Masemola become the rose in world boxing champ Dingaan Thobela's garden?

The handsome lightweight champ this week strongly quashed rumours that there is any intimate relationship between him and the radiant Miss Black South Africa and former Miss Soweto.

Thobela told *City Press* his public appearances with Pinky have been

nothing more but promotional stunts to celebrate his international victory.

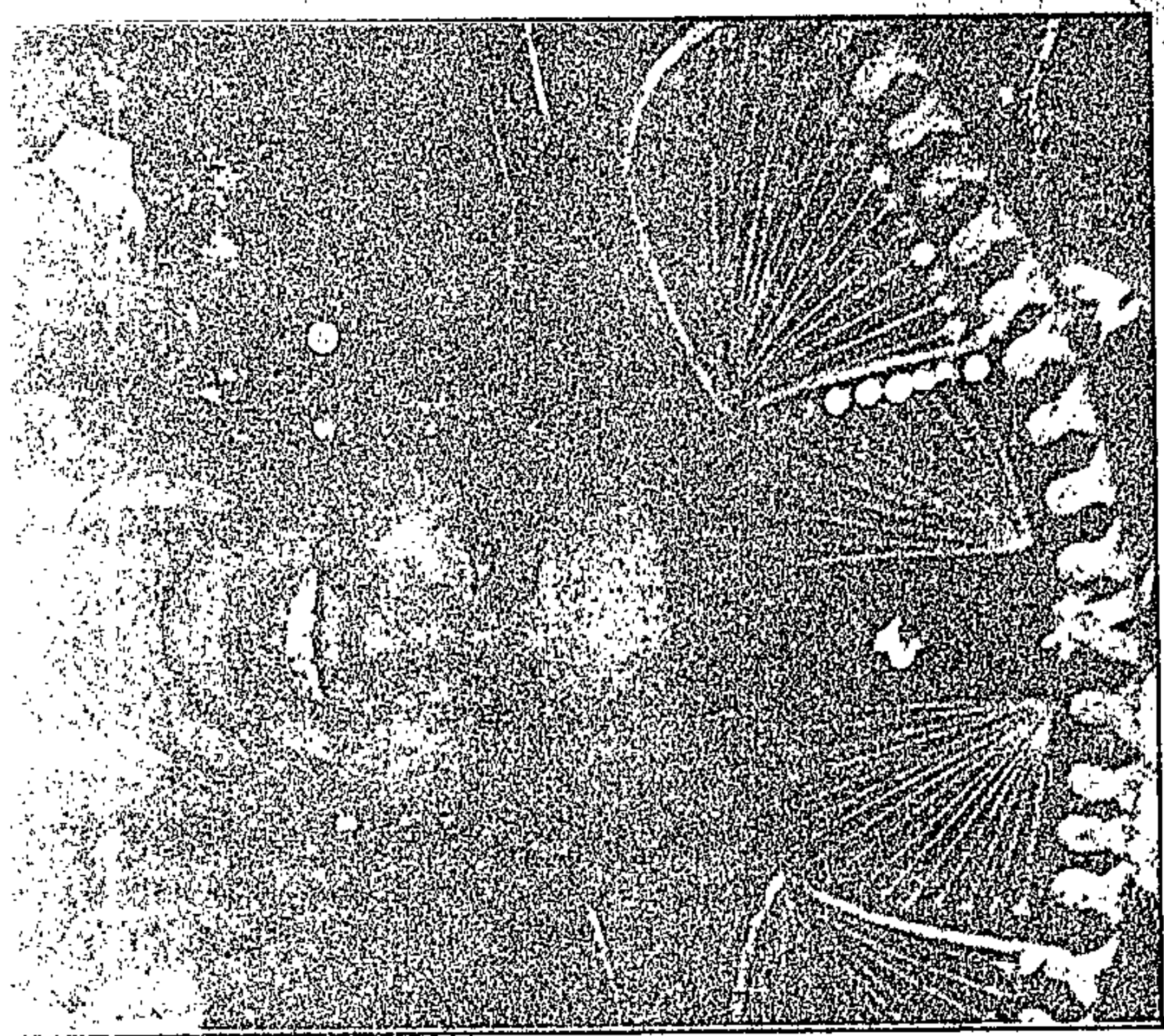
More recently the hunk and the graceful cover girl were seen together at the airport when he was welcomed home after winning the world title.

"People must stop these rumours. Yes, it's just that - promotion but nothing beyond it," Pinky said this week. "I must add we are good friends though, but not close ones.

There is no intimate relationship. We are not going out together and we hardly phone each other."



Asked why she was often seen in Dingaan's company recently, Pinky



## Growing fear toxic drips could have killed more

By DES BLOW

SCORES of black babies who died mysteriously over the past few months in hospitals could have been killed by contaminated intravenous drips supplied by leading pharmaceutical company Sabax.

Piet Wilkens, TPA liaison director told *City Press* at least five provincial hospitals where black babies are known to have died are under investigation.

He said all Transvaal provincial hospitals were supplied with products from Sabax, manufacturers of the drip.

Possible deaths caused by a contaminated drip include the 23 infant deaths at the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital north of Pretoria - which is under investigation by the Cillie Commission.

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**Who will succeed**

**Zeph?**

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By SEKOLA-SELLO

TWO men have emerged as favourites for the leadership of the Pan Africanist Congress following the death of its president, Zephania Mothopeng, this week.

They are acting president Clarence Mlambo Makwethu, 62, and the Tanzanian-based Johnson Mlambo, 50. Two "dark horses", Mark Shimmer and Mabhuti Mbandazayo, are also said to be in the running, although the latter has dismissed these claims.

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"We do not have statistics on the babies who died at the five hospitals - and we do not know what actually killed them - but we intend to find out," Wilkens said this week.

It was reported that Baragwanath Hospital was not affected by the contaminated drips because it mixed its own drips.

Doctors fear the authorities and Sabax are attempting to cover up the full extent of the bacterial contamination that is believed to have killed at least 55 people - 51 babies and four adults - in clinics and hospitals throughout the country, attorney Peter Soller said yesterday.

Soller, who acts for the families of people who died or were affected by the drip, slammed as "unacceptable" the report released by Adcock Ingram, holding company of Sabax, this week.

According to the report, contamination had only so far been found in two batches of the drip - "potassium admixture" - supplied to two private clinics where new-born babies had died.

The statement to the Department of Health Services referred only to supplies to the Park Lane Clinic in Johannesburg and the Morningside in Sandton.

But Soller said doctors feared there was a cover-up because it was not revealed how big the batches were, how widespread the distribution had been and the source of the contamination.

"There could be scores of black babies - including the unexplained 23 deaths at the Ga-Rankuwa Hospital - who have died as a result of the contamination.

He asked: "Why was there so much delay in making scientific tests and why only at the clinics where the Press had revealed babies had died?"

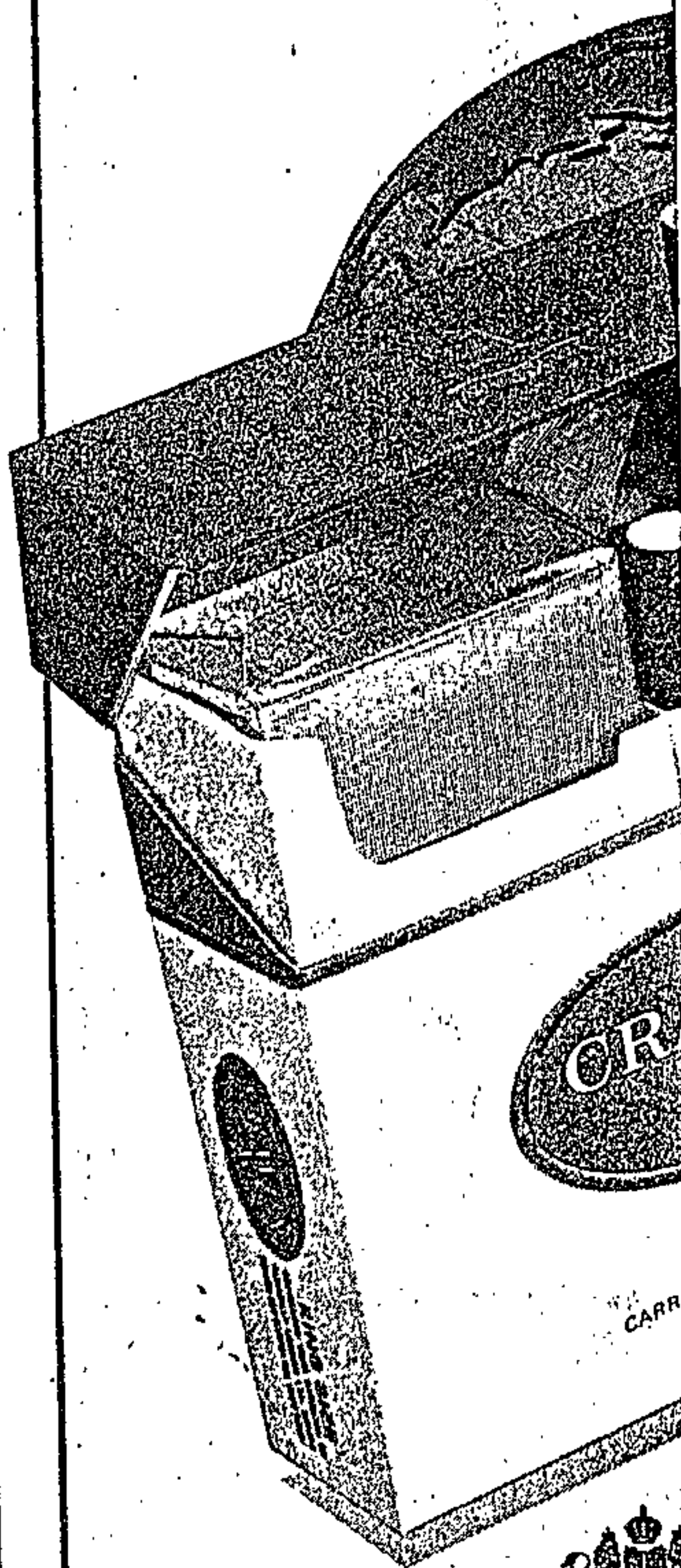
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# Toxic drips could have killed more

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Sabax are still attempting to confine it to the two clinics, when it is more widespread. My firm alone has been approached by families of victims of 55 unexplained deaths in hospitals. There could be scores more, especially among blacks."

There is also outrage at the Department of National Health and its Medicine Control Council - the State's watchdog on drugs and pharmaceutical products - for ignoring reports on the deaths and making no move to investigate Sabax.

There are suspicions that the infected drip could have been distributed from as early as April. Private hospitals, the

TPA and Sabax could be sued for millions of rands if they are found liable for the deaths of the 55 people.

Health Minister in the House of Assembly, Sam de Beer, on Friday asked Justice Minister Kobie Coetsee to appoint a judge to investigate the widely reported deaths in terms of the Inquests Act.

He also submitted statements from the fam-

ilies of victims and their legal representatives to the Attorney-General of the Witwatersrand with the request that inquests be held urgently.

Adcock Ingram says in its report this week it could not find the source of the contamination.

The report said further investigations were going ahead and gave the assurance that the batches sent to Park Lane and Morning-side had been recalled.

# Return of the young ones

By SEKOLA SELLO

THE ANC Youth League, founded 46 years ago by militants including luminaries like Oliver Tambo and Nelson Mandela, was relaunched at the Orlando Stadium in Soweto yesterday.

More than 20 000 people, mostly youths from all parts of the country, attended the rally.

ANC internal leadership, core co-ordinator Walter Sisulu opened the congress and reiterated the movement's

stand on negotiations - the establishment of an interim government and a constituent assembly.

Cosatu secretary-general Jay Naidoo repeated this theme, which the government has already rejected.

A lengthy message from ANC president Oliver Tambo was read out to the rally. He emphasised the importance of education in a post-apartheid South Africa. Tambo said that in the move towards democracy, education became "most important for the struggle".

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# Shot boy 'kept in cell three days'

By ELIAS MALULEKE

CAROLINA police in the far-Eastern Transvaal kept an injured 15-year-old youth who they had shot locked in a cell for three days without medical treatment, it has been claimed.

Police have confirmed that Kalute Wonderboy Nkabinde of Silobela township in Carolina was shot with buckshot on Tuesday and held for three days. But they said he had been seen twice by a doctor.

The incident has angered residents of the strife-torn township, which has been hit by violence for the past three weeks since authorities cut off electricity supplies

## ... without medical help, says relative

in a bid to recover rent arrears.

Nkabinde's cousin, Johannes Venter, 39, told City Press this week police took Nkabinde to Carolina Hospital after the shooting but treatment was refused after police declined to sign papers for his admittance.

Venter said: "When I went to see him at the police station on Wednesday he was all swollen up and complained of feeling pains because, he claimed, he had not been seen by a doctor."

Venter said Nkabinde had been wounded in several places, including legs, stomach and face.

"He was close to tears from pain and when I asked that he be taken to hospital, I was ignored," he said.

A Carolina police spokesman said Nkabinde had twice been seen by a doctor.

Commenting on allegations that the hospital refused to treat the injured youth after police would not sign papers for his admittance, police said it

was all a "misunderstanding".

Police said: "The problem was started by policemen who were supposed to take Nkabinde to a doctor and instead took him to the hospital."

Immediately after the shooting, Nkabinde had been seen by a doctor, but at the police station complained of feeling pains and was taken to hospital instead.

The policemen could not sign admission papers without authorisation from senior police officers,

police said.

"Every care was taken to make him feel comfortable and it is not worthwhile to write the story because Nkabinde was freed on Friday."

Police could not say whether the youth had been charged with any offence.

Earlier, a spokeswoman for the Carolina branch of the ANC women's league, Tembani Msibi, condemned the detention of the injured youth and said it showed how little the police cared about the lives of black people.

"Kalute had been seriously injured and the police should have taken him to hospital for admission," she said.



Johannes Venter, Nkabinde's cousin, who visited police cells and saw him 'all swollen up'.



# 'Makgotla' lashes man 200 times

By BERENG MTIMKULU

TWO 18-year-old youths who inflicted 200 lashes on a man with a sjambok after finding him guilty at a 'makgotla' or people's court, were this week convicted in the Johannesburg Regional Court.

Albert Tikilili and Absalom Sibisi both of Alexandra were found guilty of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm. They appeared before magistrate DS Jacobs.

The victim, Josiah Madonsela, 37, of Alexandra lost consciousness and had to spend two days in bed following the assault. He later underwent a skin graft on the buttocks at Tembisa Hospital.

Madonsela told the court that during April his wife slept out with another man. He became angry and went to the man's shack and confronted the pair.

In his anger he demolished the shack "looking for his wife".

Two days later, on April 26, the accused and a group of "comrades" fetched Madonsela from a coal yard where he was employed. He was taken to 16th Avenue where he met another group of "comrades".

The two groups surrounded him and accused him of destroying someone's property. When Madonsela tried to explain, his account was considered unsatisfactory. He was sentenced to 200 lashes.

## His assailants found guilty in other court

Madonsela was made to lie face down on a bench. Tikilili and two other men held his hands "so that he could not move".

His trousers were pulled down and water mixed with salt and pepper was poured on his buttocks.

The accused and other men each inflicted 15 lashes on Madonsela.

At the request of their defence counsel, Tikilili and Sibisi were not called to give evidence.

Defence advocate Aber argued that Madonsela could not have positively identified Tikilili and Sibisi because he slightly lost consciousness while the lashes were administered on him.

The magistrate said the complainant had positively identified the accused even though they were among the group. He also suspected the accused had something to hide since they elected not to give evidence.

The hearing was postponed to October 29 for pleas in mitigation of sentence. Tikilili and Sibisi were remanded in custody.



# Black groups go non-racial

By PATRICK MAFAFO

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TWO major black business organisations, Nafcoc and the Black Management Forum (BMF), have opened their doors to white members.

According to Nafcoc executive director Mofasi Lekota, this is in line with the trend towards non-racialism in the country.

"But our acceptance of white members is not without qualification.

"White members wishing to join

Nafcoc will only be those who subscribe to our business charter principles," he said.

One of the principles is that business should address past wrongs created by apartheid through tangible action.

"This should help black business and its employees to reach their full potential and empower themselves."

The BMF will be announcing its new name at its annual general meeting at the Wild Coast Sun this weekend.

# Warrant for Winnie

By BERENG MTIMKULU

A WARRANT for the arrest of Winnie Mandela was issued this week in the Johannesburg District Court when she failed to appear in connection with an Unemployment Insurance Fund wrangle.

According to the charge sheet, Mandela, wife of ANC deputy president Nelson Mandela, owns a food outlet in Johannesburg.

She is charged with failing to pay her contributions as an employer between January 1 and August 10 this year and failing to submit an official document.

At the request of prosecutor CF Oberholzer, a warrant of arrest was issued.



## **'They are inhuman to treat us like this'**

"WE wonder if these people are human – how can they cut off water to everyone – even small babies and children must suffer when they cut off our water."

Echoing the feelings of Meloding's 45 000 inhabitants, local ANC women's league chairperson Elisa Lande said the whole community was shocked at the Water Board's decision to cut off water this month.

"These people are heartless – they are inhuman to treat us like this. We didn't even have time to prepare for the cut-off because they did it without warning," said another member of the Meloding Civic Association (MCA), Elias Chalale.

"They arrested us and beat us up when we tried to get drinking water from the station for our children," said grandmother and MCA member Betsy Yola.

She said: "I look after my five-month-old grandchild – I couldn't wash nappies or make bottles. When we tried to fill our containers at the station, the police beat us up and chased us away."

"We tried to get water from nearby farms – eventually one farmer allowed us to buy water at 50c for 10 litres. It was the only way we could get water for cooking and drinking," she said.

Residents said they couldn't wash for the five days during which water was cut off. "One of the worst things was that the toilets throughout the township were blocked and the smell was terrible," said Lande.

Chalale said: "The Water Board knew there was a dispute between the community and the town council about the water account, but they didn't negotiate – they cut the water off first."

"Now that the water is back on, we have agreed with the board that the community will come up with proposals on how to pay for the water," he said.

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# ‘WHY I QUIT’

THE surprise resignation of Daveyton mayor Tom Boya last weekend was a direct result of the cutting of electricity to the township by the Benoni council.

Forty-year-old Boya, once South Africa's youngest mayor (at 29), told City Press this week he threw in the towel when the trial white Benoni council proceeded with the power cuts while negotiations to resolve the boycott problem were continuing.

"That really hit me. It added to previous problems, put the cut was the last straw which broke the camel's back," Boya said.

He got off a plane from London on October 16, only to be told by his driver that power supplies had been cut, in spite of ongoing negotiations with the TPA and Eskom.

Power cuts aside, the position of mayor was beginning to weigh heavily on the conscience of Tom Boya. It started with President FW de Klerk's historic February 2 speech, he said.

"After that things changed dramatically. Our support in local government structures dwindled very badly. That got me thinking. Since that day, we were never able to deliver the goods. There was also the problem of lack of funds, and the rent boycotts made it

DAVEYTON mayor Tom Selumko Boya resigned in a shock move this week after serving for 12 years. His resignation, while being widely welcomed, is being seen as a blow to the credibility of black local authorities. Boya, who was also president of the Urban Municipalities of South Africa (Umsa), sees no future for the council for as long as they are not based on 'the will of the people'.

**CHARLES MOGALE reports.**

worse," Boya said.

When the Benoni council threatened to cut off water supplies as well, Boya began having sleepless nights. At the same time, attempts to raise a loan from the TPA to pay Eskom had only drawn a promise of R200 000 - "which was a pittance."

Last Sunday, two residents' meetings one by the council and the other by the local Interim Committee - were called in the township.

"Virtually everybody went to the Interim Committee meeting. That told me something, I took my fellow council-

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**says Boya**

lors and said we should join the people at the other meeting. We walked in there fearlessly and listened to other speakers presenting the people's grievances, which were very genuine," Boya said.

"After listening, I rose to speak. I felt the way I had never felt before. I spoke to the people and asked if they would accept my resignation there and then.

The stadium roared with approval, and the next thing I was floating in the air, being welcomed back into the fold of my people," he said.

Four other councillors, DMs, Mthi-

munye, Joe Mokone, Reuben Madukane and Reuben Khumalo, also resigned.

"Now I know how people feel when they say they are born again. A big weight is off my shoulders, and I feel like a brand new person. I sleep peacefully at night," Boya said.

How does he see the future of black local authorities?

"In their present state, they are bound to fail, because they are not based on the will of the people. They might have some good intentions here and there, but the basic prerequisite for them to succeed is not there, and that is people's support. My advice to those councillors who are remaining is to act now, so that they should be on the right side of the negotiation table. When problems of the people will have been addressed, every community needs a strong, well-oiled local authority to get anywhere," he said.

Would he run for office in the "new South Africa?"

"I have not made up my mind yet about my political future. However, I can say now that if my people need the expertise I have gained in my 12 years in civic politics, I am more than willing to make it available in whatever form."



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# Pay up now, or we'll cut off your water!

By COLLETTE CAINE

THE Goldfields Water Board (GWB) is threatening to cut off water supplies to Free State townships which cannot pay their bills.

The Free State Provincial Administration says it does not have the funds to help local councils pay the arrears.

Two weeks ago the GWB – the second-largest water board in the country after the Rand Water Board – cut off water to Virginia's Meloding township without notice. The entire township of more than 45 000 people was without water for five days.

The supply was restored after the Meloding Council sold three of its vehicles to raise money to pay part of the bill.

An initial R40 000 was paid and the council undertook to make weekly payments of R10 000 to pay off the balance of R64 000. Despite payment of the first R10 000 instalment, the GWB threatened to cut off the township's water supply by noon last Friday unless the balance was paid in full.

Meloding residents stopped paying for water in protest against the local town council – including allegations of maladministration, defective water meters and failure to send out regular water accounts.

A last-minute meeting between GWB chairman Marais Vermaak, the Meloding Civic Association and attorneys from the Johannesburg Legal Resources Centre averted a repeat cut of water supplies.

The entire town council resigned and the GWB was forced to negotiate with the civic association.

The association agreed to hold community meetings to come up with a proposal for paying the water account. A proposal that each household pays a flat rate of R8 a month for water will be discussed at community meetings this week.

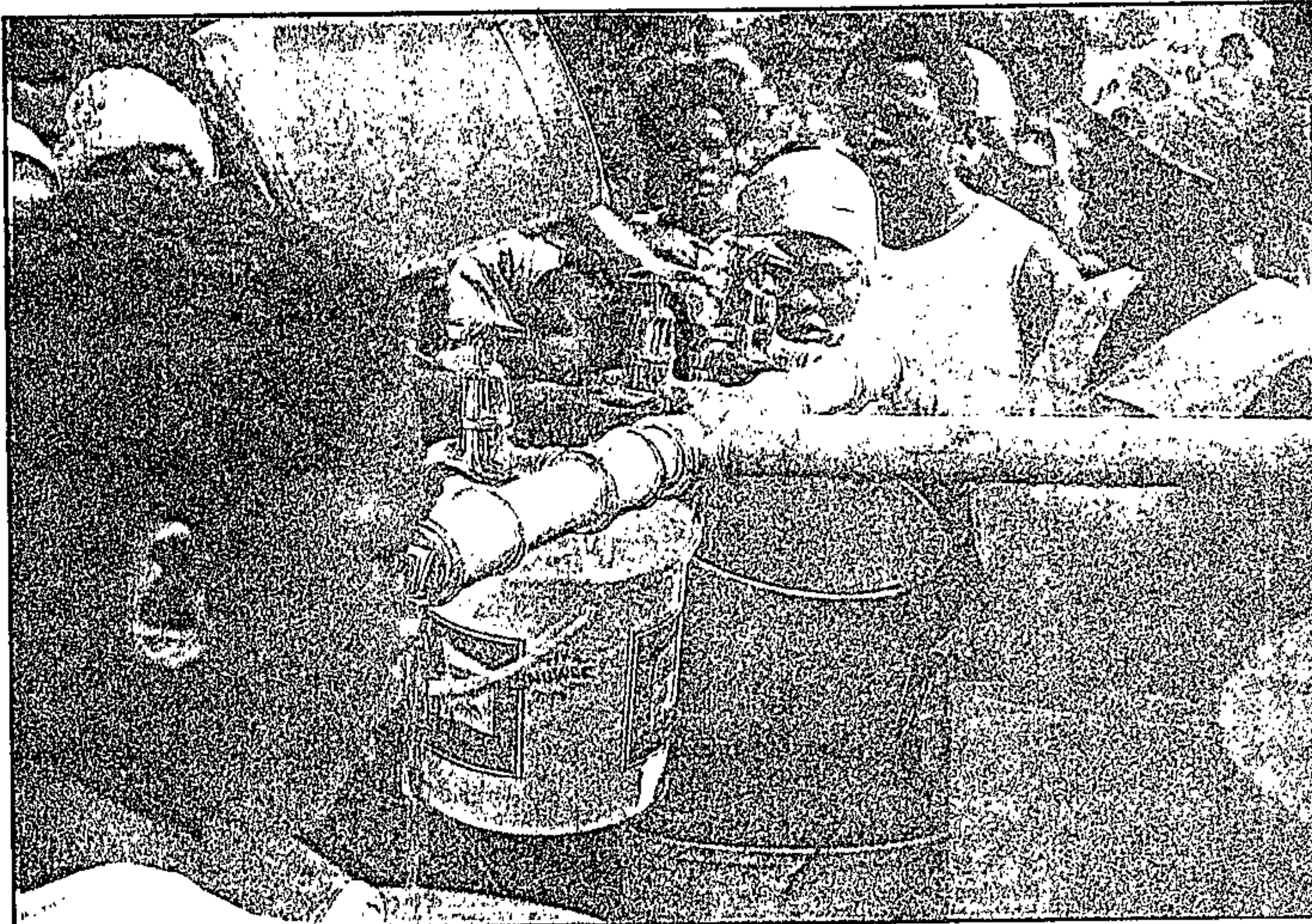
Vermaak told *City Press* if water accounts were not paid by local authorities, water to the entire township would be cut off.

He said: "It's a very simple matter – if accounts are not paid and no arrangement are made with the board, obviously we will cut the water off."

He said Meloding had until Wednesday to make arrangements with the board for the payment of its water account or ... no water.

A spokesman for the Thabong Civic Association (TCA) said it had a meeting with the GWB last week to discuss rumours that the giant Welkom township's water supply was also about to be cut off. He said the TCA reached an agreement with Vermaak that residents would pay a flat rate of R10 a household for water from the end of this month.

■ The Free State Provincial Administration says it is not in the same position as the Transvaal Provincial Administration which supplied R24-million bridging finance to township authorities. It said it had no money to give bridging finance to local authorities.



Shape of things to come ... When the authorities are about to cut water supplies, it's a mad scramble for the taps



**SATHS COOPER**, psychology lecturer at the University of the Western Cape and former vice-president of Azapo, looks at the effects of apartheid violence on individuals - mainly youths.

**W**E are living in exciting times of change and challenge.

But these are dangerous times as well.

The scourge of violence is of such dimensions that it directly affects us all, politically, socially, and economically.

Violence affects our sense of well-being, creating anxiety and distress in individuals, families, communities and organisations.

How can we understand this phenomenon of violence? What can we do to rid ourselves of this problem?

In the aftermath of the Soweto uprisings, the World Health Organisation and the American Psychiatric Association studied the situation and declared apartheid the source of psychosocial stress.

In July this year in a national study of black and white, urban and rural populations in South Africa

# YOUTHS HARD HIT BY APARTHEID VIOLENCE

conducted by the Institute for Black Research, 80 percent of those surveyed believed apartheid and repressive government policies plus practices were responsible for creating a climate of violence.

The SAP and SADF as agents of repression were also blamed. More than 37 percent stated that specific socio-economic factors like poverty, unemployment and the shortage of land drove people to violence.

The white media, politicians and observers have been blaming the violence on a variety of other factors, including the struggle for power between the ANC and Inkatha.

Their perceptions differ drastically from the perceptions of ordinary South Africans. In 1976 there was no struggle between the ANC

and Inkatha (which was not even fully formed then), but there was violence in our country.

It seems the ANC features directly after its unbanning in February this year, whereas UDF/Cosatu action featured before then.

Apartheid, by its very nature, is violent.

A generation has been brought up in a cauldron of violence since June 1976.

Its members have come to realise those who were there to protect them - the SAP and SADF - were instead brutalising them.

Very few positive role models have been available to this generation, many of whom have been brought up by someone other than a parent.

Apartheid's migrant labour and influx-control systems ensured families were disrupted, and that which is taken for

granted as the normal development process of children has been denied to the majority of black children.

This post-1976 generation has essentially been at the forefront of the struggle, which has sometimes been a dehumanising experience of internal conflict and misplaced energies.

That generation had nothing to lose then, except for its innocence and childhood.

The same scenario applied in the mid-Eighties. However, those youths who were at the forefront of struggle at that time now have a lot to lose besides their innocence and childhood.

In the late-Seventies the youth leaders were in their mid-teens to early twenties.

Many of those who survived are now adults, unable to return to school

or find decent jobs. Society is rewarding them by making them a lost generation.

Is there hope?

We cannot expect to move overnight from oppression to peace, security and stability. Apartheid has ensured that.

Neither can we change people's attitudes and perceptions overnight. But what we can change is our understanding of events today.

Here the burden lies with us all, especially political organisations which need to shift their slogans to education and leadership-development campaigns which result in community upliftment.

Those that were at the forefront of struggle need not be marginalised.

This will require more than lip-service commitment from leaders and organisations.

It will require the will and backing which private plus public organisations CAN muster.

Our country can do with upliftment, which the youth can provide, if we enable them to do so.

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## Double blow for Daveyton



**Shadrack Sinaba ... in local politics since '57.**

THE Daveyton council has received a double blow with the resignation of Shadrack Sinaba – just days after mayor Tom Boya and four other councillors quit.

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Sinaba is the 236th councillor to resign since the spate of walkouts began countrywide.

He and Boya were fierce rivals for the position of mayor, and their disillusionment with the council system has further tarnished the image of the controversial local authorities.

Sinaba says the councils should be dissolved because they aren't financially viable. Also, the lack of funds and grievances could not be attended to.

Sinaba has been in civic politics since 1957 when he served on the Native Advisory Boards.

# Boycott after bloody taxi war

CP Correspondent

BLACK taxi associations in Port Elizabeth face an economic crisis caused by a commuter boycott after two rival taxi groups engaged in bloody battles over taxi ranks this week.

Scores of people were injured and several taxis damaged when fighting broke out on Wednesday between members of the Uncedo Service Taxi Association and the Port Elizabeth Black Taxi Association.

The Port Elizabeth People's Organisation had to intervene and it was decided to boycott taxi services.

Eastern Cape police liaison officer Major

Bill Dennis said fighting broke out at Njoli Square in KwaZakhele when the rival associations attacked each other.

Fighting spread to the nearby Daku rank and later to the city, where rival groups fought over a new rank.

Police said: "A policeman who tried to intervene in the Njoli fight was robbed of his service pistol."

Police could not confirm the number injured but said several taxis and minibuses were damaged during the strife.

When *City Press* visited the Strand Street taxi rank, there was pandemonium with community leader Henry Fazzie trying to restrain some taximen armed with knives,

pangas and other weapons.

Several reporters at the scene were threatened with death.

Although there was a large police contingent present, the SAP kept a low profile.

Korsten driver Harold Mokononyana was with his conductor when he stopped at an intersection.

"I saw two taxis coming up and more than 15 people armed with pangas and knives came out," he said.

The attackers smashed at the windows, said Mokononyana.

Several attempts to contact spokesmen for both taxi groups were unsuccessful.



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**'Comrades'  
switch on  
power**

The mood in the Pretoria township of Atteridgeville was one of joyful revolution at the weekend as defiant youths mounted step ladders, reconnecting electricity cut off by the town council.

Virtually every house was switched on by the "comrades" who carried out their work under the noses of passing police patrols.

The hundreds of residents whose electricity was cut off following the township's rent boycott chanted slogans and sang freedom songs as the youths climbed the poles and switched on the lights.

A police van drove past along Komane Street on Saturday afternoon as youths reconnected the electricity of a row of houses about 50 m from the council offices, but no action was taken.

Members of the community provided vehicles, step ladders and tools towards the switch-on campaign that had attracted scores of activist youths.

The campaign is in defiance of last week's electricity cuts following the township's rent boycott. — Sapa.

# Tambo calls for unity in struggle

By Brian Sokutu

Deafening chants of "Happy birthday our president!" echoed through the Orlando Stadium, Soweto, on Saturday at the relaunch of the ANC Youth League.

The event coincided with the 73rd birthday of ANC president Oliver Tambo, who is still in exile.

More than 20 000 singing and toyi-toying people from as far afield as the Eastern Cape and Transkei attended the rally which saw the Youth League replacing the South African Youth Congress (Sayco).

Police in Casspirs kept a close watch on the proceedings outside the stadium.

## Unity

Mr Tambo, in a message read out to the crowd, said an important task facing the ANC was to strive to form alliances with other anti-apartheid forces.

"Freedom is indivisible, and so must be the unity of all democratic forces," Mr Tambo said in a message read by human rights lawyer Pius Langa.

"The ANC Youth League has the historic obligation to zealously promote and jealously defend the unity in action of all progressive forces. This we do for the sake of our country and its youth."

The ANC, said Mr Tambo, had survived many decades of ruthless persecution because it had never lost sight of the need to defend unity.

He said some organisations with whom the ANC had to form alliances may not have been identified with the organisation in the past, but they had taken and were continuing to take steps away from apartheid.

"It is our duty to encourage and win them over to the side of the struggle. It is our responsibility to break down barriers of division and create a country where there will be neither whites nor blacks, just South Africans, free and united in diversity."

He urged the youth to be disciplined and called on the league to open the eyes of the youth to reality.

"The education front becomes the most important front of our struggle. It is no longer enough to criticise. Our true values should be measured by our level of creativity."

A banner bearing portraits of Mr Tambo, Nelson Mandela and Walter Sisulu hung prominently next to the podium. In 1944, Mr Tambo, Mr Mandela and Mr Sisulu were founders of the Youth League. It and the ANC were banned in 1960.

The rally was addressed by South African Communist Party secretary-general Joe Slovo,

ANC foreign affairs spokesman Thabo Mbeki and Cosatu general secretary Jay Naidoo.

Peter Mokaba was appointed provisional chairman of the Youth League.

Other appointments to the provisional executive were: Lyndol Mafole (deputy chairman); Rapu Molekane (secretary-general); Uriel Abrahamse (secretary for administration); Bachana Mokwena (secretary for finance and projects); Ignatius Jacobs (deputy secretary for finance and projects); Tseke Morathi (secretary for student affairs), assisted by Derrick Masoek and Bizana Ngesi; Vusumuzi Mavimbela (secretary for political education), assisted by Phoebe Potgieter.

## Arts

Dipuo Peters was appointed secretary for womens' affairs; Kgaogelo Lekgoro (secretary for organisation), assisted by Nyami Boo, Victor Motjope and Sampson Makwetla; Parks Mankahlana (secretary for publicity), assisted by Radithupa Mabitsela, Yacoob Omar and Mpho Lekgoro; Leila McKenna (secretary of arts), assisted by Johnny Sexwale and Mogamotsi Mogodire; Billy Masehla (secretary for labour), assisted by Norman Mashabane and Puso Tladi; Dan Sekonye (secretary for region) and Sharon Davids (secretary for pioneers).



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# 6 men gunned down in Soweto

By Gien Elsas  
West Rand Bureau

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Six men were shot dead in Naledi, Soweto, last night in what has been described as possible revenge for an attack on an Inkatha member killed at nearby Merafe Station on Saturday morning.

A police spokesman said the six men were walking in an area adjoining the Merafe hostel at about 8.15 pm. Several shots were fired at them and all six died.

Police said they were investigating the possibility that the attackers could have

been from the Merafe Hostel. They added that the attack might have been in revenge for the death of a Zulu who was chopped and stabbed on Saturday morning.

The man was on his way to an Inkatha rally and had apparently missed his train when he was attacked and killed shortly before 9 am.

Several people were held for questioning following his death.

Two Inkatha supporters were wounded in separate incidents also on Saturday morning.

The crew of a police helicopter saw a man being attacked at the Orlando Railway Station. They circled the area and the man's attackers fled.

A short while later a police patrol saw another Inkatha supporter being attacked in Nancefield. They approached the scene and the attackers fled.

This victim — also badly chopped and stabbed — was taken to Baragwanath Hospital in a serious condition.

Police said the names of the dead and injured had not yet been established.

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**JOHANNESBURG.** — Youths in the Pretoria township of Atteridgeville climbed ladders at the weekend to reconnect electricity cut off by the town council.

Virtually every house was switched on by comrades who carried out their work in the glare of passing police patrols.

The hundreds of residents whose electricity was cut off following the

## Comrades switch on the lights

township's rent boycott chanted slogans and sang freedom songs as the youths climbed the poles and switched on the lights. — Sapa



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# Power cut threats to 17 Tvl townships

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Electricity to 17 Transvaal townships, which collectively owe R23 million to Eskom, could be cut if legal action fails to prompt the black local authorities to settle their bills.

The legal action against the 17 out of 27 black local authorities was not aimed at end-users, although electricity supplies could be cut if the courts ordered it, or if the legal process "didn't yield the desired result", Eskom spokesman Mr Johan du Plessis said at the weekend.

The action was part of Eskom's credit control procedures and this route was preferred above the punitive cutting of the power supply to the townships, he said.

"In fact, Eskom has no reason to assume the legal process will not be satisfactory," Mr Du Plessis said.

"We realise that many township residents have started making regular payments again, but for some reason these monies are not always reaching us."

There are 27 local authorities in arrears, four of which have already been summonsed while another 13 will be summonsed this week.

Mr Du Plessis indicated that apart from the Benoni municipality, which was summonsed in September, no other action against white authorities was being considered.

He said he was not in a position to disclose what local authorities had been summonsed.

Meanwhile, a delegation of representatives from Ermelo's Wesselson township are to hold an urgent meeting with Eskom officials this week to allay rumours that electricity could be cut off again.

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# Naledi wounded tell of night of death

By Thabo Leshilo

Victims of Sunday night's shooting in Naledi, where 16 people were killed and at least 33 injured when alleged Inkatha hit-men fired indiscriminately at residents, yesterday described their experience from their hospital beds.

The victims claim the attack was to avenge an Inkatha member killed at Naledi Station en route to the organisation's protest march in Johannesburg on Saturday.

Vincent Adams (25) of Protea North said he was at a "stokvel" (party) in Naledi when the attackers pounced.

"We were enjoying ourselves when we heard the sound of gunfire.

"The house was immediately surrounded by strange men who

opened fire, stabbed and hacked patrons without saying a word."

Mr Adams was first shot in the thigh, then in the back while he was lying on the ground.

Rethabile Lekhanya (17), a Std 7 pupil at Thomas-Mofolo Secondary School, said he was returning from buying more beers with a man known only as "Mjita", at whose home the party was being held, when they were both shot.

## Firecrackers

He said that as they approached the house a car flicked its lights at them.

"We saw four men approach our car. I then heard 'pha, pha, pha' (the sound of gunfire). I felt a bullet tear my stomach. Another bullet hit me in the upper arm."

They drove to the Jabulani Fire Station where an ambulance took them to hospital. "Mjita" died on the way.

A mother of two, Pinki Mahlangu (34) from KwaThema, Springs, said she had accompanied friends from a "stokvel" in KwaThema to Naledi.

While waiting at the minibus after dropping off a friend at his home she heard what she thought were firecrackers.

She said that she saw a yellow Ford Sierra, which was parked behind their minibus, leave the scene with its lights off.

The occupants, allegedly white men wearing balaclavas, then shot at them, killing four and injuring eight.

She said the exposed arm of one man showed that he was white.



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# Murder sparks wave of killings

By Gien Elsas  
West Rand Bureau

Sixteen people were shot dead and at least 33 seriously injured in what appears to have been a spate of revenge attacks following the murder of an Inkatha supporter in Soweto at the weekend.

In one of the worst attacks, six men died in a hail of bullets on Sunday night when unidentified gunmen fired at them as they walked through a section of Naledi, Soweto, which borders the Merafe Hostel area.

Naledi residents said the attack came after Inkatha members from the hostel had threatened to kill 100 residents for each Inkatha member killed by Soweto residents.

Inkatha Freedom Party Youth Brigade Transvaal chairman Themba Khoza yesterday appealed to Inkatha members not to carry out revenge attacks.

The Naledi attack and a series of separate shooting incidents follow the death of an Inkatha supporter who was

chopped and stabbed to death at Merafe Station just before 9 am on Saturday while waiting for a train to take him to an Inkatha rally in Johannesburg.

An ANC rally was held at the Orlando Stadium in Soweto on the same day.

In an attack at Orlando Station, a man narrowly escaped death when a crew aboard a police helicopter spotted him being set upon.

The man's attackers fled when police circled the area.

In another incident a short while later, a patrolling police unit saw a man being attacked near Nancefield. They went to his assistance and the attackers fled. He sustained serious stab wounds, police said.

In several other incidents in Naledi, five more people were killed, another five were declared dead on arrival at Baragwanath Hospital and at least 33 suffered bullet wounds when they were shot at by unknown assailants.

Soweto police said the attackers seemed to have shot at anything that moved. A minibus driver was driving in the area when he heard shots. He looked at his passengers and

found one shot dead and the other injured.

Major-General Johan Swart, Regional Commissioner of the Soweto police, said the SAP had launched an immediate plan of action to bring the attackers to justice.

"We sympathise with the relatives of the deceased and injured, and appeal to all residents of Soweto not to take the law into their own hands. Give the police a chance to solve this case," the general said.

He asked anyone with any information about the killings to telephone Soweto's murder and robbery squad on (011) 980-8104. ● Sapa reports that police have arrested a 20-year-old man, alleged to be a member of the ANC Youth League, in connection with the death of the Inkatha supporter at Merafe Station.

A spokesman for the newly launched ANC Youth League, Parks Mankahlana, said it was ridiculous to claim that the arrested youth was a member of the league because it had not registered any members, except "a few people" who would be responsible for the league's registration campaign.

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# Kagiso faces Eskom blackout



By Therese Anders

Eskom is poised to black out the large West Rand township of Kagiso near Krugersdorp tomorrow for defaulting on its bulk electricity account.

It will be the first time the electricity giant has suspended supply to a township.

Eskom communications manager Johan du Plessis said yesterday: "There will be talks on Tuesday between all parties involved, but if these are not successful we will be compelled to cut Kagiso's supply. We cannot go on supplying without payment."

Eskom is now in the process of summoning 17 black local authorities for amounts totalling R23 million.

In all, Eskom is owed R70 million by 27 townships since the Government stopped bringing finance on September 1.

However, Mr du Plessis stressed that Eskom was not yet thinking in terms of severing supply to all debtor townships.

"We will go the legal route first," he said.



# Legal hitch over report on Sebokeng

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By Helen Grange

The finding of the Goldstone Commission — that the killing of 11 people by riot policemen in Sebokeng was unjustifiable — could well be turned on its head in court, Transvaal Attorney-General Don Brunette indicated yesterday.

Despite the "media created" impression that the policemen in the incident were guilty, it was proving difficult to indict them legally, he said.

By the same token, leaders of the protest group fired on by the police line on March 26 could well face legal action for having broken the law.

They had marched illegally and therefore precipitated the shootings, he said.

"There may be prosecutions on both sides. And once the matter is in court, the Goldstone findings will be judged very strictly indeed.

"The problem is that the Goldstone Commission did not

examine the incident from a legal position. It is possible that no policemen will be prosecuted by the State, although policemen involved in incidents prior to this may face charges," Mr Brunette said.

This probably refers to an incident that occurred earlier the same day, when a Sergeant Rudgerd van Huysteen and Constable Jurie Geldenhuys had opened fire on groups they confronted looting and burning shops, killing four. The men claimed they were being attacked.

Mr Brunette said that while policemen who participated in the firing line may be found to have been negligent, this would only constitute a case for civil action and not criminal prosecution.

It is understood that civil claims of between R2 million and R3 million brought by families of victims are being processed.

He and a legal team are still reviewing the Goldstone findings and a decision on legal action would be made soon, he said.

New Zealand couple shot after losing their way

# Tourist slain in Soweto

By Gien Elsas  
and Marguerite Moody

An elderly New Zealand tourist was shot dead in Soweto yesterday and his wife was wounded in the arm after they lost their way while returning from a shopping trip.

Alfred Harrison (74) died instantly and his wife Phyllis (69) is recovering in the J G Strijdom Hospital.

The couple arrived about two months ago to attend the 21st birthday celebrations of a grandson. They were staying in Florida Park with their daughter, Georgie Braithwaite (44), and her family.

Mrs Braithwaite expressed outrage last night.

Interviewed by The Star at the hospital she said her parents had ended up in Soweto after losing their way while returning from a shopping trip to Randburg.

"They had apparently taken a wrong turn-off and when they saw a sign saying 'Welcome to Soweto', they realised they were lost.

"They stopped to ask the way from a neatly dressed man carrying a briefcase. When the man was pushed aside by two other men. According to my mother, the men grabbed her and my father's wristwatches, and when my mother bent down to give her handbag to the assailants, they shot at her."

Mrs Braithwaite said the bullet hit her father in the side after going through her mother's arm.

"After the two men ran off, the car was surrounded by people, and they were very helpful. They called the police and an ambulance."

Mrs Braithwaite said her parents would not have entered Soweto on their own.

She did not know how long her mother would remain in hospital. Doctors had said she was suffering from tremendous shock.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tienie Halgryn, said all that appeared to have been stolen were the two watches.

He added it appeared that one bullet had hit both victims, but only ballistic reports and further investigation would be able to confirm this.

Police have launched a hunt for the killers.



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# Now KwaGuqa power cut

By Therese Anders  
Highveld Bureau

WITBANK — KwaGuqa, the eastern Transvaal's biggest township, was plunged into darkness last night after the Witbank Town Council cut the electricity supply.

The township owes the Witbank local authority more than R500 000 for the bulk of its supply of water and electricity.

However, Witbank town secretary Pieter Rorich said the water supply would not be sus-

ended.  
KwaGuqa also owes Eskom R290 000 for electricity supplied for more than two months to houses in new extensions.

● The electricity supply to the East Rand townships of Wattville and Daveyton will be cut off at midnight tonight, the Benoni Town Council announced at its monthly meeting last night.

Representatives of Daveyton, Wattville and the Transvaal Provincial Administration are scheduled to meet today to discuss the electricity supply.

## Wietpro plans to stay in black housing market

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Wietpro Housing plans to continue its operations in the black housing market because it believes the solution to the housing shortage lies with the private sector, not government.

MD Johan Jacobs said in an interview the withdrawal of a number of large housing contractors from black townships as a result of the violence, high crime rate and threats of bond boycotts was to be regretted.

Wietpro, a company in the Malcolm Moodie group, also develops housing in white areas and industrial sites.

Jacobs said Wietpro was developing three large housing schemes in Tembisa, Dobsonville and Diepkloof. It did not intend leaving the market.

In Dobsonville, Wietpro is also planning a nursery school — funded by local residents — and a shopping centre.

Wietpro sells houses priced up to R50 000. It is investigating low-cost housing options.

According to Malungani Sanitary & Hardware Supplies owner Peter Malungani, suppliers to Wietpro, the housing company has undertaken to allocate some work to local builders.

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"The big building companies tend to use their own — I might say white — suppliers," Malungani says.

"Since most black builders lack the financial infrastructure to develop land, they cannot obtain it. Wietpro has made 56 stands available in Dobsonville at cost price which are allocated to seven or eight local people who develop on those stands."

Jacobs employs black sales staff to explain the details of home buying to clients in their own language and to ensure that buyers can afford their bond repayments.

"It is a gross injustice not only to the purchaser but also to the building society to sell a house to someone who cannot afford the monthly repayments."

"It leads not only to heartache but also to even greater financial hardship and a negative attitude on the part of building societies towards funding in black areas."

Schachat Home Building director Hilton Katz said his company had no intention of withdrawing from the black housing market.

"You have to assess the financial and physical risk and then decide whether it is viable to continue in certain areas," he said.



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# First black addresses council

Municipal Reporter

It was an historic moment when black members of Actstop were allowed to address Johannesburg city councillors last night in the council chamber to protest against exploitation and discrimination in the city.

About 200 members of Actstop staged a sit-in in the Johannesburg City Council.

The crowd, many sporting ANC colours and bearing

placards calling for the downfall of "apartheid local government", were barred from entering the council chamber by security guards on the grounds that they were not dressed properly.

After talks, the Actstop members were allowed in.

General secretary, Pas-sage Nkosi, said black inner city residents were upset at the city council's response to a memorandum they handed to the council in May, listing grievances which included

high rentals and exploitation by landlords, lack of recreation facilities for black people in the city and a shortage of graveyard plots.

Management committee chairman Ian Davidson, allowed Mr Nkosi to state his case after the monthly meeting was adjourned.

In reponse, Mr Davidson said he recognised the problems they experienced and said the council would continue to look into them.

# Maseko is new mayor of Soweto

By PHANGISILE MTSHALI

SOWETO has a new mayor.

He is Mr Oscar Maseko (46), a Sofasonke Party member who has been a councillor for Moletsane for two years.

Maseko and his deputy, Mr Alfred Nyathi, were elected yesterday.

The election took place amid allegations of corruption and fraudulent land sales.

Councillors jeered and made sarcastic remarks as town clerk Mr Piet Geers conducted the election.



OSCAR MASEKO

In his inaugural speech, Maseko pledged an open-door policy and constant communication with civic and political organisations.

"We recognise that the ANC, PAC and the Azanian People's

Organisation are the main political organisations of the people," he said.

"Our relationship with them will always remain cordial."

Maseko also promised to resolve the hostel issue, get more land to house the homeless and speed up the upgrading of Soweto's roads and sewerage system.

Maseko, who thanked God that he was at last the mayor of Soweto, is a father of two.

He has a Standard 10 certificate and works as a controller for a retail store.

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## Electricity application dismissed

By Cathy Stagg

Four Daveyton residents, who made an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court against the Daveyton Town Council and the Benoni City Council to have uninterrupted electricity supplies until December 31 this year, had their application dismissed with costs yesterday.

Mr Justice K van Dijkhorst ruled that the R70 a month Daveyton residents had been paying to the town council was "an extremely arbitrary amount" which was far too small.

The judge referred to a public meeting held in the Daveyton football stadium on Sunday September 23.

At the meeting, the Daveyton Town Council proposed rates higher than the R70 a month residents had been paying as a flat rate for electricity and other services and the R150 flat rate business owners had been paying. This was rejected by the meeting.

Tom Boya, former Daveyton mayor, said in papers that he and eight other councillors, who formed a quorum, accepted the lower flat rates on behalf of the town council during the meeting. This agreement formalised a situation which had existed since April 1.

Mr Justice van Dijkhorst noted that the R70 a month was only 29 percent of what was needed to keep the township running.

He said he found it "strange" that a man who had been mayor for 10 years could say the crowd in a football stadium and councillors who happened to be present had concluded an agreement.

Mr Boya resigned as mayor during the meeting.

The judge also ruled that Benoni City Council, which was owed R3,9 million by Daveyton, could not be forced to supply electricity to the township.

# Regulations are lifted on East Rand

By Peter Fabricius  
Political Correspondent

The Government yesterday lifted the proclamation of unrest areas — popularly known as "mini states of emergency" — in East Rand townships.

Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok announced that the special security measures proclaimed under the Public Safety Act would from yesterday no longer apply in Wattville, Daveyton, Katlehong, Tokoza, Tembisa, Botleg, KwaThema, Duduza, Ratanda, Vosloosrus and Tsakane.

He said that the security situation in these townships had improved sufficiently to enable him to lift the measures. During October only 32 unrest incidents took place in these areas, compared with 363 incidents in September and 382 in August.

Mr Vlok said that the unrest situation in other areas where unrest had been declared did not allow these measures to be lifted. The measures would be lifted as soon as it became clear that violence was no longer a threat.

Mr Vlok said he would not hesitate to declare unrest areas in those places where public order was disrupted by disturbance of the peace, disorder, rioting or public violence.

However, these powers would only be used where the situation demanded it and for as long as the unrest continued.

Mr Vlok said he realised that the decision to lift the unrest area proclamations contained certain risks and implications, especially with regard to manpower, but gave the assurance that the situation would be watched closely and evaluated consistently.

Mr Vlok's announcement means that the unrest area proclamations will still be in place in 16 of the 27 townships where they were introduced on August 24.



# Black builders issue appeal on housing crisis

SOWETO developers yesterday blamed spiralling interest rates for residents' failure to meet their bond obligations, and called on building societies to extend the repayment period from 20 years to 35.

The Soweto Developers and Builders Forum (SDBF) also deplored white developers pulling out of black areas, and criticised building societies' decision to stop granting loans in some areas.

Planning and Provincial Affairs Minister Hernus Kriel said last month eight major construction companies had withdrawn from the black housing market because of political unrest and repayment boycotts.

A number of banks and building societies were later reported to have effectively blacklisted townships where unrest and threats of bond repayment boycotts had occurred.

SDBF chairman Aubrey Mokoena yesterday rejected the allegation that political agitation stopped blacks from meeting their bond obligations.

Mokoena told a Press conference in Johannesburg:

"We believe that the so-called bond boycott is related to the rent boycott in that it has overtones of inaffordability.

"We believe houses must be paid for, but that all misunderstandings must be taken out of all issues regarding black housing bonds and finance."

THEO RAWANA

His organisation would request a meeting with the office of the Minister of Finance and the Reserve Bank, "with a view to discussing the effect of the interest rates on the building industry".

Building societies would be petitioned for a meeting to discuss ideas to ease the pressure on bond repayments by stretching the repayment period.

Inviting white developers to return and form joint ventures with blacks, Mokoena said: "We view the pull-out by major developers and the reluctance of building societies to grant loans as a very strange coincidence. This may be to the further detriment of the small contractor."

Time Holdings financial director Neil Carter said the problem with operating in the townships was that building societies were not lending in some areas, but something had to be done. Interest rates might come down at the end of next year, but the situation had to be assisted by a stable political situation.

Stretching the repayment period would not change the situation much because it would reduce the rates by three percentage points, Carter said.

Allied home loans manager Geoff Bowker said his bank would lend to all areas if it was prudent to do so. "We have to move cautiously where there is an element of risk".

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## Wesselton witnesses give details

By Norman Chandler  
Pretoria Bureau

Witnesses to the alleged police harassment of residents of Wesselton township near Ermelo have produced seven affidavits giving details of various incidents.

The Star is in possession of these affidavits.

Police investigations into what happened at Ermelo township are continuing, it was revealed yesterday.

Wesselton residents alleged that policemen punctured containers after permission had been granted by Indian residents of nearby Cassim Park for water to be provided.

The incidents arose after Ermelo Town Council switched off water and sewerage systems on October 16 for non-payment of service fees. The services were reconnected eight days later.

Some affidavits state that police arrested residents, used Casspir armoured personnel carriers to drive over containers and punctured the containers with sharp instruments. It is alleged that a group of uniformed policemen sjamboked women who were carrying containers filled with water.

It has also been alleged by garage owner Boetie Tilly that police intimidated him by attempting to get him to change a statement he made to them about an incident involving police and residents at his garage.

In an affidavit to The Star, Mr Tilly has again reiterated the claims he made earlier.

Police have appealed to witnesses to provide statements about the alleged incidents so that a full investigation can be launched. Earlier, Mr Tilly was invited to lay a charge of intimidation.

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## Power cuts: Police appeal to Sisulu

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PRETORIA. — The Department of Law and Order yesterday appealed to Mr Walter Sisulu, internal leader of the ANC, to use his influence to stop a campaign to illegally reconnect cut electricity in townships.

A spokesman said such a campaign could lead to unnecessary confrontation, and the police were determined to stop the illegal practice.

He said arrests had already been made in this regard and suspects had appeared in court.

He said the department had noted with extreme concern the reported statements by Mr Parks Mankahlana that the ANC Youth League would be encouraged to intensify the "switch-on" campaign.

"Should anyone be electrocuted or otherwise injured as a result of this campaign, the blame would lie squarely on the shoulders of the ANC and its youth league," he said.

Police patrols to stop the illegal action had been intensified. — Sapa

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# Mandela warns killings may provoke ANC

NELSON Mandela warned in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, yesterday that the spate of killings in black townships, which he blamed on police "death squads", could provoke his African National Congress (ANC) to take up arms again.

"We are hard put to restrain our followers from retaliating if the Government fails to adopt appropriate measures," Mr Mandela, who is visiting Malaysia, told a rally at an indoor stadium.

## Repudiated

And in Johannesburg yesterday Mr Mathew Posha of the ANC said that the training of African National Congress fighters will continue and was not precluded by the Groote Schuur and Pretoria Minutes.

Mr Posha, a member of the joint ANC-Government working group on the release of political prisoners and the return of exiles, repudiated reports that the ANC had agreed to stop training its fighters as part of the deal concluded between the two sides.

Mr Mandela told his Malaysian audience: "We fervently hope that the circumstances will not compel us to take up arms again in self-defence," he said.

Mr Mandela alleged that right-wing elements of the security forces had trained black criminals for an indiscriminate killing spree to discredit the ANC and to derail the South African peace process.

Police blame rivalry between the ANC and the Inkatha Freedom Party for the violence.

"We are convinced that the right-wing elements in the security forces are acting in collusion with these criminals. We cannot but conclude that the right-wing fanatics seek

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to exploit our suspension of armed struggle to advance the cause of white domination," he added.

Earlier, in an interview with a state-owned television station, Mandela described President F W de Klerk as a man of integrity, but said this was not enough to guarantee that changes sought by the blacks would succeed.

"We cannot work out a strategy on the integrity of an individual no matter what position he holds in government," Mr Mandela said.

Malaysia agreed to provide aid to the ANC after talks yesterday between Mandela and Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad.

The amount of monetary aid has yet to be decided and Malaysia would also give assistance to build houses and provide job training for ANC exiles who have returned to South Africa, a Foreign Ministry official said.

Yesterday Mr Posha told journalists at a news briefing that the ANC army, Umkhonto we Sizwe, or MK, will continue to "train and upgrade" its fighters.

## Joining up

But, he added, the question of whether guerillas would be trained inside or outside South Africa was under discussion by a working committee on which Chris Hani, Umkhonto we Sizwe's chief of staff, served.

"People are still joining MK in great numbers," he said.

Mr Posha reiterated that the ANC had not agreed that progress in the release of political prisoners and the return

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of exiles should be linked to fulfilment of the ANC's agreement to suspend its armed struggle.

He challenged the Minister of Justice, Kobie Coetsee, and officials of his department to produce a document where the ANC agreed to the link.

Meanwhile, Law and Order Minister Mr Adriaan Vlok said in a television programme yesterday that there would be no permanent peace in Natal until the ANC and Inkatha as well as the Conservative Party and Government all got together for talks.

The police, he said, were going ahead with plans to establish a further 24 temporary police stations in the Natal unrest areas in an effort to bring peace to

the region. Speaking on a national phone-in "House Meeting" broadcast on M-Net during lunch hour yesterday, Mr Vlok said the Government had for some time been "trying hard" to arrange for the four parties to get together to find a solution to the problem of unrest in Natal.

Mr Vlok said that in spite of incidents of unrest countrywide having declined from 252 in July when the state of emergency was lifted to 110 in October, the situation was still urgent enough to warrant peace talks.

The majority of viewers who participated in the one-hour broadcast which was paid for by the NP, were white South Africans who expressed concern about the wave of lawlessness they perceived to be spreading through the country.



# Train atrocities suspects seek bail

THE first of five men allegedly involved in two separate train massacres in September yesterday claimed police at the Brixton Murder and Robbery squad tore up a statement in which he had proclaimed his innocence.

Martin Ngcobu (47) appeared with Basi Nkosingondle (27), Mmengela Magabane (54), Solomon Khumalo (33) and Mabinela Majozi (23) at the start of their bail application in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court.

The men are alleged to have killed 21 people in train massacres on September 6 and September 15 this year.

## COURT REPORTER

Although no formal charges have been laid the men are likely to be accused of 21 counts of murder, 49 counts of attempted murder and illegal possession of arms and dangerous weapons.

Mr Ngcobu claimed to know nothing of either massacre.

He claimed police had torn up his original statement and written another one which they forced him to sign. He told magistrate Mr J van Heerden he had been tied up, beaten and given electric shocks

on his private parts.

"I know nothing of the killings and would not have signed the statement if I had not been tortured," Mr Ngcobu said.

He admitted owning a gun which he had bought this year to defend his cattle in KwaZulu.

He could not explain how he could defend his cattle while he and his gun were in Johannesburg.

The State Advocate said one of the major reasons for opposing bail was the possibility the men could commit further atrocities.

It was therefore in the public interest that the men remained in jail.

# Threats anger union

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THE South African Municipal Workers' Union (Samu) is up in arms against a Western Transvaal town council for threatening to withhold pay from its members and to retrench workers because of the rent boycott.

The trouble-torn Jouberton Town Council, which is rejected by the residents and is virtually run by Klerksdorp town council, issued a statement last week saying that if the seven-month-old rent boycott was not called off, employees would not receive their salaries at the end of October.

The town clerk of both Jouberton and Klerksdorp town councils, Jan Muller, said councillors would also not get their allowances for as long as the boycott went on.



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# Home, sweet home!

## Alex families band together to build each other houses

HOMELESS families in Alexandra township have joined forces to build houses for each other – helped by funds from an American Christian organisation.

Nine of the houses, built by unskilled residents with a little help from skilled blacks and whites who gave their labour and services free, were opened last weekend in 17th Avenue, Alexandra.

This brought to 14 the number of low-cost three-bedroom houses built since Helen Friedman arrived in South Africa 18 months ago.

She is the sole representative here of Habitat for Humanity International, an ecumenical Christian non-profit organisation based in Georgia.

More than 100 people are daily building the houses of neighbours before they start on their own, and it is hoped more will join in as soon as land is available.

Alexandra Habitat for Humanity is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International.

The organisation is operating in 300 American cities and in 70 countries in the Third World.

"It is not a charitable

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organisation, and helps build pride and dignity in the home-owner because he has obtained his property by his own endeavour and payments," says Helen.

Prospective home-owners have to put in 500 hours of labour on other homes before they can have their own built.

They are taught basic

skills, including how to use the machine that makes concrete building blocks.

The houses are sold at cost to families who earn less than R1 000 a month. The family pays 25 per cent of gross monthly income for the house.

The houses cost about R15 000, compared with at least R38 000 for a similar conventionally-built house.

Because no interest is charged, average monthly payments of R150 will pay off the R15 000 in eight years.

The owners' monthly

repayments are used to buy land and materials. Fresh capital is obtained by donations and interest-free loans.

Several smaller South African companies have also contributed and some hardware and building material companies have donated materials.

Among the happy new home owners is Regina Mabizela, 50, who has five children and whose family lived in a yard in Alexandra for 15 years.

Because her husband only earns R216 a week, she never dreamed she would ever have her own

home.

Her friend Maria Mkabine, 47, who earns R138 a week as a packer in a chicken factory, has been helping her build since February this year.

She has not yet completed her 500 hours to get her home, but is working towards it.

She lives in a back yard with her three children – she has no husband – and shares a shack with her sister who has five children.

"I cannot wait for us to have our own home," she said.



**Helen Friedman and community worker Joyce Dube at the opening of the nine houses in Alexandra which were built by poor families with help from America.**





# LET THERE BE LIGHT: and a brief flicker there was!

By ELIAS MALULEKE

ANNAH Mahlalela of Atteridgeville township in Pretoria went to bed on Saturday night wishing she had electricity in her matchbox house so she could iron her church costume.

Mahlalela had no electricity for five days after the town council cut off the supplies due to an eight-month rent boycott, forcing her to resort to a pressure stove for cooking and candles for lighting.

"I did not know how long I would have to endure the hardship of living without electricity, because apart from being inconvenienced, my husband and kids were forever grumbling and our relationship was becoming strained," she said.

"Voila!" When she woke up the following day, her son's hi-fi set was blowing full blast, her fridge was buzzing and her lights were on.

"I thought I was dreaming," she said with a huge smile.

She was not the only ecstatic woman in Atteridgeville last Sunday. More than 7 000 women could be heard humming joyfully while sports-loving children crammed around TV sets.

Atteridgeville came back to life as the "young lions" roared from house to house to reconnect electricity. Residents joined "Operation Switch On" and supplied tools. Beer, too, flowed like the River of Babylon.

Police allegedly ignored "Operation Switch Ca" - a term nicked from the now famous "Operation Iron Fist" - as youths used makeshift stepladders and crawled on streetpoles in a flurry of activity.

Although the switch-on started late on Friday, it gained momen-

tum on Sunday when disillusioned township electricians offered their services for free.

A "comrade" told *City Press* that several electricians offered on Saturday night to put on the lights, but asked to be provided with "security".

"On Sunday at dawn they went to work assisted by the comrades. They worked for the whole day until 6pm when they called it off, saying 'we do not want to work overtime'," he said.

Police witnessed the switch-on, he said, but turned a blind eye. However, one youth who crawled on a pole was almost electrocuted, but miraculously survived.

More than 90 percent of the homes - for which the council paid a sub-contractor a fee of about R80 per house to unplug - were switched on by Tuesday. It is estimated that 10 000 houses were involved, and the council may have parted with close to R1-million to pay the contractor.

*City Press* visited several houses where electricity had been restored, but family members were still uncertain about the future and refused to be identified for fear of victimisation.

But they did not wait long to know what the future had in store.

On Thursday Judge Daniels ruled at the Pretoria Supreme Court that the council's action in disconnecting the power supply was sanctioned by its by-laws. He dismissed, with costs, an application brought by the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro) challenging the council's decision to cut off electricity.

A similar application by Daveyton residents was also dismissed with costs by Judge Van Dijkhorst

in the Rand Supreme Court the same day.

As a result of the ruling, the Atteridgeville council went back to switching off the lights - amid angry reactions from residents.

Shortly after the judgment, police escorted workers hired by the council as they disconnected electricity in the township, reports Sapa.

Pretoria police liaison officer, Lieutenant Burger van Rooyen, confirmed the police action.

Meanwhile the Atteridgeville branch of the ANC has warned that the resumed disconnection of electricity to township homes was "highly provocative", and could lead to violence.

Publicity secretary of the branch, Ronnie Mamoepa, called for an urgent meeting between the TPA and Asro, at which the ANC was prepared to act as mediator.

"We want the police to clarify what their role is in this situation.

"Our understanding is that they should be impartial in such matters, and we can therefore not understand why they are assisting in cutting off electricity."

Mamoepa denied the ANC branch in Atteridgeville had called on people to restore electricity to their homes.

"On the contrary, the ANC is prepared to mediate between Asro and the TPA."

The ANC has rejected a Law and Order ministry statement that the ANC should stop a campaign to reconnect electricity.

"We deny ever calling or being involved in such a campaign.

"We never called on people to do that."



# More Tvl townships threatened with power cuts this week

By Therese Anders  
Highveld Bureau

Several hundred thousand residents in eight townships in the Transvaal and one in the Free State were without electricity and, in some cases, without water at the weekend.

And, as the rent and services-boycott crisis worsens, many more Transvaal townships face blackouts this week as their electricity and water accounts fall due.

## Reprieve

Eskom, which has yet to suspend supply to 27 black local authorities, is threatening to suspend power to Kagiso on the West Rand today if an agreement is not reached.

KwaGuqa, which was without electricity for most of last week, has been given a reprieve by the Witbank Town Council. KwaGuqa owes the white local authority more than R500 000 and Eskom over R200 000.

Kroonstad's Maokeng township, where there has been severe water rationing, today goes into its seventh day without electricity.

A power blackout was averted in Brakpan's

Tsakane township after Eskom, the local civic association and the Transvaal Provincial Administration agreed last week that residents with electricity would make a flat payment of R85 and those without would pay R30.

● The bulk supply of electricity to Jouberton by the Klerksdorp Town Council will be suspended today, but bulk water supplies will be delivered on a limited scale.

This follows the continuing rent and service boycott initiated and encouraged by organisations in Jouberton, said a Klerksdorp council spokesman.

He said that because of the boycott, the Jouberton Town Council was unable to meet its monthly obligations.

The large arrear amounts led to warnings by the Klerksdorp council that today would be the date for the electricity cut-off and a limit on the supply of water, he said.

"Last week we had three meetings with the Jouberton Civic Association. We agreed that yesterday's would be the final one, but the association failed to produce a reasonable solution."

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## 22 murdered in Soweto – SAP

There were 22 murders, 11 rapes, 12 vehicle hijackings and 14 cars stolen in Soweto at the weekend, according to the SAP's crime statistic report.

A police spokesman said that in one incident, police arrested three men and recovered R3 500 in cash, an AK-47 rifle, a shotgun and a pistol shortly after a Lenasia company had been robbed on Friday morning.

Employees at Zomba Brick in Lenasia were held up by three men who escaped with about R6 000.  
— West Rand Bureau.



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**accountable to the people".**

It warned: "This measure is designed to create vigilante groups to prop up those discredited community councils that are still operating and to act against the people who are daily protesting against the callous actions of the authorities which have resulted in essential services being cut off."

## Explosive

**"The confrontational approach of the CP-led authorities, and the indifference expressed in the actions of such bodies as Eskom, have already resulted in tensions reaching crisis proportions.**

**"The introduction of a legalised vigilante force into this already explosive situation is an outrage. We hold the Gov-**

UDF national spokesman Titus Mafolo said the Government had chosen to form "these legal vigilante groups" while there were serious difficulties in the process of resolving township problems.

It further called on its supporters to launch defiance campaigns by, among other things, switching on electricity where it had been cut off by councils.

The UDF would call a meeting of affiliates to explore the possibility of mass action, Mr Mafolo said.

# The people support me, says Hoza

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By VUSI KAMA  
Staff Reporter

KHAYELITSHA mayor Mr Mali Hoza says he does not know what lies behind the tension in the township because he still enjoys mass support.

In an interview, Mr Hoza said he had "absolutely no problems" with Khayelitsha residents and blamed outsiders for causing trouble.

"No one has come to me to complain about the way we are running the township. As far as I know, the residents are happy and we have their support."

He said he had not heard anyone from Khayelitsha asking him to step down as mayor.

## 'Causing trouble'

"People who want me and the other councillors to step down are from outside Khayelitsha and they are here to cause trouble," he said.

Asked about the crowd that gathered for a march on his offices recently, Mr Hoza said they could not have been from Khayelitsha.

"People here are happy with my leadership and if they had a problem with me, they would have come to my office."

Mr Hoza barred the crowd from marching, saying they should have told him of their grievances first. "A march must be a last resort."

Had the march taken place, possibly more people would have died, Mr Hoza added.

He welcomed the curfew on Khayelitsha and praised police for doing a good job.

"Since I came here in 1981, I have seen the police functioning well and I am pleased," Mr Hoza said.

The mayor said he was not considering joining any political party until "negotiations" were over. He said he fully supported the system of one-person, one vote, and added he was even prepared to join the National Party "if they impress me".

Mr Hoza's statements came under fierce attack from the chairman of the Western Cape Civic Association, Mr Michael Mapongwana.



Mr Mali Hoza

Mr Mapongwana was injured and his wife died in a petrol-bomb attack on their home last month. Mourners at Mrs Mapongwana's funeral blamed Mr Hoza's town council for the attack.

Commenting on Mr Hoza's statement, Mr Mapongwana said it was "utter nonsense" to say the campaign against councillors was orchestrated by outsiders.

"The march was organised by the Khayelitsha zone of the Civic Association, not the central executive committee. So, in fact even I, chairman of the central executive, was not involved in the organising."

Mr Hoza's claims of support in Khayelitsha were "simply a lie".

Mr Mapongwana said Mr Hoza "should be ashamed of himself" for attracting a small crowd at Sunday's meeting.

"I should not even be saying a word about this man. Who is he?"

## Curfew defiance decision: Let's talk it over — Vlok

PRETORIA. — The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, has noted with concern the African National Congress decision to defy the curfew on Khayelitsha and other black areas near Cape Town.

The regional organiser of the ANC, Mr Johnny Issel, said the defiance campaign was aimed at destroying "racist local government structures" that were causing problems.

Mr Vlok said that while the police were trying to restore order, it was now up to community leaders to en-

sure that conditions conducive to lasting stability were maintained and strengthened.

"The responsibility of community leaders and organisations is now much greater to ensure that outbreaks of unrest and confrontational situations are avoided.

"I therefore invite all parties involved in this issue to discuss with me and with the SA Police the ways and means through which the situation can best be stabilised," said Mr Vlok. — Sapa.



# Deathbed watch as the clock ticks away slowly for township councils

THIS Friday, the final day of November, is the deadline set by the recently-formed Civic Associations of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) for all township councillors to resign. Cast demands their resignations to end a system regarded by many more people than itself as exploiting residents in the interests of an outdated apartheid.

The "deadline" could be just that — fatal — for some councillors, given the violence that over more than six years invented the "necklace" and caused the deaths of scores of township residents, including councillors. Cast was formed by 38 civics in mid-September and has so far attracted another eight, most of them affiliated to the United Democratic Front (UDF). But the alliance is independent, according to a founder member, Cass Coovadia. He was a walking casualty, hit by a rubber bullet, a fortnight ago after two people were killed in a clash with police at Cast's first street demonstration in central Johannesburg.

Coovadia says the government has recognised that the way townships are administered is not viable: "These councils must go now rather than eventually, as the government intends. Meanwhile it continues to legitimise their existence."

Asked if Cast would not be accused of intimidating councillors by demanding their resignations, Coovadia replied that there was no intimidation; but Cast could not be held responsible for the acts of hooligans. Many councillors have over the months already resigned and some councils are not functioning as pressure builds up against the apartheid-based system. Cast wants them all to resign so a completely new and fair system can be put together and incorporated in the non-racial constitution that's still to be negotiated.

In the interim, Cast wants townships run by administrators (as some already are) or a combination of officials appointed by local white administrations and township representatives. Boycotts would end once these temporary administrations provided proper services at "affordable prices". The ultimate solution envisaged by Cast is a series of non-racial city councils, whose revenue would be based on a single tax for both black and white residents.

There would be metropolitan chambers linking post-apartheid councils along the lines on which provincial administrations operate at present.

But the Soweto Civic Association (SCA), the largest of them all, is not a member of Cast and has reservations about Cast's strategy. It shares the same basic principles for non-racial city councils that would eliminate the current inequality through which township residents pay more for unsatisfactory services than whites do for the best available — while their rates are subsidised.

There is little industrial and commercial business in the townships, but more than enough in "white" areas and their taxes subsidise white suburbs. The inequality is that these businesses derive much of their income from black people, who do most of their shopping near their places of employment in "white" areas.

Isaac Mogase, president of the SCA, points out that part of their recent accord with the Transvaal Provincial Administration to write off as a bad debt millions owed by boycotting Soweto residents is the setting up of a committee to inquire into removing the inequalities by establishing non-racial councils.

The official response to boycotts and the violence they generate has been to declare townships "unrest areas", impose curfews and send in armed patrols — which lead to more unrest and casualties.

The first such deaths occurred in June 1984 in Tumahole outside the *platteland* town of Parys in the Free State. The local council had announced a rent increase which residents could not afford or refused to pay. On September 3, anniversary of the day World War II was declared, this initial civic war marched north into Vaal townships where councillors were among the first victims for approving rent increases. And on June 1 1985, militant Soweto finally joined the battle.

The boycotts have since spread to other townships around the country and civic associations have become a force.

Township councils are expected to remain viable on peanuts and are, therefore, forced to impose rent and services increases whatever their constituencies can afford to pay. There is the added difficulty of corruption by council-

The death knell for the apartheid system of local government has been tolling for years. Now it's just a matter of time, reports **ARTHUR MAIMANE**



Cast founder member Cass Coovadia

lors — known as "six percenters" because they have in many instances been elected by a minority of residents disillusioned by the councillors lining their own pockets with their constituents' hard-earned cash.

Isaac Mogase, of the Soweto Civic Association, says research shows that commuters from that black city earn an estimated two billion in "white" Johannesburg and spend most of it — R1,4-million — in the city. This transfer of wealth from Soweto has allowed the Johannesburg City Council to present its citizens with the gift of a 55 percent rates rebate.

According to the research organisation Planact: "This subsidisation of the white community's urban services by impoverished black communities that the apartheid local system facilitated, gave rise to the 'one tax base' demand that rapidly became a national rallying cry in the communities."

The Greater Soweto Accord, signed by township representatives and the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) in September, states: "It is accepted by all the parties that infrastructural services in Greater Soweto are inadequate, poorly-maintained, and in need of both improvement and extension. These services include: electricity, water, sewerage, cleansing, roads and stormwater drainage."

Electricity charges — and their non-payment — sparked off many of the recent "unrest incidents" when township councils cut off supplies, including those to people who had kept up their payments. The odd arrangement is that councils buy electricity in bulk from Eskom, but at different costs, depending on the "load factor" set by non-domestic consumers, such as factories, allowing industry to subsidise domestic consumers.

Now, after more than five years of boycotts, councils are bankrupt, with Eskom owed R96-million it's not prepared to write off: two East Rand councils, Vosloorus and Katlehong, owe R11-million between them. In the Free State, about half the councils are not functioning at all. The latest to collapse in the Transvaal is the Atteridgeville council, west of Pretoria.

The death knell for this system of administering townships as separate entities has been tolling for more than five years. Its demise is as certain as that of apartheid itself. The only question is how long the death throes will continue.

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## Black groups join to eulogise Mothopheng

By Montshiwa Moroke  
and Sapa

Top officials of the major black political organisations will share the platform at the Soweto funeral tomorrow of Zephania Mothopeng, president of the Pan Africanist Congress (PAC).

The funeral is expected to be one of the biggest ever held in Soweto.

Representatives from the movement's external mission are also expected to attend.

Mr Mothopeng (77) died last week.

A PAC spokesman said Mr Mothopeng's body would arrive at his Orlando West home at 5 pm today.

It would then be taken to the Holy Cross Anglican Church at 7 pm to lie in state.

The church service is due to start at 7.30 am tomorrow. At about 9.30 am, the cortege will leave for the Orlando Stadium for the main service from 10 am.

Speakers will include Azanian People's Organi-

sation president Itumeleng Mosala, ANC assistant secretary-general Henry Makgothi, and PAC acting president Clarence Makwethu.

● The SA Department of Home Affairs says it knows nothing about a PAC allegation that the Government refused Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda a visa to attend the funeral.

PAC spokesman Philip Dlamini said the Zambian ambassador to Zimbabwe, John Sikaulu, would attend in Mr Kaunda's place.

● Buses are scheduled to pick up mourners from the following points at 8 am tomorrow for the funeral: Phatudi HP School, Munsieville, Krugersdorp; Baragwanath Hospital; Mayibuye Garage, Pimville; Chiawelo Community Centre; Thabathe shopping complex, White City; Jabavu; Paradise, Rockville; NG Kerk, Mofokeng; Moletsisi shop, Bekkersdal; Kopano Community Centre, Dobsonville; Esso Garage, Kagiso; Pan Africa, Alexandra; Lekton House, Wanderers, Street, Johannesburg; Emdeni terminus; Draai Hoek, Naledi; Nkomonde store, Wattville; Lionel Kent Centre, Daveyton; Vosloorus Civic Centre; Mobil Garage next to Natalspruit Hospital, Tokoza; Tokoza stadium; Thembi shopping centre, Tembisa; and Kwa-Thema civic centre.





Giving comfort to the wounded . . . A riot policeman fans the face of Frank Mhlanga, who was attacked and hacked by a group armed with pangas at the "Mandela View" squatter camp at Bekkersdal during clashes in the township yesterday. The death toll in the violence-torn area has risen to 19. Picture: Jacob Ryliff

## Bekkersdal attacks: 11 more die

By Glen Elsas  
West Rand Bureau

The death toll in Bekkersdal on the West Rand has risen to 19 after 11 more deaths.

Groups, mainly of youths, attacked people apparently at random on Sunday.

Captain Henriette Bester, liaison officer for the West Rand police, said the victims who were killed on Sunday had suffered mainly panga and stab wounds.

At least six people have been injured so far in the violence which erupted in the township near Westonaria on Thursday.

According to residents, the clashes took place between members of Black Consciousness groups and ANC-affiliated groups.

A resident, who did not want to be named for fear of reprisal, said the initial violence started when examinations at three of the township's schools were disrupted by youths armed with pangas, knives and guns.

They apparently arrived at the Seattle, Ipeleg and Maputo schools and started stoning the premises and teachers, who were forced to flee. They set alight a school principal's car. On Thursday night at about

10.30 pm a group of about 150 attacked and killed an unidentified man with pangas and axes. They also looted a house.

On Saturday morning the bodies of a 40-year-old man, known only as Hoko, and a youth aged about 18 were found at Bekkersdal cemetery.

At about 9 pm on Saturday night Robbie Mkhoyane (45) was stabbed in the stomach. He died of his injuries. At about 11 pm the body of Robert Senyok was found.

Between 10 and 15 houses were burnt down and several more were extensively damaged during looting.

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Sanlam

award

Mr Sam Matona, owner of Easy Loo, manufacturers of portable toilets, has won the first Sanlam/Sowetan Business Entrepreneur of the Year award.

Mr Matona's achievement earned him R5 000. He also qualified as a finalist for the national Sanlam/Small Business Development Corporation's most improved small business competition.

The runner-up was Mr Thandi Mathibela of Orlando-East, who runs a kitchen and cupboard outlet. Third prize went to Mr Michael Maell. They collected R3 500 and R1 500 respectively.

Mr Johannes Mbhele received a special citation for his enterprise in the building construction and brick-manufacturing business.

The Sanlam/Sowetan Business Entrepreneur of the Year award will become an annual institution.





Just you dare . . . A policeman next to a minibus with TopSport stickers threatens to shoot Star photographer Alf Kumalo at Zeph Mothopeng's funeral at the weekend.

## Miners down tools over missing worker

By Brendan Templeton

Libanon mine in the western Transvaal came to a standstill yesterday when 6 000 workers downed tools over the mysterious disappearance of a colleague at the mine.

Workers suspect he was murdered underground.

The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) said management had dragged its feet over Mokhameleli Ntoko, who went missing in May.

Mine security, police and army personnel were forcing workers underground at gunpoint, the union said.

This week Goldfields spokesman Michael de Kok denied the charges and said an intensive search for the missing man had been conducted above and

below ground.

"Mine property has been available to protect workers who wanted to work and at no point has anybody been forced at gunpoint to work."

The NUM demanded the dismissal of three mine officials. The union said management had admitted that the day after Mr Ntoko's went missing, he was clocked in by a mine captain after being told to go to work early for repair work.

Mr Ntoko's computerised identity card was found at the mine's crush office and his lamp was discovered underground. They said his tool case was also found hidden underground.

Mr de Kok would not discuss the issue further. "At present, Goldfields are engaged in talks with the union," he said.

## SABC to probe TopSport logo on police van at funeral

By Thabo Leshilo

The SABC is to investigate the use of stickers bearing the logo of the television sports programme, TopSport, on a police minibus at the funeral service of PAC president Zeph Mothopeng on Saturday.

The policemen allegedly hindered the funeral procession and threatened mourners as well as Alf Kumalo, a photographer from The Star.

Kumalo said he was taking pictures of the policemen when one of them threatened to shoot him if he continued. Sensing trouble, Kumalo moved out of the policemen's sight.

The SABC said in a state-

ment: "The SABC is not aware of the fact that TopSport stickers, such as the one displayed on the police minibus, are being used by people who are not employed by TopSport."

"Although the SABC is of the opinion that the stickers were not on the police vehicle to make it appear as a TopSport vehicle or disguise it, the matter will be investigated and also followed up with the SAP."

Soweto police spokesman Colonel Tienie Halgryn said the matter was being investigated. However, he could not say much before discussing the matter today with the regional commissioner of Soweto police, General Johan Swart.

## Man jailed for 7 years over sh

Court Reporter

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His co-accused, Petrus



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## Weekend burial for MK fighter

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A member of the ANC's military wing Umkhonto we Sizwe, who died in a car accident in Zambia two weeks ago, will be buried in Soweto at the weekend.

Sibusiso Mashinini (30), whose guerilla name was Minus Kgosana, died in a car accident in Lusaka on October 20. He will be buried at the Avalon cemetery in Soweto on Sunday.

Audrey Mothlamme, a family friend, said Mr Mashinini's funeral service will start at his parents' home at 152 Adam Street, Orlando West, at 10 am. The funeral procession will leave for the cemetery at noon.

Before leaving South Africa, Mr Mashinini was a pupil at Phuti High School.

He is survived by his wife and three children.



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## Cut-offs: TPA 'not involved'

By McKeed Kotlolo  
Pretoria Bureau

The Transvaal Provincial Administration has dissociated itself from the cutting off of electricity and water supplies to black townships in the province.

A press statement from the TPA yesterday said the bulk suppliers of services — not the TPA — were responsible for the cutting off of services.

"It must be stressed that it is not the TPA who is cutting off electricity and water in black towns. This is done

by the bulk suppliers of these services," the statement read.

Suppliers had already cut off either electricity or water, or both, to about nine townships. Negotiations to avert the cuts were being held in about 20 townships.

The TPA said Silobela township had been without electricity since October 16; KwaGuqa (Witbank) from Monday; and Emgwenya (Waterval Boven) had been without electricity and water since October 31 but water had later been made available for two hours daily. All three townships are in the

eastern Transvaal.

In Atteridgeville, where power cuts to individual rent defaulters started on October 15, negotiations were held between MEC for local government Olaus van Zyl, the Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents Organisation, Concerned Citizens Organisation of Atteridgeville, the Atteridgeville People's Party and the local city council on November 1 and would continue on November 13.

Negotiations were also being held in Kagiso, Alexandra and Munsieville, as well as Evaton on the West Rand.

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## Power back in Katlehong

Power was this week restored to the southern part of Katlehong, where residents claim they have been without power for two weeks.

A council spokesman yesterday said power had been restored to most sections.

Resident Paul Isaacs accused the council of failing to supply the residents of the southern part of the township with power despite their monthly rental payments of R42 to the council.

The council spokesman denied this. — East Rand Bureau.



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## Gravediggers are a luxury for Tokoza

By Abel Mabelane  
East Rand Bureau

Tokoza Town Council has said it cannot afford gravediggers.

The administrator of Tokoza, Gert Muller, said it was expensive to dig just one grave with a machine. He said the area was rocky and graves could not be dug by hand.

Tokoza Civic Association (TCA) has made an about-turn on the payment of a flat rate rental by residents.

At a joint committee meeting this week, the TCA proposed a R40 a month tariff instead of the R60 previously agreed.

Chairman of TCA Sam Ntuli accused the Tokoza council of inconsistency regarding the monthly amount paid by the council to Eskom.

# Train massacre accused seek bail

By Adam Gordon

The defence attorney for five men who allegedly killed 21 people in two train massacres in September, yesterday said the fact that Inkatha and ANC were fighting, and that further train massacres were possible, should not prevent his clients getting bail.

Ian Small-Smith was submitting final argument for bail on behalf of Martin Ngcobu (47), Basi Nkosingondle (27), Solomon Khumalo (33), Mmengela Magabane (54) and Mabinela Majozi (23).

The men are alleged to have been part of a group who killed six people in an attack on Jeppe station on September 6 and 15 people on a moving train near Benrose on September 13.

They are facing 21 charges of murder and 49 charges of attempted murder.

Mr Small-Smith argued that his clients

could not be held personally responsible for South Africa's volatile situation and should not be refused bail because of it.

## Disappear

State advocate David Gordon had argued the men should remain in custody for reasons of public safety. There was also a strong chance the men would disappear into the mountains of KwaZulu, and be impossible to find if released, he said.

Mr Small-Smith said the men would have no reason to jump bail as they had an excellent chance of being acquitted in a Supreme Court trial.

There were discrepancies between the confessions the men had allegedly made and the undisputed facts of the massacres, he said.

Magistrate C.J. van Heerden will issue judgment today.



# I saw police run their vehicle over the water containers'

NEW evidence of alleged police action during the Wesselson water switch-off last month has been handed to The Star.

In affidavits compiled, signed and attested to by five people, it is claimed:

- Police slambokked women carrying water in plastic containers.
- Police crushed containers by riding over them with Caspir armoured personnel vehicles.
- Police punctured other containers.
- Police threatened women and children with arrest.
- Police took other people to a police station.
- An Ermelo municipal policeman pointed a firearm at a man doing his washing.
- The Commissioner of the South African Police, General Johan van der Merwe, said in a statement last week "no shred of evidence" existed to support a story published in The Star earlier that police had taken action against Wesselson people who had received permission to obtain water from premises owned by Indians at Cassim Park, near Ermelo.
- He has instituted an internal inquiry, under the chairmanship of eastern Transvaal regional

commander General "Robbie" Robertson.

Colbert Saunders, a bank employee, says in an affidavit that on October 17, at about noon, he was in Cassim Park carrying two five-litre water containers.

He was stopped by two uniformed SAP members driving a yellow Nissan bakkie with a canopy. They accused him of having stolen the water, but he told them that he had been given permission to take it. Mr Saunders said the police then left him and allegedly chased women across the street.

The women, he said, dropped their containers on the road — "I saw police run their vehicle over the water containers, destroying some. After a few moments they came back for me."

A policeman forcibly removed the containers from him, Mr Saunders alleged. The water was emptied on to the ground and "with an unknown instrument (he) stabbed one of my containers."

He was again asked who had given him permission to get water and he replied that Indians in Cassim Park had done so.

"The policemen told me to go to the township and to pay my water account and rent, and I

told them that I had already paid," Mr Saunders said.

Police then drove to Mr Boole Tilly's garage, followed by Mr Saunders on foot. A second bakkie arrived and the occupants ordered Mr Saunders to go back to the township, calling him "an ANC terrorist," he said.

Three days later, Mr Saunders was taken from his workplace and driven to an office in Janlor Building, in Ermelo, where there were a number of khaki-clad men. The policemen with whom Mr Saunders had arrived told the men that he was "Colbert".

"The whites, clad in khaki, greeted me with statements like 'Ja, Colbert, is jy terrorist, ANC?' (yes, Colbert, are you a terrorist, ANC?)," Mr Saunders said.

He told the men that all he had earlier told a journalist about the incident was the truth.

He was asked if he could identify policemen allegedly involved in the incident and if he had taken the registration number of the bakkie. Mr Saunders said he could not identify them and had not taken the registration number.

Mr Saunders then made a statement to a Mr van Aard and

## Further claims of police harassment of people carrying or using water after the mains supply to Wesselson township, near Ermelo, was cut off last month have been made, reports NORMAN CHANDLER.

was driven home in a Hippo armoured vehicle. A slambok container he had in his possession was taken by the police.

Milliecent Nombhrodwa Slambokke Mamea, a nurse, says in her affidavit she and a number of other Wesselson people were carrying water at 9.30 am on October 17 when two Caspirs arrived.

"On the Caspirs were white policemen in their SAP uniforms. The policemen stopped and alighted with slamboks in their hands... and started slambokking us. We ran in different directions, leaving our containers on the ground."

"I ran towards a farmhouse where I stopped and looked back. It is then that I saw the policemen driving the Caspirs over our containers, crushing them."

She was advised by the owner of the house — whom she did not identify — to hide at the back of the building.

their washing in the sewerage water as it was poisonous — "he appeared sympathetic to our fate."

Mr Mashini and his wife were ordered to collect their washing and to get into the police van. They were driven to Ermelo police station, where they remained for about 90 minutes. Mr Mashini grew tired of waiting and decided to go home "as there was no complainant coming to lay a charge against us."

The couple left their washing at the police station, and despite requests for it to be returned, this has not been done. On October 29, Mr Mashini lodged a complaint about the disappearance of the family washing.

Sesana Beauty Maposa, of Wesselson, says in an affidavit that although she and others — including four children — had permission to take water, a policeman kicked at their containers, took out a knife "and slashed the plastic containers."

"They were threatened with arrest and police ordered an Indian man identified as 'a Mr Josub' to look his premises to prevent people getting water."

Boette Tilly, a garage owner,

has given two statements to police and one to The Star, saying that he had seen policemen harassing people carrying water after the supply to Wesselson was cut off. He repeated his allegations to Minister of Law and Order Adrian Vlok during a radio talk show.

Mr Tilly has denied that he had retracted a statement he made to police.

Yesterday he gave The Star an affidavit in which he says police were aggressive to him when he first told his story to them. Mr Tilly had been interviewed earlier by a reporter from The Star.

In his affidavit, he says: "The policeman (who came to his office at 10.30 am on October 19) told me they wanted a statement about what happened on Wednesday (October 17). Indeed, I told them exactly what is contained in this affidavit."

"They took the statement. The manner in which they spoke to me was not polite."

A Major Otto then visited him at 6 pm the same day for another statement, saying the earlier one had not been "up to standard" because it allegedly did not explain the entire incident.

Mr Tilly gave Major Otto an affidavit "exactly the same" as the other he had given.

A second major, from Middeburg, arrived with other police officers at about 3 pm on October 20.

"The major told me that I should give him another statement. I told him I had already made two."

"He told me those two statements were vague and I must give another which he himself would take. I refused. I said that if they insisted on a third, I would first (want to) speak to my lawyer."

Mr Tilly added: "I wish to make it clear that I refused to make a third statement because at that time I was convinced the police were using this method to harass me and at the same time get me to make contradictory statements."

He said the number of policemen that afternoon "made me feel like a criminal and at the same time I panicked as I thought it could be members of the AWB (Afrikaner Weerstandbeweging) who had made numerous telephonic threats that they were going to kill me for the statement I made in the newspaper." □



# Govt probes spill warnings

SUE OLSWANG and SAPA

HEALTH Minister Rina Venter is investigating warnings of a serious health threat from sewage-polluted streams in the Witwatersrand, her department confirmed yesterday.

Dr Venter is expected to release a statement on the issue soon.

At least four Highveld rivers are being threatened by a serious health crisis because sewage is pouring into the rivers from nearby black townships.

An official at the Department of Water Affairs in Pretoria told Saturday Star his department has identified sewage spillover problems in the Blesbokspuit, the Natspruit, the Klip River and the Rietspuit.

## Defective

He said sewage spillovers into the rivers were being caused by inadequate sewage systems, blocked sewers and defective sewage pumps in nearby black towns.

"The only way to solve the problem is to provide financial assistance for new sewage systems and the opening of sewers," he said.

"The sewage spillovers represent a serious health hazard to township residents but will not harm fish and other river life unless there is a depletion of oxygen levels."

## Daveyton residents

organise clean-up

Stan Hope

THE Daveyton Interim Committee (DIC), the newly-formed Daveyton Health Committee and the town's Sayco branch have launched a two-day clean-up campaign to start today.

## Tour

The media was taken on a tour of the East Rand township by the DIC executive committee and former mayor Tom Boya, and saw rubbish in front of shops, schools, nurseries and churches. Rivulets of sewage flowed along the streets.

A refuse company and coal merchants have offered their trucks and graders.

## Sewage

## pouring into rivers

The official said pollution in the Blesbokspuit and Natspruit will, to some extent, be countered naturally because an abundance of vegetation will help in the self-purification process.

He said it was doubtful whether any of the rivers would be permanently damaged by the sewage spillovers.

Meanwhile, leading virologist Professor Margaret Isaacs of the South African Institute for Medical Research, yesterday added her voice to the warnings.

## Cholera

Usage of untreated, sewage-polluted water could cause serious outbreaks of cholera, typhoid, polio, hepatitis, dysentery and gastro-enteritis — and raw vegetables such as carrots and lettuce, irrigated with such polluted water, could pose a health threat to the population at large, she cautioned.

However, the Health Ministry's epidemiology director, Mr Horst Kusner, said yesterday the health risks posed by the polluted water only faced people who used river water in its untreated form.

He told SABC radio news the water supplied to cities, townships and farmlands through which the affected rivers ran was treated and totally safe.

Mrs Maria d'Oliveira, deputy director of the Department of Water Affairs' Highveld water quality division, who earlier released news of the potential hazard, told Sapa her on-site inspection yesterday morning had again found a great deal of raw sewage in the Klip River near Soweto.

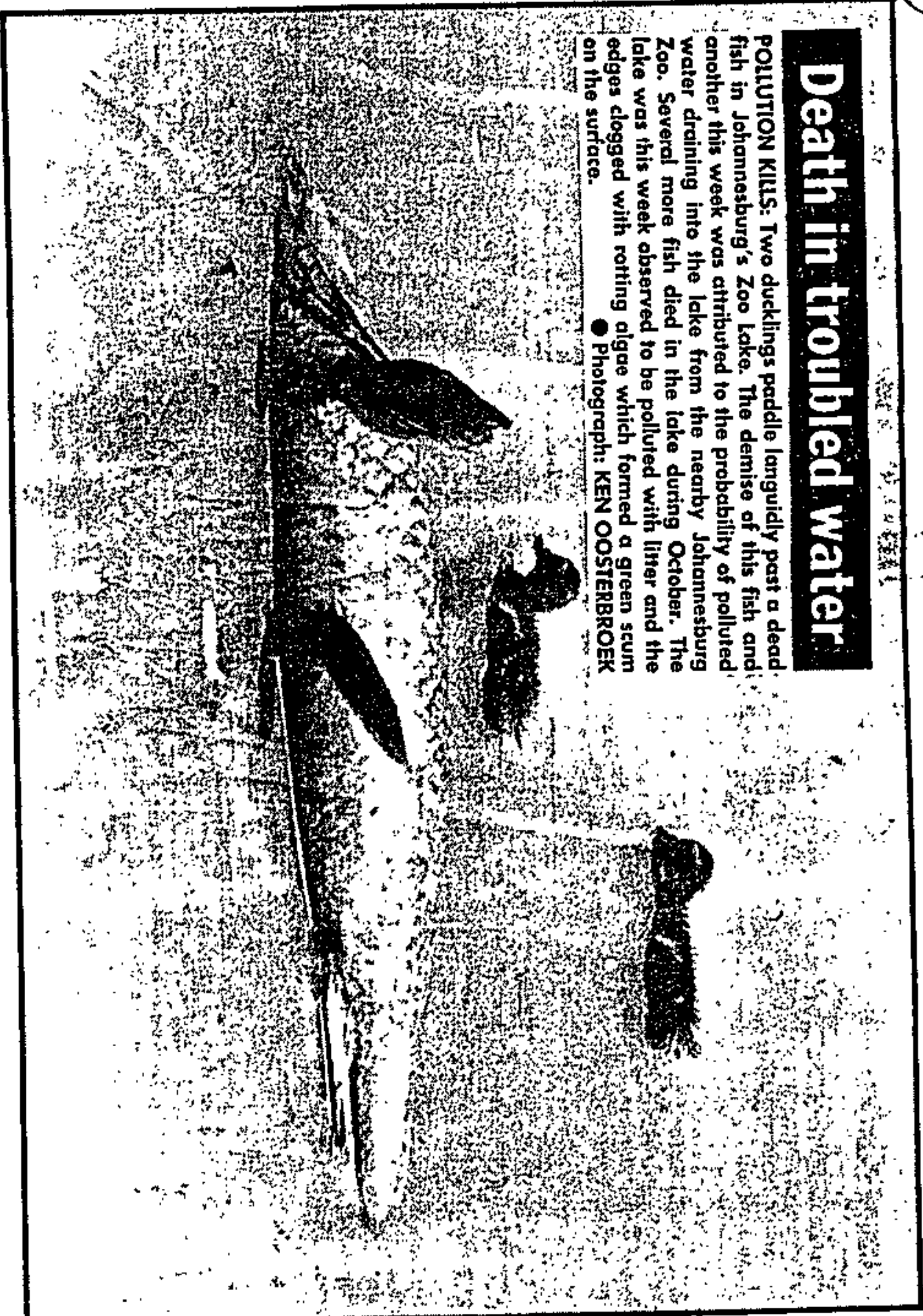
She has alerted the Department of Health in Pretoria about the health threat, posed especially to the squatter communities who use untreated water from the streams.

Department of Health Services and Welfare spokesman Mr Johan van Nieuwerkerk said the Director General was also giving urgent attention to the problem.

## Death in troubled water

POLLUTION KILLS: Two ducklings paddle languidly past a dead fish in Johannesburg's Zoo lake. The demise of this fish and another this week was attributed to the probability of polluted water draining into the lake from the nearby Johannesburg Zoo. Several more fish died in the lake during October. The lake was this week observed to be polluted with litter and the edges clogged with rotting algae which formed a green scum on the surface.

Photograph: KEN OOSTERBROEK



## DTA back after walkout

WINDHOEK — Members of the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance were back in the Namibian National Assembly yesterday after walking out on Thursday when government members voted down an attempt by DTA chairman Dirk Mudge to introduce a motion on economic policy.

Two members of Action Christian National, Mr Jan de Wet and Mr Peter Kayser, joined the walk-out.

Mr Mudge afterwards claimed the Swapo government was violating the freedom of speech provision in Namibia's Bill of fundamental rights, which indicated the government would decide what opposition parties should say in public.

But Prime Minister Hage Geingob said the DTA and ACN walk-out was not caused by the government's view

on the discussion of economic policy, but because the opposition could not accept democratic defeat.

Opposing the introduction of the motion, Mr Geingob said the Namibian government was presently engaged in bilateral negotiations on trade with several foreign governments.

Once definite conclusions and agreements had been reached, NA members would have the opportunity to debate the issues.

The Prime Minister said an investment code was presently being drafted by Namibia and would be tabled for discussion in the NA in due course.

The DTA and ACN walk-out left the assembly without a quorum and business was suspended until Friday. — Sapa.

## Give us immunity, say draft-dodgers

MIKE SILUMA

LONDON — Ten exiled conscientious objectors due to return to South Africa this month have called on the Government to end conscription and guarantee the safe return of all exiles.

The 10, who have lived abroad for periods ranging from a year to 11 years, said the abolition of conscription would encourage the return of other exiled resisters.

In a joint statement the group said: "We are returning with no guaran-

To be accompanied by their friends and families, the 10 will leave Britain for South Africa on November 30. The Committee on South African War Resistance (Cosawr), which has represented the interests of exiled war resisters since 1979, said the return of the group would mark the end of its operations in Britain and Holland. Cosawr said on



# Boy shot in power demo

A NINE-YEAR-OLD boy was killed and 10 people injured in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, yesterday morning in a confrontation between police and demonstrators over an electricity switch-off, according to medical superintendent of Kalafong hospital, Dr Margaret Kelly.

But, Pretoria police liaison officer Captain R Bloomberg said the boy's body was taken to Kalafong hospital at 8.20am and police only went into Atteridgeville at 8.50am.

A man was shot in the leg and several people were injured when police used birdshot and teargas after demonstrators threw stones and petrol bombs at police, said Bloomberg.

Dr Kelly said the boy was certified dead on arrival at the hospital. She would not give the cause of death. Most of those hurt had slight injuries.

Witnesses said the shooting occurred

after demonstrators defiantly restored electricity to their homes in the township. Police had apparently tried to stop them doing so.

A witness said she saw residents carrying a bleeding youth to a waiting car in the township. It appeared he had been shot in the stomach, she said.

She also saw police drive off in a burning vehicle after it was apparently petrol-bombed by demonstrators. Teargas was fired at the demonstrators as they engaged in running battles with police, the witness added.

Electricity was disconnected for the second time last week after the Pretoria Supreme Court dismissed with costs an application by the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation seeking to stop Atteridgeville Town Council from disconnecting power. — Sapa

# Kroonstad boycott bites

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A CONSUMER boycott called after the withdrawal of services from Maokeng township has hit white traders in the nearby NP-controlled town of Kroonstad hard.

Shops in the white town, were deserted as no blacks have patronised them following the start of an indefinite boycott on Monday.

The complete water and electricity switch-off this week forced some residents to walk more than 4km to a garage outside the township for a bucket of water.

Residents claimed they had been harassed by police for drawing water from the garage and many were turned away before they could fill their containers.

People living in a part of the township known as Constantia had to walk about 3km to the

Brent Park coloured township for water.

Until recently Maokeng residents were supplied with water from noon to 6pm - but the supplies have been cut for the past two weeks.

Several other townships in the Free State have been affected by water and electricity cuts and civic organisations are negotiating with the provincial administration for the restoration of services.

Civic organisations warned that consumer boycotts are likely to hit several Conservative Party-controlled areas in the Free State where there are switch-offs if an amicable agreement cannot be reached between residents and the authorities to normalise the payment of services.

By Friday white trade in

Kroonstad had come to a complete standstill and traders complained that their shops were deserted and sales had dropped.

Electricity supplies have also been cut to the township and the area has been in darkness for the past two months.

Members of civic organisations this week said they supported the action taken in Kroonstad by the black community because the white local authorities persisted in cutting services to many townships even though attempts to negotiate resolutions to the problems had been made.

They said "The unwillingness by the provincial authorities to facilitate a climate conducive to a resolution of the problems has resulted in residents deciding on a plan of action."



Maokeng residents queue to fill buckets with water after services to the township were cut.



# Cop stabs accident

By SOPHIE TEMA

AN eyewitness was stabbed and died soon after he had confronted a municipal policeman who had knocked down a 59-year-old woman in a hit-and-run accident in Alexandra Township on Wednesday night. A municipal policeman has been arrested in connection with the killing of Klaas Bowes Khumalo, 30. The woman, Lettie Maleka, was admitted to Them-bisa Hospital in a serious condition.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Eugene Opperman confirmed the incident and said: "It is alleged the woman was knocked down by a marked police vehicle at about 6pm on Wednesday. Eyewitness Khumalo followed the vehicle and allegedly confronted the policeman.

"The policeman produced a knife and stabbed Khumalo in the chest. Khumalo feared for his life and was trying to drive away from the scene when shots were allegedly fired at his car. He lost control of the car, which overturned."

Gertrude Khumalo, the grandmother of the dead man, said her son Sipho told her he, Klaas and two others had gone to collect money from a certain house.

When they arrived at the house Joseph got out of the car and entered the house while the other three remained in the car.

A police van approached, travelling at high speed, and ran over a pedestrian.

The driver of the van did not stop, and Klaas and his two friends decided to follow the van. They managed to stop it and told the driver he had run over a person. An argument ensued. The policeman then drew a knife and stabbed Klaas in the chest.

Another man who was with the policeman drew a pistol.

A bullet hit the boot and penetrated the petrol tank as the men tried to escape. Klaas lost control of the car and it overturned. Sipho and Norman ran away.

Later Klaas's uncle, Michael "Milie" Bowes, went to the scene where he found Klaas lying dead. He found a bullet shell at the scene, which he handed to police.

Police have made no further arrests.

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Alexandra



Michael Bowles... his nephew found dead after confronting a municipal cop who allegedly sped away after knocking over a 59-year-old woman.

Witness



By MARTIN  
NTSOELENGOE

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FIVE men charged with the murder of 21 people in the Jeppe train massacre will apply to the Rand Supreme Court for bail, their lawyer Ian Small-Smith has said.

They were refused bail in a Johannesburg magistrate's court on Friday and their case was postponed to December 4.

In rejecting their application, Magistrate CJ van Heerden said the five were evading questions put to them by the State.

Van Heerden agreed with advocate David Gordon from the Attorney-General's office that if

## No bail yet for Jeppe accused

they were granted bail, they might flee.

They are Martin Nqobo, 49; Basi Nkosingondle, 27; Manyebo Magubane, 55; Solomon Khumalo, 33; and Mandla Majozi, 23, all of Jeppe Hostel.

Twenty-one people died and 47 were injured when eight men moved through a train at Jeppe in September, shooting and hacking passengers.

If granted bail, the ac-

cused might repeat the offences they were charged with, the magistrate said.

They could also tamper with State witnesses and public safety must be considered.

"The public witnesses with horror the daily killings that go on throughout the country, and this cannot be condoned," the magistrate said.

Van Heerden said the AG was opposed to the bail application.

First accused Nqobo — an Inkatha member — is married with four children.

Nkosingondle is also married with one child.

Magubane — married with five children — was allegedly found with two rifles and other weapons.

Earlier he told the court that one of three suspects on the run — Jericho Ntuseni Manyoni — ordered him to keep the firearms.

Khumalo denied being a member of Inkatha but failed to answer questions put to him by the State, while Majozi — who was arrested in Bergvlei — was brought to Johannesburg where police found a cache of weapons.



# White thugs go on the rampage in Potch

By DAN DHLAMINI

THE sleepy western Transvaal town of Potchefstroom this week resembled a scene from the film *Mississippi Burning*, as four armed whites in a minibus went on the rampage, assaulting blacks.

Among their many victims were a Vaal Reefs taxi driver, Hector Mapeuge, whose minibus was set alight, and an armed SADF soldier, Andile Matoti, 26, of Soweto who sustained head injuries.

The white men allegedly drove away in Mapeuge's taxi and it was later discovered gutted on the Potchefstroom-Carletonville road.

In an exclusive interview, Matoti, a trained soldier with two years' experience in the army, said he was armed with his PBK pistol during the attack.

He said he could have killed his assailants had he wanted to.

He said he fired two warning shots but one of the four men kept on coming and he decided to flee rather than kill

him.

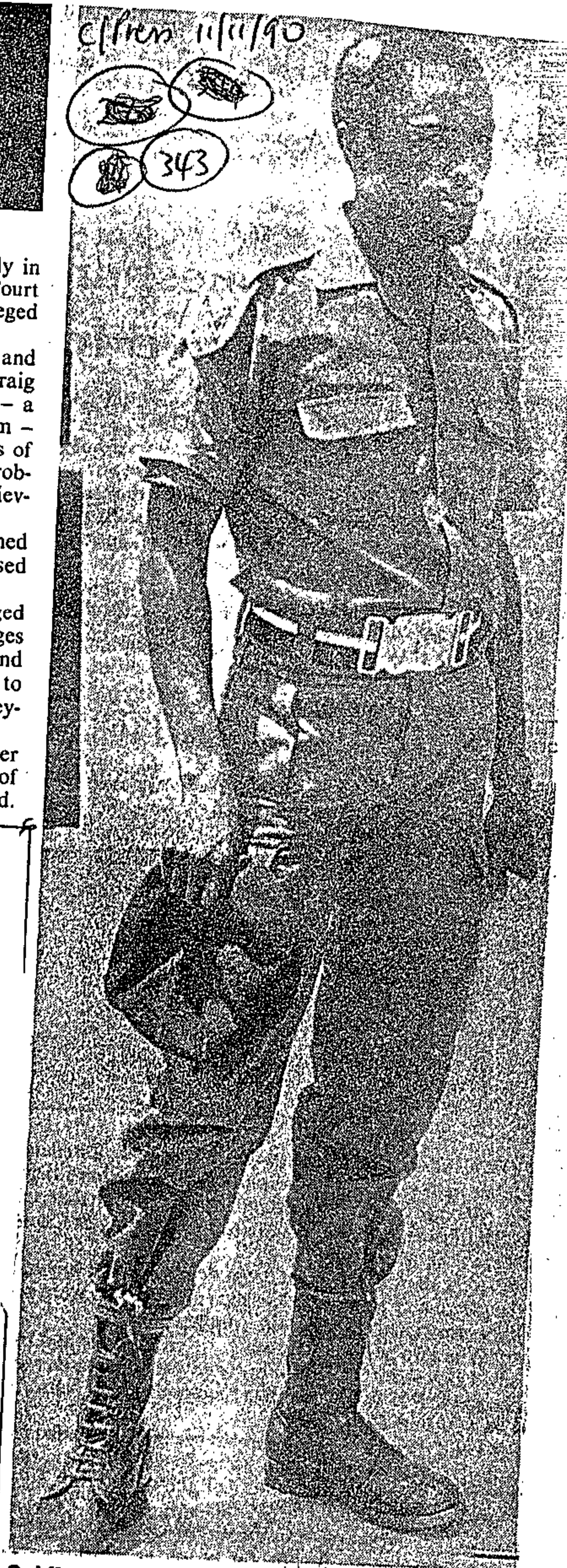
Two white men appeared briefly in the Potchefstroom Magistrate's Court this week in connection with the alleged assaults.

Marthinus Christoffel Visser, 25, and his brother-in-law, Edmund Craig Knoetze, 24, both of Smit Street - a blue-collar section of Potchefstroom - were not asked to plead on charges of attempted murder, three counts of robbery and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Magistrate Flip du Toit adjourned the case to November 21 and released them on R500 bail each.

Meanwhile, the case of two alleged Fochville rightwingers facing charges of illegal possession of firearms and ammunition was this week postponed to December 6, pending the Attorney-General's ruling.

Dood Minnie, 40, of Middlewater farm and Petrus Piet Bester, 30, of Carina Court were not asked to plead.



Soldier Andile Matloti ... decided to flee rather than kill his attackers - and sustained head injuries in the assault.



Like a bolt out of the blue...

# SLEEPY BEKKERS

FOR several years the small township of Bekkersdal near Randfontein on the West Rand remained untouched by the upheavals sweeping most black townships.

When Soweto erupted in anger in 1976 and the student-led uprisings later spread throughout the country, Bekkersdal remained relatively quiet.

Eight years later the Vaal Triangle went up in flames when residents refused to pay rent increases. The refusal to pay rent and service charges precipitated yet another uprising in most townships.

Many community councillors were killed, at least four died in the Vaal, and their properties were burnt down. Many of these councillors were forced to flee the townships. Bekkersdal was still quiet in the midst of this mini civil war.

When many townships verged perilously close to anarchy as a result of fighting between black political groupings, Bekkersdal remained unaffected.

Everyone in Bekkersdal continued with their lives. A small township of about 3 000 households, the area is surrounded by large mealie fields. Most residents of Bekkersdal, excluding the shackdwellers, know each other. Bekkersdal was for several years like a large village.

Suddenly, like a bolt out of the blue, the quiet lifestyle of Bekkersdal was disrupted. In one weekend alone, 25 people were murdered in politically motivated killings and three houses belonging to community councillors burnt down. Houses of political activists have also been razed. Three members of one family, all brothers, have been killed.

Today many residents live in fear. For two consecutive nights this week I saw scores of people leaving the township as soon as it got dark. Men, women and children carried heavy loads as they left for safer places. Where were they going, I asked. Ezulwini, Carletonville - anywhere where it was safe.

Violence between different political factions has finally come to Bekkersdal. The PAC and the Azanian People's Organisation are said to be pitted against the ANC.

The fighting has also spawned strange bedfellows. People linked to the ANC are said to have ganged up with some community councillors.

I spent about two hours at the home of Anglican priest Rev Thato Modipa. Every now and then, whenever there was a commotion in the streets, Modipa would peep through the curtains to see what was happening. It was obvious he was edgy.

Later, someone phoned Modipa to tip him off that there was going to be another attack that evening. It was a chilling message. The attackers, said his informant, claimed they were going to "finish off" what they had started doing previously.

Modipa was in a dilemma. Should he run away? Or should he stay put and risk being harmed or pos-

## Political war has pitted brother against brother



**Khumanego Seoka ... has vowed to exact revenge on his brother, Thapelo.**

sibly killed? In the end he decided to stay.

In Bekkersdal even priests are no longer feeling safe. Modipa's church, which was partly burnt early this year, is in a so-called PAC/Azapo area. He is therefore regarded as an enemy of the ANC.

Brother is now pitted against brother in Bekkersdal, literally. Khumanego Seoka, an Azapo official, has sworn to exact revenge against his brother, Thapelo, whom he accuses of being responsible for burning down his house.

Thapelo, who faces five



**City Press political editor SEKOLA SELLO** takes you behind the battle lines of the small township of Bekkersdal where, in one weekend alone, 25 people were killed in the violence that has hit the area.

charges of murder, public violence and grievous bodily harm, is on the run. His home was also burnt down but as far as his brother is concerned, he got what he deserved.

Khumanego alleges that Thapelo used their parents' home as a "kangaroo court" where people who disagreed with him politically were tortured.

Most residents I spoke to claim the problems of Bekkersdal started soon after the unbanning of the PAC and ANC in February.

An ANC-supporting youth organisation, the Bekkersdal Youth Congress (Beyco), was launched immediately following the unbanning of these two organisations.

However, members of Azapo's student wing, the Azanian Student Movement, who were long established in the area, opposed the formation of Beyco and tried to disrupt its launch.

Since then, it has been open warfare between ANC members on the one hand and Azapo/PAC members on the other. Accusations have been flying thick and fast about who is responsible for continuing the blood-letting.

While available evidence indicates that Azapo precipitated the fighting by trying to disrupt the launch of Beyco, some residents claim that Beyco members are responsible for most of the killings.

They point out that most of the dead and injured are either Azapo or PAC members. Everyone points a finger at a well-known member of Beyco who they say is responsible for the killings.

It is alleged that this member is responsible for killing Azapo member Michael Montshiwa who was buried two weeks ago.

Modipa says this Beyco member was also responsible for killing another resident at Montshiwa's night vigil.

"When this Beyco

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on bail and the latest carnage coincides with his return. This is a small township and most of the residents know each other and they know who the killer is."

Modipa says this killer is supported by entrenched mineworkers who have built shacks at Mandela View. It is believed this warlord is also colluding with some councillors.

According to residents, these councillors saw the power wielded by the warlord and started cultivating good relations with him. They allege these



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councillors gave him a big piece of land on which to house shackdwellers.

The squatter camp of Mandela View houses hundreds of retrenched mineworkers and is the powerbase of the warlord.

"The attacks against the community always start from Mandela View," says Khumanego Mokoena.

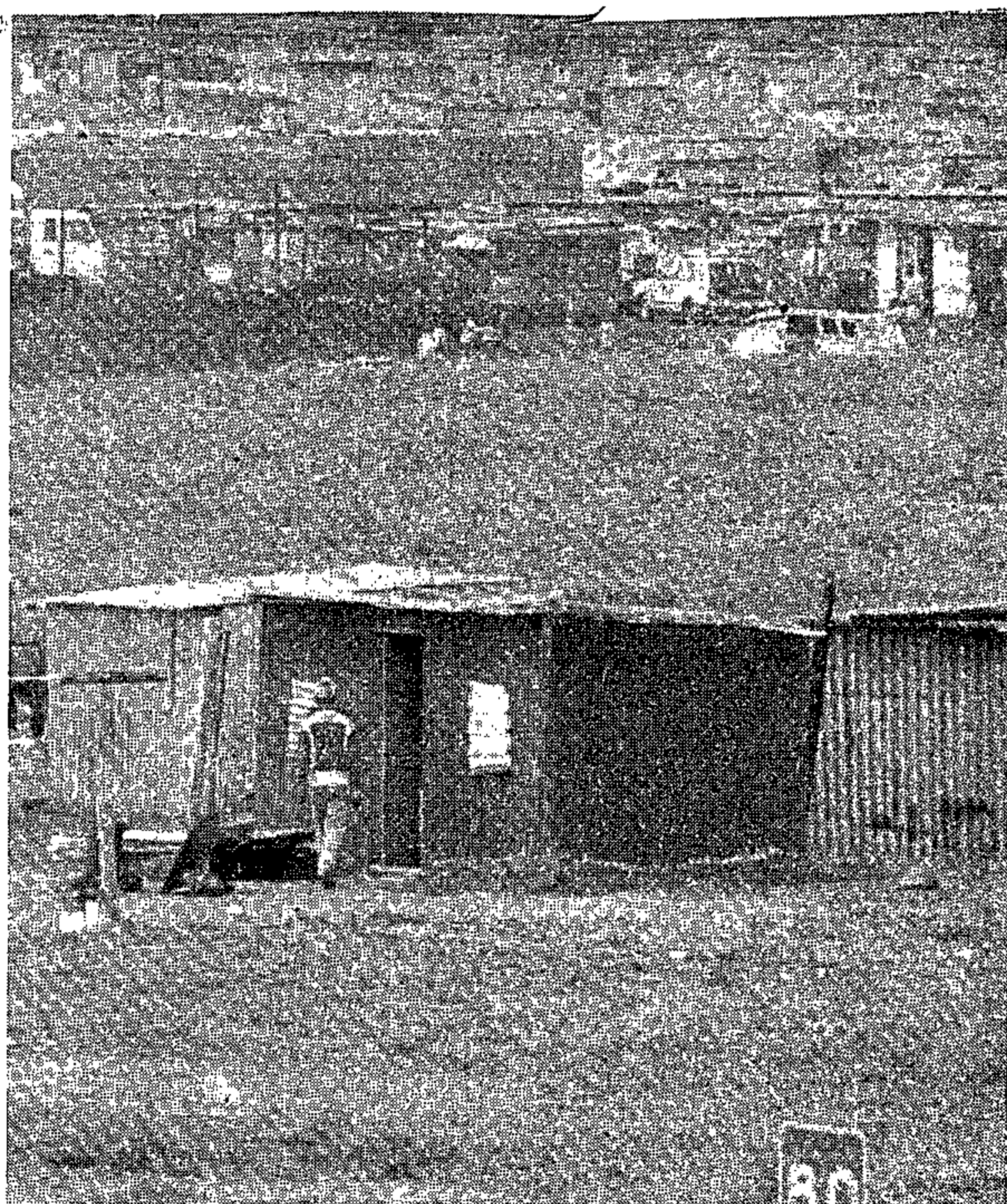
ANC spokesman Gill Marcus says she is not fully aware of the details concerning the killings in Bekkersdal and that ANC members could be responsible.

She says such lack of

discipline is not tolerated by the organisation and if the allegations are true, appropriate measures will be taken against the culprits.

Marcus went on to appeal to both Azapo and the PAC to join hands with the ANC to resolve the problems. "I don't think apportioning blame on anyone will solve the problem. We need to address the causes of the problem."

Some of the houses destroyed belonged to Bekkersdal mayor Johnny Mokome and councillor Sonny Modimeong.



**Legacy of a township at war with itself . . . many Bekkersdal homes have been razed in the violence.**



# East Rand squatter clashes leave 5 dead

By Montshiwa Moroke  
and Anna Louw

the other had attacked first.

Five people were killed and one injured early yesterday during clashes between residents of Zonkezizwe squatter camp, near Katlehong, on the East Rand.

East Rand police liaison officer Captain Ida van Zweek said police found the bodies of five men, two of whom had been shot dead and three slain with pangas and sharp objects.

A sixth man was shot in the chin and was admitted to the Natalspruit Hospital.

Residents left the area yesterday for fear of more violence as armed Inkatha supporters, with red headbands and arm-bands, chanted war songs. Many residents fled their homes on Sunday and slept in the veld.

Yesterday there were accusations and counter-accusations from the factions, each claiming

Inkatha supporters gathered on one side of the squatter settlement sharpening their spears and singing. Women, who had taken the men food and water, gathered nearby and ululated.

In another part of the township another group, comprising mainly migrant workers from Transkei and Ciskei, gathered near the railway line after they were disarmed by the police.

Residents said trouble started on Sunday after the groups held separate meetings to discuss civic matters. Residents had held joint meetings before differences emerged.

Captain van Zweek said representatives of the Zulus, Xhosas and South African Police met yesterday afternoon to discuss the issue.

She said it appeared the problem had been resolved.



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## Gas canister hits Winnie

### Staff Reporters

Police allegedly fired teargas at Winnie Mandela and a delegation accompanying her in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, yesterday.

They were visiting families of people killed or injured in recent clashes with police.

Mrs Mandela said several canisters of the gas were fired after they pulled up at the home of a nine-year-old child killed at the weekend.

"It is clear the attack was deliberately directed at me and my delegation. Police appeared from nowhere and disap-

peared the same way," Mrs Mandela claimed.

An independent radio reporter on the scene said there had been no provocation.

Six or seven canisters were fired, one hitting Mrs Mandela on the head. She said she was not hurt, but was "badly affected" by the gas.

● A two-month-old baby died in the Mamelodi Day Hospital yesterday after a teargas incident at a squatter village.

● The home of Atteridgeville deputy mayor Justus Tchungu was petrol-bombed yesterday. No damage was done.



Bathing by candlelight . . . Mojaesi Mthombeni, of Maokeng near Kroonstad, bathes her baby in semi-darkness in a minute amount of water after power and water were cut off in the township.

Picture: Herbert Mabuza.

## Boycott in townships at critical stage

By Therese Anders  
and Esmaré van der Merwe

The increasing township rent and services boycott is becoming critical.

The possibility of major health hazards is suggested as raw sewage pours into Witwatersrand rivers from black towns because services have been stopped.

Hundreds of thousands of township dwellers are living without electricity, and some without water, because of non-payment of accounts.

The crisis began on September 1 when the Government stopped bridging finance to townships continuing with the rent and services boycotts.

Electricity giant Eskom is facing a massive debt with up to R70 million in arrears run up by 30 defaulting townships.

And many white town councils are facing cash flow problems of their own as nearby townships default on their bulk services accounts.

Last month, big business and even a church group bailed out townships affected by either water or electricity blackouts.

In many townships, residents in large numbers have begun paying, albeit a flat rate well below the average account.

The Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal has appealed to the Government to impose a moratorium on cutting water and electricity during negotiations on provision of and non-payment for services.

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# River sewage warning

By Shirley Woodgate

The Department of Water Affairs is considering taking legal action against black municipalities which are allowing raw sewage to overflow into tributaries of the Vaal River.

This follows the build-up of sewage which is overflowing into the rivers after pumps at certain townships were shut down following non-payment of electricity bills.

Health Department spokesman Karen Knobel said her office would come into the pic-

ture only if the situation were considered dangerous, and that people on the affected streams were not dependent on river water for their daily supply.

But SA Institute for Medical Research virologist Margareta Isaacson warned that cholera, typhoid, polio, hepatitis, dysentery and gastro-enteritis could be caused by untreated polluted water.

Meanwhile the Rand Water Board has stated emphatically that pollution which might be caused by the raw sewage flowing into the river system poses no health hazard in the PWV area.

"There is absolutely no indi-

cation of pollution in the water supplied by the RWB to the PWV area," said RWB pollution control officer Ray Haynes.

"The origin of the raw sewage on the East Rand is a long way from the Vaal Barrage, 80 km downstream from the Vaal Dam.

The Suikerbos and Blesbok rivers, which are at risk, are low and farmers are irrigating extensively from these streams, so that there is little flow into the Barrage, Mr Haynes said.

RWB chief scientist Chris Viljoen warned people who used the Barrage for boating and skiing that there was always risk involved in using dams.

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## Four hacked to death, set alight

Four men were hacked to death and their bodies set alight in four separate incidents in Vaal Triangle at the weekend.

Police spokesman Captain P F van Deventer confirmed the killings, saying revenge appeared to have been the motive.

He could not say if the incidents were linked.

"One of the victims was neck-laced after a kangaroo court had found him guilty of some crime he had committed at Sebokeng Hostel on Saturday," said Captain van Deventer.

In one incident, an off-duty policeman was hacked to death and his body set alight by a mob at Sebokeng Hostel on Saturday.

Constable Petrus Thinani had earlier been involved in a shooting incident in which a man was killed on Saturday morning.

"He was apparently killed him to avenge that death," said Captain van Deventer.

Two other burnt bodies were found at separate places in Evaton on Sunday morning. — Staff Reporters.



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**Eskom considering**

## **pay-as-you-use system**

By Shirley Woodgate

Eskom, facing a outstanding debt of R70 million in unpaid accounts from 30 black townships, is planning to introduce a system of prepaid budget electricity controllers (BECs) installed inside homes.

The BECs — which work on coupons or tokens fed into the unit when power is needed — are also equipped with an alarm which indicates when electricity credit is running low.

Simply explained, after BECs have been installed, electricity will be supplied only once householders have paid up-front.

Eskom reticulation market development manager John Bradbury said a pilot project had been running for two years in KwaNobuhle near Uitenhage, where 3 000 BECs had been fitted.

Inquiries for 30 000 units had been received, with 23 bids involved in the latest tender.

Stressing that BECs were not a device to be used only in black townships, he said 70 had been installed over the past year in the upmarket Lanzerac development near Lonehill, north of Johannesburg.

Highlighting Eskom's latest drive to supply cost-effective electricity, communications manager Johan du Plessis said: "About 22 million of the 38 million in SA are without electricity.

"Our achievable targets are: 1 million homes to be electrified by 1995, another 1,5 million by 2000 and a final 5 million by 2025.

"Eskom is currently involved in 120 electrification projects throughout South Africa which will provide electricity for 600 000 dwellings," Mr du Plessis said.

The BECs were part of the cost-effective technology which was expected to cut by half the costs of bringing electricity to the end user, he added.

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## Youths 'destroyed goods'

By McKeed Kotlolo  
Pretoria Bureau

Atteridgeville residents have complained about intimidation by local youths who stopped vehicles entering the township and destroyed goods to enforce the consumer boycott which started on Monday.

Residents said youths stopped and searched vehicles for goods bought in town.

Groceries and other items found during roadblocks along the main taxi routes of Seeiso and Maunde Streets were confiscated and destroyed.

Some residents claimed to have bought groceries from In-

dian shops because they thought Indians businesses were exempt from the boycott.

Taxi commuters said the youths claimed they were acting on instructions of the local civic body, the Atteridgeville-Saulsville Residents' Organisation.

Several incidents of damage to property have been reported since the weekend violence in the area.

Latest reports said two buses belonging to the SA Defence Force were gutted on Tuesday afternoon.

Police said they had arrested 21 people during yesterday's pre-dawn raids.



## TPA 'not responsible for water cut'

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The Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday denied cutting off the water supply in Tokoza and Katlehong townships on the East Rand, which were without water yesterday.

TPA spokesman Gert de Jager said in a statement that the Rand Water Board's water supply pipe had burst as a result of an increase in pressure.

— Political Staff





Scene of the shooting . . . Mr Justice Eddie Stafford, the Inquest chairman, outside the Sebokeng hostel where 42 people died in fighting between rival groups and in subsequent police action. Picture: Alf Kumalo.

## Video of shooting shown to inquest

A video recording showing SADF soldiers shooting into a crowd of people, who apparently wanted to attack Zulu residents of the Sebokeng hostel, was yesterday viewed by a Supreme Court inquest in Vereeniging for 42 people killed in the township early in September.

The video was presented as evidence to the inquest by police cameraman Constable Marius van Huyssteen who, while filming the shooting, was heard to say on the recording: "The SADF members are starting to act, they are shooting with sharp-point ammunition."

A volley of rapid-fire shooting followed, lasting for about 10 seconds, while the crowd scattered in all directions. Detonation of teargas canisters accompanied the shooting.

Several people were left lying in the street, at least two of whom were found to be dead.

Some people in the crowd who were apparently wounded by the volley of shots were helped away from the scene by their comrades. Other wounded people were unable to move.

Immediately before the shooting, Constable van Huyssteen, in running commentary of events, said people in the crowd were sitting down in the street while troops advanced in a line.

The incident arose after fighting broke out between two groups — allegedly supporters of Inkatha on the one side and ANC followers on the other — at the hostel in the early hours of September 4.

Police arrived at the hostel to find several bodies already lying in the immediate vicinity of the hostel.

The police investigation that followed resulted in the arrest of 137 Inkatha members, including Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza, and the recovery of weapons.

Most of the guns recovered in the operation, including more than one AK-47 rifle, at least one SA-manufactured R-4 rifle, a SAP-issue P38 pistol and .38 pistol, were found in a car apparently associated with Mr Khoza.

The video footage also showed police finding a home-made bomb in the boot of the car while Mr Khoza looked on.

At the police station, several more Inkatha members were found possessing weapons.

Warrant Officer Piet Nienaber also submitted video recordings to the inquest, but his footage did not show the SADF shooting because, he said, his camera battery had run flat.

W/O Nienaber's video depicted police and their vehicles separating the fighting groups.

People on the outside of the hostel could be seen demanding to be let inside, apparently to get at Inkatha members.

The hearing was adjourned early yesterday afternoon to enable inquest chairman Mr Justice Eddie Stafford to inspect the scene of the violence.

The hearing continues today. — Sapa.



40 pc of black adults will be infected by 2010'

# Jo'burg-Soweto now Aids capital of SA

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By Shirley Woodgate

Up to 40 percent of the total black adult population of South Africa may be infected with the Aids virus in 20 years' time.

This is the shock message of a report just released by the Johannesburg City Health Department.

It said the level of infection would depend on the availability of an effective vaccine, new drugs and the scope of preventive health education programmes.

The report said the Johannesburg/Soweto area is the Aids capital of South Africa where some 10 000 of the 100 000 people now infected with the virus have been diagnosed.

But the report said the killer disease's epicentre appears to be moving to Natal and KwaZulu.

Coinciding with the release of the report, Johannesburg's senior deputy medical officer Dr Nicky Padayachee issued an urgent appeal for greater efforts by Government departments to combat "the worst epidemic to hit the world since the turn of the century".

And Professor Ruben Sher, head of the of the University of the Witwatersrand's Department of Immunology added: "It is time the political leaders across the spectrum stopped talking politics and started talking Aids."

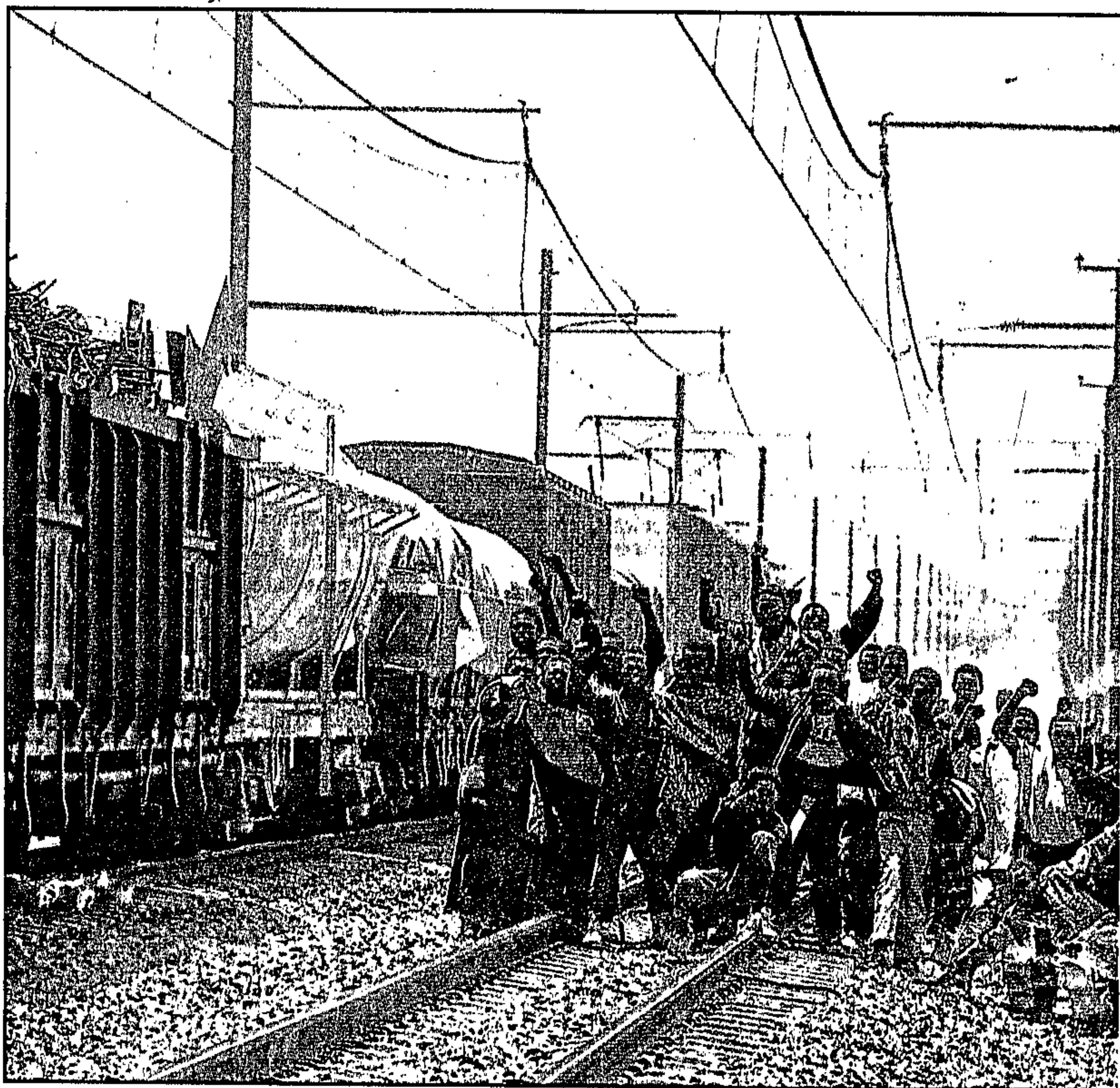
## Shift

The report confirms findings that Aids, which was previously seen as largely a homosexual disease, has shifted heavily into the heterosexual arena.

Up to the end of last year, two-thirds of the country's reported Aids cases were transmitted by homosexuals.

However, a significant shift has occurred since the start of 1990 when more than half the reported cases have been transmitted by heterosexuals, mainly black.

Figures show that men account for nearly 80 percent of all reported cases.



Patrolling the perimeters . . . Xhosa men take up positions on the railway line skirting Zonkwezi where fighting broke out on Sunday night between warring factions. Report on Page 3.

## Man shoots ex-wife then kills himself

By Anna Louw  
East Rand Bureau

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The couple's children, a

## R2-bn wiped off gold shares

Finance Staff

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This brought the gold





# SA's women 'carrying great responsibility'

By Stan Hlophe

The problems of South Africa had to be solved by South Africans themselves through peaceful negotiations and not by armed struggle, Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning Roelf Meyer said yesterday.

Mr Meyer was a guest speaker at a function hosted by the Soweto Council addressing the "role of women in the shaping of a new South Africa" in Soweto.

The Deputy Minister said the Government wanted serious and open discussion in which everyone could take part.

It was for this reason that steps had been taken to normalise the political situation in the country and to lift the restrictions that previously inhibited free political expression, he said.

"Together we have to create a new South Africa in which the ideals and aspirations of all South Africans who want a peaceful future can be realised.

"In the establishment of this new dispensation

you have a role to play, as citizens, but also as women, and so you are carrying a great political and social responsibility.

"Women form the backbone of any society, and considering that women make up more than half of the total population, it is clear that women must take an active part in the shaping of a new South Africa," Mr Meyer said.

In planning a post-apartheid society, universal principles — including the sharing of political power and opportunities and maintenance of law and order — had to be kept in mind.

"I am asking you to be strong, for the sake of our children and for the sake of our future. Violence will not solve our problems.

"It fills me with anger to hear of young people who are encouraged to spend their days harassing and even killing their fellow South Africans. I am sure you will support me and the Government when we call on you, as women, to be strong and take a stand," he said.

"Women can create positive perceptions with people whom politicians cannot reach," Mr Meyer added.



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Transvaal has the most cases, followed by Natal, the Cape and the Free State. "The SABC should seriously rethink its refusal to screen condom advertisements, and more education at schools level is essential in view of recent statistics from the Cape showing 70 percent of high school pupils are sexually active," Dr Padayachee said.

Professor Sher stressed that a side effect, largely overlooked by the media, was the effect of the Aids virus on tuberculosis.

The incidence of TB was far greater in South Africa than Aids, but the link was when the Aids virus, which depresses the immune system, reactivated TB which may be lying dormant.

"The Government is not providing enough money to educate the public about Aids and people themselves are simply not doing enough about safe sexual practice."

The World Health Organisation has predicted that an estimated 10 million infants and children in sub-Saharan Africa will develop Aids and die from the disease by the year 2000.



Patrolling the perimeters . . . Xhosa men take up positions on the railway line skirting Zonkwezizwe s where fighting broke out on Sunday night between warring factions. Report on Page 3.

## Man shoots ex-wife then kills himself

By Anna Louw  
East Rand Bureau

A mother of two primary school children is fighting for her life in hospital after being shot twice with a rifle by her former husband in her home in Springs early today.

An ambulance spokesman said the man shot his former wife in the head and chest with the rifle before shooting himself in the head.

He died in a bedroom in the house.

The man went to the house early today and began arguing with his former wife.

The woman was gunned down in her bedroom. The man then went to another bedroom, where he shot himself dead.

The couple's children, a boy and a girl, sought help from neighbours.

Their mother was taken by ambulance to the Far East Rand Hospital, where she is in a critical condition.

The children were taken in by neighbours.

A police spokesman said detectives were at the scene investigating.

They have not yet released the names of the couple.

## Widower, maid murdered

Staff Reporter

An elderly Johannesburg widower and his domestic worker were found murdered in their house in Sydenham yesterday afternoon.

Police said Chrysotomos Tellides (71) and Lillian Makgale (44) died of multiple stab wounds. Their bodies were discovered by a neighbour at about 3 pm in the Sneddon Street house. Police were immediately alerted.

Witwatersrand police liaison officer Captain Eugene Opperman said robbery appeared to be the motive.

Mr Tellides lived alone in the house following the death of his wife several years ago.

Brixton Murder and Robbery squad detectives were on the scene until late yesterday searching for clues.

Colonel Chris Earle, head of the Brixton Murder and Robbery Squad said today there were at this stage no suspects. "It appears as if this case will be very difficult to solve."

There appeared to be no signs of forced entry.

Mr Tellides is survived by three children, George, Maria and Johanna.

## R2-bn wiped off gold shares

Finance Staff

The combined effect of a strong financial rand and a drop in the gold price to below \$380 knocked nearly R2 billion off the market capitalisation of gold shares on the JSE yesterday.

This brought the gold share index to 68 points below the previous year's low reached in June, closing at 1253.

Yesterday's drop was about R1 924 000.

The gold price lost \$5,20 in London yesterday to a close of \$379,25 after an \$8 fall in New York the previous day.

However, in New York last night, it closed \$1,50 up on the day at \$379,10.

## Weekend will be warmer

No significant break is expected in the present dry weather pattern over most of the country for at least the next four days.

A Weather Bureau spokesman said showers had been reported in the Pietersburg area yesterday but sustained rain was needed.

The weekend forecast for the PWV area is "sunny and warm" with temperatures up to 26 dec C on Sunday. Over the Transvaal there will be a 10 percent chance of showers tomorrow.

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# Townships' electricity crisis

Hundreds of thousands without lights, water

The Argus Correspondent

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JOHANNESBURG. — The township rent and services boycott is reaching critical proportions.

The possibility of major health hazards is being mooted as raw sewage pours into Wiltwatersand river systems from black towns because of a discontinuation of services.

And hundreds of thousands of township dwellers are now living without electricity and some also without water, because of non-payment of accounts.

Unrest has broken out in many areas affected by blackouts.

The latest is Atteridgeville where a curfew has been imposed after two youths were shot dead at the weekend, apparently while they were trying to reconnect electricity supplies.

And many more townships, including Daveyton, Munsieville, Witbank's KwaGuga and Middelburg's Mhuzi, are facing cuts shortly.

Some black residential areas, including Kroonstad's sprawling Maokeng, population 100 000, have had severe water restrictions for weeks.

The crisis began on September 1 when the government stopped bridging finance to townships continuing with the rent and services boycotts.

Eskom faces mounting debt with up to R70 million in arrears run up so far by 30 townships.

Said the town clerk of a large highveld industrial township: "Unless something drastic is done very soon at a national level the collapse of black local authorities is imminent."



# Atteridgeville council resigns

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JOHANNESBURG. — The Atteridgeville Town Council's remaining nine councillors have handed in their resignations.

Thursday's dramatic announcement of resignations included those of the mayor, Mr Velaphi Mathebula. The council said the resignations resulted from intimidation by residents.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration said yesterday that it regretted the resignations, which a spokesman also attributed to intimidation.

The resignations came at a time when certain elements were involved in breaking down local authorities, he charged.

Asked whether the TPA would appoint an administrator to take over the administration of Atteridgeville, he said: "That is what we normally do ... but wait for a full statement."

The township's ANC branch hailed the resignations, inviting the resigned

councillors to join extra-parliamentary organisations in their "struggle against apartheid structures".

The ANC branch said it rejected out of hand allegations by the TPA and the resigned council that the resignation came as result of intimidation by certain elements.

"The resignation is a result of the ethnic approach and financial unviability of black local authorities," a spokesman said.

● The Mamelodi Civic Association congratulated the Pretoria township's Residents' Organisation and the community township for forcing the council to resign.

A police spokesman said security forces would not be withdrawn and the declaration of Atteridgeville as an unrest area would not be withdrawn until the situation had returned to normal. — Sapa

# Sebokeng: 'I did not see police stormed'

THABO LSHILO

FRIENDS and relatives of victims of the Sebokeng Hostel shooting, which left 42 dead recently, packed the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court yesterday to hear a Supreme Court inquest into the incident.

The incident occurred on September 24 after Inkatha members allegedly clashed with hostel residents, leaving 30 people dead. Police later arrested 137 Inkatha members, including Themba Khoza, leader of the Inkatha Youth Brigade, for illegal possession of arms.

Among those present at the inquest were Mathuto Ntseoana, whose husband Joseph died in the shooting. She was accompanied by her sister in law, Christina Ntseoana.

Mrs Mathuto Ntseoana told Saturday Star they had travelled from Matatiele, in the Transkei, "to get the truth about what happened to our husband and brother".

The two women, however, said that they could not follow the proceedings because they did not understand Afrikaans.

Constable Marius van Huyssten, who presented a police video film of the incident, which showed the army shooting at a crowd, told the court he did not understand

why members of the SADF shot at the crowd.

He said that he did not see the crowd "storm" at the army or hurl stones at them.

In a running commentary on the video, Constable van Huyssten, of the Krugersdorp Criminal Section's video unit, could be heard saying: "The defence force members are starting to act. They are using sharp (skerp) ammunition."

Panic-stricken people were shown running away. Some fell and were trampled on.

The inquest was adjourned to 10 am on Monday to give the defence counsel the opportunity to study the film.

The inquest chairman is Mr Justice Eddie Stafford. Advocates M Basslian, L Lapidos and M Miller appear for Inkatha. Advocate Gys Rautenbach appears for the victims.



# WE'LL OPEN

## FIRE, SAYS WINNIE

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ANC commanders will listen for the order to open fire if the government misbehaves, ANC head of social welfare Winnie Mandela said yesterday.

Speaking in Atteridgeville near Pretoria, she addressed several thousand people at a funeral service for youths who died during police action in recent unrest sparked by the disconnection of the township's electricity. The town council also collapsed last week.

Mandela said: "We still live in a country where the government thinks it is justifiable to kill people just because they allegedly reconnected electricity so they could eat and wash."

The ANC would not like to go back to the armed struggle, but that was up to the government.

"If they behave, peace will reign. If they misbehave, our commanders have... dug the trenches. They are standing to attention at bases and they will listen for the next order to fire."

"Our patience is not endless and the government must take note."

Mandela said the PWV region of the ANC had asked her to remind residents to create defence strategies. The local ANC branch would supply details, she said.

"Any agency which enters your township under the pretext of bringing peace when they want to create war must meet with the full might of the people."

Police set up a road-block at the main entrance to Atteridgeville yesterday, but access to the stadium, where the funeral service was held, was exclusively controlled by youths in ANC colours.

## 'Our patience is not endless'

Mandela said Umkhonto weSizwe could not be disbanded because, in view of government's "brutal and dishonest record, how can we throw away our spears and shields, Umkhonto we Sizwe?"

She added: "If they continue with their unprovoked attacks such as the one I personally experienced here in Atteridgeville on Monday, we shall react."

"On Monday we were teargassed for no reason at all."

She said police denied this incident and were "chronic and compulsive liars."

"De Klerk and Malan tell us to stop mass action. The government cannot teach us how to fight against them and how to fight apartheid."

Turning to the detention of ANC members in Bophuthatswana, she said

the ANC would crush President Lucas Mangope politically.

It was "absolute nonsense" that the ANC had planned to kill him.

"It is apartheid we want to kill, not Lucas Mangope. Or is Mangope the same thing as apartheid?"

The service was held for Lucky Phahlane and Prince Makhoba, plus George Taane, who died in Lusaka. — Sapa

Fiery orator... Winnie Mandela, who says ANC commanders are ready to spring into action.





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# Cop shocked at SADF action

By SOPHIE TEMA

A POLICE constable told a Supreme Court inquest he was "shocked" when he realised that sharp-point ammunition was used by the SADF to shoot into a crowd in Sebokeng.

Constable Marius van Huysteen, of the Krugersdorp Criminal Section's video unit, made this revelation at the inquest - held at the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court - into the deaths of 42 people killed in Sebokeng on September 4 this year.

The incident occurred when Inkatha members allegedly clashed with hostel dwellers at Sebokeng hostel.

Police later recovered

an arsenal of weapons and arrested Inkatha Youth Brigade leader Themba Khoza and 137 Inkatha members.

Van Huysteen's video recording, screened in court, showed SADF members shooting into a crowd outside the hostel.

In a running commentary on the video, Van Huysteen could be heard saying in Afrikaans: "The defence force members are beginning to act.

"They are using sharp ammunition."

Asked by the legal representative for 12 families of those killed, advocate Gys Rautenbach, why he raised his voice during his commentary, Van

Huysteen said: "I was shocked and surprised when I realised that sharp-point ammunition was used to shoot into the crowd."

Van Huysteen told the hearing that on the day he had not observed any movements by the crowd that suggested the SADF was to be attacked.

Van Huysteen agreed with inquest chairman Judge Eddie Stafford's observation that apart from a few stones thrown at SADF members, there had not been a general attack on the soldiers.

Stafford said he had also observed from the video that most of the people were shot while run-

ning away.

MaThuto Ntseoana - whose husband Joseph died in the shooting - and her niece MaTukelo, travelled from Likhutloaneng in the Transkei to be present at the hearing, but said they could not follow the proceedings because they could not understand Afrikaans.



16 die  
as rent  
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By SANDILE MEMELA

AT least 16 people died in Zonkizizwe, Katlehong, this week when a dispute over a rent boycott exploded into violence.

Now the violence threatens to grow into a new ANC-Inkatha war, according to residents.

Residents have expressed concern over the renewed fighting in the area.

"We thought peace had returned to the people and are disappointed that this has to take place just before Christmas," said Agnes Khumalo, 65.

Already a wave of panic has spread through the area with residents fleeing their homes after a series of dusk attacks by assailants armed with AK-47s.

Stunned survivors of the new wave of violence described the past week as a "living hell" and have sought refuge in surrounding areas of Palm Ridge, Natalspruit Hospital and nearby police stations.

Scores of others have escaped into houses of relatives and friends in Thokoza, Se-

bokeng and Natalspruit.

Zonkizizwe - which means "all nations" - was tense this week as residents returned to the area in daytime to salvage whatever possessions they had left behind.

The outbreak of violence followed a community gathering last Sunday which ended abruptly after alleged Zulu-speaking men attacked residents.

This follows a dispute over joining the rent boycott.

East Rand TPA spokesman Tom Botha said a faction in the community wanted to

engage in a rent boycott and not pay for water and sewage services.

"Apparently some of the residents were unwilling and said they did not want to be part of self-serving political groups in the area," said Botha.

Water-tanker drivers were intimidated and could not go into the area.

"It was impossible for us to move in and things only got better under police escort."

Residents said a rent-office employee, Khehla Petros Maduna, was shot and

killed after he had defied the call from a faction not to pay rent.

But Botha said Maduna's killing could have been a personal issue.

Residents said the rent dispute was being overtaken by tribal prejudice and Zulu-speaking men had pledged to attack non-Zulus in the area.

A Swazi-speaking man who asked not to be identified told *City Press* he spent a night on his shack roof on Tuesday after groups of Zulu-speaking men went on the rampage.

"I heard sounds of gunfire and saw them shoot randomly at

men who were not Zulus. I only escaped because it was dark and I could not be spotted."

He said he was living in fear of his life and could not return to his shack until the fighting subsided.

Late this week it was tense in Zonkizizwe and hundreds of shacks had their curtains drawn and windows shut.

Zonkizizwe was established last August and has a population of about 80,000. Many of the residents escaped the recent Reef war that claimed 800 lives in Katlehong and Thokoza.

Residents flee strife-torn Zonkizizwe clutching the few possessions they could carry. The violence seems set to escalate into another ANC-Inkatha war.

■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA





# LET THERE BE LIGHT

By ELIAS MALULEKE

ATTERIDGEVILLE residents yesterday relaunched "operation switch-on" in the township following the collapse of the council on Friday.

Defiant youths openly carried pliers and stepladders and reconnected wires in the street poles while others kept watch for police and SADF patrols.

The curfew imposed by the police has also been ignored since Sunday and life is going on as usual in the township.

However, ill-disciplined youths have been harassing residents and stopping taxis to enforce the consumer boycott which was called by Asro and the UDF to force the authorities to reconnect lights and enter into negotiations with the civic organisation.

The consumer boycott, which is showing signs of being a success, started on Monday in conjunction with a massive work stayaway in Pretoria, Rosslyn and GaRankuwa.

The boycott is also in force in Mamelodi, Soshanguve and Mabopane.

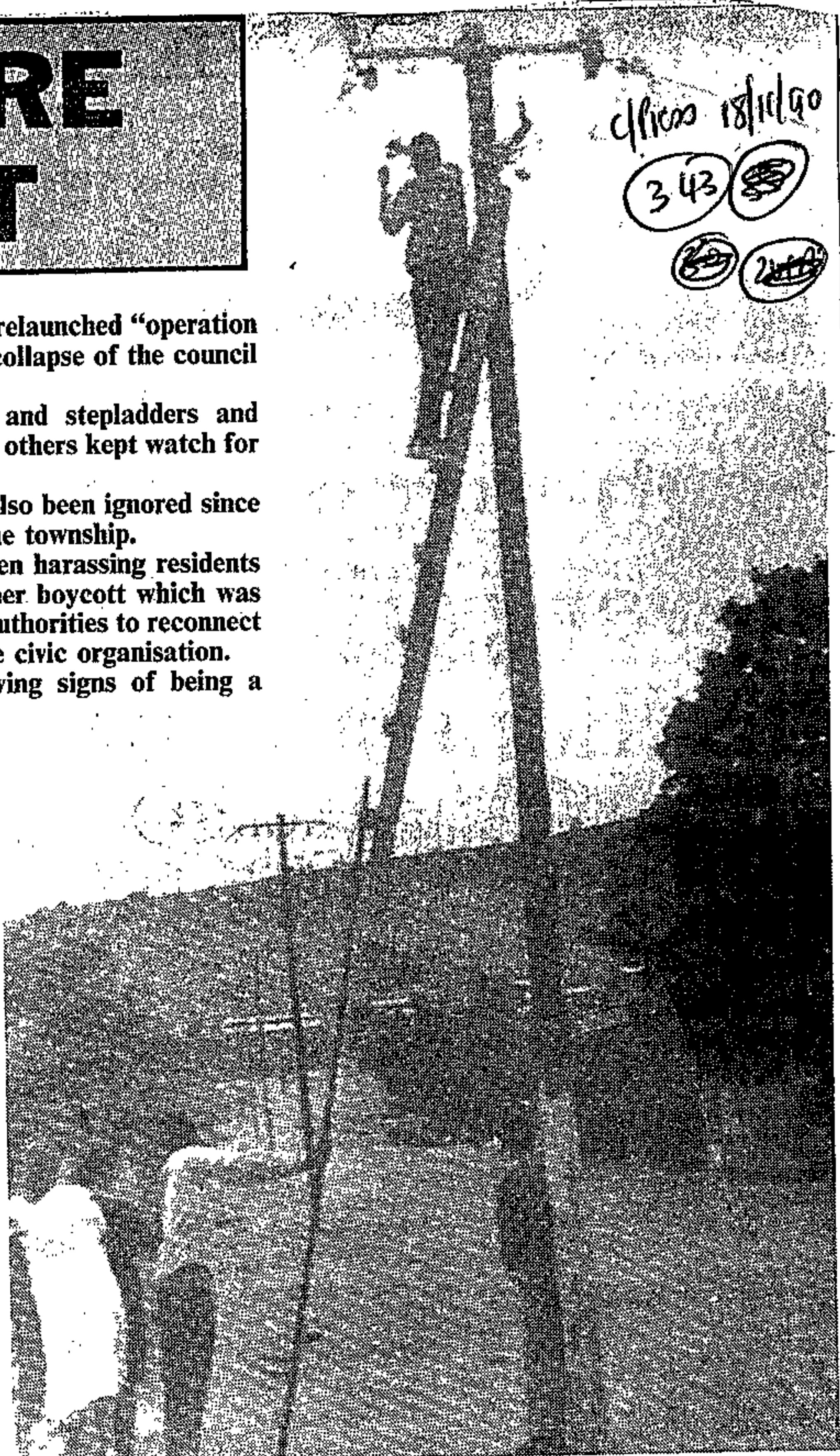
Although residents applauded the resignation of the Atteridgeville council this week, TPA local director JJ van der Walt said the councillors have been forced to resign by a concerted campaign of intimidation and terror.

He said 25 petrol bombs were thrown at the house of one councillor in one night.

Asro publicity secretary John Ramatsui hailed as a victory the resignation of councillors, who include mayor V Mathibua and his deputy J Tshungu.

Sapa reports the ANC's Atteridgeville branch invited the resigned councillors to join extra-parliamentary bodies.

Asked whether the TPA would now appoint an administrator to run Atteridgeville, the TPA's director of public relations, Piet Wilken, said: "That is what we normally do . . . but wait for a full statement."



Atteridgeville youths switch on:

■ Pic: ELIAS MALULEKE



# 'Trojan horse' nonsense, says SAP

THE SAP has refuted allegations in a *City Press* report last week headlined "Trojan horse deaths".

SAP public relations officer Maj RM Harrald said: "The picture of 'shocked residents' showing gunshot wounds after an 'attack by police' creates the perception that the police attacked the residents."

"This is so far from the truth that it is absolutely absurd."

"Any person in his right mind will know that the SAP does not 'attack' people."

There were many incidents of petrol-bombs and stones hurled at the police. "The fact that a member of the police was injured when he was hit on the head by a stone

thrown by those attacking the police is conveniently ignored."

"The SAP emphatically denies the allegations of the 'Trojan horse'. Police vehicles used in Atteridgeville are either Casspirs or easily identifiable police vehicles."

"The term 'Trojan horse' would imply that police made use of other vehicles to hide their

identity until the last moment."

Witnesses told *City Press* that youths were reconnecting electricity in Ghost Town when police sneaked up on them and used shotguns, rubber and live bullets without warning.

The article painted a biased picture, said Harrald.

Political comment and newshills by K Sibiyi, headlines and sub-editing by K Naidoo, both of 2 Herb Street, New Doornfontein, Johannesburg.

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## Man shot dead on way to Inkatha rally in Soweto

By Stan Hlope

A man was shot dead by gunmen in Soweto yesterday while on his way to an Inkatha rally at the Jabulani Amphitheatre.

Witnesses said he was in his early 30s and was shot by men wearing ANC T-shirt.

Inkatha Youth Brigade chairman Temba Khoza confirmed the death.

It was the only incident at the otherwise peaceful rally attended by 40 000 Inkatha supporters.

The rally was supposed to be a report-back by Sisonke, the ruling Soweto City Council party.

Instead, the rally, to which all Soweto residents were invited, was dominated by Inkatha

members who carried various "traditional" weapons.

Soweto residents were conspicuous by their absence and the few Sisonke diehards were overshadowed by the thousands of Inkatha supporters.

However, Soweto deputy mayor Alfred Nyathi and housing chairman Simon Mkhize were adamant that it was a Sisonke rally.

Red, green and white Inkatha flags were hoisted all over the arena, while only about three Sisonke flags were seen.

Mr Khoza said he would not be intimidated by other organisations in the quest for freedom and peace.



# Low cost housing

*Swiifan*  
THE R2-billion allocated by the Government for socio-economic development should be used where the need was greatest.

It should not be used to subsidise houses costing more than R10 000 to R12 000, said Aida Holdings chairman Ms Aida Geffen.

In a statement, she said the funds should be used for the majority of urban blacks who earned between R500 and R800 a month.

"I believe the acute

housing shortage in this country and the squatter problem is a time-bomb on the verge of exploding."

Ms Geffen said it made no sense to subsidise black housing in the R20 000 to R30 000 bracket at the expense of the majority who could not even afford repayments on bonds of R10 000.

She said the belief that basic dwellings could not be built for less than R15 000 had been disproved at Orange Farm

earlier this year where 3 500 houses were built at a cost of R8 500 each.

The houses consisted of an outer brick wall with tiled or steel roof, no plastering or ceilings and a single dividing wall.

One water tap was shared by 10 houses and pit sewerage would be used until water-borne sewerage was installed.

Eskom had undertaken to bypass the various municipal authorities and enter into direct supply contracts with house-owners at Orange Farm, Ms Geffen said.

# Sebokeng <sup>243</sup> video shocks courtroom

By Thabo Leshilo

Shocked spectators at the Sebokeng inquest gasped in awe, others cursed and several left the courtroom when a video of soldiers shooting at a crowd at the Sebokeng hostel on September 4 was shown yesterday during an inquest into the deaths of 42 people.

The video, which shows the army firing at people as they ran away, was handed in as evidence by the police to the inquest in the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court.

## Firearms

A number of the victims were left injured, dead or dying from their wounds.

The inquest into events at the hostel, where 42 people died after clashes involving Inkatha, ANC-supporting hostel residents and the SADF, is chaired by Mr Justice Eddie Stafford.

Police later arrested 137 Inkatha members, including Themba Khoza, leader of the Inkatha Youth Brigade.

Police found several firearms and a homemade bomb in the youth leader's car.

Police cameraman Warrant Officer Piet Nienaber said the army had opened fire just after firing a teargas grenade.

The grenade had exploded near him, and he had just turned around to escape the gas when the firing started, Warrant Officer Nienaber said.

He, however, could not film the shooting incident because his camera battery was flat at the time.

Warrant Officer Nienaber

said he did not see anyone from the huge crowd attack soldiers before the shooting.

He said a large group had been sitting near to where security forces were standing when the shooting started.

Another member of the police video team, Constable Marius Huyssteen, told the court on Friday that he did not understand why soldiers had shot at the crowd because the crowd had not stormed the soldiers or hurled stones at them.

The shooting apparently started moments after someone in the crowd had hurled a missile near the soldiers and the huge crowd.

Constable Huyssteen said it was not clear from the video whether the missile had landed in the crowd or among the SADF members.

In the courtroom, the widow of one of the victims, Mathuto Ntseoana, who was wearing mourning garb, hid her head in shock when a scene from the video showed people lying injured and others dead or dying on the ground.

Mrs Ntseoana's husband Joseph was killed during events at the hostel.

## Withdrew

Warrant Officer Nienaber and Constable Huyssteen denied seeing anyone throwing a petrol bomb at security forces.

Anton Ackerman appears for the State, and M Basslian, L Lapidos and M Miller appear for Inkatha.

The victims are represented by Gys Rautenbach. K van Vuuren, who initially represented the SADF and the SAP, withdrew his representation for the police yesterday.



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## Degrading conditions 'may have led to crime'

By Musa Mapisa

Two Alexandra men who were found guilty of assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm after lashing a man 200 times in a "people's court" lived in poor conditions which might have increased their potential for violence and aggression.

Albert Tikulili (18) and Absolom Sibisi (18) appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court for sentencing yesterday.

They were found guilty of lashing Josia Madonsela (37) with a sjambok in April this year.

Arguing in mitigation of sentence yesterday, the defence counsel called a psychologist to give evidence based on interviews he had had with the accused.

The psychologist said Sibisi had lived with his parents, his maternal aunt and her two chil-

dren in a shack measuring about 2 m by 6 m.

"These conditions may well have heightened Sibisi's potential for aggression," he said.

The psychologist also said Sibisi had told him there was a great deal of crime in the squatter camp, where police had been unsuccessful in arresting the culprits.

"This may well have increased Sibisi's potential to participate in informal policing," said the psychologist.

Tikulili, said the psychologist, had an extremely negative view of the police. He saw them as persecuting and unsupportive of the residents of his community and society at large.

At the request of the defence, the court adjourned to inspect the living conditions in the Alexandra squatter camp and the scene where the lashing took place.

The trial continues.

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**Township of death quiets down**

The East Rand's Zonk' Isizwe township — where at least 35 people have died in bloody conflict — was quiet over the past 24 hours. Police said a man's body was

found, but there was no further violence.

Two AK-47 rifles, two loaded magazines and about 50 AK-47 rounds were found during a police operation.



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## Counselling urged for youths who flogged man

Staff Reporter

Education and counselling would be a better cure than jail for two Alexandra teenagers found guilty of flogging a man 200 times, a Johannesburg magistrate was told yesterday.

Albert Tikulili (18) and Absalom Sibisi (18) lashed Josia Madonsela (37) with a sjambok in April.

Evidence in mitigation was given by Alexandra Civic Association executive member Moses Mayekiso and criminologist Wilfried Scharf.

Mr Mayekiso said "people's courts" had started in Alexandra in 1986 after a six-day "war" between the police and youths.

"Police stopped taking crime cases seriously and residents lost faith as a result," Mr Mayekiso said.

Unemployment, overcrowding and bad living conditions had resulted in an increase in crime. The youths had decided to deal with crime themselves.

Mr Mayekiso said the civic association accepted the "people's courts" only if there was mediation and counselling in these structures. Lashing of people was not acceptable to his organisation, though in some cases it helped combat crime.

Youths, such as Tikulili and Sibisi, involved in the lashing of other people needed to be educated and counselled — not destroyed, he said.

This view was also expressed by Mr Scharf who said black youths in South Africa were currently subjected to violence from all sides.

"They had to be freedom fighters, young lions of the struggle, and this has brought peer pressure on them."

Education was an important part in the rehabilitation of the youth of the "lost generation", Mr Scharf said.

The case was postponed to December 7.

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# No orders to shoot, Sebokeng inquest told

By Thabo Leshilo

SADF members who allegedly unleashed a volley of automatic gunfire at a crowd at the Sebokeng hostel in September apparently did so without an order from their commanding officer, the Sebokeng inquest into the deaths of 42 people heard yesterday.

Colonel Petrus Johannes Fourie, the SAP's district commissioner for Vereeniging, said that immediately after the army had fired, he had asked Commandant Cloulie, the SADF commanding officer, who had ordered the troops to shoot.

"Commandant Cloulie told me that he had only ordered teargas to be fired," he said.

The commandant told him that one soldier had said one of the wounded people was holding a petrol bomb.

"I did not see a petrol bomb near the corpse at that stage," Colonel Fourie said.

He said that after the shooting, he had seen three bodies and several injured people on the scene. There were also sharp weapons, petrol bombs, fighting sticks and articles of clothing.

There were, as usual, two different command structures for

the SAP and SADF. Problems arose because of this, Colonel Fourie said.

The shooting had occurred a minute after he had told police not to shoot or hit the people but rather to disperse them gradually.

Asked what he would have done to disperse the mob, he said he would have used teargas and rubber bullets before using live ammunition.

Another witness, Warrant Officer Anthony Slinger, said the army arrived in a convoy at 9.35 am. There was a 10 000-strong aggressive crowd outside the hostel. They threw stones

and petrol bombs at Inkatha members trapped inside.

"I could see the defence force kneel down. Teargas (three canisters) was fired. The defence force immediately started firing R-4 weapons. I heard no order given to shoot."

The crowd started running, W/O Slinger said. He saw 11 wounded people on the ground. He later collected 96 spent R-4 cartridges at the scene.

Constable Joseph Lethoba said he had removed two bodies from the scene at about 10 am, about 15 minutes after the shooting.

The hearing continues.



# Sebokeng: judge orders perjury probe

By Montshiwa Moroke  
and Sapa

An SADF officer's evidence should be sent to the Attorney-General for scrutiny, the chairman in the judicial inquest into the killing of 42 people at the Sebokeng hostel near Vereeniging on September 4 ruled yesterday.

Mr Justice Eddie Stafford said there was prima facie evidence that Commandant Stephanus Lombard had committed perjury and ordered that the evidence be studied by the Attorney-General so that he could be charged if necessary.

This followed Commandant Lombard's confirmation that he had made a false statement to the police regarding a petrol bomb allegedly found near the body of a man who had been shot dead by SADF members.

Commandant Lombard was the first of two senior SADF officers who gave evidence in court which contradicted parts of their original statements.

He was also one of four SADF officers who have confirmed there had been no orders to start shooting live ammunition at the crowd that day.

In the statement, Commandant Lombard claimed to have seen fellow officer Commandant Alf Clulie pick up a petrol bomb from the ground where the body was lying, but, cross-examined by Mr Justice Stafford, he admitted not even seeing the petrol bomb in question.

Sergeant-Major Marthinus le Roux also admitted having

made a false statement to the police concerning the petrol bomb in question.

He said the troops were justified in firing for 22 seconds as they had not heard anyone ordering them to stop shooting because of the helmets they were wearing.

Mr Justice Stafford remarked that it did not make a difference because no orders had been given in the first place ordering them to start shooting.

Another SADF member, Corporal David Patrick Eiman, said he had seen a man throwing a stone at Rifleman John Booysen, while he held a stick in the other hand.

Corporal Eiman said that when the man aimed to throw a petrol bomb, Rifleman Booysen had shot him in the head. He said the petrol bomb had fallen a few paces away from where the man's body lay.

He had not seen any other petrol bombs being thrown at the troops. The troops had fired live ammunition at the crowd because they thought their lives were in danger.

Corporal Eiman said the shooting continued because his colleagues thought their lives were still in danger although the crowd was running away.

Anton Ackerman, for the State, put it to Corporal Eiman that none of the petrol bombs which had been collected at the scene afterwards showed signs of having been ignited.

Commandant Clulie, who was in charge of the SADF troops that day, is expected to testify today.

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# Judge orders witness detained for perjury

By Thabo Leshilo

A witness in the Sebokeng inquest being heard by the Supreme Court was detained briefly for committing perjury yesterday after allegedly giving evidence which conflicted with a statement he had made to police about his cousin's death.

Mr Justice Stafford ordered that Wilson Tafeni be detained for perjury while the court adjourned for tea.

The perjury stemmed from a statement made by Mr Tafeni in which he claimed to have

personally seen his cousin being shot by a white man at 4 am on September 4.

Mr Tafeni denied having said so to the court.

He said that his cousin had been killed when the SADF shot at people outside the hostel after 9 am.

Mr Justice Stafford told Mr Tafeni he had "committed perjury of the first degree".

In the statement, Mr Tafeni said he and his cousin were patrolling the hostel after rumours that Inkatha would attack the residents.

The statement said that David, his cousin, was shot by a white man — whom he described as being of medium build — at the hostel at 4 am.

Before dying, David had told Mr Tafeni that the killer was a Mr Ferreira or Mr Pelela, his manager at a Vereeniging firm.

Mr Tafeni denied having said so in his statement. He said his brother had been shot by a member of the SADF. Mr Tafeni said David was part of a large crowd sitting in front of soldiers, about seven paces in front of him.

He said he had ordered the people to sit down to avoid anybody throwing stones at the troops and he denied they had intended to block the soldiers.

The people had been armed with spears and axes, he with a spear.

The group had started running after soldiers fired tear-gas. Troops also fired live ammunition while the people ran away to escape the gas. His cousin was shot and fell.

"Only the soldiers fired at the people. No one else fired shots at the time," said Mr Tafeni.



# Home of Duduza leader attacked twice

THE chairman of the ANC branch in Duduza says he fears for his life after two armed incidents at his home in the past two days – the second on Friday night allegedly involving armed white assailants.

Alexander Montoedi – who also heads the Duduza Civic Association – said three balaclava-clad whites were scared off outside his home late on Friday night when a group of “comrades” were summoned to his rescue by neighbours.

No shots were fired.

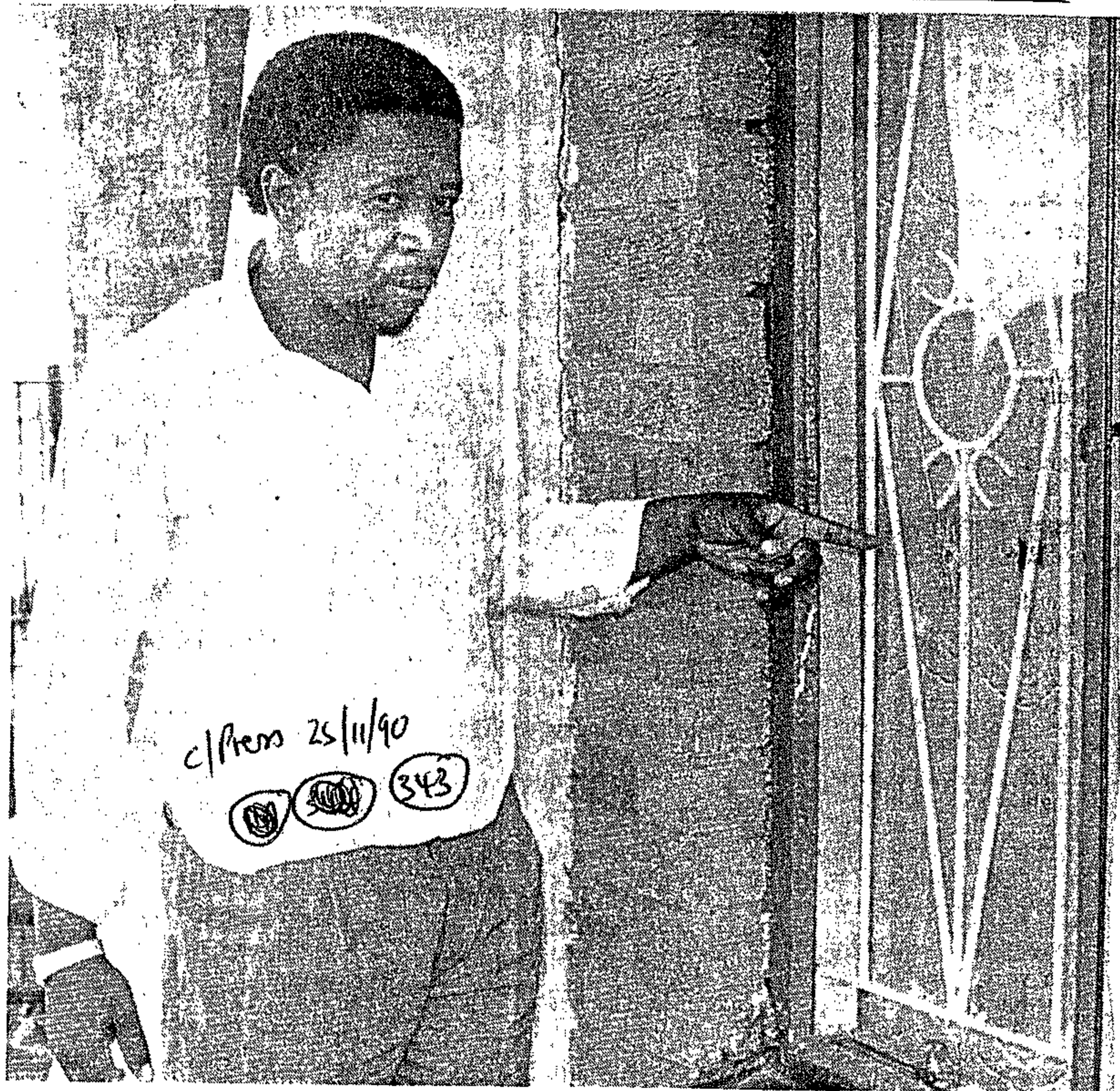
He said he believed the incidents – the first took place on Thursday night when his home was riddled with bullets – were aimed at his life and were linked to a consumer boycott launched by Duduza residents against Nigel businesses on September 24.

“The consumer boycott is so effective that they are attempting to kill me with the hope that it will end.”

Negotiations aimed at ending the boycott were currently underway, he added.

Yesterday police were unable to comment on the alleged incident.

But police are already investigating a case of malicious damage to property following the attack on Montoedi’s home on Thursday at 11.55pm.



**Alex Montoedi shows where bullets were fired through his window.**

■ PICS ANDRIES MCINEKA

toedi, the second incident took place at 9.45pm on Friday.

“My wife and I were just getting into bed when we heard the dogs barking.

“They rang the doorbell.

“The phone rang at

the same time, and I was told by neighbours that whites wearing balaclavas were waiting outside with guns.

“I first thought they were police coming to get more information about Thursday night’s attack.

“When I opened the front door, however, I saw one white man wearing a blue balaclava.

“He ran and hid himself behind the wall and shouted ‘Vula’ (open).

“I closed the door

immediately.”

No shots were fired and the three men left when a group of township youths arrived.

“They jumped into two cars and sped away,” he added. – Sapa

Unknown gunmen fired 25 shots with an AK 47 assault rifle, damaging several windows, doors and walls. East Rand police liaison officer Capt Ida van Zweel said nobody was injured in Thursday’s attack and police were investigating.

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# Weekblad case facts

## 'unique'

By Cathy Stagg

Instead of apologising after their first article, Vrye Weekblad editor Max du Preez and reporter Jacques Pauw had continued a "war" against General Lothar Neethling, the general's counsel, Willy Oshry, QC, submitted in the Rand Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr Oshry said Mr Pauw and Mr du Preez were the "wielders of the poison pens and we submit that that is the only poison in the case".

General Neethling instituted a R1 million claim against Vrye Weekblad arising from the publication of two reports in which former police captain Dirk Coetzee claimed that General Neethling, head of the SAP forensic division, had supplied poison to the Security Police to use on ANC members.

General Neethling also claimed R500 000 from the Weekly Mail arising from a similar article.

Mr Oshry said Vrye Weekblad had been sarcastic at General Neethling's expense, referring to him as "Sun City Lothar" and "Doepa" Neethling, and asking "if this was any way to make your first million".

### Unique

Mr Justice J C Kriegler, who is presiding over the civil trial, said he had not heard of a more important case than the one he had to rule on, because "the facts are unique".

During a debate on whether or not Vrye Weekblad could have checked the facts on poison dosages, the judge said there were far more serious points to consider such as "murders allegedly carried out with the approval of the highest policemen in the land".

Mr Oshry described Mr Coetzee, General Neethling and Leslie Lesia as the three main protagonists and said the judge would have to decide on a balance of probabilities who was telling the truth.

Mr Coetzee gave evidence in London and a transcript has been placed before the judge.

Mr Oshry said the judge had not had the advantage of seeing Mr Coetzee in the witness box.

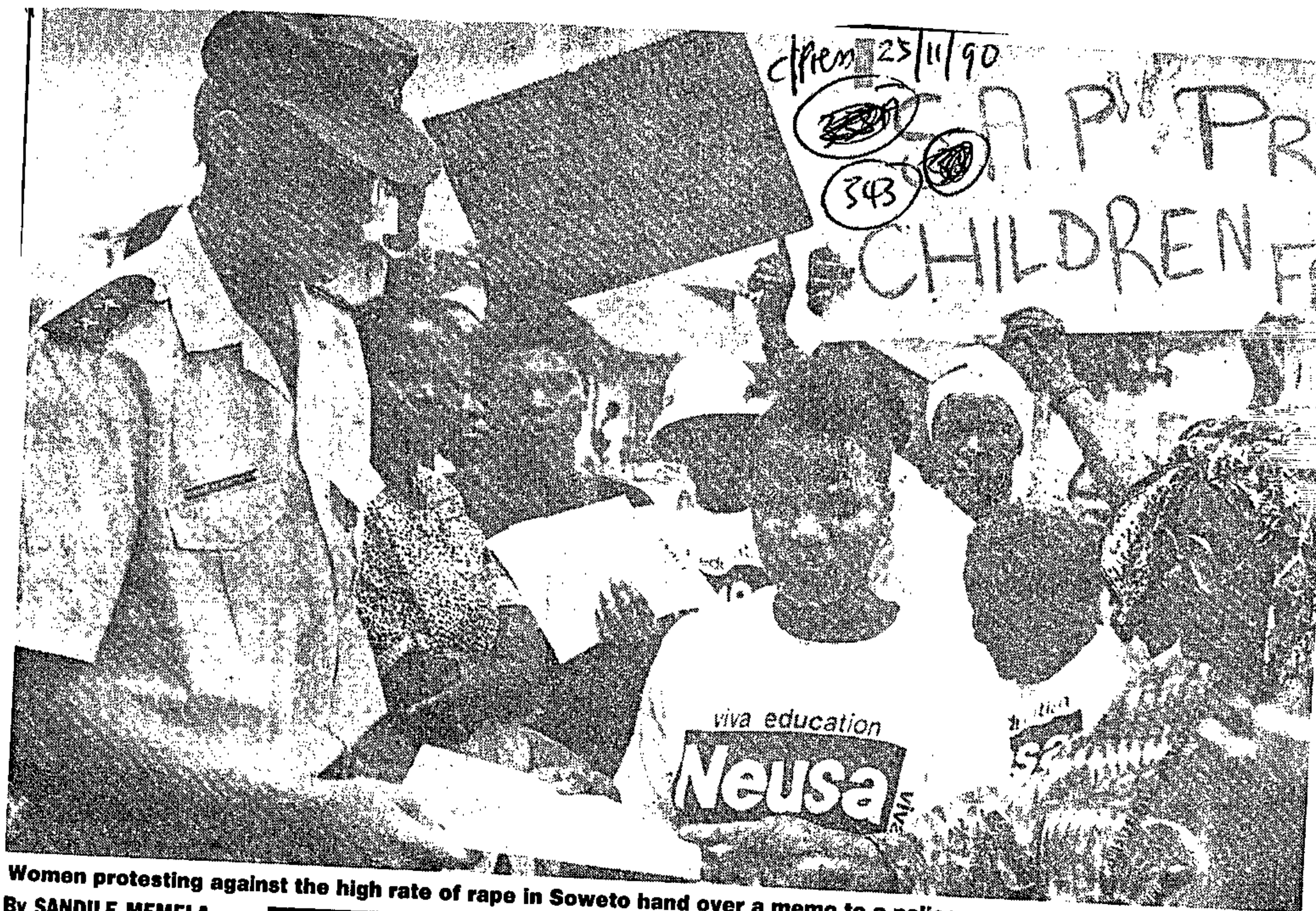
Mr Lesia was the "mystery witness" produced by the defendants' legal team.

He testified about cross-border sorties carried out on the instructions of his handlers, allegedly from Military Intelligence, which involved giving poisoned liquor and a booby-trapped TV to ANC officials in Maputo.

Mr Oshry said evidence had been placed before the court to show Mr Lesia was lying.

The hearing continues.





Women protesting against the high rate of rape in Soweto hand over a memo to a policeman.

By SANDILE MEMELA

A GROUP of Soweto women marched through the streets of the township yesterday to protest against the high rate of rape.

Marchers set off from Regina Mundi Church and moved to Protea North police station where they handed over a memo to be delivered to Law and Order Minister Adriaan Vlok.

The memo demanded free movement for women, a guarantee of safety for women in their homes, and police action against rapists.

## Sowetans want Vlok out

Scores of banner-waving women and young girls chanted slogans and sang freedom songs.

Speaking for the organisers – which included the ANC, Cosatu, South African Council of Churches and People Opposed to Women Abuse – Masechaba Mabaso expressed disappointment at the poor turnout.

"The little crowd shows that people are not yet serious about addressing issues that directly affect them in their communities," she said.

Co-ordinator Palesa Bobi said women were concerned at the increase of rape in schools and the ease with which men were abducting girls from schools and raping them.

"We demand that the police take immediate action," Bobi said.

Meanwhile, SOPHIE TEMA reports that about 4 000 residents marched to Dobsonville police station yesterday to demand the resignation of Vlok and councillors.

The march was organised by the Dobsonville

Civic Association, Soweto Civic Association and the local branch of the ANC and South African Communist Party.

In a memo, the organisers said councillors had three weeks to resign.

But Dobsonville mayor Steve Nkatlo did not accept the memo.

Residents complaints include: high telephone bills; an inefficient postal service; high TV licence fees; and poor services.

In a memorandum to Vlok, residents complained about the role of

■ Pic: ANDRIES MCINEKA

the police in the community, and especially their handling of unrest.

They also demanded the release of political prisoners, the release of detainees and an end to current political trials.

Residents said the police force had a bad image and were incompetent in dealing with the high crime rate.

"We are compelled to demand your resignation as Minister of Police, since most of the above issues have been brought to your attention by different people and leaders and you have chosen to ignore or deny them," the memo said.



# TRAPPED

# IN SEBOKENG

By SOPHIE TEMA

A MEMBER of the SAP told an inquest at the Vereeniging Magistrate's Court this week how he, his colleagues and Inkatha supporters were trapped inside the Sebokeng hostel after bloody fighting had erupted.

Captain Jacobus Lodewickus van der Westhuizen told the inquest that reinforcements had to be brought in to free him, other members of the SAP and Inkatha from a huge crowd of angry Xhosas.

Van der Westhuizen said this incident occurred the morning after several people were found dead at the hostel.

Van der Westhuizen said in a statement submitted to the inquest into the deaths of 42 people killed in Sebokeng on September 4 this year that this was also where he met the

leader of the Inkatha Youth Brigade, Themba Khoza.

Van der Westhuizen said that on September 4 at about 4am he received a telephone call at his home from Lekoa town clerk Nic Louw, who informed him there were problems at the hostel in Sebokeng.

He said he contacted a sergeant MM Kolokoto by radio who confirmed there had been gunshots and blasts at the hostel from 3am that morning.

He said Kolokoto also told him residents were fleeing from the hostel and seeking refuge in the township.

Van der Westhuizen said: "We drove towards the group to enquire what the situation was like when a blue Nissan Sentra sedan drove up to us and stopped.

"A black man got out of the car and introduced himself as Themba Khoza, representative of Inkatha in the Transvaal."

Van der Westhuizen said he later got information that Khoza had been arrested and that police had recovered an arsenal of weapons from his car.

"Khoza told me the

## SAP, Inkatha huddle in hostel as Xhosas erupt

men with the red headbands had come to remove their belongings from the hostel as the safest time to do this was at night.

"The group outside the hostel was increasing gradually and they too were armed with sticks, pangas, sharp weapons, petrol bombs and were very aggressive.

"I succeeded in getting three men from each of the two groups and spoke to them in a bid to restore peace.

"Although representatives of both groups agreed that violence was not the solution to their problems, the Xhosa representative could not convince his people not to resort to violence as they were increasing in great numbers.

"This group was aggressive and demanded that the police pull out of the area so they could avenge the deaths of their

friends.

"I refused to accede to their demands and with the assistance of the SAP we kept the two groups at bay.

"Stones and petrol bombs were later hurled at the Zulu group and the police and I then tried to bring the Xhosa group under control - but without success.

"A certain Vilakazi, who also later introduced himself to me as the representative of the ANC and the Xhosa group, could not bring them under control.

"The Xhosa group was gradually increasing and demanded that they be allowed to enter the hostel and kill the Zulus.

"Other officers and SAP members arrived and tried their best to negotiate with the group. But they also got trapped and this resulted in the need to bring in other SAP reinforcements."



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# Gunfire after big Inkatha meeting panics residents

Own Correspondent

Residents of Tokoza on the East Rand scattered in panic when Inkatha Freedom Party supporters fired shots into the air minutes after a peace rally ended yesterday.

Gunfire was heard as more than 3 000 armed supporters made their way from the Tokoza stadium to local hostels. No one was injured.

Leaders of the Inkatha Freedom Party and Inkatha Youth

Brigade called on the Tokoza Civic Association (TCA) to disband. Inkatha Youth Brigade secretary Themba Msomi said the "ANC-aligned" TCA was not representative of all community organisations.

Calling for "unity of the oppressed against the common enemy", Inkatha official Fakazi Mduba said it would be "useless for Nelson Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi to shake hands" while people continued killing one another.

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# White shops boycott in Atteridgeville called off

By McKeed Kotlolo  
Pretoria Bureau

The controversial consumer boycott of white-owned businesses in Pretoria and Bophuthatswana has been called off.

The boycott, which started on November 12 amid contradictory statements by the organisations involved, was enforced in Atteridgeville only.

Pamphlets distributed in Atteridgeville by the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation (Asro) said the UDF had suspended the boycott and the Mamelodi branch of the ANC had called it off.

People in other areas including Bophuthatswana continued to shop at white-owned chain stores as usual.

The chairman of the Mamelodi ANC branch, Moses Chikane, said the boycott was called off in the area because the decision was not properly taken.

Mr Chikane said it should have come from the people and that the decision should have been taken at a meeting after it was thoroughly debated.

He said the decision to call off the boycott was taken at an ANC meeting in Mamelodi yesterday.

"People should not be harassed or coerced into participating in the boycott action. They should be properly informed," he said.

A spokesman for Asro confirmed the suspension.



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# SA 'a microcosm of whole world'

By Abbey Makoe

The evils of apartheid had, for many decades, separated people of different races from one another, Dr Beyers Naudé told a multiracial crowd of about 300 people at the weekend.

He was delivering a keynote speech at Ipelegeng Community centre in White City, Soweto, where some 80 white people had visited black families for a weekend.

The project, "Soweto Encounter", was organised by Koinonia, a Christian organisation whose objective is to bridge ra-

cial gaps in preparing people for a new South Africa.

"Apartheid walls will crumble and we're breaking them down by meeting each other, irrespective of our backgrounds. This discovery is of vital importance for a new South Africa," he said.

Dr Naudé described South Africa as a microcosm of the whole world.

If blacks and whites here could not accept each other in peace, then the world was going to be a constant battleground where blacks and whites would fight each other.

The objectives of the encoun-

ter would take time to be realised.

Referring to the white audience, Dr Naudé said the discovery of the evils of apartheid was a "real agony".

"It also took me a long time to realise that."

But, expressing optimism about the intended success of the encounter, he smiled before saying: "I could as well ask God to spare my life a little bit longer so that I would be able witness the results of what you are trying to achieve".

Dr Naudé was given a standing ovation.

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# Crisis in Khayelitsha — talks resumed

By CHRIS BATEMAN

SENIOR members of the ANC's regional executive spent more than four hours late yesterday locked in resumed negotiations with Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring and his senior community services advisers over the crisis in Khayelitsha.

As they spoke, hundreds of police and soldiers mounted a major "clean-up" operation in Khayelitsha, searching houses, mounting roadblocks and conducting foot patrols.

A police spokesman said the operation was to "try to stabilise the area".

The security force action came as Khayelitsha town clerk Mr Graham Lawrence announced that services had partly resumed after a 10-day disruption because of the SA Municipal Workers Union' (SAMWU) strike.

Mr Lawrence said he had hired some 180 casual labourers while about 3% of the 1 000 striking SAMWU workers had resumed work.

"We've been inundated with people looking for work — at last we're operating and can resume refuse removal and some administration."

He said he was "pleasantly surprised" that the ANC had resumed talks with Mr Meiring after breaking them off last week.

The ANC alleged "collusion" by Mr Meiring with the police in the imposition of a now-lifted curfew and the declaration of Khayelitsha as an unrest area.

Yesterday's talks followed two days of failed negotiations between SAMWU and Khayelitsha's Lingeletu West town council and a further two days of deadlocked discussions between a joint SAMWU-ANC delegation and the council.

Yesterday's ANC delegation included ANC regional president Mr Christmas Tinto, exco members Mr Bulelani Ngcuka and Mr Amos Lungisi, publicity secretary Mr Trevor Manuel and SAMWU general secretary Mr John Ernstzen.

The CPA delegation included director-general Mr Barry van der Vyfer, regional director of community services Mr Faan Naude, his deputy, Mr Carel du Plessis, and Mr Themba Nyati, MEC in charge of local government.

Council workers, subjected to violent community attacks earlier this month, claim that the continued presence of town councillors is threatening their safety and are demanding their immediate resignation before resuming work.



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# Advancing soldiers 'looked menacing'

By Thabo Leshilo

The inquest into the death of 42 people at the Sebokeng Hostel on September 24 was told by a clergyman yesterday that after soldiers had arrived and formed up on the scene, "it looked as if something terrible was going to happen".

Lord Eldorado Righteousness McCamel, of the McCamel Paradise Church of God, said he had not seen the crowd gathered outside the Sebokeng hostel do anything that could have caused the soldiers to open fire.

Mr McCamel told the inquest, which is being held in Vereeniging, that before the army arrived at the hostel, where a number of people had allegedly been killed by suspected Inkatha members earlier, people gathered there had thought that police wanted to re-

move the Inkatha members trapped inside the hostel without taking action against them.

He had seen military vehicles arrive on the scene at about 9 am. Soldiers got off the vehicles and formed lines.

"When the soldiers arrived I was relieved because there is a general feeling that soldiers are calm and only act on instruction," Mr McCamel told Mr Justice E Stafford.

"After forming lines, the soldiers started moving forward. The way they were moving forward looked menacing. It looked as if something terrible was going to happen. It was frightening and seemed as if the soldiers were going to shoot."

Mr McCamel then asked a Major Steyn of the Security Police to do something so that the soldiers would not shoot.

However, he immediately heard shots being fired into the crowd by

soldiers while the people nearest to the troops gave the peace sign and waved their arms.

"I saw some people falling during the firing. At the same time, I saw some teargas billowing from canisters which were fired into the crowd..."

He later saw nine bodies on the ground after the bodies were collected.

Freelance press photographer Petrus Mabuye said he saw some soldiers wave at the people and others laughing after the shooting.

Mr Mabuye handed to the court 90 pictures of events at the hostel as exhibits. Among the pictures was one of a corpse whose head had been crushed by a police Casspir which had reversed on to it. The incident had angered the crowd, which had hurled stones and petrol bombs at the Casspir.

The hearing continues.

# Dysentery hits township deprived of water, power

By Therese Anders  
Highveld Bureau

Raw sewage is flowing from manholes in residential areas, dysentery has broken out and all schooling has stopped in Bethal's crippled Emzini township.

It is now three weeks since Bethal's Conservative Party town council cut water, water-borne sewerage and electricity services to the Eastern Transvaal township of 40 000 people because of non-payment of bulk service accounts.

Yesterday local doctors warned that the health situation in the township was critical. They said if water was not restored within the next few days, there could be a major outbreak of diseases such as typhoid and cholera.

One doctor said already 40 percent of the child patients he had seen during the past day had dysentery or gastroenteritis. "And in view of the high temperatures at this time of the year, babies' lives are in danger from both gastro and dehydration," he said.

Father Gerald Francis, Anglican Rector of Secunda and Bethal, accused the Bethal council of being "morally bankrupt" for cutting off a community water supply.

"How can a Christian community go to church on Sunday and worship God, knowing full well that the brethren less than 2 km away cannot give water to their children or wash their babies?"

"There are faults on both sides, but that does not give the Bethal Town Council a moral right to cut off a basic need of human existence," Father Fran-

cis said.

During a tour of Emzini township yesterday, The Star found thousands of township residents, including many small children, walking to the Milnpark Indian township to collect water in plastic containers.

Some mothers, who said their lives now centred around a search for water, made a 4 km round trip four times a day.

All Emzini schools closed soon after the water supply stopped because of the serious health hazard posed by blocked toilets.

The only pupils in evidence yesterday were 80 matriculants writing their maths paper.

Said a teacher: "These youngsters are writing under most unfavourable and unfair conditions. The sickening smell from the toilets is wafting into the room where they are writing."

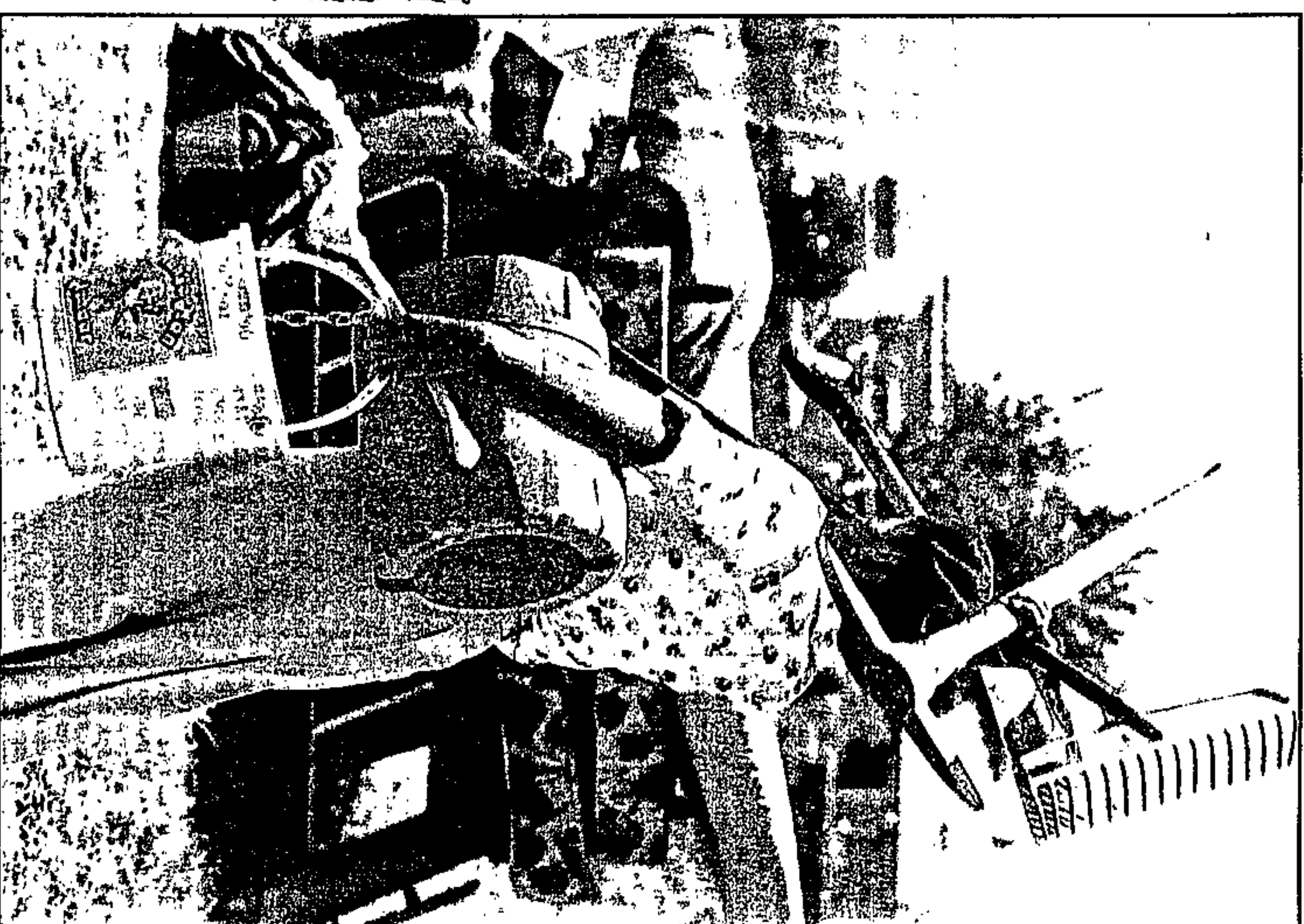
The Star found a stench strong enough to make one gag hanging over most of the township. At the Cowsvillage Section sewage is flowing freely from manholes through the veld and into the Blesboespruit.

Further down the spruit which runs past Standerion and eventually into the Vaal Dam, women were washing clothes.

The Bethal Town Council's legal representative, Ernst Penzhorn, said the Emzini Town Council owed Bethal more than R500 000 for bulk services. He was instructed that Bethal had informed all relevant government departments about the consequences of the water cut-off.

The council had heard nothing from these departments.

Mr Penzhorn said he hoped in the interest of all parties that the situation would be resolved as soon as possible.



Fearing violence . . . a resident leaves her home in Mandela Park.

Picture: Alf Kumalo



# 'Shooting followed bomb'

By Montshiwa Moroke

Soldiers were not supposed to open fire except when given orders to do so or when their lives were threatened, a commandant in the SADF told the Sebokeng inquest in Vereeniging yesterday.

Commandant Stephanus Johannes Lombard was the first witness from the SADF to give evidence on the fatal shooting of 42 people at the Sebokeng hostel on September 4.

He said that at about 9 am that day he had heard that police were experiencing problems at the Sebokeng hostels and that Commandant Alf Clulie was to go and assist. Later he and another officer joined the commandant's convoy as observers.

As they crossed the bridge near the Sebokeng hostel they saw SAP vehicles opposite the hostel and further on a crowd of about 4 000 blacks.

The convoy stopped on the pavement and my impression was that the crowd wanted to scatter, but immediately they began to scream.

Colonel Clulie and I went to Colonel van Niekerk who told us the situation appeared to be very bad and that we should immediately go and get the SAP out of the area. He suggested we should move in between the crowd to free the SAP.

## Aggressive

Lieutenant Jacobs, who was next to me, showed me people armed with assegais. The group of about 20 had moved away from the crowd. As the formation moved forward, I was of the opinion that the crowd wanted to scatter," Commandant Lombard said.

Police were about 10 m from the crowd when he saw they were carrying spears, sticks, axes, pangas and stones. The crowd looked aggressive and he had not heard the word "peace".

He heard Colonel Clulie shout "Teargas!". Gas was fired but it was ineffective because of the wind. The crowd threw stones.

A black man who was wearing light-coloured clothes hurled a petrol bomb at us. One of the soldiers shot him and he fell on his stomach with blood coming from his head.

Immediately, troops fired at the prominent members of the crowd. The crowd fled and I saw two bodies lying in the road in front of us. I saw Colonel Clulie removing a petrol bomb next to the bodies. He picked up three more petrol bombs, which were handed over to the SAP.

We then drove into the hostel where we loaded members of Inkatha and took them to the Sebokeng hospital."

# Eskom joins fund crisis probe in Khayelitsha

*Cape Times 29/11/90*  
By CHRIS BATEMAN 343

KHAYELITSHA's financial crisis is being probed on several fronts, with Eskom this week conducting exploratory talks with both the township's ruling Lingeletu West Town Council and the Western Cape Civic Association.

The meeting came as a strike by 800 council workers enters its 13th day today and rubbish piled up in streets patrolled by scores of police and soldiers.

Eskom's regional manager of urban development, Mr Jannie van Dyk, confirmed that the township's engineer, Mr John van der Westhuizen, and a council colleague had left the talks to allow the WCCA to negotiate alone.

WCCA chairman Mr Michael Mapongwana said yesterday that residents would "not pay a cent" for electricity provided through the council.



# Home built in less than four hours

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FROM drawing board to completed house in four hours is the record set by a local construction company with the launch this week of a new concept in affordable housing.

The R20 000 asbestos-walled wood-frame dwelling unit measuring about 49 sq m was introduced as "a dream come true", the answer to the quick-fix grannie flat or a full free standing family house.

At the "test" site in Northwold, Randburg, where a team of 25 smart workers waited for the starting gun to get into the *Guinness Book of Records* for erecting a house in record time, only the foundations and slab had been completed.

All materials were delivered in kit form, from the 45degree roof trusses weighing some 3tons to the asbestos wall panels and interior divisions.

The first four trusses were in place and clamped firm within less than 30minutes. Guests sipped champagne and the A-team's theme tune

played as the A-frame house took shape.

Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Hernus Kriel quipped that if Japan donated R6,3m to housing instead of the ANC, 3 150 "dream" homes each accomodating a family of six could be built.

"That means 18 900 people can be housed and if overseas help could continue at the same rate, there would be shelter for every South African family before the year 2000," he suggested.

Earlier, on a more serious note, the Minister stressed private sector involvement in affordable housing.

By the time the hot water geyser was being positioned in the roof, CV Construction chief Carlo Vos was at the microphone: "This house which comes complete with fully equipped bathroom and kitchen can be built with brick walls which pushes the cost up to R24 000.

"The 85sqm version which is ideal for holiday

homes or for the aged, costs R41 000 and for R71 000 the 148sqm unit is ideal."

The secret in the latest example of affordable housing is the design with all components manufactured to standard lengths and sizes.

Costs are estimated at 20percent less than a comparative conventional house.

Vos said the concept had been approved in principle by Randburg and Kagiso municipalities and several building societies.

Diepmeadow councillor Marabe Matale said there were plenty of people in his town who could afford these homes, but the problem was available land.

"We have 500 000 people housed in Diepmeadow. Three times that number now living in tin shacks still need houses.

"Up to seven families now live in one house, the possibilities of this place are limitless," he said. - *Sowetan Correspondent*

## 16 killed in Tyl township violence

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Sporadic outbreaks of violence in the Transvaal area have claimed the lives of 16 people since Monday night.

Five bodies were found by police at the Zonk' Isizwe squatter camp on the East Rand yesterday morning — all with gunshot wounds.

In Alexandra the burnt body

of a man was found. Another man was seriously wounded in Soweto when a mob fired shots.

In Katlehong, 10 bodies were found at the Mandela Park squatter camp.

Seven died from gunshot wounds, two were hacked to death and another was beheaded. — Crime Staff.



# New Vaal housing scheme launched

By KENOSI MODISANE

A Johannesburg-based pharmaceutical and a housing company this week launched a new range of corporate group scheme housing in Evaion's North Oasis Gardens.

The scheme, which involved Adcock-Ingrams Laboratories and Minrav International, was hailed as "positive step for companies to be involved in group housing schemes for their employees".

"This is not only a step forward in the building industry, but it is a triumph that senior officials from companies should inspect houses built for their employees before they move in," said Mr Phillip Nicolau of Minrav.

"It is also a good social exercise that senior members in a company should know where their employees retired to at the end of every working day," added Nicolau.

About 11 executive officials from Adcock inspected the houses built at the new suburb. And they were later treated to a braai as a "roof wetting party".

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# Mandela in Khayelitsha today on first-time tour

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## Staff Reporters

MR Nelson Mandela will visit Khayelitsha for the first time today.

He will be taken on a tour, stopping at the Lingeletu West resource centre to meet municipal workers and other "battle-weary" residents of the area, according to an African National Congress spokesman.

The scene in the trouble-torn township is likely to be one of rubbish bins overflowing and streets impassable because of sewage spills.

A claim by Lingeletu West Town Clerk Mr Graham Lawrence that the sewerage system was sabotaged has been dismissed by Western Cape Civic Association chairman Mr Michael Mapongwana as an attempt to discredit striking town council workers.

Mr Lawrence alleged that someone blocked the system with cloth and other objects on Wednesday, causing a health risk.

Sewage spilled on to the road in at least two places yesterday as casual workers tried to unblock the drains.

The strikers, members of the South African Municipal Workers' Union, said they would not return to work until the council resigned.

Mr Mapongwana accused Mr Lawrence of making "unfounded allegations" in an attempt to "discredit the workers' struggle".

The sewerage problem had plagued

Khayelitsha for "a long time". This was probably because the system had been constructed with inferior materials, said Mr Mapongwana.

Refuse litters the street in the two-roomed section of the township where the main offices of the Lingeletu Town Council are situated and where strikers gather daily.

At least two streets, Kusasa Road next to Mvusemvuse Comprehensive School and one in U-section in the shack settlement of Site B, have been impassable since Monday because of sewage.

At the start of the strike, workers demanded protection from the council after nine clerical staff were injured in a petrol-bomb attack. Strikers demanded that the council dissolve because attacks on councillors were spilling over to the workers.

The council retaliated by adopting a "no-work-no pay" policy.

Meetings between the Western Cape Civic Association, the ANC, the union and Cape Administrator Mr Kobus Meiring have taken place but have failed to resolve the impasse.

Mr Meiring said he had no power to dissolve the controversial council.

The parties will meet again on Monday.

● Security forces conducted a door-to-door search in Greenpoint, Khayelitsha, yesterday as part of the intensified operation against violence launched by the police and Defence Force this week.



**STRIKE-HIT:** Refuse piles up in the streets of Khayelitsha where workers of the Lingeletu West Town Council are on strike until the council resigns.



# R6m resource centre planned for Alex

*Sowetan 30/11/90*

A R6-million community resource centre that is to focus on co-ordinated programmes of community empowerment is to be built in Alexandra.

The centre, which it is hoped will be completed in September 1991, is a project of the AlexSan Kopano Educational Trust.

The trust is a joint venture by residents of Alexandra and Sandton.

Ms Alina Serote, a spokesman for the project committee, said the centre will include a hall seating 1 000 people, a commun-

ity library, rooms for meetings and training courses, offices for community organisations and projects and special facilities such as printing and secretarial bureau.

"The hall and activity rooms will be used by a wide range of community organisations. However, the main purpose of the centre is to serve as a place where people and organisations can come for advice, training, planning sessions and central services that they cannot get elsewhere.

"Although we want to help many projects in Alexandra to achieve success - not just our own - we cannot provide enough space for every project and organisation," she said.

The AlexSan Kopano Committee has decided that two areas it is going to focus on first are education and job creation. It is presently forming co-ordinated planning teams.

For further information on the centre contact Alina Serote at (011) 882-1011 or Connie Mngomezulu at (011) 786-9806.

Alternatively write to AlexSan Kopano, PO Box 570, Bergvlei, 2012.



**SEWAGE CRISIS . . .** Father Heinz Schneider, Roman Catholic priest for Site B, Khayelitsha, surveys the sewage overflow from blocked pipes yesterday. Some homes could be flooded by waste.

CMF T-173 4/12/90 Picture: OBED ZILWA

## Khayelitsha facing bad sewage problem

By CHRIS BATEMAN

RESIDENTS of Site B in Khayelitsha are in imminent danger of sewage overflowing into their houses, and in one street it is so bad that cars are driving axle-deep in the muck, a Khayelitsha priest claimed yesterday.

Father Heinz Schneider said nearly a quarter of Site B was affected, and the stench had become "unbearable".

Khayelitsha's town clerk, Mr Graham Lawrence, agreed that the situation was "extremely serious" and that overflow could drain into houses because of a lack of stormwater drains.

Father Schneider said he had tried to get official assistance, only to be told that the problem had been compounded by people sabotaging the sewage pipes with plastic and cloth

waste, a two-week municipal strike and a security threat.

"But surely they have so many soldiers here that they can provide security?" Father Schneider asked.

Mr Lawrence said a private contractor had been called in to help because of the strike and would today begin trying to locate blockages.

● The ANC and the SA Municipal Workers' Union (Samwu) met the Cape Administrator, Mr Kobus Meiring, again yesterday for talks to try to resolve the municipal strike.

Both sides described the meeting as "very constructive", adding that progress had been made. A further meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, at which both sides hoped a compromise to end the strike will be reached.



# Out of court talks to end strike dispute

*Chape Times 5/12/90*  
Supreme Court Reporter  
NEGOTIATIONS are taking place to settle out of court a dispute between the Lingeletu West Town Council and striking workers, the Supreme Court heard yesterday.

This was said by Mr Milton Seligson SC, for the town council, in an application against the SA Municipal Workers' Union, the Industrial Council for the Local Authority Undertaking in the Cape, Mr Herbert Madalane and several other people.

Mr Seligson told the court the union's attorneys had asked in a letter for a postponement until tomorrow, because negotiations were under way to settle the dispute out of court.

The town council agreed to the postponement because it was important that negotiations went ahead for the provision of essential services to Khayelitsha residents, he said.

Mr Justice L. Rose-Innes presided. Mr Seligson, assisted by Mr Paul Hoffman and instructed by Silberbauer, appeared for the Lingeletu West Town Council. Mr Joel Krige, instructed by Ngcuka and Matana, appeared for the union and the workers.

# Black housing market still strong

By Frank Jeans

Star 5/12/90

While there has been a withdrawal by some contractors from the black housing market because of the persistent unrest and a reported reluctance by building societies to grant home loans in the sector, there remain viable pockets of white activity.

An indication of the constant demand, notwithstanding violence and uncertainty, is seen in the operations of Rabie Property Developers which reports impressive sales figures in all 12 of its housing projects.

Dave Harris, executive director of Rabie, says: "In Dobsonville we have sold more than 400 homes in the past six months and are building at the rate of 13 a week.

"Our capability and that of our sub-contractors are being explored to the limit.

"In Protea Glen Gardens,

where we began selling only seven weeks ago, we have already sold more than 100 houses."

Pinpointing the prerequisites of operations in black housing, Rabie's Transvaal manager, Rean Booysen, says these must include a highly strategic land purchasing policy, a high-quality finished product and in-depth training of sales teams.

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## Sales technique

"The salesman should be able to answer all questions which a home buyer is bound to have," he says.

"This extends to information about financial implications of home ownership and details about services provided by local authorities.

"People today also have to be familiar with employer and State subsidies."

Commenting on the reported

resistance from building societies, Mr Harris says the public has either been misinformed or has misinterpreted remarks by Minister of Planning and Provincial Affairs Hernus Kriel.

"It is simply not correct to say that mortgage finance is not available," says Mr Harris.

"We are currently able to arrange finance for our buyers through several national financial institutions, including building societies and pension funds.

"What has happened is that the institutions have reviewed their qualifying criteria and are looking for a measurable injection of a man's own equity as a mark of sincerity and good faith."

Houses which Rabie sold in some of its earlier developments on the Witwatersrand are now being resold at prices as much as 40 percent higher than the original purchase price two years ago.



# Plan to force councillors to resign

JOHANNESBURG. — Forty-nine civic associations in the Southern Transvaal yesterday decided to intensify their campaigns to force the resignation of black town councillors and coloured/Indian management committee members.

Among other plans, enforced "shunning" of councillors by friends and family, boycotts of white businesses and mass

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marches on councillors' homes would be used to force them into resigning.

And a spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration, in an immediate reaction to the announcement, said any mass actions which tried to intimidate people would be unacceptable — and the TPA would take steps to support the councillors.

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In an immediate reaction, Mr Len Dekker, the deputy director-general of Community Development of the TPA, said: "The fact that the Civic Associations announced renewed action, actually proved that their previous attempts to force resignations had been unsuccessful."

Mr Dekker said more than 400 councillors in the Transvaal, of an original 700, were still active.

# Highveld campaign to help needy

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THE Middleburg Informal Regional Planning Forum, currently working on a multi-million rand campaign to raise funds for community projects and job creation in Middleburg, was launched yesterday.

The objective of the forum is "to promote the welfare and upliftment of the underdeveloped and less privileged communities in Middleburg and to facilitate the creation of a better Middleburg for all its people," a statement said.

## Forum

The community-based forum has been in operation for the past seven months.

Key to the forum's success is grassroot support from township organisations and the link it has forged between the community and employers in the town.

According to the statement, the forum has five working groups - job creation, education, housing, health and welfare, and security liaison.



# Hope over boycott

Sowetan 12/12/90

By MATHATHA TSEDU

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has approved plans to upgrade Tshikota township in Louis Trichardt, thereby boosting chances of an end to the consumer boycott of the town.

Announcing this yesterday, Zoutpansberg Chamber of Commerce chairman Mr Brink Schlesinger said he was awaiting a letter from the TPA which would be handed to the consumer boycott committee.

The upgrading of the township is one of the central demands of the boycott committee.

Tshikota, situated about 2km from Louis Trichardt, was built in 1960 when the freehold area of Masagani was demolished.

## Hostel

Residents were removed from the township in 1981 and resettled, along tribal lines, at Vleifontein and Waterval, both about 30km from the town.

Only a small community of Sotho-speaking people and hostel dwellers remain in Tshikota.

The CBC has demanded that sewerage, electricity and roads be

installed so that people in the two new areas wishing to go back could do so.

Schlesinger said he had informed the CBC about the TPA decision and hoped progress could be made in the deadlocked talks over the boycott.

He said many employers had laid off staff as turnovers had fallen by up to 80 percent.

Schlesinger would not say how many workers had been laid off but cited a hardware shop that had retrenched 20 of its 24 employees.

CBC spokesman Mr Magwedzha Mphaphuli said his com-

mittee was still awaiting the letter from the TPA.

The CBC was due to meet last night to discuss the boycott and decide on its next move.

## Attack

The boycott started on November 28 after the attack on Sunday school children in the town four days earlier.

Other demands of the CBC include the opening of the central business district to all races, the opening of public facilities and an end to alleged harassment of trade union members by police and employers.

# 'ANC to blame for township hardships'

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The hardships being faced by Eastern Transvaal township residents are a direct result of the rent and services boycotts called for by the regional ANC, says Transvaal Administrator Mr Danie Hough.

Mr Hough hit out at the ANC's Eastern Transvaal publicity secretary Mr Jackson Mthembu, saying attempts by Mr Mthembu to blame the TPA and CP-controlled councils were "far-fetched".

Earlier this week Mr Mthembu warned that the ANC would call a regional consumer boycott next week unless water and electricity services were reconnected in a number of townships.

Mr Hough said in the Eastern Transvaal an agreement had been reached between the ANC, the TPA and other par-

ties on August 31, 1990. As part of this agreement the ANC undertook to ensure that residents resumed payment for rents and services.

## 'LIMITED FUNDS'

But the response had been "very slight".

"I want to remind the ANC of its undertaking, made on September 28, 1990, to stand in for losses incurred as a result of non-payment. Surely the ANC must now honour its obligations, and stop calling for further disruptive campaigns, which can only harm black communities.

"The TPA has repeatedly stated it has limited funds available for the relief of problems being experienced by black local authorities. Unless consumers resume payment for services, the rendering of services cannot be resumed."



# Ex-mayor gets top township job

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — A former mayor of Pretoria, Dr Ernie Jacobson, has been appointed Administrator of Atteridgeville.

Dr Jacobson, a councillor for nine years with the City Council of Pretoria and senior director of personnel at the Pretoria Technikon, said he took up his new post "with an open mind".

"I am aware that there are enormous tasks that lie ahead and I am looking forward to working with all groups to reach amicable solutions to the problems," he said.

## RENT CRISIS

A spokesman of the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro), which has been calling for an appointment of the administrator after the collapse of the township's town council, said they welcomed the move.

"We hope the appointment of Dr Jacobson will facilitate the process of negotiations in resolving the crisis in our township. We also look forward to a healthy working relationship."

A joint committee of Asro and the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has failed to determine an interim service charge rate to resolve the rent crisis in the township.

## Township mayor, councillors resign

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — The Ikageng Town Council, near Potchefstroom, has resigned en bloc, the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast) announced at a Press conference.

The resignation of the mayor, Mr Johannes Mangoejane, and his five colleagues has been interpreted in the Western Transvaal as a collapse of the local authorities in the area.

According to Cast president, Mr Sam Ntuli, the number of councillors who had resigned after the call by Cast to resign by November 30 or face the consequences, has risen to 101 out of 262 councillors.

Mr Mangoejane said their resignation was in response to the mass call rather than intimidation. However, he said family pressure had played a part in his decision to resign.

Another factor which led to the mass resignation, Mr Mangoejane said, was the TPA's direct consultation with civic associations without the council involvement.

### FELT SNUBBED

"We felt snubbed. It was time we joined the masses in their fight for a non-racial democratic council. We have decided to join the masses and be part of them as long as our expertise were needed.

"This is the start of collapse of the Western Transvaal town councils. There is no future in the black town councils until a new dispensation has been agreed upon," Mr Mangoejane said.

He appealed to the community was to accept the former councillors as part and parcel of them.



# Cast reacts to 'Press frenzy'

*Sowetan 14/11/90*  
THE Civic Association of Southern Africa yesterday said its campaign for the resignation of councillors would not "develop into a reign of terror against councillors" as claimed by sections of the Press.

Cast criticised some papers for their "frenzied reaction" to the organisation's resolution to intensify the campaign.

Cas Coovadia of Cast said: "We must question the role of the press in this regard. They appear to be assisting the State in sowing division in communities and aiding and abetting friction."

"It is black councillors and management committees

rather than Cast who are one of the causes of violence in townships and their continued existence exacerbates the violence."

He said Cast has always espoused peaceful and non-violent pressure since its launch and had continued that tradition since the intensification of the campaign on November 7.

On Cast's legitimacy, he said: "We have no hesitation in going to our people to test our legitimacy. We are prepared to invite the press and Government to such meetings and the people can respond to the question of Cast's legitimacy."

# Dying, if need, for his community

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JOVIAL RANTAO

WHAT kind of man would risk his life and that of his family plus damage to his property for a position in a black local authority?

"It is the kind of man who has the interest of the community at heart. It is the man who is prepared to do everything, including dying, for the welfare of the people he leads," says M J Khumalo, mayor of Diepmeadow who is one of the few councillors who have refused to resign from black local authorities.

Mr Khumalo, asked why he would not resign, said he would only do so when he was convinced that a better town council would replace his — "the people who replace us must serve our commu-

nity as loyally as we do".

Mr Khumalo, a long-serving Diepmeadow councillor before being elected mayor this year, said councillors also agreed that local authorities, based on race, must go.

"We've agreed that this racist system must go. However, we are also saying that, until the black authorities are done away with, we should be allowed to continue serving the community. It's no use asking us to resign because we will probably be replaced by a (white) administrator who will not be elected by the masses," Mr

Khumalo said.

Mr Khumalo said when the new constitution was being drawn up, the reconstitution of local authorities should top the agenda.

He was not worried about threats made by the Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal that they would boycott businesses of councillors who refused to resign.

He dismissed the threats as undemocratic. "And I'm not saying this out of arrogance — but from my convictions."

● Mr Khumalo's Diepmeadow Town Council still has all its 20 councillors intact. So does the Soweto City Council.



# Middelburg Forum bids for peace

*Sowetan* 14/12/90  
By DANIEL MAINE

A newly-formed community-based forum is pioneering reconciliation and co-operation in the Eastern Transvaal town of Middelburg. (282) (343)

The Middelburg Informal Regional Planning Forum's (MIRPF) objective is to "promote the welfare and upliftment of the underdeveloped and relatively less privileged communities within the Middelburg region and to facilitate the creation of a better Middelburg for all its people".

The forum began in May when the Highveld Unemployed Workers' Consultative Council - formed with Cosatu support - held a series of meetings with major employers to try to resolve the problem of unemployment.

It was later found that the issues involved were beyond the capabilities of the two groups to solve on their own. The first full meeting of the forum was held in the town in September.

The Forum has already been successful in dealing with the services crisis in Middelburg and a foundation has been formed which has embarked on a multi-million rand campaign for funds to be spent on community projects and job creation.

The umbrella forum consists of representatives from all sectors of the community and working groups are formed to tackle individual problems. Working groups identified so far are job creation, education, housing, health and welfare, and security liaison.

# Timberframe plan to tackle homes crisis

PETER GALLI

NOVEL low-cost timberframe housing schemes are to be introduced into areas of Crossroads, Winterveld and Thembisa townships from early January, SA Lumber Millers' Association (Salma) marketing manager Mike Richards said at the weekend.

The cost of these timberframe homes was relatively low, starting in the R850 to R2 000 range — the same price paid for the existing shacks.

There were two sizes of shack — five by three metres and six by four metres. The structures would take the form of an open room which could later be modified or separated by a partition, Richards said.

"The timberframe homes will be built on a modular basis so they can be upgraded or expanded at very little expense," he added.

For this price, the consumer would either be taught how to cut the wood

and assemble the shack, or it would be supplied in a panel form that could be erected immediately.

A low-pitched tile roof or a deck-tile roof (using Marley tiles or something similar) would be included, as would steel windows and wooden doors.

An advantage of the scheme, Richards said, was that the consumer would be trained to erect the structure.

The consumer could then turn the knowledge into a business by becoming a shack-builder, Richards said.

However, a problem existed among black consumers as they had aspirations of masonry-type houses, which were not viable at the price they could initially afford, Richards said.

The three communities had been approached and educated concerning the viability of timberframe housing. He said Salma had assessed the requirements of the majority of consumers. The demand for this type of housing ranged from 200 to 2 000 in each of the areas.

The claim that the SA climate was too harsh for timber structures was not true, Richards said.

Proof of this was that a number of perfectly sound timber houses were still to be found in Pilgrims Rest and Johannesburg.

The timber was treated at a mill and then, as with any house, regular maintenance was required, Richards said.

"Timberframe structures are undoubtedly one of the most competitive forms available for quality low-cost housing," he concluded.





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# Big clean-up after council strike ends

By EDWARD MOLOINYANE  
Staff Reporter

THE four-week-old strike by about 800 Lingeletu Town Council employees in Khayelitsha has ended and municipal services have resumed.

From yesterday most streets in the township were a hive of activity with scores of workers clearing piles of refuse.

The return to work was a sequel to a meeting between council officials and the South African Municipal Workers Union (Samwu) on Friday.

The Town Clerk, Mr Graham Lawrence, said none of the demands of the strikers had been met by the council and they returned unconditionally. It was "tragic" that employees were being "manipulated by people with political agendas".

## Violent attacks

They went on strike about a month ago after violent attacks on councillors and council employees. They said attacks aimed at councillors were spreading to them and they called for the dissolution of the Lingeletu council.

The council responded by adopting a "no work, no pay" policy as municipal services ground to a halt.

Samwu indicated last week that the strikers were willing to compromise on the demand for the resignation of councillors "for the time being".

But they demanded payment for the duration of the strike and their year-end bonuses.

Mr Lawrence said the bonuses were not affected but employees would not be paid for the days they did not work.

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## Zambia on path to democracy

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LUSAKA — President Kenneth Kaunda signed a Bill yesterday to transform Zambia into a multiparty democracy after 17 years of one party rule.

Kaunda told journalists and top ruling party officials assembled on the lawn of his state residence: "I'm doing this very happily indeed because I believe it is the wish of the people to go multiparty again."

The president added: "I compel myself to believe that after 26 years (of independence) we consider ourselves mature enough to shoulder the responsibility of running a multiparty democracy again."

The Bill will amend the Zambian constitution to allow for the formation of political parties other than the ruling United National Independence Party (Unip) to contest general parliamentary and presidential elections to be held before September 1991.

Arthur Wina, chairman of the opposition Movement for Multiparty Democracy (MMD), said the president had signed the Bill reluctantly, bowing to mounting pressure.

The MMD executive will meet today, Wina said, to discuss the formation of its own political party in the next few days. — Daily Telegraph.

## Shop shuts as boycott grips Transvaal town

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ONE shop has closed down and another is set to follow as the boycott of white-owned business begins to bite in Louis Trichardt.

The boycott was initiated by the local Consumer Boycott Committee after about 40 Blanke Bevydings Beweging (BBB) members attacked 30 black children on an outing in a park in the town.

It was also instituted to back demands for the upgrading and opening of nearby Tshikota township, from which blacks were removed and resettled elsewhere in the early 1980s, and the opening of the town's CBD to all traders.

### Jobs

Local Soutpansberger newspaper editor J du Plessis said the situation was serious and the food and clothing sector was the worst hit.

"One shop has already closed down and another is to follow soon," he said. He declined to elaborate on how many businesses could be eventually affected.

"Other businesses are pulling hard too, and the worst thing is that people are losing jobs." He said a resolution to the boycott was not expected before the end of the year.

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Consumer Boycott Committee spokesman Jerry Ndou said yesterday the TPA had acceded to the demand that Tshikota township be redeveloped and opened to all.

Ndou said the parties engaged in talks to end the boycott — the TPA, the boycott committee, the town council and the local Soutpansberg Sakekamer — last met about two or three weeks ago. "They delivered a letter to inform us that Tshikota would be redeveloped."

A decision to end the boycott could not be made until a mandate was received from the area's political structures, Ndou said.

"Discussions are continuing with local structures to investigate to what extent our demands have been met. The boycott must go on until a mandate has been given to the committee by the structures," he said.

Demands and plans for the boycott had always been in place but the BBB attack on the children hastened the action, he added.

Sakekamer spokesman Brink Schlesinger was not available for comment.



# Campaign against councillors hot up

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THE Civics Association of the Southern Transvaal (Cast) would step up pressure next week on black councillors and coloured and Indian management committee members to resign, Cast vice-president Kgabisi Mosunkutu said yesterday.

The campaign, which would run from Monday until January 1, would involve the boycott of councillors' businesses and ostracism of councillors and their families.

"Specialised action" had begun in Klip town, Ennerdale and Eldorado Park, and soon there would be marches to collect resignations from management committee members. Petitions were being circulated in Kagiso and a consumer boycott was planned at Toekomsrus.

Councillors for Khuma, in Potchefstroom, resigned after rubbish was thrown at their houses, he said.

Sapa reported that Cast general secretary Sam Ntuli said the campaign could include occupation of Johannesburg City Council chambers on January 7. Cast would not apologise for mobilising people to remove elected local government officials who were "militating against genuine resolution of township problems".

Fear and disruption of services in townships were related primarily "to govern-

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## Campaign

ment's continued attempts to legitimise discredited and unrepresentative councillors and management committees".

President F W de Klerk's statement that local government had to be reviewed urgently was proof that mass action was producing results, he said.

Cast president Moses Mayekiso said the organisation was working with the TPA on

alternative local government structures, and was liaising with Eskom on power supply cuts in townships.

A national "civic" could be in place by the middle of next year, following a planned national consultative conference in March. Government's proposed alternatives for local government would be rejected even if they were good because they had not been negotiated, he said.

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## Alexandra housing plan is opposed

by THEO RAWANA

THE Alexandra Town Council has announced that it plans to sell 3 600 houses in the township, but the plan has drawn strong opposition from the powerful Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO).

Mayor Prince Mokoena said yesterday the council would sell the properties — some of which accommodated nine households — to tenants under freehold title.

However, ACO president Moses Mayekiso said the council had no right to sell property. He said it had lost a Supreme Court case last year after attempting to sell a resident's house.

The Supreme Court had barred the council from selling land when it ruled in favour of Samuel Mothoa, who had contested the sale of his house.

Mayekiso warned that the council was "taking people for a ride" because the ACO, the TPA and the council were still negotiating the sale of old houses.

Mokoena said the offer to buy would be made to the tenant who had been there the longest — waiving a ruling that the tenant needed the approval of other occupants.

The tenants would be given 90 days to raise the money, after which the person with the next longest occupancy would be approached.

Mokoena said the properties would not be under the 99-year leasehold scheme, but under freehold. Between 3% and 5% of properties in Alexandra were already owned under freehold title, he said.



# Alex land row just one more chapter in a saga

THE furore over the proposed sale of 3 600 old stands in Alexandra is one more episode in a saga that has spanned 32 years of the township's 78-year history.

The Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO) has locked horns with the Alexandra Town Council over its plans to sell the stands — some of which accommodate nine families — on freehold title to tenants who had been there the longest.

ACO president Moses Mayekiso contends that the council has no right to sell property on which more than one family resides; in fact no right to sell the property at all since it is still a subject of negotiations between ACO, the TPA and the council.

Resettlement of the original owners of the stands began in 1958 when the Peri-Urban Health Board took over as administrator. Previously the township was run by a health committee.

In 1961 the then manager of Bantu Administration of the board, CH Kotze, said the board was buying black-owned property in Alexandra as part of a plan to turn it into an area exclusively for Africans employed in the suburbs north of Johannesburg.

"Most of the stands were worth about £1 400 with improvements, Kotze said.

"I don't think many of the stand-owners who have sold get the whole £1 400 or so into their pockets. Most of them have bonds and other charges on the properties," he added.

"The stands were bigger than most in African townships, but many were grossly overcrowded. Policy was to lease the houses to blacks from Johannesburg's northern suburbs, not to sell them, Kotze

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said.

According to one newspaper report, when the board took over Alexandra in 1958 there were about 96 000 people living on 415 morgen — an area that could hardly house 40 000 on a sound family basis.

The board began the removal of blacks, mainly tenants, to Meadowlands in February 1959 and then to Diepkloof and finally to Tembisa.

By 1961, 6 653 families — a total of 34 354 people — had been rehoused at Meadowlands and Diepkloof.

The Native Resettlement Board provided free passage to the new homes and the Peri-Urban Board supplied a day's rations on the day of removal.

By 1963 government had made it clear it planned to turn the township into a single-sex hostel complex.

It was commonplace for landowners to receive letters from the board offering to buy their properties — giving them 30 days to make up their minds and submit claims for compensation.

By 1965 the population of Alexandra had been reduced to about 11 000. The board had pledged that the removal would be completed by 1970. By 1969 families were being moved at the rate of 15 a day.

But now the population has swollen to about 120 000 through the influx of squatters and the sprouting of hostel complexes.

Alexandra was granted a reprieve in 1979, and in 1987 township administrator Steve Burger offered properties for sale. The Alexandra Town Council, which came into office in 1988, continued with the drive to sell the old properties.

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# 31 councils collapse in Transvaal

By IKE MOTSAPI and Sapa

AT LEAST 31 of the 82 black local authorities in the Transvaal have collapsed through mass resignations of councillors, the Transvaal Provincial Administration said yesterday.

TPA official Mr Jan Loubser said most collapsed black local authorities had been replaced by administrators who will see to the day-to-day running of the affected areas. He did not name them.

However, in the past few months it is known that councillors have resigned in Daveyton, Mamelodi, Lekoa in the Vaal Triangle, Tokoza near Alberton, and KwaGuqa near Witbank.

Some of the councillors in these areas heeded the Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal call to resign while others opted out after being frustrated because residents had refused to pay for services charges.

Black local authorities owe the TPA millions of rands.

Loubser attributed the resignation of councillors to what he termed "intimidation" by forces that wanted to see the country ungovernable.

He promised residents in affected areas that essential services would not collapse because the TPA had appointed administrators who had "similar powers to those of the local authorities".

He said: "The TPA has appointed administrators to those affected local authorities and residents are assured that everything is running normally."

Loubser's announcement is a victory for Cast,

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which has vowed to step up its campaign to force all remaining councillors to resign from what it called "the apartheid structures".

Cast, like the ANC and other black organisations, has declared 1991 a year of mass action against apartheid laws.

Meanwhile controversy surrounds the resignation of 10 members of the Mamelodi City Council last week.

The city council and the TPA claim they have not yet received the councillors' letters of resignation.

The 10 claim to have handed in a single letter of resignation signed by all of them.

# Ucasa rejects Boya's call

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THE Urban Councillors' Association of SA yesterday dismissed a call by former Daveyton mayor Mr Tom Boya for the resignation of black local authorities and their replacement with appointed administrators.

"Ucasa rejects this point of view outright. Members of black local authorities are democratically elected leaders of black communities," Ucasa national organiser Mr Denys Lobi said in a statement.

Boya, a former leading member of the United

Municipalities of SA, made his appeal for the disbanding of the besieged black local authorities system in a television interview.

According to Ucasa, black local authorities represented the only democratically elected political institutions for blacks in the country's political system.

## Illogical

"To deny the black communities this avenue of political expression would be ill-considered and illogical.

"(Boya) should also know that the appointment of 'administrators' is a retrogressive step - it is a return to colonial administration and apartheid," said Lobi.

Ucasa would at any time enter into public debate with any black organisation to compare achievements regarding the improvement of the quality of life of blacks.

"Ucasa calls on all black leaders to act responsibly, to temper their hunger for power, to become nation-builders and not empire-builders," Lobi said. - Sapa.



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## Police detain 20 in Thokoza council sit-in

JOHANNESBURG. — About 20 people who had staged a sit-in at the Thokoza Town Council offices since Monday were briefly detained by police yesterday.

Those arrested included Thokoza Civic Association (TCA) president Mr Sam Ntuli and Father Peter Hortop of the Thokoza Catholic Church.

A TCA spokesman said they were arrested after they had refused a request by the Thokoza town clerk to vacate the premises. They were released after a short while.

The council and the TCA started talks on Friday about the reconnection of the power and water supply to the township, which owes about R1,7m in electricity payments, plus four months' interest.

Thokoza has been without power since early December.

Alberton Town Council management Committee chairman Mr Johann van der Merwe yesterday accused Mr Ntuli of breaking an agreement reached at the meeting on Friday between representatives of the TCA, the Thokoza Town Council, the Alberton Town Council, Eskom, the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and the Alberton Industries Association. — Sapa

JOHANNESBURG. — The Thokoza Town Council is to approach the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) for bridging finance to cover its R1,833m electricity arrears, authorities confirmed yesterday.

This follows a breakdown in talks between the TPA and the Thokoza Civic Association (TCA), after the TCA allegedly broke an agreement by all parties concerned last week.

Lights to Thokoza were switched off in early December due to a service charges boycott, and negotiations over their reconnection reached an impasse this week, according to Thokoza administrator Gert Muller.

Residents owe R12m in service costs to the Thokoza Town Council, who in turn owes R1,833m in electricity

## Thokoza deadlock — funds sought

arrears to the Alberton Town Council which supplies the township.

According to Mr Muller, each Thokoza household would have to pay between R200 and R209 per month to cover running services accounts. R107 of this amount would go towards the payment of electricity accounts.

The TCA this week called on residents to make interim payments of R10 per household, to enable authorities to reconnect power.

Authorities, however, condemned the call as a breach of trust, and Thokoza remains without power while the dispute continues.

Meanwhile the East Rand Civic Association has warned of a full-scale East Rand consumer boycott if the dispute is not settled before the end of next week.

Refusing to comment on the warning, Mr Muller stressed the Council's commitment to negotiation. He said that that communication would continue with all residents' organisations, including the TCA, the Chamber of Commerce, the ANC Women's League, teachers' and church associations.

He denied allegations of recent maladministration within the Thokoza Council, adding that people guilty of previous irregularities had been convicted. — Sapa



## Boycott: Employers' call

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JOHANNESBURG. — The Alberton Industries Association (AIA) has called on parties engaged in talks to resolve Thokoza township's rent and service charges boycott to clear the confusion which marred the talks last week.

The association, which draws its labour from the township and has been attending the negotiations as an observer, urged the parties to work for an accord that would benefit the township's residents.

Parties to the talks were the Thokoza Civic Association (TCA), Alberton and Thokoza town councils, Eskom and the TPA.

Electricity has been cut off to the township, which owes Alberton Town Council R1,8m. This triggered a violent situation which has claimed hundreds of lives.

# Alberton business crippled by boycott

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JOHANNESBURG. — Turnover in Alberton shops has plummeted by 80% since residents of neighbouring Thokoza township launched a consumer boycott last month, the Alberton Traders' and Professionals Association said yesterday.

Association secretary Mr Yunus Karolia described the situation as "unreal".

"I have been through boycotts before — the last one between June and September — but nothing has ever been like this," he said. "Our members are reporting business 10% to 20% of normal turnover and some are talking of closing down."

The boycott was called by the Thokoza Civic Association (TCA) after the Alberton town council cut off electricity supply to the township.

Meanwhile, Jouberton township residents yesterday started an indefinite consumer boycott of Klerksdorp business after the town's council announced it would cut off electricity and reduce water supply to their township this morning.



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## Boycott ends — township administrator 'delighted'

The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Atteridgeville administrator Dr Ernie Jacobson says he is "delighted" to have played a part in ending the eight-month rent boycott in the township.

The Pretoria city councillor and former mayor said that although he hoped the problem was now history, he would continue administering to the township until the end of May.

"I must see to day-to-day activities like land and housing agreements."

Dr Jacobson was appointed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration as administrator of Atteridgeville after its council collapsed last year.

He negotiated an agreement with the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation (Asro) under which residents pay interim amounts from March 1.

The agreement opens the way for further negotiations to bring rates, tariffs and service charges in line with existing cost structures for the township.

### 'NEW MODEL'

"I am delighted Asro and other organisations decided to co-operate with me to put Atteridgeville on the road to exciting new developments," he said.

Dr Jacobson is not expecting the agreement to be followed by an election for a new council at this stage. He is rather considering a "new model" of local government.

"But that is a matter for future negotiation. In the meantime a programme will be started to make electricity installations safe."

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# GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES?

**Calls** are being made for Johannesburg mining houses to give up thousands of hectares of land they are sitting on so it can be used for black housing.

The mining houses are having none of it. They say there is plenty of land available in the PWV for black housing and are certainly not going to allow themselves inadvertently to become victims of wealth redistribution over the issue.

The problem is that calls for mining land to be expropriated are being given added credence because they are not coming only from banner-waving socialists. They are also coming from people perceived to be on the same side of the fence as the mines — people like Ampros director and former Sandton mayor Peter Gardiner.

Gardiner recently told a Five Freedoms Forum conference in Johannesburg that he believed the proclamation of land now for black housing by mining groups could prevent a later indiscriminate nationalisation of property.

He added it was necessary that they should give this their urgent attention because thousands of homeless were squatting on river banks, golf courses, parkland and even in graveyards. "In fact, they are resorting to their own housing solution."

Gardiner said that according to Urban Foundation researcher Ann Bernstein, metropolitan areas in 1985 had a total black population of 9,3m. The same areas in 2010 could have a black population of 26,8m.

He specifically identifies a 70 km, previously mined, strip of land along an east-west axis from Springs to Randfontein, just south of gold-bearing reefs, for black housing. Respected engineers, he says, have pronounced it perfectly safe for housing development.

"The problem is the land is largely owned by the mining groups which are reluctant to part with it. But they must realise that to own vast areas of vacant land close to a major centre is an anomaly. While there is still a small window of opportunity to allocate it for the national priority of affordable housing, it must be taken."

But strong opposition to his proposals comes, predictably, from the mining groups — particularly Rand Mines, which owns large tracts of land close to Johannesburg, Germiston and Roodepoort.

Rand Mines Properties GM Gert Strydom says it is a misnomer to suggest that it is holding on to land in the hope of benefiting through speculation. "We have a concept plan, which is a public document," he says. "It clearly shows how our land is to be utilised."

In any event, Strydom argues the rehabili-

tation of mining land is too expensive to make it viable for affordable housing. "Only government can afford to foot the bill on the basis of its social responsibility. As a public company, one of our objectives is to make a return on investment. There is no way that we can put this sort of land on the market at a price conducive to affordable homes."

Besides, he says, it should not be forgotten that the Reef still contains the largest known gold reserves in the world. "The issue is when, rather than if, it is mined. However, once development takes place, mining opportunities are closed."

Strydom gets unexpected support from National Association of Home Builders president Llewellyn Lewis. He says research carried out by BMI market research, in conjunction with the University of Potchefstroom, the CSIR and Medium Term Forecasting Associates, shows that "75 121 ha have been set aside by the Department of Planning for housing development in the PWV and a further 34 267 ha are under consideration."

"So the problem is not the availability of land but rather the actual dynamics of paying for and building homes."

Part of that are the 13 000 ha west of Soweto earmarked for black housing development by the department two years ago.

The Urban Foundation says that while some mine land could be used for housing, it feels the inputs required, along with the high cost of the land, make it inappropriate for low-cost housing. That is unless mining houses reduce their asking price to counter the threat of land invasion. Alternatively, various methods of cross subsidisation could be offered by the State to make the land more affordable to low-income families.

In principle, Lewis believes it's incorrect to use land close to the CBD for housing. He says, worldwide, such real estate is expensive and low-cost housing therefore tends to be confined to the urban periphery. "In addition, employment opportunities are in outlying industrial areas rather than in CBD service industries."

However, urban planning consultant Nigel Mandy notes it could be false economy to develop low-cost housing on cheaper land away from the CBDs.

While land close to cities is certainly more expensive, he argues development costs are often balanced by the existing infrastructure which generally means lower capital costs.

Mandy has come up with his own counter proposal to make more land available for black housing. Worth considering, he says, is the "industrial land on Johannesburg's east-west axis which has long been frozen, but is

well served by road and rail. Mixed industrial and residential development could provide both housing and jobs," he says. ■

## DURBAN RETAIL

### SHERWOOD D-DAY?

**Whatever** the outcome in the saga of Westville and Durban's rival shopping centres, the Westville project has at least got a head start over the Durban scheme.

Construction should begin next month on the Westville centre, known as the Pavilion. In November, the province gave its approval for the developers to increase the size of the centre by 30 000 m<sup>2</sup> to 75 000 m<sup>2</sup>.

Developers M & R Properties and Retail International have been on site since December, but revised building plans must be submitted to the Westville council now that the centre is to be enlarged.

Meanwhile, the upgrading of the Westville interchange on the N3 to cater for the anticipated increased traffic flow has begun. Engineers have also begun channelling a stream, which runs through the site, into a large tunnel at a cost of R2,5m.

Ironically, the fate of Durban's competing shopping centre in Sherwood should be finally decided when some 400 objections are heard by the city's town planning appeals committee at the end of this month.

However, the committee's decision, due directly after the public meeting on January 30, can be overruled by Durban's management committee. And, the management committee decision, in turn, is subject to ratification by Natal's Town and Regional Planning Commission.

Management committee chairman Derrick Watterson, who personally opposes the development because of the "substantial" objections from Sherwood residents and the advanced stage that the nearby Westville centre has reached, concedes that most of his colleagues disagree with him.

Should the planning appeals committee disapprove of the centre, the matter will have to go before a full council meeting. ■

## REDEVELOPMENT

### MONUMENTAL MIX-UP

**Whatever** happened to Johannesburg's Kimberley Building erected in 1892 and said to be the city's first masonry structure? It appears to have made way for a skyscraper built by Old Mutual Properties (OMP).

However, as a concession to the preserva-



# Electricity supply to Vosloorus cut off

JOHANNESBURG. —  
The electricity supply to  
Vosloorus will be cut off  
at 8am on Tuesday January 29, and other service  
cuts will possibly follow.

This was because the  
township's consumers  
had "not responded posi-  
tively" to calls for them  
to pay their electricity  
accounts, the Vosloorus  
council said in a state-  
ment yesterday.

The power supply  
would be resumed only  
when more than half the  
residents had paid their  
current accounts for the  
month concerned. After  
that the supply to non-  
payers would be discon-  
tinued on an individual  
basis.

The town council  
warned that it was also  
considering other ser-  
vice cuts, also because of  
non-payment. It did not  
specify what the other  
services were.

● The water supply to  
Daveyton, east of Johan-  
nesburg, is to be  
switched off tomorrow  
for 16 hours, for "main-  
tenance" the council  
said yesterday. — Sapa

# R31-m boost for shopping centres

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ONE of South Africa's giant insurance companies, Old Mutual, is investing R31-million in the development of shopping centres in black residential areas of Kagiso on the West Rand and in Vosloorus on the East Rand, writes **JOSHUA RABOROKO.**

Mr Hosia Malekane, property manager at the Old Mutual Properties, said the Kagiso complex of 8 200m<sup>2</sup> would provide space for 48 shops, including the anchor tenant, Checkers, in 2 600m<sup>2</sup>. Pep Store would be taking 300m<sup>2</sup>.

A taxi rank would be provided on the 2,4 ha site to complement parking for 320 cars.

He said: "We are happy that the growth rate in Kagiso will support a retail development of this size."

Input into the tenant mix that best suits the area was gained in discussions with local retailers and the local chamber of commerce, he said. The necessity of national chain component to draw people was also aired.

"Negotiations with other national chains are under way and the

response from local retailers has been excellent.

"The trend in shopping facilities in these towns has traditionally been for the entrepreneur to provide the structure, thereby limiting his working capital to run the business on a competitive basis," he said.

With the company providing the building, he added, that capital requirement had been eliminated and the entrepreneur could make use of his/her resources by putting it directly into the business.

He said: "The site for the Kagiso development occupies a strategic position within the new CBD. It will adjoin a central piazza which is seen as an integral component of an environment which will provide public spaces and meeting areas."

At Vosloorus, Malekane said, a complex would be built next to the existing Lesedi City shopping precinct. It would provide a further 20 shops, including an anchor tenant, in 6 800m<sup>2</sup>. The 2,2 ha site would also include 1 400m<sup>2</sup> of office space.



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## Oukaskie location is to be upgraded

The controversial Oukaskie location is to be upgraded into a permanent settlement.

The Transvaal Provincial Administration says that it hopes there will be financial support forthcoming from "groups and organisations that propagated the reservation of Oukaskie".

Provincial administrator Danie Hough said in Pretoria yesterday the Government had taken the decision in December.

This means that 7 000 people living in the western Transvaal township will now have permanent residence. (343)

"A recent threat by the Civic organisation of Oukaskie did not influence the Cabinet's decision as the policy decision was already taken last year," Mr Hough said. — Pretoria Bureau.





# Boycott thwarts Tembisa mayor

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JOHANNESBURG. — A conference called by Tembisa mayor Solomon More to find a solution to the township's R7-million electricity debt, failed dismally when only 50 people turned up on Saturday.

Mr More had invited political and community organisations to help find a solution to the services boycott and to set up a special committee to represent Tembisa at the negotiating forum set up by the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

The ANC's branch in Tembisa called for the conference to be boycotted.

Mr Mathole Motshekga, ANC branch secretary and a member of the ANC local government committee, said the boycott reflected residents' rejection of black local authorities.

"Residents will settle for nothing less than non-racial and democratic local government structures."

He said the ANC believed the conference was the first step in implementing the Thornhill Commission's report, which recommended setting up local government forums. — Sapa

## New talks to save Bekkersdal peace

THE ANC and Inkatha yesterday pledged to try to save a peace pact in Bekkersdal township, where violence erupted again at the weekend.

A fresh round of talks were to be held last night to review the situation after fighting on Saturday night killed an Inkatha supporter, the ANC said.

Inkatha alleged yesterday that thousands of ANC supporters, armed with an assortment of weapons, attacked mourners returning from a funeral of a member

slain in previous political clashes.

Sapa reports that peace talks on Thursday last week between senior leaders of the ANC, Inkatha, Azapo and PAC led to a peace accord — following a series of violent ANC-Azapo clashes.

"Despite the fact that there has been renewed fighting, the peace initiative remains on course," ANC regional spokesman Ronnie Mamoepe said in a statement yesterday.

A police vehicle was damaged by stone-throwers in Kraaifontein near Cape Town. One man was arrested and a member of the SAP slightly injured in the incident.

## Beer price rise shocks Fedhasa

FEDHASA was shocked by SA Breweries' announcement at the weekend of a 9,7% average wholesale price increase for beer, Fedhasa executive director Fred Theobald said.

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would cushion "the immediate impact on

## Council hostels to get R120m facelift

THE Johannesburg City Council will spend R120m on a programme to upgrade hostels and provide family housing for its 12 000 employees, housing director Ken Cunningham-Scott said yesterday.

Cunningham-Scott could not say when the scheme would be completed, saying this depended on land becoming available.

He said a recent survey among the workers (including those employed in Randburg), showed that the majority preferred the dormitory system, which provided for eight to 10 workers sharing one dormitory in the council's 15 hostels.

But since about 30% of the workers would prefer family housing — and indications were that more would also want this in future — the council had started identifying land for this form of accommodation, Cunningham-Scott said.

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Land next to Soweto's Power Park had already been earmarked for this purpose, he added.

Cunningham-Scott said most employees qualified for the council's housing subsidy.

In the past three years R2,4m had been spent on upgrading mostly hostel recreational facilities. A scheme to accommodate visiting wives at all hostels had proved very popular since it started four years ago.

About R2,8m would be needed for 89 houses at Olifantsville farm. "It is the council's goal to eventually convert all hostels into (single-quarters) bachelor-type units in order to provide more privacy and a higher standard of living for the residents."

"However, the rate at which the hostels can be converted will depend on the acquisition of additional land for family accommodation," Cunningham-Scott said.

The planning department's architectural branch was at present working on layouts for the first bachelor units in the Van Beek Hostel, work had already started on the conversion of the Old Transit Camp (part of Selby Hostel) and R25 000 had been provided for the upgrading of the old quarters of the City Deep Hostel.

The council report to the management committee pointed out that no violence occurred at the council's hostels during the recent unrest. "This can possibly be attributed to the high standard of accommodation, good social and recreational facilities and protection available to all residents," it said.



# Local government groups join forces

SA's leading black local government organisations are to amalgamate to form a "formidable force" against intimidation headed by the UDF-aligned Civic Associations of Southern Transvaal (Cast).

United Municipalities of SA (Umsa) president Henock Ngakane said his organisation and the Urban Councils of SA (Ucasa) would have a stronger voice against Cast, which has been campaigning for the resignation of black councillors.

"The two organisations will meet on March 9 to decide on a date for amalgamation. Umsa wanted a mandate from its membership for an alliance with Ucasa, but instead received an urgent appeal for full amalgamation with them," Ngakane said.

"The amalgamation will be of benefit to both organisations because we will also have a stronger voice when talking to government and the TPA," he said.

Ucasa national organiser and Alexandra mayor Prince Mokoena said: "With the new dispensation coming, we need to speak with one voice."

"When we go into the stage of one local government for all, we need to go as one."

He said in the new structure black councillors would be joining people who were well-versed in politics.

"They don't have to contend with, and have never been asked to resign as was done to us by Cast. All they have to contend with are their ratepayers," he said.

Cast vice-president Kgabisi Mosunkutu said the amalgamation of the organisations was "of no importance to the liberation of our people."

"The only importance is that their grouping together will make it easier for us to remove them — we'll need to identify only one organisation."

"But what they are doing clearly points to a collusion between government, the TPA and the councillors. (Transvaal) Administrator Danie Hough has already called on councillors to organise themselves," he said.

Day 22/2/91

## **Strong support for black housing**

**BLACK** housing finance has been met with strong support from The Perm in the far northern Transvaal.

Black home-owners account for 50% of the Pietersburg central branch's home-loan books.

The Perm was seen as a pioneer in the field when it began financing loans to blacks in Lebowa and Gazankulu in 1987.

People frequenting the Pietersburg central branch over a month-end often remark on how the queues for bond payments stretch to half way around the city centre block.

Said one observer: "On some days I'm sure they get as many as 500 people lining up to pay their instalments."

## **Computers**

The Perm is also involved in education programmes in the region and co-sponsors the annual Lebowa Builder of the Year competition.

Recently, the building society bought a number of personal computers and invited selected black high school scholars to use them in their studies.

It is also active in hosting and sponsoring mathematics courses.

Other projects the Perm committed itself to include assisting Operation Hunger in a programme to promote the importance of becoming self-sufficient in food and it helps finance the drilling of bore-holes.

The building society has also embarked on an "equal opportunities" programme within the company and is promoting equality among races, sexes and religions.



## R40m earmarked for upliftment schemes

THE Far Northern Transvaal Regional Services Council (RSC) is spending about R40m on upliftment projects in rural and urban areas north of Potgietersrus: 610 am 22/2/11

CE Tertius Theron says the money was allocated to projects going towards upgrading infrastructural services and providing community facilities in the region.

"The agricultural or rural sector has received about R7m, while the balance was allocated to the urban areas," Theron says.

The money is spread over about 90 projects, 30 of them in the rural areas.

When the RSC began working in the area it met stiff opposition from the white rural sectors.

"We had a few political problems with conservative farmers who felt the RSCs could not contribute anything meaningful to the community, but we have since proved them wrong," says Theron.

The RSC is involved in subsidising training for black labourers in rural areas and is also helping to finance a water research programme.

"Water is a serious issue here. It's important we know what type of problems we are dealing with and how we can resolve them or find ways around them."

# Permprop plans R30-m housing development

By MONDLI MAKHANYA

THE SA Perm's property development arm, Permprop, is developing a housing complex on the East Rand targetted specifically at middle- to lower-income earners — those who can afford houses priced at R15 000 to R35 000.

Permprop MD Phillip Chilton-Jones says the R30-million project — which is likely to reach completion in early 1993 — will be built on a 160 ha plot of land in the Vosloorus township. The first stage of the development, to be known as Mfundo Park, will consist of medium-priced houses costing R35 000 and lower.

The "semi-village" environment will have grass areas which will serve as recreation areas and also as access roads to be used only by residents. These will link to gravel roads which will in turn feed tar roads.

The use of grass and gravel, says Chilton-Jones, will enable Permprop to greatly reduce the cost of providing the area with all the necessary services and this saving will be passed on to the consumer.

He said Permprop hoped to build a school and lease it to the Department of Education and Training. No commercial sites have been zoned for the area as it is close to shopping complexes.

Chilton-Jones concedes that this scheme of housing may still not be affordable for many people.

A possible solution could be the building of houses costing R10 000 but no financial institution would grant bonds for homes that cheap.

"Some mechanism will have to be found to help finance the purchase of houses of less than R12 000," he says.

He feels that the lower end of the market — which is also the biggest — is badly neglected by developers in favour of lucrative upper bracket housing. Most developers and financial institutions are unwilling to move into this area because of the risk involved.

"We feel we have been very brave to go into an area where nobody has ventured. Other developers just aren't interested. Financial institutions are hesitant to come in because, among other things, there is the threat of bond boycotts. Unless they are assured of the support of the communities the situation will remain the way it is," says Chilton Jones.

He stresses that there is little developers can do

to persuade financial institutions to grant bonds to their clients.

"Our function is simply to build and not to seek bonds for people. Our relationship with the Perm is an arm's-length one and although we are a subsidiary this does not guarantee our clients bond from the Perm."

He points out that the availability of land was not so much of a problem as the availability of finance.

He adds Permprop will soon enter discussions with the Independent Development Trust about the possibility of a portion of the R2-billion which it had been granted by government being released now for the financing of the project.

He says Permprop intends encouraging other developers to follow suit by moving into low-income housing and "there has been some interest shown".

"The lower end of the market is profitable but it entails a lot of difficulties. No one should believe it may be a quick way of getting rich — although there is a possibility of this at the end of the day. It takes up a lot of time and also takes a long time to bear profits."

He says Permprop is willing to sell land to people who wanted to build houses for less than R10 000.

He also backs formal squatting, which has been advocated by some as a possible solution to the housing crisis, provided it is orderly.

"We might go into some co-operation with the South African Housing Trust on this one. We will be prepared to allocate land for this and we will thus avail people with a shelter over their heads."

"What might also be needed is that we be selective on the provision of services in order to cut costs. Perhaps it will entail providing electricity to every home but only providing centralised water sources."

He does not believe that the scrapping of the Group Areas Act would alleviate the housing shortage.

"I don't see the movement of people from upper-market areas in townships affecting the situation of lower-income people in any way because they just could not afford it. Overcrowding is going to continue in the foreseeable future as people continue to move to the urban areas," says Chilton-Jones.

## FACTS IN

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## New questions:

## Equal social pensions

1. Mr E W TRENT asked the Minister of National Health: *Handeal 5/3/91*

- (1) Whether, with effect from the date of repeal of the Population Registration Act, No 30 of 1950, equal social pensions will be paid to all South African citizens, regardless of their current race classification; if not, why not; if so,

- (2) whether any contingency plans have been made to give effect to this change in policy; if so, (a) what plans and (b) what is it estimated will it cost in total to implement this policy in the current financial year?

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## The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH:

- (1) Social pensions are not payable in terms of the provisions of the Population Registration Act,
- (2) falls away.

## Certain person: false passport

\*2. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order:

- (1) Whether the South African Police have received information and/or complaints to the effect that a certain person, particulars of whom have been furnished to the Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, is or was in possession of a South African passport allegedly describing him falsely as Chris Alexander; if so, (a) what is the name of this person and (b) what steps have been taken in regard to the matter;

- (2) whether the Police conducted and/or are conducting investigations into the alleged illegal activities of this person; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant particulars;

- (3) whether a certain hotel, the name of which has been furnished to the South African Police, has been identified by the Police as an establishment where illegal activities have been taking place; if so, what steps have been taken in this regard;

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- (4) whether the Commissioner of Police has ordered members of the Police Force to desist from assisting a Johannesburg newspaper in making further enquiries about the person in question; if so, why?

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†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

- (1) No.

- (a) Alexander Kavouras.

- (b) Falls away.

- (2) Yes, investigation was instituted and he was questioned by the South African Police regarding alleged illegal activities.

- (3) Yes, various arrests were effected in respect of prostitution at and in the vicinity of the hotel.

- (4) No, an officer of the South African Police was originally approached for assistance after which he granted an interview to the specific newspaper. No information at the disposal of the South African Police was furnished to the newspaper.

After it had become apparent during the Media Council proceedings in progress between the person referred to and the newspaper, that a civil suit could result therefrom and that the South African Police could become involved in such a suit if it furnished any information at its disposal to any of the parties, the officer was instructed not to furnish any such information to either the parties or the Media Council.

†Adv C D DE JAGER: Mr Speaker, arising out of this reply and the arrest for suspected prostitution, can the hon the Minister inform us what Government's policy is in respect of prostitution, that is to say, whether or not it is going to legalise it? [Interjections.]

†The ACTING SPEAKER: Order!

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER: Mr Speaker, I am surprised that the hon member for Bethal, whom I know very well, should be interested in a matter such as this.

Soweto: taxpayers *Handeal 5/3/91*

\*3. Mr A GERBER asked the Minister of Finance:† *Handeal 5/3/91*

- (1) How many taxpayers in Soweto are registered with his Department;

- (2) whether any of these taxpayers are in arrears with the payment of tax; if so, (a) how many and (b) for what average period; *Handeal 5/3/91*

- (3) whether any action has been or is being taken against these persons; if not, why not; if so, what action? *Handeal 5/3/91*

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE (Dr G Marais):

The Commissioner for Inland Revenue retains statistics of taxpayers only in magisterial districts, and accordingly separate statistics in respect of Soweto, which forms part of the Johannesburg magisterial district, are not available.

However, I wish to assure the hon member that all taxpayers, irrespective of race, receive impartial treatment from the Department of Finance and that active steps are taken against any taxpayer who is in arrears with the payment of tax.

## Diepkloof Prison: prisoners injured

\*4. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Correctional Services: *Handeal 5/3/91*

- (1) Whether any prisoners were injured by warders at Diepkloof Prison on or about 1 February 1991; if so, (a) how many and (b) what was the nature of their injuries;

- (2) whether any action has been taken against the warders involved; if not, why not; if so, what action? *Handeal 5/3/91*

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†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICES:

- (1) On 1 February 1991 prisoners who were detained in cell A19 participated in a demonstration upon the unlocking of their cell to allegedly voice their dissatisfaction regarding complaints and requests which had not been dealt with to their satisfaction. In the process a document containing their grievances was handed to the section officer. The prisoners concerned were thereafter again locked up in their cell following which they became

riotous. In dealing with the latter situation which, inter alia, necessitated the removal of agitators from the cell, some of the prisoners sustained injuries. Once the ringleaders had been removed from the communal cell, order was restored and attention could be given to individual complaints and where justified, problems were solved. *Handeal 5/3/91*

- (a) Eight (8).

- (b) Swellings, bruises, abrasions and lacerations. Injured prisoners received the necessary attention and have since then recovered.

- (2) In line with general prevailing policy this incident was immediately investigated by the Head of the Prison and a report was submitted to the Commanding Officer who dealt with it suitably in terms of his powers and authority. Complaints of alleged assault were taken up with the South African Police, Mondoor, for the necessary investigation and for justice to take its usual course (CR numbers 244/02/91 and 245/02/91 refer). Depending on the outcome of this process suitable further steps will be taken, where justified.

## SAP: promotion of communism

\*5. Adv J J S PRINSLOO asked the Minister of Law and Order:† *Handeal 5/3/91*

Whether the South African Police are at present investigating any case of contravention of the prohibition on promoting communism in South Africa; if so, (a) against what persons or organisations and (b) what progress has been made with these investigations; if not, why not? *Handeal 5/3/91*

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The DEPUTY MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

No, because as far as can be ascertained, no complaints of this nature were reported to the South African Police.

†Adv J J S PRINSLOO: Mr Speaker, arising from the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, is it not public knowledge that the SA Communist Party was openly re-organised in South Africa at a public occasion and that the SA Police were aware of that formation and of the activities of

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

# Plans to go Star 12/3/91 upmarket (343) in Norweto

Pretoria Correspondent

Land originally earmarked for "Norweto" could soon become an upmarket rural development.

Township Realtors, which brought the original application for the controversial black township of "Norweto" in 1986, has cancelled its application and is to launch a new application with the Peri Urban Board to have the area transformed into luxury agricultural holdings.

Dr Alf Levin, managing director of the company, said a nine-hole golf course and horse riding facilities were envisaged for the new development.

The proposed residential estates would each be 8 000 to 10 000 sq m with a minimum selling price of R120 000 a stand.

Each stand would be fully serviced.

He said the company had originally aimed at being one of the developers of the proposed black metropolis on the 300 ha site.

After changes in government policy, an application was made in 1989 for the establishment of an upmarket black area on the site. Later that year an application was made for the area to be rezoned as a free settlement area and this was approved last year.

"However, with the imminent changes in the legislation pertaining to group areas and land development, these developments are no longer feasible because our target market can now be housed elsewhere," he said.

Other reasons given for the change in the company's policy included strong objections by plot owners in the area and the Greenbelt Action Group to a town being developed in Diepsloot.



**PROPERTY**

# Tembisa 'lifestyle' venture unveiled

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**RABIE Property Developers** (Transvaal) is launching a new housing development of 450 stands in Tembisa called New Tembisa Gardens, following its earlier success in the area.

Rabie intends erecting a show village to give prospective buyers an idea of the finished product and the latest styles in finishes and fittings.

Houses will range in size from 44m<sup>2</sup> to 120m<sup>2</sup>, and from two to four bedrooms.

Rabie Transvaal executive director Dave Harris says the company's philosophy is to create an entire lifestyle rather than just houses. All houses will have lawns, trees and fencing when their owners move in.

Harris says Rabie has already sold 25 houses in the development since the books were opened six weeks ago.

**Reports: CHARLOTTE MATHEWS and PETER GALLI**

He is optimistic about the prospects of selling out.

"We have spent a great deal of time and effort in identifying home-owners' requirements, and for as long as we continue to deliver quality and service the sales figures will grow."

The development is close to the Larella Station, the Putco bus terminus and a major service station.

It is on the main road into Tembisa and there is a major taxi rank close by.

Rabie consultants can advise buyers on subsidies for first-time home owners, and on benefits available from employer and civil service housing schemes.

Rabie offers a conveyancing service at no extra cost and its homes are guaranteed for five years.


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# Norweto plan sunk by group areas changes

Wilson Zwane

NORWETO is not to be. Plans to develop Diepsloot, north of Sandton, as an upmarket black township have been withdrawn because of the imminent repeal of the Group Areas Act, Township Realtors MD Alf Levin said yesterday.

Levin said his company had cancelled an application it had lodged with the Peri-Urban Board last December to develop Diepsloot, which had been given a freehold status, into an upmarket area because of imminent changes to group areas and land development laws.

"The development is no longer feasible because our target market can now buy elsewhere. Who wants to buy an upmarket house in Diepsloot when one can buy a house in Randburg or Sandton?" Levin asked.

Other reasons for the cancellation of the application included objections by local plot owners and the Greenbelt Action Group.

However Township Realtors would apply within weeks to have the area transformed into luxury agricultural holdings. The proposed residential estates would each be 8 000m<sup>2</sup> to 10 000m<sup>2</sup> with a minimum selling price of R120 000 a stand.

Also envisaged for the fully serviced estates were facilities for horse-riding, jogging and golf, he said.



# Schools burnt as crisis gets worse

Sowetan  
14/3/91

By RUSSEL MOLEFE

TWO schools were burnt down in Lebowa and Venda on Tuesday, causing damage estimated at thousands of rands as the education crisis in the homelands reached boiling point.

Police in Venda said school books, furniture and other goods were destroyed when people set fire to classrooms at Makumbane Higher Primary School. The damage is estimated at R10 000.

In Seshego, Masedibu High school was also set alight on Tuesday. One block of the school was completely destroyed, causing damage estimated at R5 000, Lebowa police spokesman Lieutenant ML Tlomatsana said.

The setting alight of the schools came as education in the far northern Transvaal was on the brink of collapse as pupils at several schools and tertiary institutions boycotting classes to press for demands ranging from dismissal of principals to improvement of hostel conditions.

Students at Sekhukhune Teacher Training College have not attended classes since the beginning of the year. They are demanding that hostels be improved.

Tivumbeni College of Education in Gazankulu was closed indefinitely on Tuesday, the secretary for education, Mr SDC Vukela, confirmed yesterday.

However, he refused to divulge reasons for the closure.

## Facelift for township

By RUSSEL MOLEFE  
RESIDENTIAL sites at Tshikota near Louis Trichardt are soon to be made available when the upgrading of the township gets off the ground.

The upgrading follows the township's recent granting of permanent status by State President FW de Klerk. 343

Tshikota became the target of forced removals in 1982. Sowetan 14/3/91

Its Venda and Shangaan-speaking residents were removed and resettled at Vleifontein and Waterval respectively.

Transvaal Provincial Administration spokesman in Pietersburg Mr Louis van Aart said the first phase of the upgrading had already begun.

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BOOKKEEPING

# Kempton Park council to help Tembisa counterpart

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KEMPTON Park Town Council will sign a historic agreement tomorrow with its black neighbour Tembisa to provide the township administration with badly needed expertise.

The agreement on agency administration — allowing Kempton Park to oversee Tembisa's operations — is the first of its kind in a metropolitan area and was welcomed yesterday by Tembisa mayor Solomon More.

The scheme will involve Kempton Park councillors advising and training their Tembisa counterparts, who are often "badly underqualified", said More.

More said yesterday the scheme would benefit Tembisa far more than any cash donations by authorities. Tembisa's debts — more than R8m in

## DARIUS SANAI

electricity and water accounts alone — would be best dealt with by an upgrading of the current "low standards of senior people".

The scheme would benefit all suburbs in the area, said Kempton Park manco chairman Arnie Korf.

"If Tembisa is denied the benefit of our expertise, then we are all weakened" he said.

## Similar

Conservative Party and National Party councillors in Kempton Park voted for the scheme unanimously when it was proposed last month, indicating the level of agreement across the political spectrum that Tembisa, reported to be near bank-

ruptcy, needed to be rescued.

Both sides stressed that the scheme would not make Tembisa's administration subordinate to that of Kempton Park.

It was also disclosed yesterday that the Germiston City Council is considering a similar arrangement with Katlehong township.

A spokesman for the council said co-operation between the two towns had been going on for some time on a small scale.

He said: "Discussions on joint administration have been seriously mooted, although no definite plans have been made."

Klerksdorp and Kimberley signed agreements for agency administration with local township councils at the beginning of the year.



Saturday Star March 16 1991

# Local govt to have teeth to stop decay

Star 16/3/91

RESIDENTS, ratepayers and housing associations will be given teeth to enforce by-laws and keep neighbourhoods in good nick when the Residential Environment Bill is passed by Parliament, town council spokesmen said this week.

The Bill aims to prevent the possible downgrading of neighbourhoods with the scrapping of the Group Areas Act. It also confers additional power on local authorities to pass and enforce by-laws in order to maintain neighbourhoods. But the Bill stipulates that racially discriminatory by-laws will not be allowed.

The Bill provides for the setting up of an Urban Environment Board to help local authorities to maintain standards and set up urban renewal projects. The board will play an advisory role and consist of experts in urban renewal.

## Standard

Apart from providing for the maintenance of norms such as tidy and hygienic premises, the Bill provides for ways to settle disputes and for the orderly and civilised use of public facilities, noise control and urban decay.

"This national provision sets minimum standards which go further than previous legislation," said Midrand Management Committee chairman Ian Bekker.

He said Midrand had already amended existing by-laws, mainly to ensure ghettos don't develop.

Asked about the effect the Bill would have, Sandton town councillor Peter Gardiner said: "Neighbourhood standards could be protected and most municipalities could now decide on what standard of service they want in their area."

"Presumably we are now allowed to

set our own standards. For example, Sandton neighbourhoods want high security standards and environmental standards. We could even provide our own security force.

"Our council could now pass a by-law to set up residents' associations more formally. This would put teeth into the system and residents would be encouraged to pay for upgrading their neighbourhoods."

He said another example would be to formalise homeowners' associations — which in Sandton already raise money to control architectural standards and maintain landscaping.

The Bill also means local authorities will have more control over spending and it provides for financial assistance to local authorities to undertake projects out of appropriated funds, according to Mr Gardiner.

Johannesburg City Council spokesman Professor H Hurwitz said he believed local authorities may have more power to enforce legislation because penalties would now be more realistic. Offenders could be fined up to R10 000 and there is an additional R100 fine a day for an ongoing offence.

The Randburg Town Council has promulgated housing nuisance by-laws, aimed at ensuring minimum standards, according to council spokesman Andre Jacobs.

But he admitted that it may be difficult to enforce legislation while the country was going through a transition.

Federation of Western Johannesburg Ratepayers' Associations spokesman Frank Salmon said residents were already contributing to maintaining standards in their suburbs but the new legislation would give local authorities more power to prevent urban decay.

PAT DEVEREAUX

# Threat to township projects

TOWNSHIP development projects worth hundreds of millions of rands could be scrapped unless Soweto township residents begin paying rent and service charges. (343)

PATRICK BULGER

The Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council meets today to discuss the fate of capital projects. Although the amount at risk is not known, the council has a capital project development budget of about R900m.

A strong warning to residents to begin paying or have long-term projects shelved indefinitely, is likely to be issued after the meeting, RSC sources said yesterday.

In terms of September's Soweto Accord, Soweto, Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Meadowlands residents undertook to make payments. The RSC agreed to pay the difference in the council's operating costs until the end of this month.

Payment of electricity bills has dropped from 76% of consumers after the signing of the accord to 26% last month.

RSC executive member Hein Kruger said yesterday projects might have to be stopped so bridging finance could continue to be provided. Today's meeting would decide whether finance would continue.

He said a decision had to be taken between short-term finance for non-payment of services or capital projects to uplift communities in the Greater Soweto area.

RSC chairman John Griffiths said: "Our commitment ends at the end of this month. It's no use us assisting if the payments are so poor."

There was little point providing infrastructure if services from such infrastructure were not going to be paid for.

"Only capital items of high priority will be looked at," he said. Municipal sources said attention was being given to cutting supplies to residents who refused to pay.

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**City Press****PROPERTY****Fewer blacks  
want bonds**

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**Special Correspondent**

ONLY about 900 black people have used the Urban Foundation's loan guarantee scheme since its inception on July 1 last year.

This low figure again focuses attention on problems in the black homes market, which has been experiencing difficult times since the second half of last year.

Urban foundation general manager Franz Pretorius said although the reaction was disappointing, it was understandable because the present climate for loans was not favourable.

Developers accuse financial institutions of being wary of making loans available in specific black areas.

Some of the largest financial institutions confirm they allocate fewer

loans for black housing than for white housing. However, some of them deny they are hesitant to allocate housing bonds to blacks.

They say the demand for houses has declined, because developers are no longer prepared to build in black residential areas.

National Association of Home Builders executive director Johan Grotsius says in the prevailing circumstances financial institutions are hesitant to make housing loans available in black areas. "Money is available, but financial institutions select applicants very strictly, for understandable reasons."

United Building Society managing director Mike de Blanche admits that his institution is hesitant to make loans available to blacks. However, he emphasises that this

must be seen against the background of the "threatening sword of boycott actions".

"This increases the risk and causes financial institutions to be unwilling to make loans available."

He said everything possible should be done to prevent black housing becoming politicised, or it could go the same way as black education. "I have the impression that people in certain ranks have shifted their political targets to housing," he said.

The problem of black housing is being complicated because a large number of blacks do not know what the responsibilities of home-ownership entail. He believes people should first attend a course in home-ownership before they become home owners.

# R5-bn TPA budget stresses upliftment

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## Political Staff

The Transvaal Provincial Administration yesterday asked approval for a record R5 billion budget — according the major slice towards uplifting disadvantaged communities.

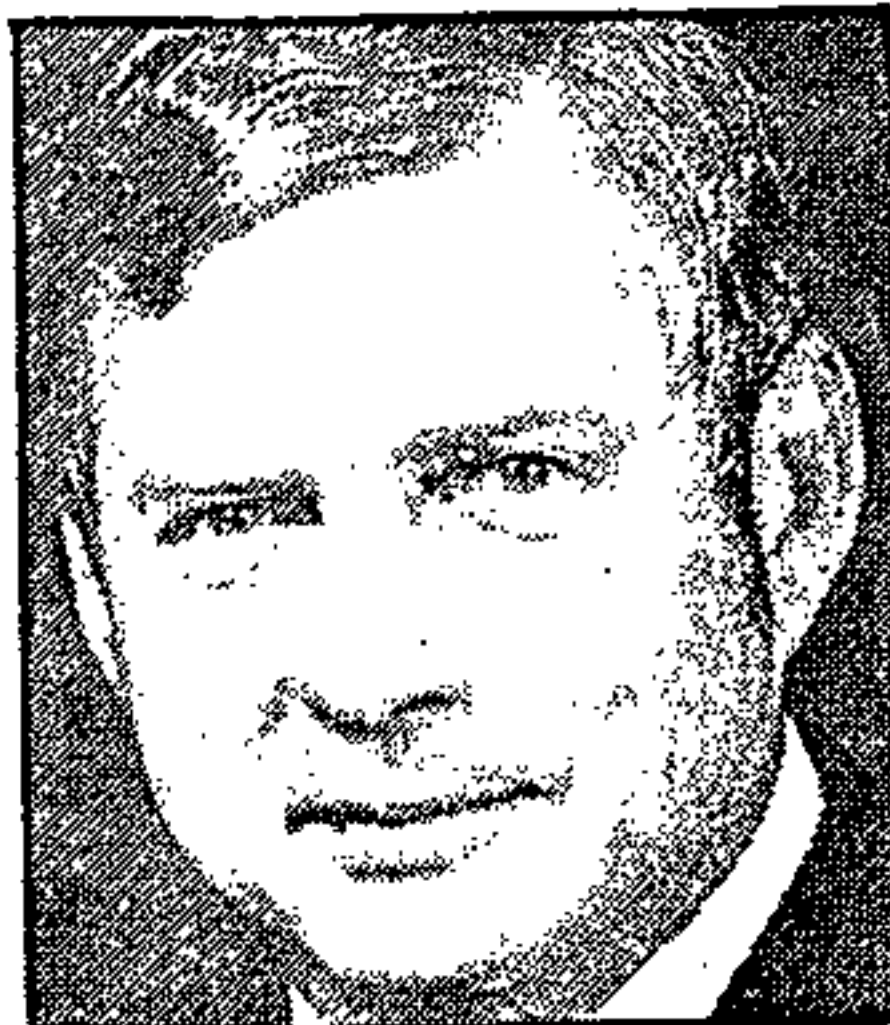
Priorities will be community development, black local authorities and bridging finance, and the emphasis will be on the maintenance of existing infrastructure rather than the creation of new infrastructures.

Hospital services and primary health care also feature high on the list of planned expenditure.

Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough yesterday tabled the budget before the Extended Public Committee on Provincial Affairs for the Transvaal.

The committee, comprising all the Transvaal MPs, is sitting in the old Raadsaal for the budget debate.

Mr Hough presented a budget totalling R4,97 billion — 13,45 percent up on last year's budget. Better service conditions for TPA employees account for R183 million of the



Danie Hough

increase.

Estimated revenue from provincial sources will be R778,5 million — an increase of 15,06 percent. The rest of the budget will be paid from central Government coffers.

Mr Hough said a "fierce attack" on the local government system and health services in Transvaal had adversely affected the quality of the TPA's services.

As a result, funds that could have been used for maintenance and community development had had to be used to maintain essential services.

"Further expansion and development was more or less brought to a standstill by this," he said.

Apart from the onslaught against local government structures, the greatest problem facing the TPA was the housing shortage, leading to illegal squatting on unsuitable land.

Mr Hough said the Government's White Paper on Land Reform had placed the emphasis on the provision of suitable land for informal housing which may subsequently be upgraded.

Acquiring land for this purpose was "top of the list".

The TPA's community development branch had made excellent progress in the past year in the establishment of informal towns, Mr Hough added.

Mr Hough warned that limited funds had forced a cut-back on the construction of new roads. And the maintenance of existing roads in the Transvaal, with an estimated replacement value of R21,2 billion, had deteriorated at an alarming rate.

He said the present form of provincial government was not representative, not elected, did not have its own legislative body, its functions were limited and it had only limited revenue-sources.



# Residents begin consumer boycott

*Sowetan 27/3/91*

RESIDENTS of the impoverished township of Namahabi-Frankfurt have decided to embark on an indefinite consumer boycott to force local authorities to accede to their demands.

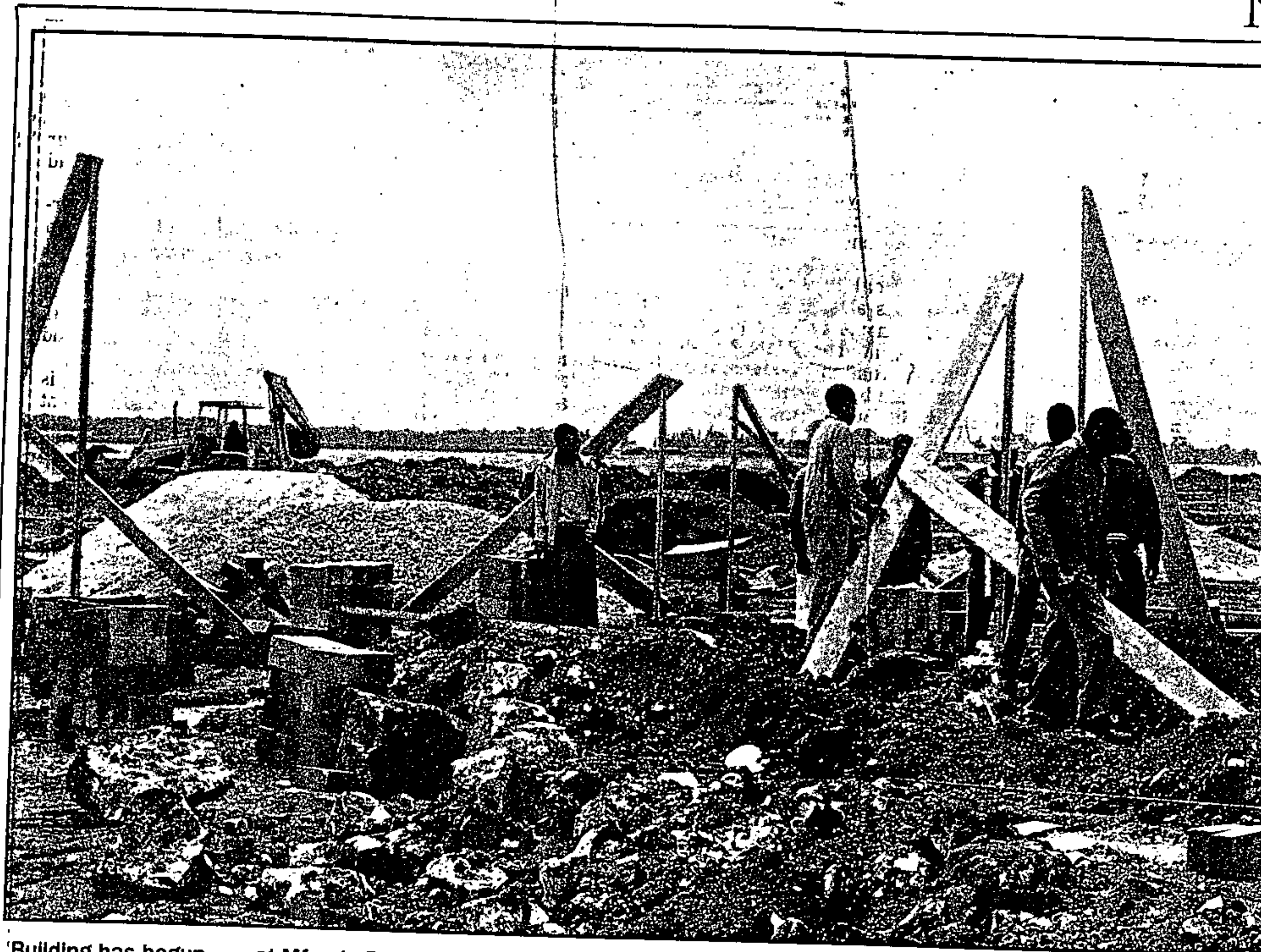
According to the ANC Youth League's organising secretary, Mr Zanele Sithole, the boycott started yesterday.

Residents are demanding that the Frankfurt business community pressure the local town council into upgrading facilities in the township.

The facilities involved include the installation of a water-borne sewerage system, the electrification of houses, upgrading of access roads in the township and the local stadium.

They also demand that the taxi rank in town be upgraded and that the local police stop harassing residents, especially during night vigils.

According to Sithole, several deputations have been sent to the local authorities but to no avail.



Building has begun . . . at Mfundo Park for the Star Homes Show 1991. An extra 14 showhouses will go on display. Picture: John Hogg

## Home sites sell fast

By Thabo Leshilo

Sites at Mfundo Park, the venue of The Star Homes Show 1991, are selling like hot cross buns — and the organisers have been forced to increase the number of showhouses.

Exhibitors attracted by the rewards of the lucrative black market in affordable homes have already snapped up the 43 stands initially earmarked for the show.

Louis van Wyk, a

spokesman for the strategic town planners and development managers, Citicon, said showhouses have had to be increased to 57 because of builders' interest in the innovative project.

The show, which features comfortable homes priced from R15 000 to R35 000, will be held on the northern outskirts of Vosloorus.

Also on show will be a temporary exhibition of houses costing below R10 000 available in

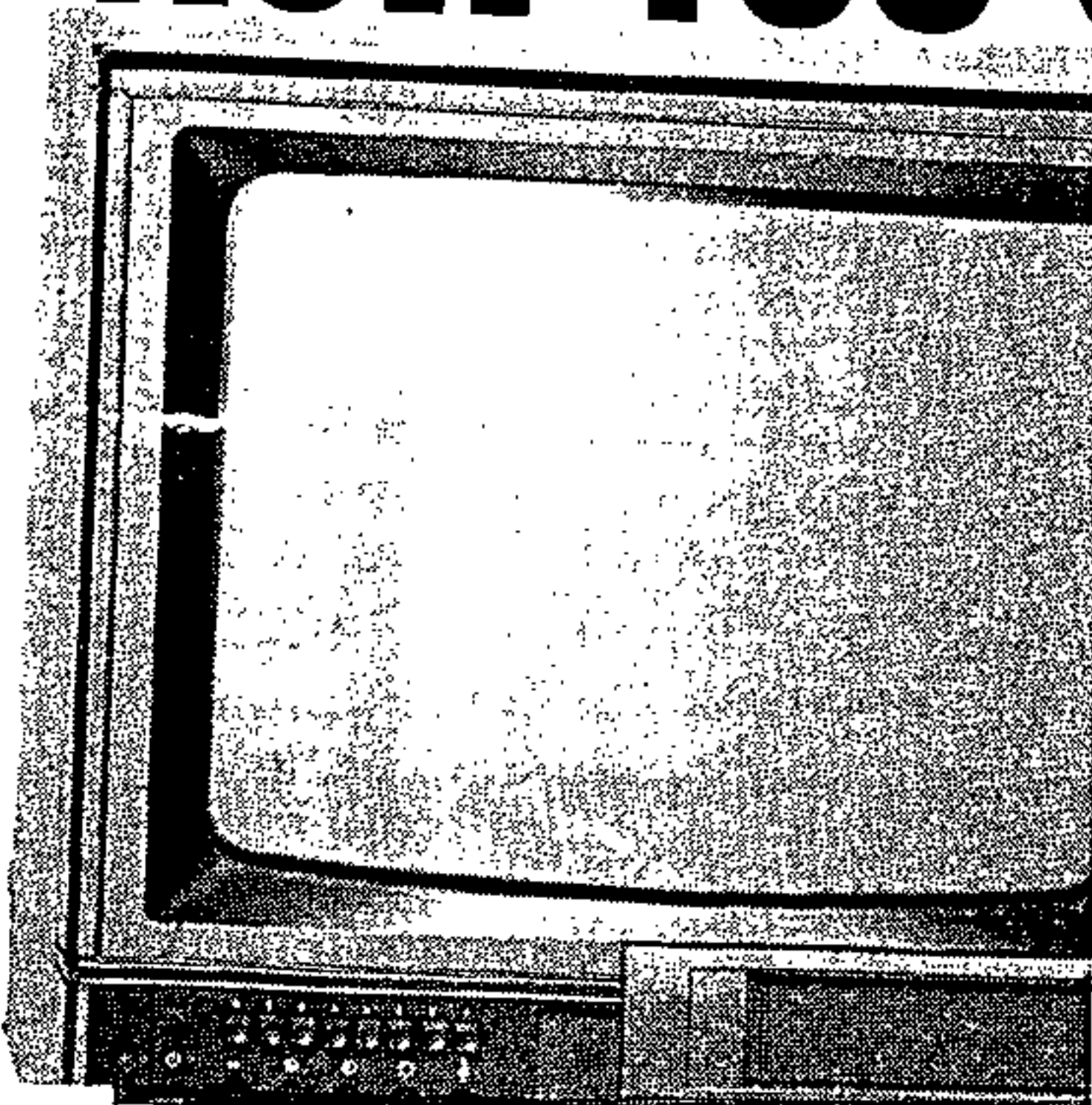
South Africa.

A wide variety of other innovative home products and home improvement services will be exhibited at 100 exhibition stands at The Star Homes Show.

Mfundo Park is a development of the Perm's property development arm, Permprop, which has put R30 million into the project.

The show will be held at weekends and on public holidays from May 9 to June 2.

# NOW YOU





# Housing Trust works towards houses for all

Star 28/3/91

By Winnie Graham

Imagine South Africa with another 68 towns and cities — some the size of Bronkhorstspuit, some no bigger than Naboomspuit and a good few as large as Randfontein, Roodepoort or Rustenburg.

That's the prediction 10 years hence. In another 20 or 30, there could be several more cities, possibly the size of Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town.

Work has already started on these so-called "projects" which will change the face of South Africa — and house tens of thousands of urbanised people.

One of the organisations involved in South Africa's new look is the SA Housing Trust (SAHT), a body created in the '80s to "facilitate the provision of affordable shelter for the lower income communities".

The Trust started building houses almost immediately but soon realised man needed more

than a roof over his head.

If SAHT were to build, it could not simply construct "straight rows of houses". It had also to create shopping centres, schools, industrial parks, bus stations, clinics and recreation facilities. It had to ensure parks were started and trees planted.

SAHT, in other words, had to create a balanced community environment where people would be happy to live and raise their families.

Mike Fowlds, corporate marketing manager of the SAHT, said it was also "short-sighted and false economy" to provide people with sites without water, sewerage and electricity.

"Human dignity requires certain basics," he said.

Because the houses had to be "affordable" (R20 000 for house and stand), dormitory housing was previously provided.

"We very quickly saw the dehumanising effect this would have on any community," Mr Fowlds added. "We started speaking to people and learned what they wanted in terms of a

home and environment.

"A granny told us the kitchen area of our houses was too small. She minded several children while their mothers were at work and needed space. Another wanted bigger bedrooms."

The SAHT now offers its customers a choice of house at all its projects.

It created its own bond financing subsidiary and network of agents, and has initiated an education programme for "the little guy" who has had no experience of paying bonds, rates, electricity and water.

Mr Fowlds said with the housing backlog at 1,8 million, 320 000 houses a year had to be built by the year 2000.

Where has the money come from?

Mr Fowlds said the Government made interest-free "seed capital" of R400 million available in January 1987 "with the proviso that the Trust drew an additional R800 million from the private sector".

"We draw on this as and when we need it," he said.

COME TO THE

## Minister: blacks short of 757 000 houses

CAPE TOWN — The estimated shortage of housing for blacks outside the homelands was 756 986 at the end of last year — but only 40 464 houses were built for blacks in 1990.

Housing Minister Hernus Kriel, replying to a question in Parliament by Peter

Political Staff

Soal (DP Johannesburg North), said the state built 1 656 houses last year. The private sector put up 30 911 and a further 7 897 were built through self-help loans granted to individuals by local authorities.

In the Transvaal, where the estimated shortage of housing for blacks at the end of 1990 was 323 848, no houses were built by the state, 5 212 individuals were given loans to erect houses, and the private sector put up 23 690.



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# CP evasive on disease outbreak

**JOHANNESBURG.** — Conservative Party-controlled Carolina town council officials were nowhere to be found yesterday when reaction was sought to news of an outbreak of infectious skin and stomach diseases in nearby Silobela township after the council cut the township's water off 80 days ago.

The superintendent of Carolina Hospital, Dr M P Veltman, who was contacted at his private practice in Ermelo, also refused to talk.

"Phone back on Monday," his receptionist said tersely after she first spoke to Dr Veltman. "He's busy till then."

At the Carolina town council it was

much the same story.

"This council has a policy that only the mayor can speak to the press," said Carolina's town secretary, who declined to give his name.

"Do you want me to put this telephone down in your ear?"

At the mayor's office his secretary said he was away on holiday until Tuesday and no one knew where he was.

Carolina's town council cut Sibolela's services on January 16 after its arrears reached R130 000, it was reported yesterday.

Local doctors said that besides skin diseases, the incidence of dysentery and gastro-enteritis was approaching epidem-

ic level, especially among small children.

A parent of a pupil at Silobela's 726-pupil Ezenzeleni Primary School said yesterday that 140 of the school's pupils were suffering from illnesses linked to the lack of water.

"Although the pupils are suffering they are still attending school," said the parent, who asked not to be named.

"There are 90 pupils at the moment with diarrhoea or some stomach complaint. Others have scabies on their legs."

A newspaper reported that for the past 11 weeks Silobela residents had had to collect water from the town's Indian area or from the township's polluted spruit. — Sapa

# SHIFTS IN THE HEART

JOHANNESBURG

**A** LARGE slice of South Africa's destiny could be decided in an area that covers less than two percent of its land surface.

From Vereeniging in the south to Winterveldt in the north, from Springs in the east to Randfontein in the west, the PWV region will, by the year 2000, be home to some 12.3-million South Africans, one quarter of the population.

It is a region rich in potential — by the end of the decade it will be producing 50 percent of the country's wealth.

But it is also fraught with problems — the Urban Foundation estimates that 2.5-million people in the PWV live in informal housing (excluding the sea of squatters that is Winterveldt), 25 to 40 percent of blacks are unemployed and 70 percent live without access to electricity or running water. South Africa, with its past of fragmented local government, has little experience of planning on this scale.

Johannesburg is at the centre of this web of possibilities and pitfalls. Over 200 000 people work in the central business district alone. More than a million enter its boundaries every day.

But not all roads lead to Egoli. On the east of the PWV for instance, commuting patterns indicate that the majority of people from Thokoza, Katlehong, Germiston, Tembisa and Kempton Park work on the East Rand. Factors like this will shape metropolitan government; that in turn will shape the PWV.

The Urban Foundation urges planning and support at national level for the development of the PWV, including funding, land provision, housing subsidies and assistance with services. Within this framework, each local authority must develop its natural advantages to encourage investment and job creation.

"Competition ... that is how cities function," says Planact's Mark Swilling. "Cities compete for skills, public funds and private investment by offering whatever locational advantages they can. If within that you have competition of organised interests, particularly if unions develop an urban programme and the civics increase their capacity to influence, then you will have the most efficient allocation of resources. If cities are left to the bureaucrats, they will die."

In that scenario there are already areas of contention taking shape. If the PWV is carved up into smaller metro regions the boundaries will be crucial. Which authority, for instance, will get "cherries" like Midrand — a commercial zone offering a rich tax base and no housing backlogs?

What about the mass of squatter camps like Orange Farm, that begin south of Soweto and stretch all the way to territory that could form part of a Vaal metropolitan area? Which metro authority is going to take charge of them? "Functional" relationships will not be the only criteria in deciding their future.

Meanwhile, the future is happening. "At the moment you have around 250 people per square hectare living in Soweto, over 300 in Alexandra and between 30 and 60 in the rest of Johannesburg," says urban consultant Nigel Mandy.

"What you will see in future in the traditionally white areas is greater backyard occupancy, people sharing houses, especially in the inner ring of suburbs surrounding the city centre" — an increase in the number and density of the city's emerging slum areas.

"In areas like Hillbrow, Joubert Park and the North East CBD the level of decline has been alarming," says Mandy. "Because of Group Areas people have not been lawful tenants, which has led to rack renting and over-occupation. The Rent Act has meant that there have been few new buildings and little upgrading."

"It will be extremely difficult to reverse this trend. In most areas you will have increased occupancy, which is a short term solution to the shortage of accommodation."

Transport could also become a growing headache over the next decade, as the number of cars and taxis — and air pollution — continues to increase.

Ian Symon, who heads up that aspect of the Johannesburg City Council's Metropolitan Planning department, says a lot has been done by "fine tuning the system in an efficient way. We have managed to keep the city moving. But that

kind of fine-tuning can only go so far", he says. Symon says they now need to look at "a major upgrading in the transportation system. And this city has a great opportunity to get it right. At present 62 percent of people move on public transport. Our goal should be to keep that 62 percent there and to keep them happy".

Symon believes there is now significant political and private enterprise support for a light rail transit system to link up Johannesburg with the suburbs, townships and towns beyond the CBD.

Despite the separation of the Witwatersrand towns into different regional services councils, Symon's department does transportation and land use planning for 17 local authorities. But in the end it is politics, it would seem, that will shape the PWV.

Ian Davidson, chairman of the management committee of the Johannesburg City Council, predicts the evolution of a body along the lines of the old Greater London Council, which will direct the affairs of all the municipalities in the central Witwatersrand.

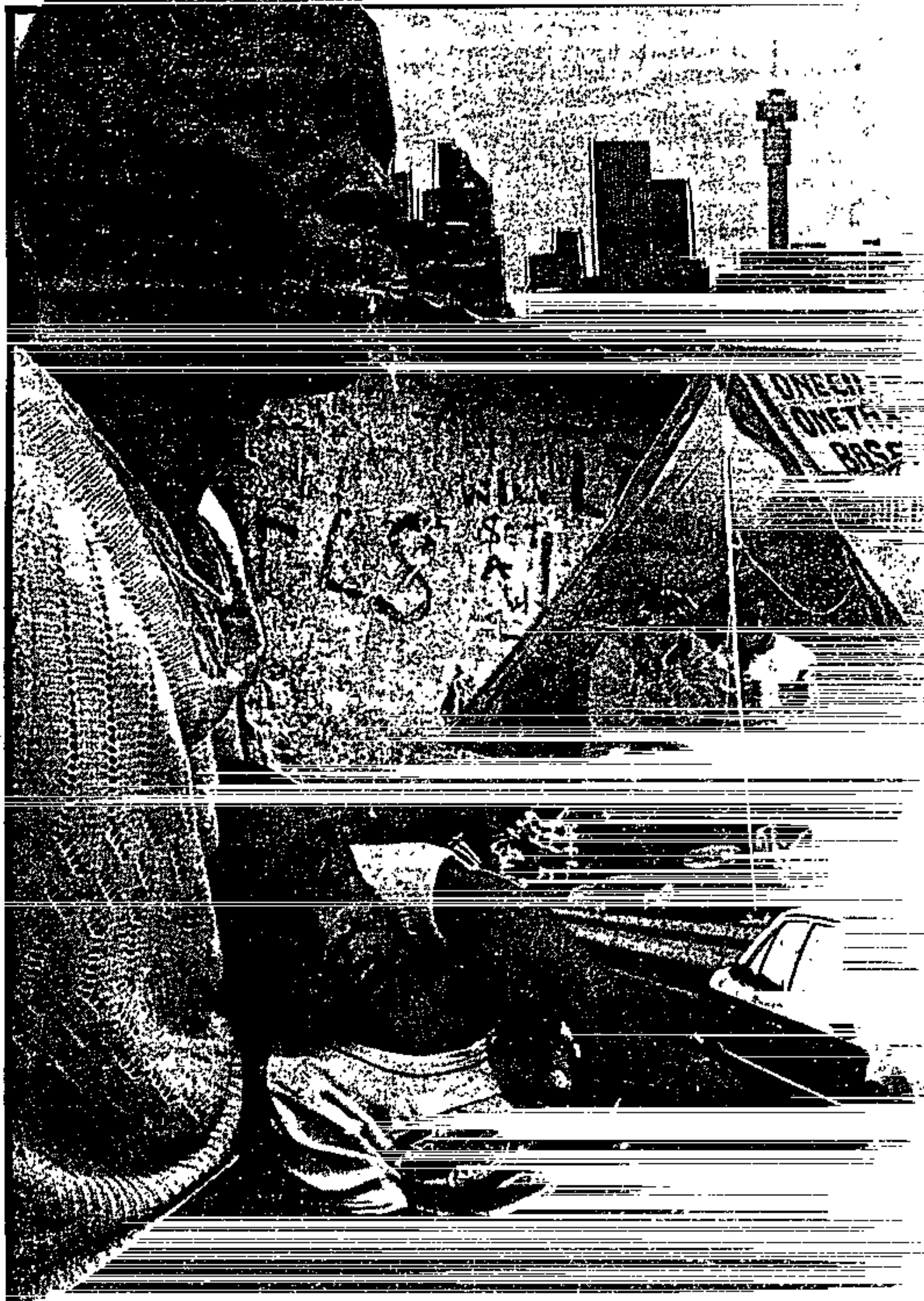
"I believe each of the major areas — Johannesburg, Soweto and so on — could have its own council because the size is simply too big for a single council."

"The metropolitan council could then ensure there is an adequate mechanism for the redistribution of wealth and could have its own financial base which would act as a redistributive mechanism. This is important because residents of areas like Soweto and Alexandra do much of their spending in Johannesburg."

"The metropolitan council would look to handling broader service functions like transport, health, sewerage, water and electricity while the city and town councils would deal with things like parks, road maintenance and aspects of urban planning," he said.

The shape of such a metropolitan body is one thing, but the content of the politics may be hard to predict.

Soweto politicians, for instance, won't say now that the squatters south of the city are not their responsibility, not while they share their political exclusion. But what about in five years time, as inevitably scarce resources put pressure on them to deliver to their own constituency first? Those kinds of political conflicts may well grow more acute as the burning issues of today recede into the past.



The future of South Africa's cities ... Overcrowding, pollution? Or a share in the collective:

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# Developers throw the <sup>(343)</sup> book away

*Soweto 18/4/91*

A FOREIGN developer - Creation Development Production (CDP) - is introducing a new concept in housing west of Soweto, with the birth of the Green Village.

The uncertainties of the economics and the politics of the country have not been strong enough to deter the developers investing on 89ha of land between Protea and Dobsonville.

The land forms part of the only possible extension of Soweto on the Doornkop farm.

The Green Village is said to be a departure from the standard, unimaginative black developments, with more emphasis on community living, security etc.

Access from Johannesburg is through the dual carriageway (new Potchefstroom Road) or the Main Reef Road.

There was fierce competition and hard negotiations to secure the land, and eventually authorisation to bring foreign investment was given by the Reserve Bank.

By KENOSI  
MODISANE

Three show houses have been built on the site and construction of 300 houses - the first phase - has already begun. Developers hope the first occupants are likely before June.

Green Village consists of development of 1 572 residential houses, a filling station, high school, three primary schools, business stands, creches and churches.

The project, according to Mr Alain Gouvernel, area manager, is centred on the concept of small villages (30 to 40 units) distributed through by landscaped roads.

Although most of the West Rand is fraught with sinkholes, the developers contend that after geotechnical analyses it was found that no evidence of sinkholes existed on the soil samples.

Gouvernel said houses will sell between R50 000 and R70 000, inclusive of serviced land, house and transfer costs.

# European group to finance 1 600 better black homes

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THE Soweto area is to get a new, multi-million rand village with 1 600 homes, churches, schools and business centres.

The residential spread called Green Village is launched today by European interests which have grasped the development opportunity in the light of the expected lifting of sanctions.

A show village is open today from noon to 3 pm, and installation of full services in the 90 ha site begins next month.

## Prices

Two and three bedroom homes will sell from R50 000 to R70 000 including land and legal and conveyancing fees.

Tenders for the creation of Green Village will be awarded next week.

The venture follows visits to South Africa by European businessmen in 1986 and 1988 but be-

## FRANK JEANS

cause of restrictions in deals with this country, no official investments could be made.

Now, with world attitudes warming towards South Africa, the Green Village project is an indication of how much international business is poised and ready to renew contacts with this country.

The Europeans have made an initial R3 million commitment to the development but "many more millions will be on the way".

M Alain Gouvernel, who represents the development company, Creation Development Production, in South Africa, says: "Green Village will be on similar lines as total community-style residential spreads being put together in Europe."

"The village will be west of Soweto which is the only possible area for extension."



# IN FOCUS PROPERTY



head. Next week this column such as this house

## Cheaper options for home owners

FOR the past six weeks we have been working along with Alfred and Selina Kunene who are about to start building a four-roomed conventional brick home in Vosloorus.

The Kunenes are fortunate. They have managed to save enough money to pay a deposit of R9 000.

Their combined income of R2 500 a month qualifies them for

a bond of R36 000.

Everybody, however, wants a decent roof over his or her head.

So what other options are there?

Before looking at some cheaper alternatives, let's call around and meet two of Alfred and Selina's friends.

Simon and Anna also want to build a house, but they have a problem.

They have a combined income which is just a little lower than the Kunenes. But they have not managed to save as much as the Kunenes have.

### Savings

At the moment they have exactly R2 000 in their savings account.

Even if Simon and Annah started saving hard now, they know very well that everything is getting more expensive and the longer they wait the more their house will cost. What can they do?

Simon and Annah need not worry. As long as they buy a house costing less than R35 000. They can take advantage of a special deal created by the Loan Guarantee Initiative (LGI).

The LGI was brought

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out specifically to help people who are not able to afford houses costing more than R35 000.

It will help these people to get a bond for their house and it can also help them buy their home.

### Deposit

The Kunenes had to put down a 20 percent deposit on their R45 000 house. But because Simon and Anna are buying a house costing less than R35 000, they need only put down a 5 percent deposit.

This is made possible by purchasing a special insurance called Deposit Replacement Cover.

Simon and Annah will also have to take out a second insurance called Risk Reduction Insurance.

This requirement applies to everybody who takes out a bond of less than R35 000.

But the good news is that the cost of both these insurances can be paid out of their bond. The small extra amount will be

included in their monthly instalments.

As far as deposits are concerned, there are a few people who do not have to pay anything at all.

Most civil servants and some employees in the private sector qualify for 100 percent loans as well as a subsidy.

To find out whether this applies to you, ask your employers whether they have a collateral scheme with a bank or building society.

### Cheaper

Up until now, we have been meeting people who intend building houses costing at least R35 000. But this is far more than what most of us can afford.

So the time has come to look for alternatives.

One alternative in which there is a great deal of interest at the moment is Starter Housing, whereby housing packages costing less than R35 000 can be obtained.

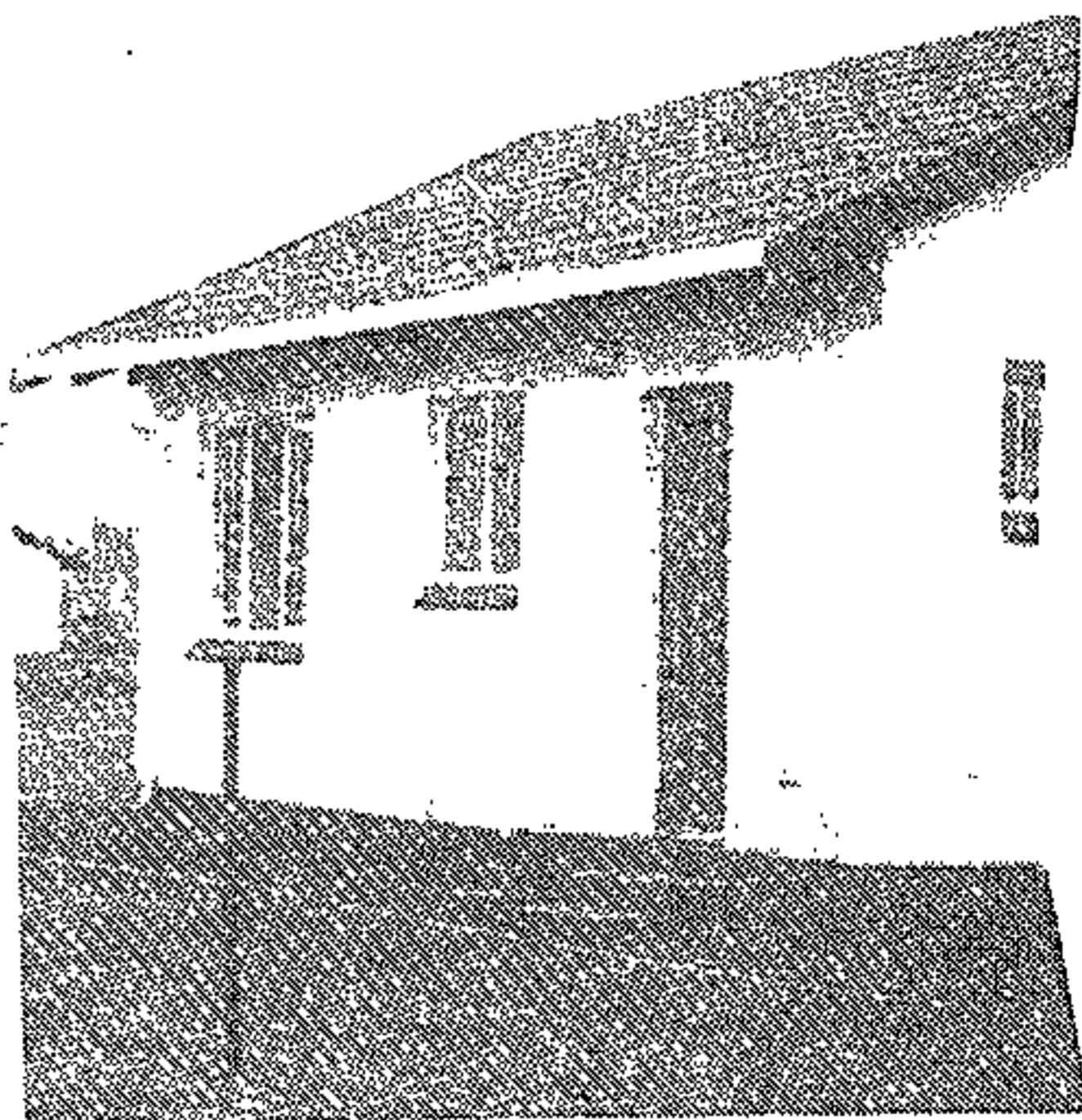
Read about this next week.

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**SOWETA**  
Building the Nation



Everyone wants a decent roof over their will focus on low-cost homes

## Speed is key to housing backlog

SPEED is of the essence in meeting SA's housing backlog — and De Leuw Cather has played an active role in bringing a new informal housing scheme near Dobsonville on line in record time. (341)

Doornkop comprises 5 800 stands, each about 200m<sup>2</sup> in size, on 250ha of land.

Each stand has been supplied with a dry type aqua-privy and running water is available from one pipe for every 20 stands. 15/04/91 30/4/91

DLC associate Dennis Behrmann says: "The Transvaal Provincial Administration produced

the town plan at the end of November and wanted to launch the scheme immediately, but no services were in place. (239)

"In December, we were called in as consultants for the provision of water and sewerage requirements and temporary roads. (343)

"By January 14 we were ready for the first people to move onto the stands — and since then properties have become available at a rate of 100 stands a day.

"All 5 800 stands are now complete, serviced by 39km of water mains and 43km of gravel roads.

All the stands have been sold and the owners are erecting their dwellings at a rate of about 1 000 a month."

Although meeting the most basic requirements at this stage, Behrmann says the township has been designed with an eye to upgrading.

"Provision has been made for schools, creches, places of worship, retail and social facilities.

"Eventually, the services will be upgraded to provide individual water connections to each stand, and a water-borne sewerage scheme will replace the aqua-privies," he says.



## R20m centre to round off top black suburb

IN LINE with the need for the development of retail and shopping facilities in black townships and suburbs, a R20m shopping centre with office and entertainment components is set to launch Spruitview, the East Rand's most affluent black area and first freehold black suburb, as a hub of commerce and enterprise.

The Spruitview Shopping Centre, developed by a syndicate formed by Joel Melamed, Sidney Hurwitz and Jules Levitan, is scheduled for completion in October.

The multimillion-rand venture has attracted investment from major retail tenants like Pep Stores and Link Pharmacies and is fully let except for the supermarket and restaurants, for which negotiations are under way.

"Rentals range from R25m<sup>2</sup> to R45m<sup>2</sup> and we will be offering late-night and weekend shopping," Melamed said. 3 (104) 1515791

"While we have not excluded white tenants, all tenants so far have been black," he added.

The east wing entertainment centre has been anchored by Ster-Kinekor with a 790-seat cinema complex, which leaves 400m<sup>2</sup> for a restaurant franchise and a mezzanine area for a disco bar lounge.

"Comprehensive market research supports our projection that the Spruitview Centre will find enormous success as a free-market venture. The total retail potential of the 22 000 households in the centre's 2,5km radius is comfortably within the R19m a month mark," Melamed said.

This figure is set to rise to at least R29m in two years and to go as high as R34m by 1995, in present-day monetary values, he added.

To date, 30% of the 2 500m<sup>2</sup> air conditioned office space has been let at R20m<sup>2</sup>, which offers opportunities for business professionals to set up offices in close proximity to their homes.

"In addition, we are approaching leading commercial banks with a view to accommodating a central banking mall," Melamed said.

# Violence helps drive builders from townships

Monday 16/5/91  
VIOLENCE, political uncertainty and high unemployment were driving building companies from strife-torn townships, Time Housing regional director Kobus le Roux said this week.

Le Roux said in a statement Klerksdorp and surrounding areas had been hit hard by riots, faction-fighting and consumer boycotts.

"Spiralling violence, political uncertainty and high unemployment have combined to force an exodus from the mining areas of the western Transvaal by companies which were building houses for black families.

"All the big contractors are gone, but we are going to stay and keep on selling houses."

He added that the continuing violence had also made some building societies reluctant to provide mortgage bonds on properties.

FHA Homes CE John Weaver said it was becoming increasingly difficult to find contractors who were prepared to build in the townships.

"When we launched our housing project in Dobsonville (Soweto), one major building company did not tender for it," he said.

The reluctance of financial insti-

tutions to provide mortgage bonds was not making things easier.

NBS assistant GM Trevor Olivier agreed that township violence had led to fewer houses being built.

"Two years ago thousands of houses were built, but that has been reduced to a trickle by the violence. Builders cannot build and building societies cannot lend money to people who want to build houses because of the violence.

Basil Reed Homes MD Pat Culligan said the reluctance of builders to build in the townships was due to the enormous losses they were incurring through vandalism and theft.

"Equipment and other materials associated with building a house are being stolen and that has made building in certain areas non-viable. There is also the responsibility to one's employees. It is morally wrong to send people to work in violence-ridden areas where their lives will be in danger," Culligan said.

Building Industries Federation of SA (Bifsa) executive director Neil Frazer said at least six contractors had pulled out of the townships because of the violence.

WILSON ZWANE



## More hostels up for grabs

In another step towards phasing out township hostels, Dobsonville's town council is advertising the sale and redevelopment of the Wilford hostel complex.

It has also put the Si-phiwe hostel complex up for sale.

Two weeks ago, the Tembisa council advertised the sale of two hostel complexes.

Diepmeadow council has already sold Diepkloof hostel for R862 000 to a private company.

Last year, residents of Diepkloof hostel expressed outrage at the council's decision. Recently, Tembisa hostel residents criticised the council for not consulting them on the sale. — Staff Reporter.

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# Two hostels to become family flats

By KAMAL SINGH

TWO Dobsonville hostels - often the scenes of violent clashes between its dwellers and township residents - will soon be upgraded to family flats.

The municipality yesterday announced that the planned sale of the Wilford and Siphwe single-sex hostels, presently an eye-sore with walls blackened and windows broken from petrol bombings, would be concluded in a few months.

Dobsonville mayor the Rev MacFarlane Phenethi said the decision to upgrade and sell the hostels was

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taken because of the lives lost in clashes between dwellers and residents.

Another reason is apparently because both hostels are almost deserted after dwellers fled the area at the height of unrest.

Dobsonville Civic Association chairman Mr Tlhalefang Sekano confirmed the move, saying that Inkatha-supporting hostel dwellers were forcibly evicted by armed gangs angered by the reign of terror allegedly carried out by the hostel men.

"After the Inkatha members were driven out, residents turned on the remaining dwellers. They were accused of killing six people from the township," he said.

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# Dobsonville hostels on sale

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Developers have until the end of June to make feasible proposals for the face-lift.

The Tembisa Council announced plans earlier this month to sell five hostel blocks in a bid to lessen the clashes between residents and hostel dwellers.

Town planner Mr Deon Theron was quoted then as saying the hostel dwellers had stopped rent payments a long time ago.

The Dobsonville Council has experienced similar financial problems

since dwellers vacated the Wilford hostel.

Sekano said the civic association had long felt that single-sex hostels should be ended and replaced by affordable family units.

## Convert

The council was apparently pressurised by ratepayers, the Congress of South African Students and school principals to convert the hostels.

"Once the hostels are converted, the level of violence will be considerably lessened," said Sekano. "Only then can former hostel dwellers

return and homeowners sleep without fear of midnight attacks."

Meanwhile, the ANC, which has consistently called for an end to the hostel system, said occupants should be provided with alternative accommodation.

The ANC's opposition to the hostel system stemmed from hostels' "unsanitary, barrack-like conditions" which bred "sub-human characters".

The non-aligned South Africa Hostel Dwellers Association, which represents about 50 000 dwellers in Natal and the Transvaal, could not be reached for comment.



# Mfundo Park: 'exploit' claims denied

Sowetan Reporter

THE *Star* Homes Show at Mfundo Park, Vosloorus, is the first show of its kind to address the South African housing crisis, and the chronic lack of affordable housing in this country.

Philip Chilton-Jones, managing director of developers Permprop believes that the company is setting a precedent amongst property developers.

## Questions

"There is often questioning at The *Star* Homes Show gate as visitors query the reason for an entrance fee. Some people perceive the Homes Show as a development company exploiting the need for low cost housing, and making money at the expense of residents in the area.

"Nothing could be further from the truth", continued Chilton-Jones. "Over half of the show houses were sold in the first weekend of the Homes Show. Permprop could easily have developed Mfundo Park and sold out without a *Star* Homes Show.

"The purpose of turning Mfundo Park (which means Education Park) into a showcase of what is available in the affordable housing market in South Africa, is to educate first time homeowners, particularly with the abandonment of the Group Areas Act.

"Rather than exploit this new market we wanted to create a place to tell people, who is eligible for a housing bond, what is involved (financially) in purchasing a house, which builders give value for money and how can one 'grow' one's first house by extending.

## Charge

"Permprop wanted to contribute something back to the local Vosloorus community, and hence the minimal entrance charge of R3 per adult - R1 of which is going towards building a community centre for Mfundo Park residents.

"We have committed ourselves to supplying the community centre, whatever the show attendance, and we are grateful for the on-going support that Permprop and Citicon (the project managers) have received from the Vosloorus Civic Association and Town Council", concluded Chilton-Jones.

The *Star* Homes Show is open until June 2, 1991 (weekends and public holidays only), from 9am to 6pm.



# TPA enlists aid of private sector

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has called in the services of the private sector in an attempt to address the province's growing urbanisation crisis.

Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough warned in a statement yesterday that urbanisation was stretching the TPA's resources to the limit.

He said a meeting with private sector groups in February agreed that quick decisions had to be taken to mobilise private sector organisations into six regional development management (RDM) posts.

The RDMs would be based on the

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East and West Rand, Pretoria, Pietersburg, Potchefstroom and Witbank. They would be extensions of the TPA and would support the TPA's regional directors in their efforts to meet demands flowing from urbanisation.

To ensure the RDMs provided the required expertise, it would be necessary to form multi-disciplinary consortiums led by a consulting firm with proved project management experience in the urban development field.

The RDMs had to deal with infras-

structural, institutional, financial, economic, developmental and community participation needs.

Hough said the February meeting had been called to inform the private sector of the extreme urgency of the issue and to explore ways of forming a partnership between the state and private sector.

Advertisements are currently running in newspapers inviting applications from private sector organisations to act as regional development managers to assist the TPA's Development Branch.

The appointments will be effective from July this year.



# Affordable homes show 'successful'

Staff Reporter

A total of 49 homes and 200 stands have been sold at the Star Affordable Homes Show at Mfundo Park near Vosloorus.

The show was a success despite poor attendance, according to Home Show spokesman, Judy Drake.

Ms Drake said only genuine buyers had come in large numbers, which had made the show successful as far as the organisers were concerned.

With the country in turmoil and an economic downturn, people were hesitant to invest.

In this climate the organisers were lucky to sell 49 houses and 200 stands, Ms Drake said.

"The whole concept of low cost housing is still new in the

black market and people need a lot of education," she said.

The entertainment side of the show was successful, with OKTV best female vocalist, Rebecca Malope, and her backing band Pure Magic in full blast.

Other attractions were the African Jazz Prophets and up-and-coming Reggae star, Julia Mabika.

The show will end on June 2. There are several competitions including the R40 000 show house, and the election of Miss Mfundo Park, who will win modelling contracts worth R2 500 from Network.

Nine semi-finalists will each win R500.

The admission fee is R3 for adults and R1 for children. The proceeds will go towards building a community centre.

## R996-m owed by black Tvl residents

Star 30/5/91

Residents of black areas in the Transvaal owed an amount of R996 572 389 as at the end of December for back rents, electricity and service charges, Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing Hennis Kriel said in the House of Assembly yesterday.

In a written reply to a question from Louis Stofberg (CP Sasolburg), he said the figure for the Transvaal could not be broken down into amounts for rent, electricity and service charges.

In the Free State the amount owing for electricity was R11 044 603 and service charges R57 878 721. There was no figure for rentals.

In Natal R267 512 was owed for electricity, R969 848 for rentals and R2 400 021 for services.

In the Cape R11 351 909 was owed for electricity, R29 201 381 for rentals and R68 556 423 for services. — Sapa.



# Private aid on urbanisation sought

PRETORIA — The Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has called on the private sector to help solve some of the problems associated with accelerating urbanisation.

A TPA spokesman said yesterday the recently announced combined TPA-private sector effort to ease the growing financial crisis was expected to be in operation before the year end.

Transvaal administrator Danie Hough has said it was urgent that the problems be tackled.

The province's resources had been virtually exhausted, Hough said.

The structure of the combined effort included the appointment of six regional development managers (RDMs) from the private sector to work with the provincial regional directors.

The regions are east and west Rand,

Pretoria, Pietersburg, Potchefstroom and Witbank.

The managers will appoint multi-disciplinary consortiums to identify priority projects in the regions.

The spokesman said the response to advertisements calling for applications for RDMs had been "better than good".

So far in the Pretoria area alone more than 100 applications had been received and responses were still pouring in.

The spokesman said the RDMs would be paid by the province.

It was hoped the private sector would become more involved in financing projects such as the provision of services in squatter areas, the expansion of electricity, sewerage and other basic infrastructural services.

GERALD REILLY

# Private sector under pressure to build homes

Weekly Mail Reporter

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THERE is some relief in sight for builders as the private sector increases its involvement in low-cost housing to alleviate the housing shortage, according to the Bureau for Market Research.

In a recent housing study, the BMR identified trends in black housing which it believes will help the construction sector plan its housing strategy in the townships.

The housing crisis is intensifying daily with the influx of people to the metropolitan areas. Mushrooming squatter camps and the common secondary structures in the yards of township houses point to this crisis. The private sector is coming under increasing pressure to get involved in providing housing in black areas.

Research in the townships found that 41 percent of the residents polled believed they would change their accommodation and 24 percent of them believed their employers would help them finance housing projects.

A study in Tembisa revealed that most residents rent accommodation. Only 26,4 percent of the houses are owned in the older sections. That 85 percent of the housing units in the new development areas were owned shows people are keen to own property.

The wide-ranging study also examined other features of black accommodation such as structural aspects of the buildings, existing additions and improvements to the housing units and the costs of such improvements. The BMR also looked at occupancy levels, the availability of utilities and business activities being conducted on residential stands.



# Soweto housing scheme on rocks

C/Pers 9/6/11.

PRIVATE developer Saffrich has pulled out of Soweto's Doornkop housing scheme, leaving hundreds of buyers without houses built on their sites and hundreds of others with no sites at all.

Saffrich generated enormous community criticism earlier this year when it negotiated with the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) and launched itself as the only private developer in the Doornkop scheme.

The scheme, originally intended as the pilot project of the government's R1-billion plan to house the country's homeless, now lies in pieces after being dogged by allegations of mismanagement, bribery and corruption by councillors.

The TPA bought the Doornkop land to provide 5 800 sites for low income families, illegal squatters and homeless people from greater Soweto.

The TPA stipulated that sites would be allocated to local families whose names were on the waiting lists of either the Soweto, Dobsonville or

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Diepmeadow councils and whose combined income was less than R600 a month.

According to Saffrich director Sleyen Fourie, the company reached a "gentlemen's agreement" with the TPA to develop 1 300 of the 6 000 sites.

Saffrich marketed its sites through more than a dozen estate agents in and around Johannesburg.

Contrary to the TPA stipulations, Saffrich agents signed contracts with anyone who responded to their advertising campaign and who could afford a house of between R16 000 and R21 000 - whether the applicants had been on the housing

waiting lists or not.

City Press has evidence that Saffrich agents also sold sites to people earning more than R600 a month and to people who were not local residents.

Initially, Nedperm Bank was interested in financing 30 percent of the scheme with an investment of more than R6-million. Standard Bank was also considering investing millions.

But both banks pulled out when they realised the development did not have the approval of community and civic organisations, or a formal agreement with the TPA.

Saffrich continued to market its Doornkop sites after the major banks withdrew their support.

Saffrich is now refunding more than R600 000 taken as deposits from hundreds of clients.

Other private developers have moved on to the 1 300 sites vacated by Saffrich and are offering a variety of housing packages ranging from R6 000 to R14 000. Banks are not financing the houses being built.



**SITE OF ALL THE TROUBLE ... Housing Advice Project director Brian Leveson says the Doornkop development should not have been marketed before financial backing was assured.**



## BUSINESS

# Perm's housing project scores

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The Perm's Place of Dreams — the Emaphupheni housing development in Daveyton — is proving a winner in every way, from affordability to design and practicability.

A project which is addressing a community's total needs — housing, services, health, education and social amenities — it is attracting buyers who can secure a property with a salary of about R700.

### 120 families

Already more than 120 families have moved into Emaphupheni since the development came on to the market about a year ago.

A centre sponsored by the Department of Manpower is also operating, its objective being to provide training in skills such as building, metal

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work and carpentry.

The Place of Dreams recently won the National Association of Home Builders' award for quality and service.

Receiving the award at a recent NAHB banquet in Cape Town, Denis Creighton, general manager of the Perm's housing division, said: "It is satisfying to see the Emaphupheni development unfold on the ground and the effect it has on the many people in the area."

Mr Creighton sees the project as a prototype in finding solutions to the "mismatch between affordability levels and housing supply".



Quality and service ... Gavin Hardy (right) president of the National Association of Home Builders, presents the association's award to Denis Creighton of the Perm.



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1989/90—financial year R415 000  
1990/91—financial year R5 000

- (b) Funds voted by Parliament.  
(c) (i) None  
(ii) 31 March 1991  
(2) Dependent on the availability of funds as voted by Parliament.

OFS: Votes Health services/community develop-

434. Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing:†

Whether, with regard to the Province of the Orange Free State: Estimate of Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31 March 1992, he will subdivide the amount of (a) R510 946 000 under Vote 2—"Health services", and (b) R327 366 000 under Vote 4—"Community development", according to aims; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

B1139E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING:

In order to give a meaningful reply to the question, my Department enquired as to the meaning thereof and it was indicated that the purpose of the question was to obtain the information per population group.

- (a) The amount of R510 946 000 under Vote 2—"Health Services" is provided for all population groups and cannot be subdivided per population group.  
(b) The amount of R327 366 000 under Vote 4—"Community Development" has been provided solely for the Black community.

Vote No 26: Main Division 6

437. Mr A P OOSTHUIZEN asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing:†

Whether, with regard to Vote No 26—Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing, he will subdivide the amount of R601 439 000 under Main Division 6—"Urban development and housing aid", according to aims; if not,

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why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

B1143E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING:†

In order to give a meaningful reply to the question, my Department enquired as to the meaning thereof and it was indicated that the purpose of the question was to obtain the information per population group.

The amount of R601 439 000 under Main division 6—"Urban development and housing aid" under Vote—Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing had, as indicated in the aim—and programme description on page 26-14 and 26-15 of the printed budget which was tabled in Parliament, a bearing on the Black community. The only exceptions the amounts of R101 102 000 and R90 000 000 which are respectively indicated in the budget as interest subsidy on private loans and redemption of private loans. These amounts are utilised to honour loan obligations which were entered into some years ago on behalf of all population groups.

Province of Cape of Good Hope: Vote 3

438. Mr W A BOTHA asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing:†

Whether, with regard to the Province of the Cape of Good Hope: Estimate of Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31 March 1992, he will subdivide the amount of R1 821 391 000 under Vote 3—"Hospital and Health Services", according to aims; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

B1144E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING:

In order to give a meaningful reply to the question, my Department enquired as to the meaning thereof and it was indicated that the purpose of the question was to obtain the information per population group.

The amount of R1 821 391 000 under Vote 3—"Hospital and Health Services" is provided for all population groups and cannot be subdivided per population group.

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Province of Transvaal: Vote 7

440. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing:†

Whether, with regard to the Province of Transvaal: Estimate of Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31 March 1992, he will subdivide the amount of R1 372 332 000 under Vote 7—"Community Development", according to aims; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

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The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING:

In order to give a meaningful reply to the question, my Department enquired as to the meaning thereof and it was indicated that the purpose of the question was to obtain the information per population group.

The amount of R1 372 332 000 under Vote 7—"Community Development" has been provided solely for the Black community.

Province of Transvaal: Vote 4

441. Mr W J D VAN WYK asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing:†

Whether, with regard to the Province of Transvaal: Estimate of Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31 March 1992, he will subdivide the amount of R2 336 764 000 under Vote 4—"Health Services", according to aims; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

B1147E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING:

In order to give a meaningful reply to the question, my Department enquired as to the meaning thereof and it was indicated that the purpose of the question was to obtain the information per population group.

The amount of R2 336 764 000 under Vote 4—"Health Services" is provided for all population groups and cannot be subdivided per population group.

Province of Cape of Good Hope: Vote 10

442. Mr W A BOTHA asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing:†

Whether, with regard to the Province of the Cape of Good Hope: Estimate of Expenditure for the Financial Year ending 31 March 1992, he will subdivide the amount of R653 595 000 under Vote 10—"Community Services", according to aims; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details?

B1148E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING:

In order to give a meaningful reply to the question, my Department enquired as to the meaning thereof and it was indicated that the purpose of the question was to obtain the information per population group.

The amount of R653 595 000 under Vote 10—"Community Services" has been provided solely for the Black community.

Free settlement areas proclaimed

443. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing:†

(a) How many free settlement areas have been proclaimed since the promulgation of the Free Settlement Areas Act, No 102 of 1988, (b) where are these areas situated, (c) what is the size of each, (d) how many persons are living in each of these areas and (e) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

B1150E

The MINISTER OF PLANNING, PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS AND NATIONAL HOUSING:

- (a) 13.  
(b) and (c) Areas already proclaimed Size  
1. Midrand (Country View) (Transvaal) 479 ha  
2. Windmill Park (Transvaal) 60,4 ha  
3. Warwick Avenue Triangle (Natal) 8,9 ha  
4. Diepsloot (Transvaal) 880 ha

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# Rabie leads homes market

By JOSHUA RABOROKO  
27/6/91

RABIE Property Developers continue with their success story in the Transvaal, with their black housing still selling extremely well despite unfavourable social and economic conditions.

Three of their new townships have displayed the "sold out" signs.

The entire stock of 250 units in Tokoza, 209 in Vosloorus and a further 180 in Katlehong have been sold in the past two years.

The company has also recorded high sales figures in Protea Glen - a new development west of Soweto, where 330 homes have already been sold.

Of the 285 stands the company developed in Spruitview, 200 have been sold.

About 440 people have bought homes in the company's Dobsonville North Gardens project.

Rabie's national sales director, Mr David Harris, attributes the high sales figures to several factors.

Not the least of these is the fact that Rabie developments were situated on the outskirts of the townships.

That location was highly desired by buyers who saw the associated enhanced security as being of prime importance.

Harris also said the company's policy of allowing multiple-choice of design and finish, coupled with efficient and professional advice concerning financial options and implications had also paid off handsomely.

"The fact that we offer guarantees on both maintenance (three months) and construction (five years) is also a big plus factor," he said.

The perceived stability and the depth of resources of the company were some of the contributory factors.

"We have as many as five project managers permanently on site," he said, "and buyers know that they can refer any query to them where it will be answered or followed up without delay.

"We are seen as the market leaders in the provision of a high level of professional advice and trained customer relations."

"Consistent maintenance of quality and standards is non-negotiable," Harris said. "Rabie has always created this lifestyle which extends far beyond the house and into the suburb itself. That is the reason why our homes are landscaped and have trees planted when our buyers move in."



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# Take a low-cost stand!

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By DERRICK LUTHAY

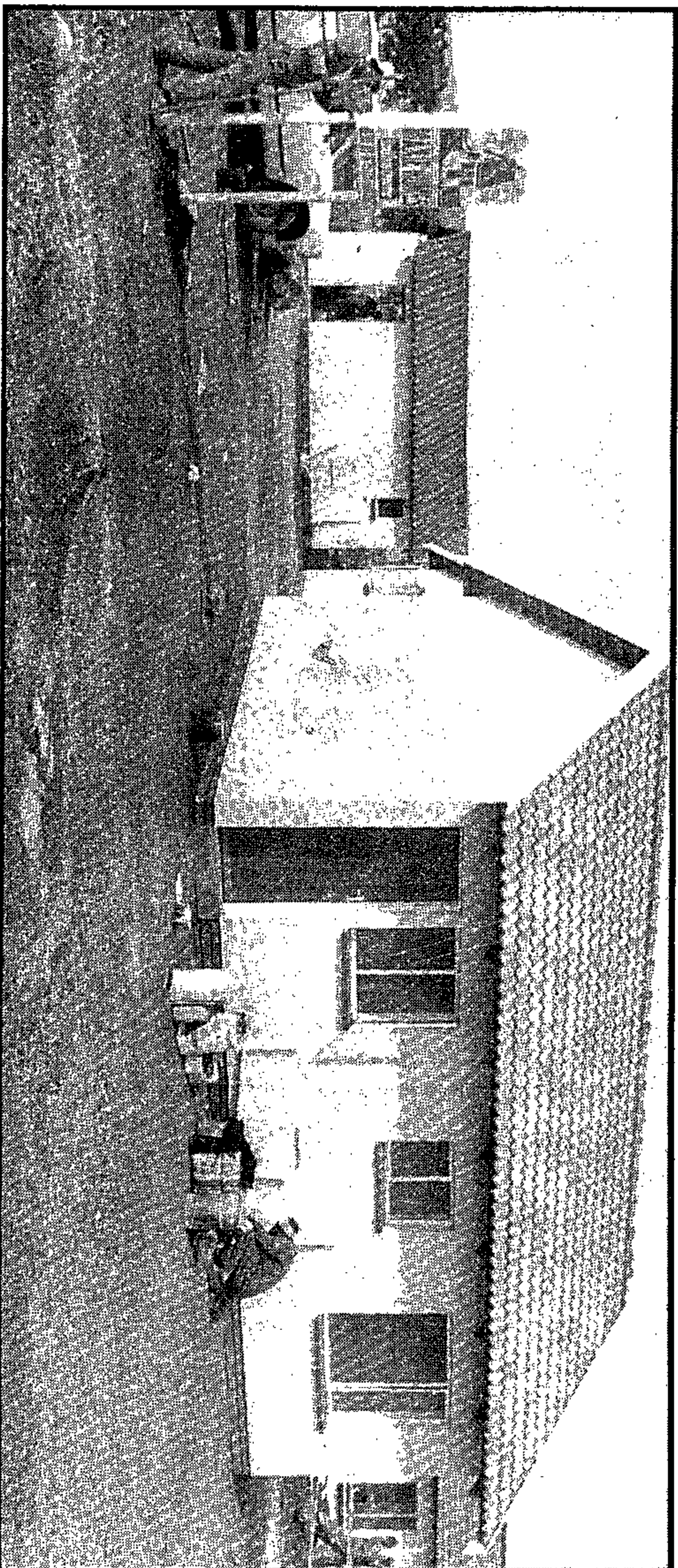
THE South African Housing Trust, furthering its efforts to make available low-cost houses — priced between R26 000 and R30 000 — has provided 1 654 fully serviced stands at Mamelodi Extension Four, near Pretoria.

There is a similar scheme at Palm Springs, near Evaton.

Both schemes shame Soweto, which has not built one low-cost house in 20 years.

According to project manager Nicol van Niekerk, the project was developed in consultation with Mamelodi City Council and Mamelodi Civic Association.

The stands have water-borne sewerage, electricity, tarred roads and gravel roads, all pro-



This house is one of the 20 to be seen at the showhouse village at Mamelodi Extension Four, where facilities have been provided by the South African Housing Trust. This particular home costs R29 000 but prices vary between R26 000 and R30 000.



vision has been made for churches, shops and schools.

A showhouse village, with about 20 houses, opened to the public last week. Housing experts and builders are on the spot to give advice on home ownership.

Nicol said this was another example of an SAHT project which incorporates quality, affordability and the specific requirements of the community.

The SAHT was established in 1986 when it became obvious there was a vital need for an organisation to provide housing for lower income communities.

At that time - apart from the realisation there was enormous demand for accommodation within the lower in-

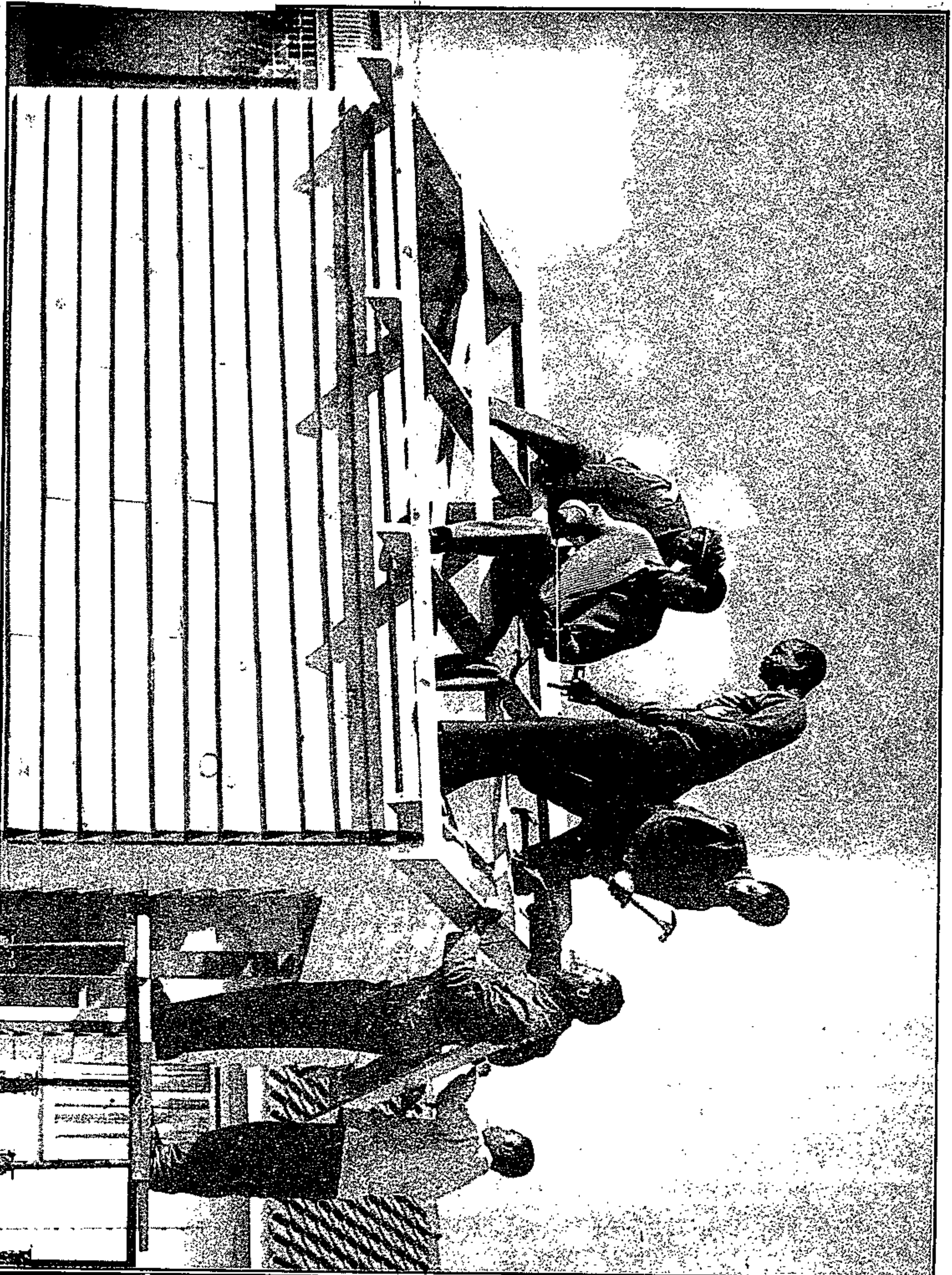
come group - no other detailed market information was available.

The first major problem was the financial institutions' reluctance to lend money to the lower income communities and SAHT was compelled to start its own - Khayalethu Home Loans.

One of the most prominent activities of the SAHT is the Local Builder Training Programme, which enables local builders to develop their skills and become part of the community infrastructure.

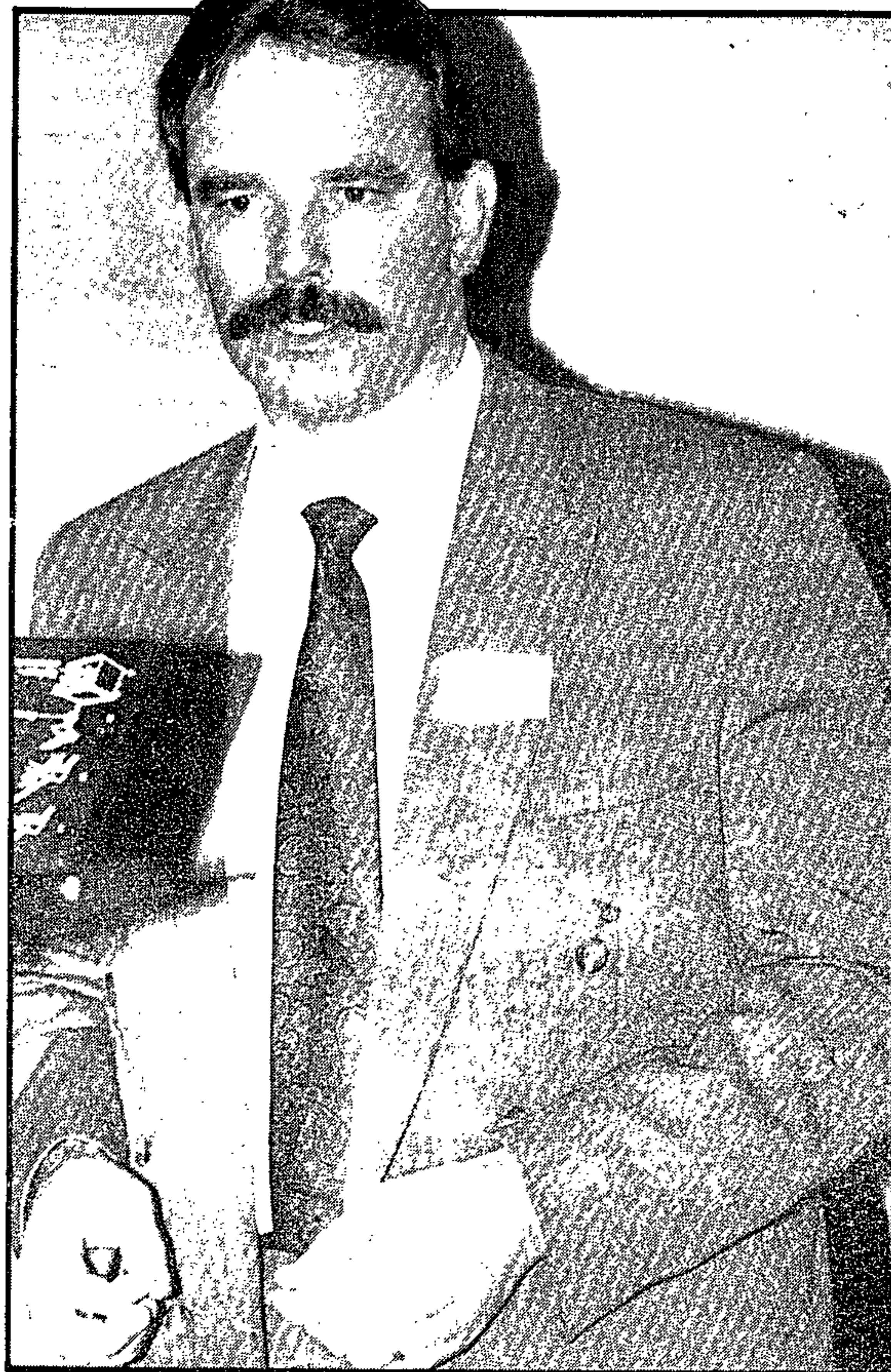
Since the scheme started countrywide, 242 small builders, with 2 128 labourers and artisans, have been helped to enter the construction market and have built 2 665 homes.

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Timber frame homes could revolutionise squatter housing in South Africa.





**Project manager Nicol van Niekerk ... the scheme was developed in consultation with the local council and civic association.**



# Low-cost timber a viable choice

THE South African Lumber Millers Association (Salma) has launched a programme to train people in Reef squatter communities to build their own timber frame homes.

The three-week training course will be free for people chosen by community organisations to attend the courses and return to their communities to build timber houses.

Salma executive director Andries Swart says timber frame homes could revolutionise low cost housing.

"Our research shows the material costs for a double storey timber frame home can be as low as R102 a square metre. This is vastly cheaper than high class conventional housing," Swart said.

Using materials from the Salma depot, the cost of materials for a one-roomed nine square metre timber house – the size of most shacks in squatter settlements – is R1 000. This includes a concrete floor slab and all the timber for the frame and the walls, one door, one window and roof tiles. It does not include labour costs or improvements like ceilings and plumbing.

Announcing the training scheme recently, Swart said those who wanted to help themselves to build homes should be afforded every opportunity to do so.

"There is a shortfall of 900 000 homes in South Africa. Sixty percent of the black community could not afford to pay R12 000 or more for a home – where it becomes viable for the formal home building industry and financial institutions to become involved. The result is squatting on a massive scale," Swart said.

Salma is establishing several urban training centres, some in conjunction with the Urban Foundation, where community representatives are given three weeks' basic instruction in building wooden homes. A pilot scheme has already been run at Crossroads in the Cape and training has started on the Reef.

The provision of training was not enough to solve the problem and Salma was also looking into the provision of building materials at affordable prices, Swart said.

"At present, shanty builders pay exorbitant prices for scrap materials. For various reasons, timber dealers do not have outlets in squatter areas where poor people can buy timber at affordable prices."

Swart said the plan was to establish community-run materials depots at places where site and service schemes were in operation. This would enable the very poor to erect basic housing of a decent standard.



## Gunmen kill two Bible class pupils

JONATHAN REES

GUNMEN shot and killed two young children and wounded a youth when they sprayed a Bible class meeting in rural Natal with AK-47 rifle fire on Monday night.

SAP spokesman Lt Bala Naidoo said the Rev Benjamin Ngidi's four-year-old son Sabelo and six-year-old Duma Siyabonga were killed. Nzuzwa Magwaza, 16, was wounded and was in a satisfactory condition in the Port Shepstone hospital, he said.

Naidoo said the motive was unknown as Ngidi was not politically aligned.

Police yesterday reported another three people were killed in unrest incidents. Police said they were fired upon in Daveyton township near Benoni after finding a man shot dead and a Tokarev pistol and spent cartridges on the scene.

The gunmen fled after the SAP patrol returned fire and a wounded man was arrested, the daily SAP unrest report said.

A body with bullet wounds was found at Pateni near Richmond and another man was gunned down in Old Crossroads near Cape Town in the ongoing taxi feud in the area.

A number of shooting incidents and deaths in Natal at the weekend were reported by police yesterday.

Unrest monitors yesterday confirmed nine people died in weekend violence. One monitor said those who believed Natal violence had quietened down were "dreaming".

## Moves to make AIDS notifiable

RAY LOY

PRETORIA — Government was investigating legislation to proclaim AIDS a notifiable disease, National Health and Population Development Minister Rina Venter said yesterday.

At a news conference to announce a huge campaign against the spread of AIDS, she said the implications of such legislation would be examined thoroughly before a decision was made.

The news conference was held shortly after Venter met health ministers from the six self governing territories.

GERALD REILLY reports Venter said the new anti-AIDS programme would be based on a communications strategy document which would soon be presented to Cabinet.

She said the number of confirmed AIDS cases had risen dramatically to 683 since 1982. It was estimated about 100 000 people in SA were already infected with the HIV virus, about half of whom were likely to die within the next 10 years.

"Moreover the pandemic continues to spread rapidly and at the current rate the number of HIV-infected people will be at least 200 000 at this time next year."

Venter said AIDS education and curbing the alarming spread of the

disease had become a high government priority.

"We believe it to be of extreme importance to get the co-operation of all the political players, trade union leaders, business leaders and others mobilised in a massive effort to stem the spread of the diseases."

She said a major objective was that children should be "AIDS literate" by Std 5.

AIDS cost SA about R20m a year, including R6m spent by the Health Department.

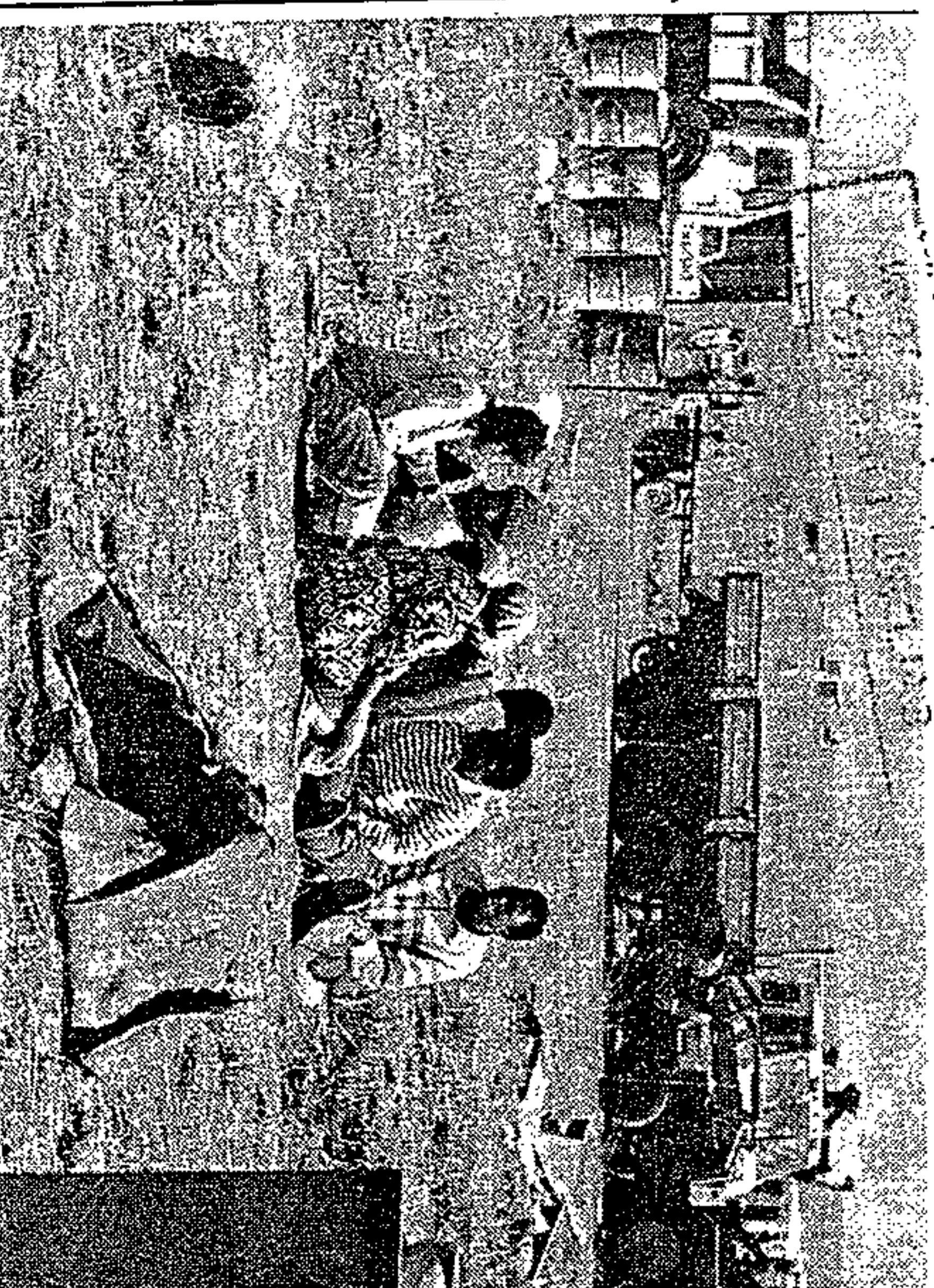
Venter said AIDS was spread mainly through heterosexual intercourse. Mother to unborn child transmission accounted for many of the other cases.

Venter said other issues discussed at yesterday's meeting included the doctor-to-population ratio in the self-governing territories — one doctor to 15 635 people, compared with one to 1 009 countrywide.

The shortage of doctors in rural areas had to be addressed.

She said there was an urgent need to restructure health services. The present system failed to satisfy five basic conditions accepted by Cabinet — accessibility, effectiveness, affordability, acceptability and equity.

She said it seemed the health status of South Africans was deteriorating.



Ivory Park squatters whose homes were demolished yesterday morning. Picture: CATHERINE ROSS

## Govt unable to sell its township houses

RAY LOY

PRETORIA — Despite intensive selling campaigns, government has sold fewer than half its 335 000 units of township housing put up for sale in 1974.

A TPA spokesman said total sales to date nationwide were 125 282 units.

In Transvaal, the sale of houses had been even less successful than the national average.

GERALD REILLY

About two-thirds — 146 934 — of houses available for sale were unsold at the end of March.

DP parliamentary spokesman on black housing Douglas Gibson said the difficulties in selling the housing stock could be partly ascribed to red tape and bureaucracy. He called for the appointment of a Black

Housing minister

Another major reason for the poor sales was the fact that rent and service boycotts enabled black families to live rent-free.

Government should do more to encourage those families who had occupied them for lengthy periods and who had paid rents amounting to many times the houses' initial costs, said Gibson.



# Differences must be solved, pleads Hurd

Star 11/7/91  
Sapa and Staff Reporter

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd yesterday expressed the hope that the current move to lift sanctions against South Africa would encourage the Government and the ANC to work out their differences.

He was addressing a press conference at Jan Smuts Airport after a three-day visit to the country.

Now, not later, was the time to start encouraging investment for South Africa's future, he said.

"South Africa cannot afford to wait for a political settlement before addressing the legacy of apartheid."

He also welcomed the decision by the International Olympic Committee and the International Cricket Conference to readmit South Africa.

Mr Hurd and his entourage included new British ambassa-

dor Anthony Reeves.

They visited projects partly sponsored by Britain.

Britain is providing a further £100 000 (about R460 000) towards the costs of the Alexandra Health Centre.

The grant was announced by Mr Hurd, during a visit to the health centre on the Johannesburg border.

Admiring the talent of young cricketers being trained under the Alexandra Township Cricket (ACO) development programme, Mr Hurd said he hoped some would soon represent South Africa at international level.

"We are helping to train the opposition, but it's for a good cause," he told reporters when presenting the second half of a R125 000 consignment of cricket equipment.

A spokesman for the United Cricket Board, which runs the programme, Chris Day, told reporters R1 billion was needed to redress the backlog in cricket facilities in townships country-wide.

Travelling through streets stinking of sewage and strewn with rubbish, the delegation made a final stop at a creche bordering shacks on the outskirts of Alexandra.

After an inspection, Mr Hurd was told by ACO's Mr Mayekiso that next time he should not only visit British projects in the township but speak to residents and inspect the migrant labour hostels — scene of violence this year.

Mr Hurd said British Premier John Major would be keen to visit the country, but it was a matter of timing and would have to be worked out in conjunction with South African authorities.

Mr Hurd said the first chapter towards a post-apartheid South Africa, the abolition of the legal structure of apartheid, was virtually complete.

● At the Alexandra Health Centre, Mr Hurd was confronted by banner-waving members of the Alexandra Land and Property Organisation.



# Mayor slams Hurd over cash grant

Press 14/7/91  
By THEMBA KHUMALO

ALEXANDRA mayor Prince Mokoena has threatened legal action to stop a R460 000 British Government grant from reaching the Alexandra Health Centre.

The donation was promised by British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd during his short visit to the clinic on Wednesday.

Now Mokoena is in a huff because he was not consulted about the donation.

The storm brewed just hours after Hurd toured several places in Alexandra, including the clinic, where he was shown around by Dr Tim Wilson and representatives of the Alexandra Civic Organisation (ACO), Mzwanele Mayekiso and Paul Tshabalala.

After hearing about the British Government's offer, an angry Mokoena accused Hurd of undermining him as Mayor and of "hob-nobbing with people who are not accountable to local residents".

"I feel bitter that a man of his stature stooped so low as to ignore me and my council in this fashion. His Western etiquette dictates that whenever a man of his calibre visits another man's territory he should contact him first.

"Instead, Hurd chose to enter Alexandra through the back door and be smuggled in by people who have no constituency here.

"Because of his rude manners I will make sure that his promised grant does not reach the health centre. It is a political clinic and people who



## He undermined me, says fuming Prince Mokoena

work there do not have the interests of residents at heart. If necessary I will go to court to stop the grant.

"With due respect, Hurd allowed himself to be manipulated by not consulting all the parties concerned with Alex matters. As a result, he is not even aware that there are two clinics in our township.

"The first one is the political clinic, to which he has promised the

grant, and the other one is run by the council.

"Why can't our council clinic be treated equally with the other?"

Mokoena's allegations and threats were scoffed at by ACO general secretary Richard Mdakane.

He said Mokoena was not elected by the residents, and "we don't take him seriously".

Acting director of the health centre, David Rob, said Mokoena did not represent the residents and therefore did not need to

be consulted. Rob added that before the visit they consulted local leaders.

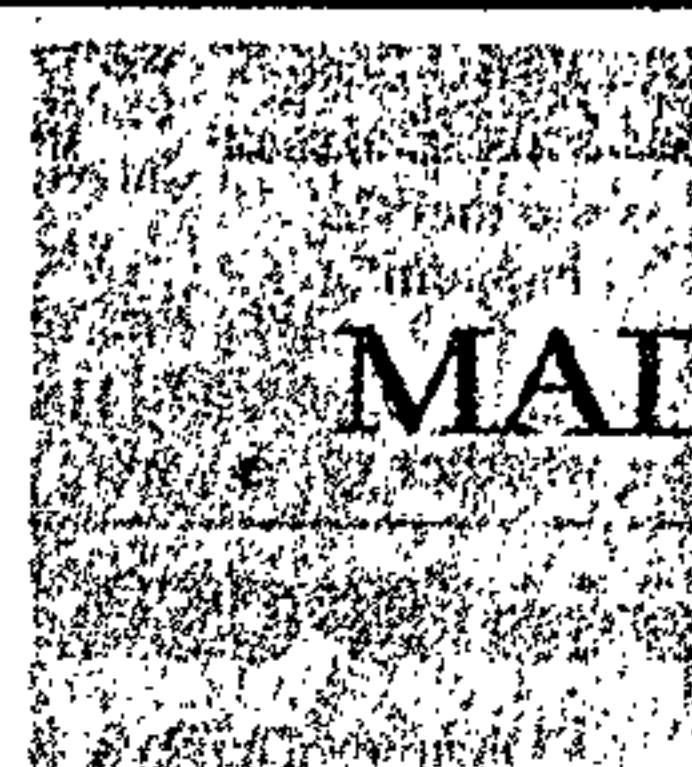
"Moreover, the visit was done through the Joint Negotiation Forum."

Hurd's visit to Alex met with a storm of protest from members of the Alexandra Land and Property Owners' Association, which is led by Eric Mangele.

He accused ACO members of wanting to enrich themselves with the promised grant.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd talks to local officials as he tours Alexandra Health Centre. He promised a R460 000 grant to the centre, but now Alex mayor Prince Mokoena has threatened to make sure the money does not reach the centre.

■ Pic: SIPHIWE MHLAMBI





BUSINESS DAY, Tuesday, July 23 1991

## Land available to house 1,2-million, says MEC

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THE TPA had identified land to accommodate about 1,2 million people in the Transvaal in attempts to satisfy demands of urbanisation, MEC for land use and physical planning John Mavuso said in Pretoria yesterday.

He told reporters the squatters who occupied land at Midrand's Ivory Park would have to "go back where they came from and take their place in the queue" because that area had been set aside for others.

He said most of the land near Ivory Park was not suitable for low-cost housing because of the geological conditions.

The TPA demolished shacks in the area earlier this month and a Rand Supreme Court application brought by two squatters is still being heard.

Mavuso said informal towns already developed by the TPA included Orange Farm (near Vereeniging), Zonkizwe (East Rand), Ivory Park and Doornkop (near Soweto).

It was TPA policy to allocate sites in an orderly manner. Mavuso said the sudden influx of squatters into Ivory Park was not spontaneous but was instigated by "irresponsible people who are misusing people for their own short-sighted political and financial purposes".



TPA officials at yesterday's news conference on the Ivory Park squatter camp were Steph Pieterse, deputy director for local government, left, and Jaap Joubert, director of local government of the Witwatersrand.

Picture: CATHERINE ROSS



# Battle to sell elite township homes

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By MONDLI MAKHANYA

THE EXODUS by wealthy blacks into white suburbs is set to drive house prices down in elite black areas.

Many wealthy blacks, who built their six-figure priced homes in the era of the Group Areas Act, are now finding it increasingly difficult to sell their homes.

The logic behind this is that there are few people prepared to buy a highly priced property in a township if one can now purchase a house in a white suburb for roughly the same price.

An ironic spinoff of this, however, is that the inability to find suitable buyers for their township houses is also hampering some blacks from moving to white suburbia.

While this movement itself has thus far been insignificant — mainly as a result of affordability — a number of very wealthy blacks are slowly infiltrating white suburbs. Insofar as Johannesburg is concerned, says Aida Estates managing director Aida Geffen, there've been a number of sales to blacks in the northern suburbs while the southern suburbs have proved quite popular.

"This is because there are more areas in the south which are within the price range of middle-class blacks," notes Geffen.

Also preventing blacks from "invading" suburbia as was expected are the recession and high interest rates.

According to a Soweto estate agent who herself is having difficulty selling her house, "people want to flock to town but they cannot find buyers for their houses".

But those blacks who are able to overcome these obstacles, believes Real Estate Surveys director Erwin Rode, will see a 20 percent depreciation in their house prices.

However, he believes this devaluation will bring these houses to their real value and thereafter prices will start climbing again.

Also exerting downward pressure is the fact that value does not necessarily equal cost. Therefore, a lot of houses that cost a certain amount to build, will, by virtue of their location in the overwhelmingly working class townships, not be worth their cost price.

Basil Elk Estates managing director Basil Elk explains: "The general principle in residential housing is that the most expensive house in a lower priced area will always devalue."

But Geffen believes wealth discrepancy within the black community is also responsible for the devaluation.

"In the black community there is very little upward mobility. As a result you have a small top echelon and then there's the rest. Those in the top echelon are having difficulty selling because there are very few people to sell to," says Geffen.

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# TPA house sales soar

OF the 334 293 homes available for sale by black local governments, a total of 126 044 had been sold since 1984, according to the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

This amounted to 37,3 percent of the total number of houses offered for sale.

"According to statistics, 167 houses were sold by the black local authorities in the Transvaal during May this year.

This brought the total number of houses sold by the local authorities in the Transvaal since 1984 to 85 838.

"About 36,9 percent of the houses available in the Transvaal have already been sold."

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## Rented

A TPA spokeswoman said houses which were not yet sold were rented out, but the option to buy remained.

The TPA would not reveal the amount the houses were being sold for, but said they were geared towards the "middle income group".

However, the TPA was also concerned with the provision of homes for the lower income groups, she said. - Sapa.



# New ideas for township homes

Sunday Times Reporter  
THE Alexandra Development Foundation put a dozen homes on show yesterday in an attempt to present new housing ideas for an established township.

The ADF, under chairman Colin Adcock, is a non-profit organisation which develops houses. It is funded by businesses, including JCI, Anglo-American and De Beers.

The show site, which is surrounded by the homes of 30 000 shack-dwellers, presented its own prob-

lems to the builders. Four of the vehicles delivering materials were hijacked during June and July, materials disappeared from the site and a squatter family living in a shack had to be rehoused.

The range of homes features high-density development on stands of about 100 square metres, with housing units starting at 20 square metres.

The cost of the homes — ranging from R16 940 to R32 920 — is within reach of people earning from R1 000 to R1 800 a month.

# Dinkins 'excited' about visit to SA

By PATRICIA CHENEY  
Washington

NEW YORK mayor David Dinkins will visit South Africa in September at the invitation of Mr Nelson Mandela.

Mr Mandela urged Mr Dinkins to visit South Africa when the ANC president stayed at the mayoral residence, Gracie Mansion, last year during a triumphal tour of New York.

Although details of the trip were described as

very preliminary" by Mrs Annabelle Francescinni, Mr Dinkins' spokesman, she said that he planned to arrive in SA on September 19 and would stay until September 24 or 25.

The mayor will be accompanied by a large group of New York dignitaries representing labour unions, anti-apartheid groups and city officials.

"He is very excited about the trip," Mrs Francescinni said.

"He has been wanting to visit South Africa for some time."

Mr Dinkins will also stop over for a day in Lagos, Nigeria.

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# Frustration of blacks to get bonds grows

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**BUILDING** societies have taken the undeclared standpoint that granting bonds to blacks is a risk as a result of the violence and unrest and the escalating number of repossessed houses in townships.

- This view is being increasingly voiced in low and medium-cost housing circles.

The reluctance of building societies to grant bonds to the black housing sector has reached crisis point. Some black home buyers have been struggling to obtain bonds for an unbelievable nine months. At present, I estimate, that only five percent of all black bonds submitted to building societies are being granted.

## Excuses

Building societies are giving frivolous excuses for not approving them. They seem to have taken the decision not to grant bonds and therefore 95 percent of bonds that are applied for are refused. My figures are sourced to informal responses from my submissions of bonds to building societies.

In my opinion this is an unacceptable situation as each case should be considered individually and more importantly, impartially. If the building societies previously had bad accounts, why discriminate against new prospective home buyers?

Black bonds appear to be like a disease to building societies. They have raised the criteria to ridiculous heights. For example, one building society said: "The man must earn more than the woman." Another said: "A man's net salary excluding his bonus, contribution to trade

**VINO NANKAN**, managing director of Venrich Housing, throws the spotlight on the critical difficulty black home buyers face in obtaining a bond.

## FOCUS

unions, pension etc is the amount considered as his income during bond application."

Traditional marriages are unacceptable - marriage certificates or an affidavit must be submitted.

In my company alone, I have a backlog of 300 bonds that have not been approved over this nine-month period. The administration and hours of work that it takes to re-submit these applications is phenomenal. I have re-submitted some bonds 10 times. Each time new contracts must be

drawn up, the aspirant home buyer must be called in to resign and the papers must be delivered to the financial institution.

My company, in common with many other developers, has continued selling in the belief that this situation will eventually be resolved. The violence and unrest in the townships is now minimal and yet bonds remain ungranted.

## Backlog

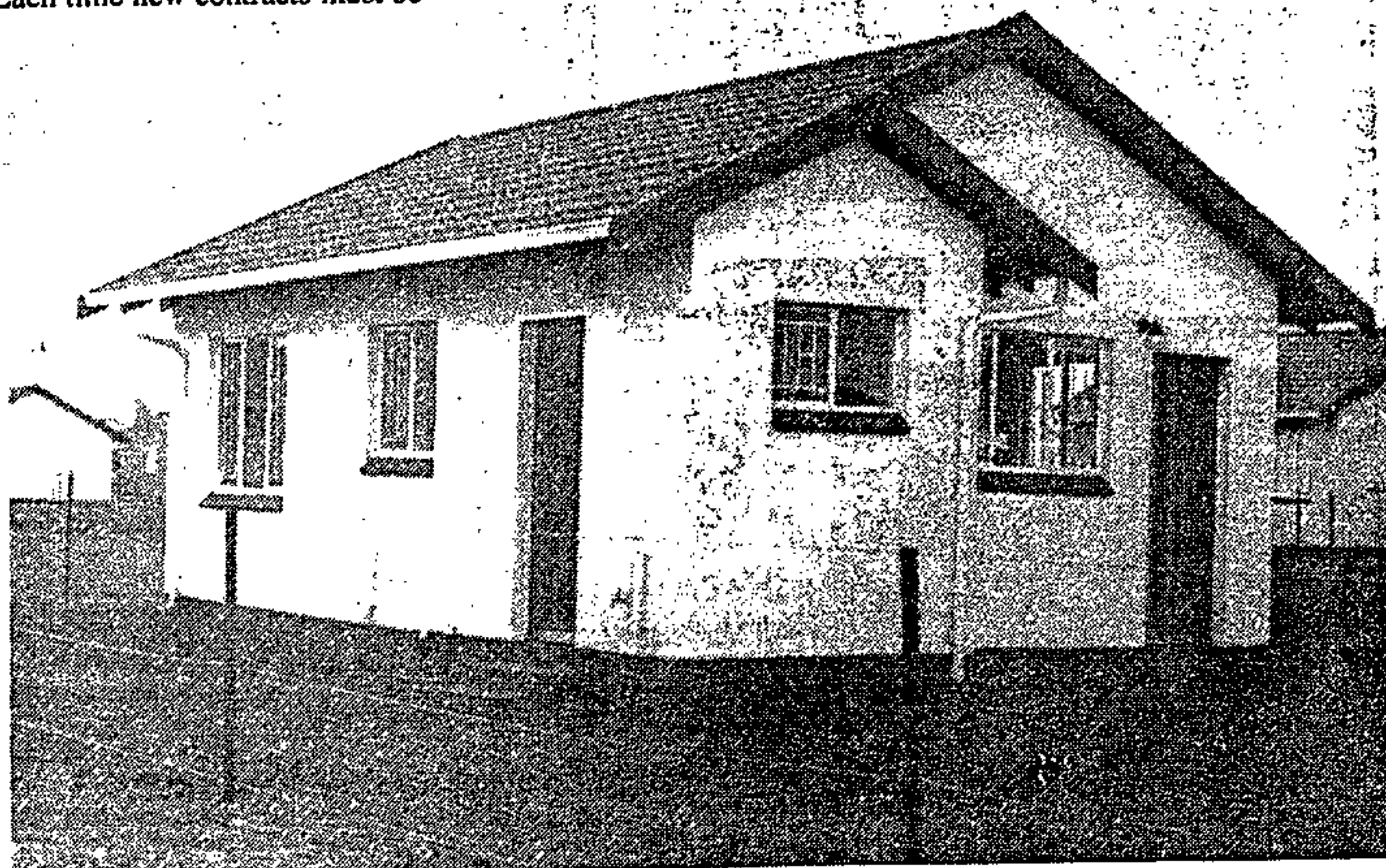
Every day I receive hundreds of phone calls regarding the delay on the approval of bonds. Most of the buyers do not fully understand the situation with the building societies and it takes me

hours to explain this incongruous state of affairs. In fact, due to this nine-month backlog, some buyers have withdrawn their offer to purchase a house.

The backlog of housing in this country is as a result of the Government's poor planning and lack of consideration for 70 percent of the population. Now developers like us who regard blacks as the future of our industry and are committed to alleviating this crisis, are met with bureaucracy and frivolous excuses by financial institutions.

I am now in the process of establishing a Contractors Association which will stand together against building societies.

I am determined to resolve this crucial issue as the lack of black housing is a crippling factor in our country's economy but without the co-operation of the financial institutions, progress in this regard is not possible.



**HOME SWEET HOME:** Out of the reach of most blacks.



# Clay bricks boost new squatter camp project

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LOW-COST housing has taken on a new dimension with the introduction of clay bricks.

No skilled labour is required to use the bricks. You simply stack them and then plaster.

Currently this new project is getting off the ground at Doornkop squatter camp outside Dobsonville.

A visit by the *Sowetan* team to a show house in the area revealed that the clay brick house is fairly soundproof, is warmer than a superstructure house and

Mr Martin Moobi, supervisor of Hydraform Housing - the manufacturers of the clay brick - said the brick yields cost savings of up to 80 percent.

The house takes a few days to complete and there are no delays or excessive transport costs in the supply of the clay blocks.

A four-roomed clay brick house would cost around R12 000.

Hydraform Housing can be contacted at (011) 913-1449 and ask for Martin Moobi.

# Huge bond crisis

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**BUILDING** societies are refusing to grant bonds to many potential black homeowners because of the high rate of repossessions in the townships.

This is according to two firms which deal with township housing projects.

They say the reluctance by building societies to grant bonds to blacks has "reached crisis point".

By KENOSI MODISANE

"I have a backlog of 300 bond applications from the past nine months," said Mrs Vino Nankan of Ven Rich Housing.

In an article written for *Sowetan* today Nankan accuses financial institutions of having taken an unspoken standpoint that granting bonds to blacks was a high risk.

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## Black bonds crisis

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"Violence and unrest in the townships has also been cited among reasons for rejecting applications," Nankan said.

Her sentiments were echoed by a spokesman for another construction company who, on condition that she was not named, said: "Financial institutions have complained of running at a loss because many houses bought by blacks have had to be sold at a nominal value."

She attributed this to a failure to pay bond premiums by black homeowners.

"Many black buyers only afford to pay for three to four months after

Bonds are becoming almost impossible to obtain in the townships. So says property developer Vino Nankan.

She will be the guest on Tim Modise's "Face the Nation" programme on the *Sowetan*/Radio Metro Talkback Show between 5 and 6pm today.

You will be able to speak to her and also share your opinion with the nation.

The hotline number is 714-8063.

taking occupation of their homes," she said.

Mr Dave Wright of the Permanent Building Society's home loans division, however, refuted the allegations.

"I do not want to be heard to be speaking on behalf of other institutions. But we at the Perm have not had such a problem."

Wright said: "It would be difficult to comment

because the assessment is that of a developer and not of a financial institution."

Asked to reveal statistics of loans Wright said: "The statistics are obviously not the same as they were three years ago. But I can assure you that the *status quo* at the Perm has not changed with regard to the black housing sector."

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# Soweto's essential services 'near collapse'

ESSENTIAL services in Greater Soweto could collapse within weeks, plunging the entire central Witwatersrand into major crisis, Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert said at a chamber meeting last night.

And the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) called for the dissolution within three weeks of the councils of Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow.

Reading a statement by the Greater Soweto principal parties, Slabbert said there was simply not enough money for even the

most essential services of water, electricity, sewerage and refuse collection.

The parties are the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), the SPD, the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) and the city councils of Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville.

Slabbert said all parties agreed that present tariffs were too low and that collection rates had to be improved.

The councils and the TPA expected residents to make up at least part of the shortfall, while the SPD and SCA felt that most were too poor to do so and had little confidence in the councils and the standard of services they provided.

Sapa reports the problem arises from a R10m-a-month shortfall in Soweto's services payments.

Currently, Soweto residents are paying about 20% of the total cost of supplying services, the balance is made up in government subsidies. The shortfall is about 30%.

TANIA LEVY

# Soweto councils appeal to creditors for time

THEO RAWANA

THE Greater Soweto councils, faced with a financial crisis that threatens essential services, are appealing to the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber to hold off creditors while they find a solution.

The councils — Diepmeadow, Dobsonville and Soweto — faced a collapse of such essential services as water, electricity, sewerage and refuse collection, because there was no money, Metro Chamber chairman Van Zyl Slabbert said this week.

If everyone paid the interim charges required from residents in terms of the Greater Soweto Accord — which wrote off a R516m debt — the income would meet only 20% of Soweto's needs.

Only R1.5m of a recent month's electricity account of over R10m was collected from consumers. And Eskom was owed more than R100m, Slabbert said.

All the principal parties to the accord — the TPA, the Soweto People's Delegation (SPD) and the councils — agreed that tariffs presently being paid were too low.

Councils' PRO Mojalefa Moseki said yesterday payments had gradually improved since switch-off threats were issued.

Now all the other parties would be working to find a solution to the problem, Moseki said.

Slabbert had said the councils, the SPD and the TPA would meet early next week to resume negotiations on the increase of

interim tariffs. General meetings of residents would also be held.

WILSON ZWANE reports parties to the Greater Benoni Forum yesterday reached consensus on a plan to consolidate water and electricity provision and payment procedures of Benoni, Daveyton and Wattville, forum chairman Dawie de Beer said.

The plan for the greater Benoni area — spelt out in last week's recommendations of the Greater Benoni Forum's tariff working group — is the first of its kind.

Modifications had been made to the recommendations and a formal statement would be issued next week, De Beer said.

The tariff working group recommended that Benoni's tariffs for electricity and other essential services be introduced in Daveyton and that metered electricity and water charges be resumed in Daveyton and Wattville from next month.

The group also recommended that accounting procedures of Benoni, Daveyton and Wattville be consolidated.

The forum comprises the town councils of Daveyton and Wattville, the DIC, the Wattville Concerned Residents' Committee and the TPA. Eskom, the East Rand Regional Services Council and the Rand Water Board have observer status.

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# Affordable homes in Windmill Park

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A LEADING Johannesburg housing developer will today launch low-cost houses in Windmill Park, part of Conservative Party-controlled Boksburg.

"A few White, Indian and Black families have already bought houses in the first phase of the township since its proclamation as a free settlement area in 1989," Mr Zion Elani of Minrav International said.

Elani said his company took over the develop-

By KENOSI  
MODISANE

ment of Windmill Park from previous developers, who had earmarked the area for the building of houses in the R150 000 price range.

"But, after persuading the Boksburg City Council, we have managed to bring down the price of dwellings in the area to as low as R64 000.

"This we did through utilising the stands for

duet housing so that the cost of stands could be brought down.

"Marketing will be directed in the middle to the upper income Black, Coloured and Indian families and also the beginner market for white families.

"And the EP Building Society has actually already committed themselves to finance at least a third of all applicants."

Praising the Boksburg City Council for approving the development of

the township, Elani added: "The council has acknowledged the fact that they have at last come to grips with the idea of a multiracial development within their boundaries.

"They also welcomed the potential R50 million injection into the economy of Boksburg as well as the potential buying power from future residents."

Financial institutions should make funds available for smaller homes like this one.

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Building the Nation

## Low-cost homes still a priority

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By ALI MPHAKI

WITH 86,6 percent of blacks seeking affordable shelter, many financial institutions are not playing fair, said Mepco managing director Mr Jethro Mshali.

He said financial institutions should reconsider their rules and start to concentrate more on the need for low-cost housing. Why, he asked, do

financial institutions only give loans above R40 000 when the marketplace is searching for homes in the R6 000 to R22 000 range?

Mshali said a great source of unused money is the provident fund, which could help people get affordable houses.

He made an urgent ap-

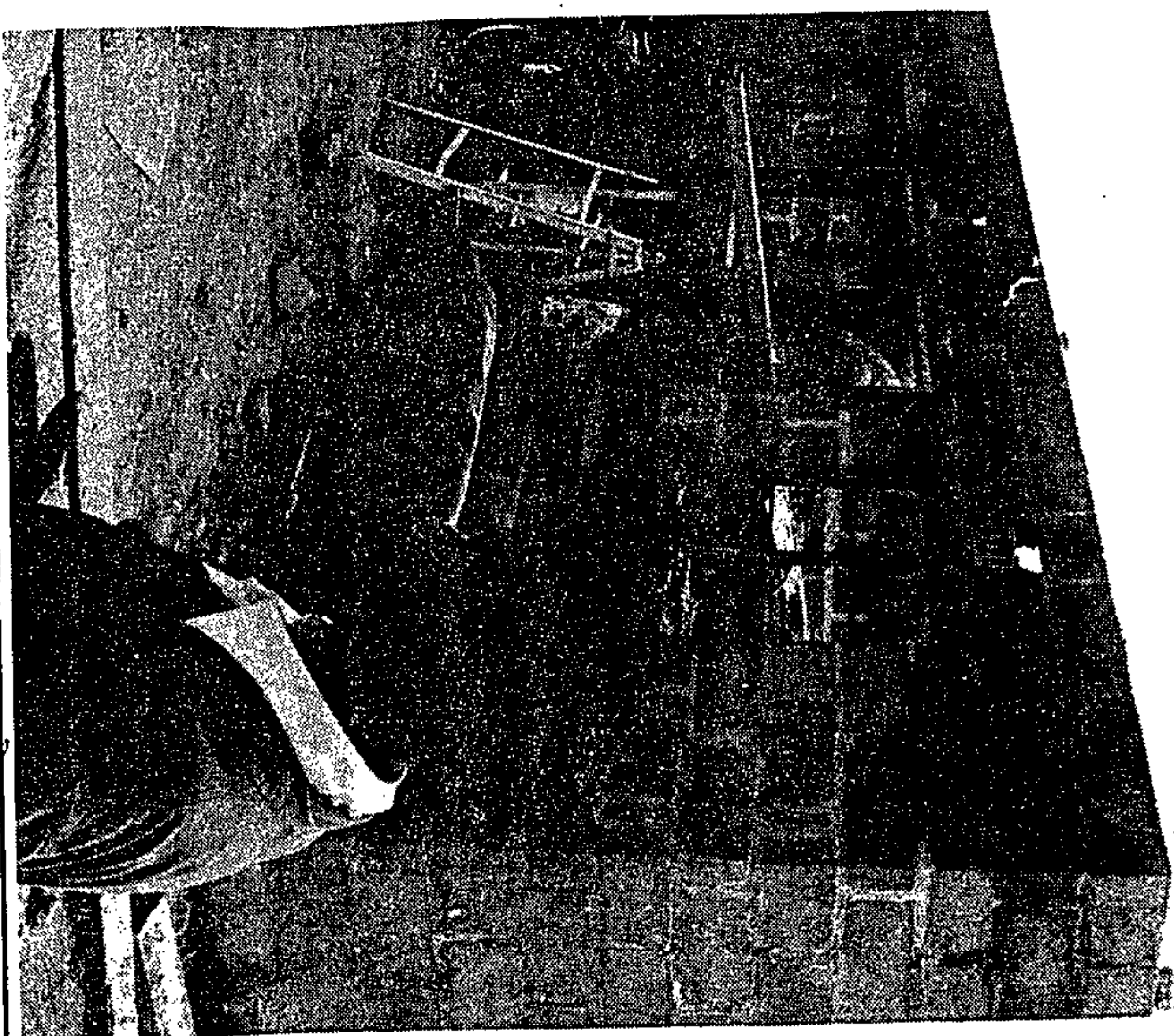
peal for the founding of one central builders' association to replace the existing small ones.

"Black and white builders should get together. The white builders have the capital and the expertise while the black builders have the physical involvement in building. Together they can achieve much more."

Mshali suggested train-

ing institutions should offer more courses for builders which would look at the practical and business side.

He further suggested that civic associations be made aware of the plight of builders. He said builders are limited by territorial claims. A builder from Mamelodi is not allowed to build in Sebokeng, for example.





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# Summit to decide future of SADCC

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ARUSHA (Tanzania) — Leaders of 10 African states began arriving here yesterday for a summit to decide the future of their Southern African Development Co-ordination Conference (SADCC), formed 11 years ago to reduce their economic dependence on white-ruled South Africa.

The SADCC's future is being re-examined as sanctions against South Africa crumble.

Today's summit will review economic and political co-operation within the SADCC and discuss future strategies. It is also expected to agree to consider admitting South Africa when democratisation there is complete, conference sources said.

All the SADCC states — Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe — will be represented, mostly by presidents or prime ministers.

Over the past week, Ministers

and officials in the SADCC have been reviewing the organisation's past performance.

Tanzanian Prime Minister John Malecela described this as "pitiful", and said a more sincere approach was needed if the SADCC was to survive.

Ministers agreed that no studies of new projects in the SADCC area should be undertaken until a backlog of projects had been reduced.

## Transport

The SADCC has drawn up plans for improving and integrating transport and port systems, and for developing trade within the 10-nation area independently of South Africa.

The group's executive secretary, Simba Makoni of Zimbabwe, said only 38 percent of the \$8,6 billion (about R25 billion) needed to finance existing plans had been raised so far.

But Mozambique's Gilbert Mabila, the SADCC's co-ordina-

tor for transport and communications, said traffic passing through the conference's countries had risen from 20 to 63 percent since 1980.

While 80 percent of the region's traffic used to move through South African ports, this was down to 30 percent.

The sources said the development of trade channels that were not dependent on South Africa would continue. "South Africa's entry will not mean the end of regional co-operation."

But support from outside donors for projects has fallen by at least 30 percent in two years. South African finance could help to maintain the pace of development, he said.

The discussion takes place against a background of shrinking growth rates and increasing debt burdens. Conference documents estimate the debt burden for the SADCC countries — with a combined population of 83 million — at \$25 billion (about R72 billion). — Sapa-Reuter.

# Expansion plan upsets residents

By Shirley Woodgate  
and Brian Sokutu

The expansion of Alexandra's East Bank with funds approved by the Independent Development Trust (IDT) has angered residents of Lombardy East, who claim that they were not consulted.

The project, launched with a R2-billion Government fund for social upliftment, of which R1,5 billion has been allotted for housing, is said to be one of 108 housing projects for the poor throughout South Africa. They will consist of 99 800 sites.

Wendy Marsh, secretary of the Lombardy East and Rembrandt Park Ratepayers' Association, said the first she knew of the expansion was when she read in the Sunday Star that

formal housing was planned on the borders of their suburb.

"This is not what we have fought for over the last 14 years," she said. "We were promised that before Alex was extended towards Lombardy, London Road, running south of Alex to the N3, would be completed so that Alex residents had easy access to where they work."

"This would relieve already overcrowded Wordworth Road."

"We were also promised a multiracial golf course."

"Neither has happened and we were told that elite, not low-cost, homes would be built on our borders."

"Other issues are the threat of increased crime and dumping and greater pollution of the environment. The current smog-level which we suffer

from Alex will definitely be increased."

Supporting the argument for a golf course, Lionel Keenan, chairman of the Lombardy East Ratepayers' Association, also expressed support for the IDT project.

"I have no problems with this project and have always supported it."

"But I insist that other services like roads and recreational facilities be built."

"If houses are built first, I foresee chaos as this will be contrary to the principles of proper town planning."

"It was decided that London Road be extended on the freeway so that thousands of commercial vehicles going through the residential area be accommodated," Mr Keenan said.

**S**ILOBELA township outside Carolina in the eastern Transvaal was in the process of being transformed from a Third to a Second, even a First World residential area — until October 16 last year.

Before that fateful day, Silobela residents were lifted out of the Dark Ages by the introduction of electricity and water-borne sewerage — even though many houses had still to be converted from the old bucket-system of sewage disposal.

However, since October 16, when the electricity supply to the area's 650 households was almost a year without power — the longest time the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) has cut electricity to any township.

Expensive electrical appliances have become purposeless

# The dark ages return

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**After almost a year without power, Silobela township has reverted to squalor. By JOVIAL RANTAO.**

beautiful in their area. In the living room there is an expensive 67 cm television set, video recorder and music system, all of which have been rendered useless.

From time to time the Mangenis are reminded of a modern lifestyle when their telephone rings.

Siphoesile Mangeni told The Star her parents had worked hard so the family could have a better life. However, since the electricity was cut off, life had

become very uncomfortable.

"Nothing works without electricity. We use a gas stove to cook, have to manually warm the water before we bath. Winter was the worst period. It was so cold. We could not use our heaters," Ms Mangeni said, adding she missed favourite TV programmes such as "Loving".

Thandi Madonsela, a local shebeen queen who runs "Steaks Tavern", has, since the blackout, spent R10 500 on a generator, a 10 months' supply of ice

blocks and petrol for the generator to keep her business going.

"Before the blackout," she said, "I used to spend between R80 and R100 on electricity and life was comfortable."

Mrs Madonsela's profit margin has also decreased. Before she used to sell up to 130 cases of beer over a weekend. Now she sell about 65 cases.

"People don't come here like they used to because the beers aren't as cold. There isn't powerful disco music... It's just not like it was before," she said.

Het sentiments were echoed by Wilson Matyeka, the town-

ship's former mayor for 10 years, who now runs a trading store business.

"It's bad," Mr Matyeka said. "My sales dropped by about 65 percent. I had to stop selling ice cream, cold drinks, milk and other essentials because my refrigerators were immobilised by the cut-off."

The local clinic said their immunisation programme had been delayed because of the lack of electricity. A nursing sister at the clinic said medicines which had to be refrigerated after use had to be thrown away, resulting in a shortage of medicines for children from outlying rural areas.

Thembani Msibi, a local housewife and chairman of the Ezenzeleni Primary School, expressed fears of an outbreak of an epidemic because of the unhealthy conditions under which pupils had to learn.

Baker Nkosi, chairman of the Silobela Civic Association, seems to be the only optimistic person in Silobela.

Mr Nkosi said electricity might be restored following an agreement reached by the civic association, the township's administrator and Eskom.

"We've reached an agreement through which Eskom will directly supply power to the township. Eskom has agreed and we expect work to instal pre-paid electricity meters to start soon. It's been a long way but I think the end is near."

Hopefully, Silobela can start all over again. □

display objects. Through lack of maintenance the sewerage system has broken down and an unpleasant stench is gradually enveloping the township.

Residents say the standard of living has nose-dived and the cost of living rocketed as a result of the power cut. The crime rate also soared after the township was plunged into darkness.

Electricity was cut off because the council owed Eskom R122 000, a debt which was created by the rent boycott. At some stage, water was also cut off and residents had to buy water from good Samaritans in town. The water supply has

since been restored. Silobela residents felt they had been unfairly treated because, at the time the power was cut off, they were paying their electricity bills — even though a rent boycott had been going on for some time.

Some businesses had to close down, while others reduced their perishable stock drastically and stopped selling commodities such as meat and milk.

Pressure stoves, gas cylinders, generators, candles and car batteries replaced electrical appliances.

The Mangenis' house is among the biggest and most



## Minrav to <sup>Stew</sup> build 500 <sup>27/8/91</sup> houses <sup>(343)</sup>

Israeli-owned Minrav International has announced a R30 to R40 million housing development in Windmill Park, south of Boksburg.

The project entails the building of 500 duet houses ranging from 50 sq m upwards. Sales off plan will begin at the end of August.

Two houses will be built next to one another on a 500 sq m stand.

A standard unit, with two bedrooms and fully fitted bathroom and kitchen, will be sold for R64 000. This includes all ancillary costs such as bonds and transfers.

Minrav has operated in South Africa since 1985 and has specialised in the middle and upper end of the black housing market.

Windmill Park represents a breakaway for Minrav as it is being marketed on the basis of affordability only.

The project is being marketed exclusively by Alda Boksburg.

# R3,5-m to be spent

## on Soweto

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Louise Burgers  
Municipal Reporter

The Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council is to provide R3,5 million to the Soweto Town Council for the extension of its contract development programme.

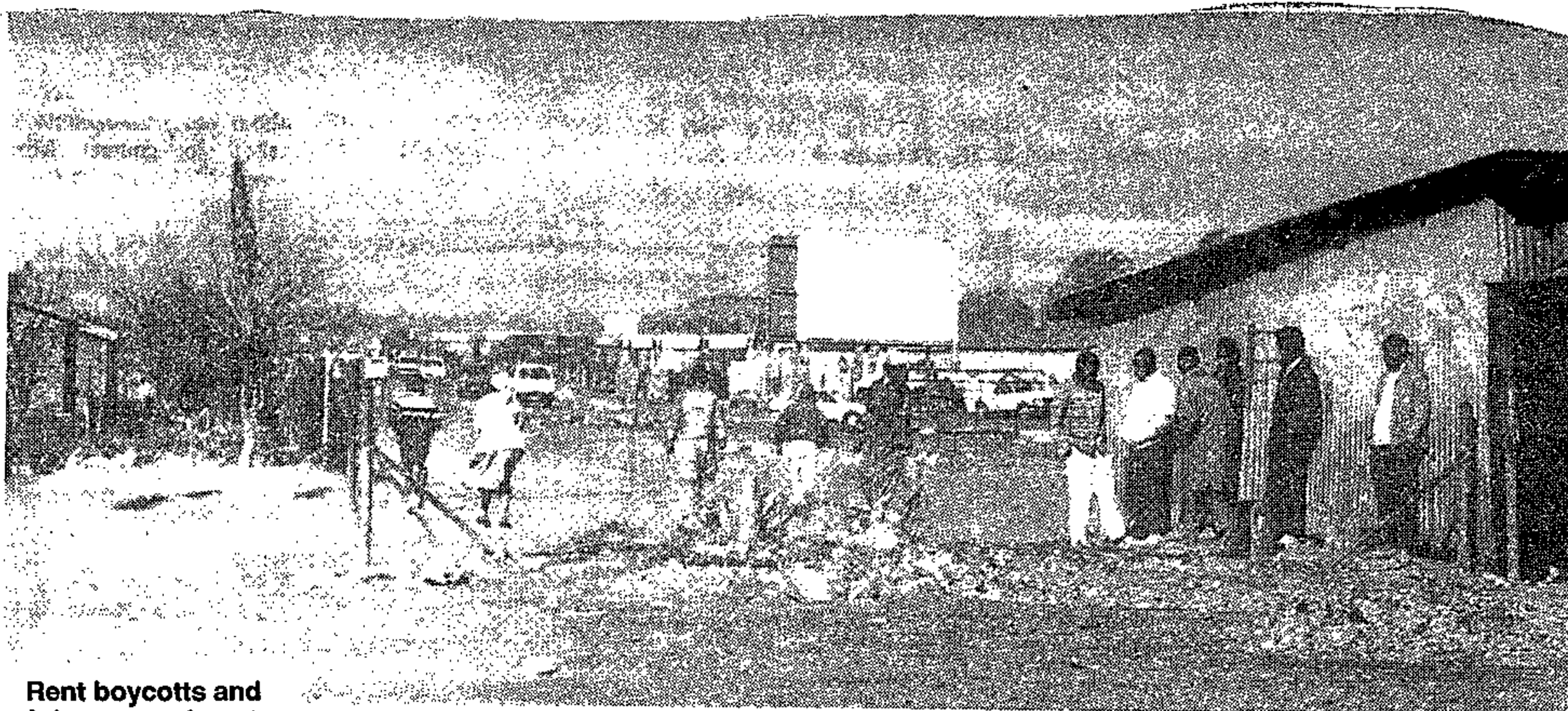
Roads, stormwater reticulation and kerbing will be built.

No money will be paid out to builders until the work is completed and the services are in use.

The CWRSC also voted R1,4 million to enable the Diepmeadow Town Council to provide proper registers of all properties in that area.

Administrative costs incurred by Randburg and Sandton Town Councils in providing aid to the Alexandra Town Council will be financed by the CWRSC.





Rent boycotts and violence continue to plague the Vaal townships.

## R35-m boost for Vereeniging

*Sowetan 30/8/91*  
STEPS are already in progress for a R35-million development to be built over three blocks on Union Street in Vereeniging.

Called Taxido Junction, the development will serve as a long awaited marshalling point for buses and minibusses in the town's centre.

The chairman of the Vereeniging Management

**By JOSHUA RABOROKO**

Committee, Alderman Mario Milani, said that this development secured the town's place as the shopping giant of the southern Transvaal.

It would be located opposite the large shopping complex, Markpark, and would provide an injection of rates.

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After 50 years it will become the property of the council, when all proceeds will accrue to the council.

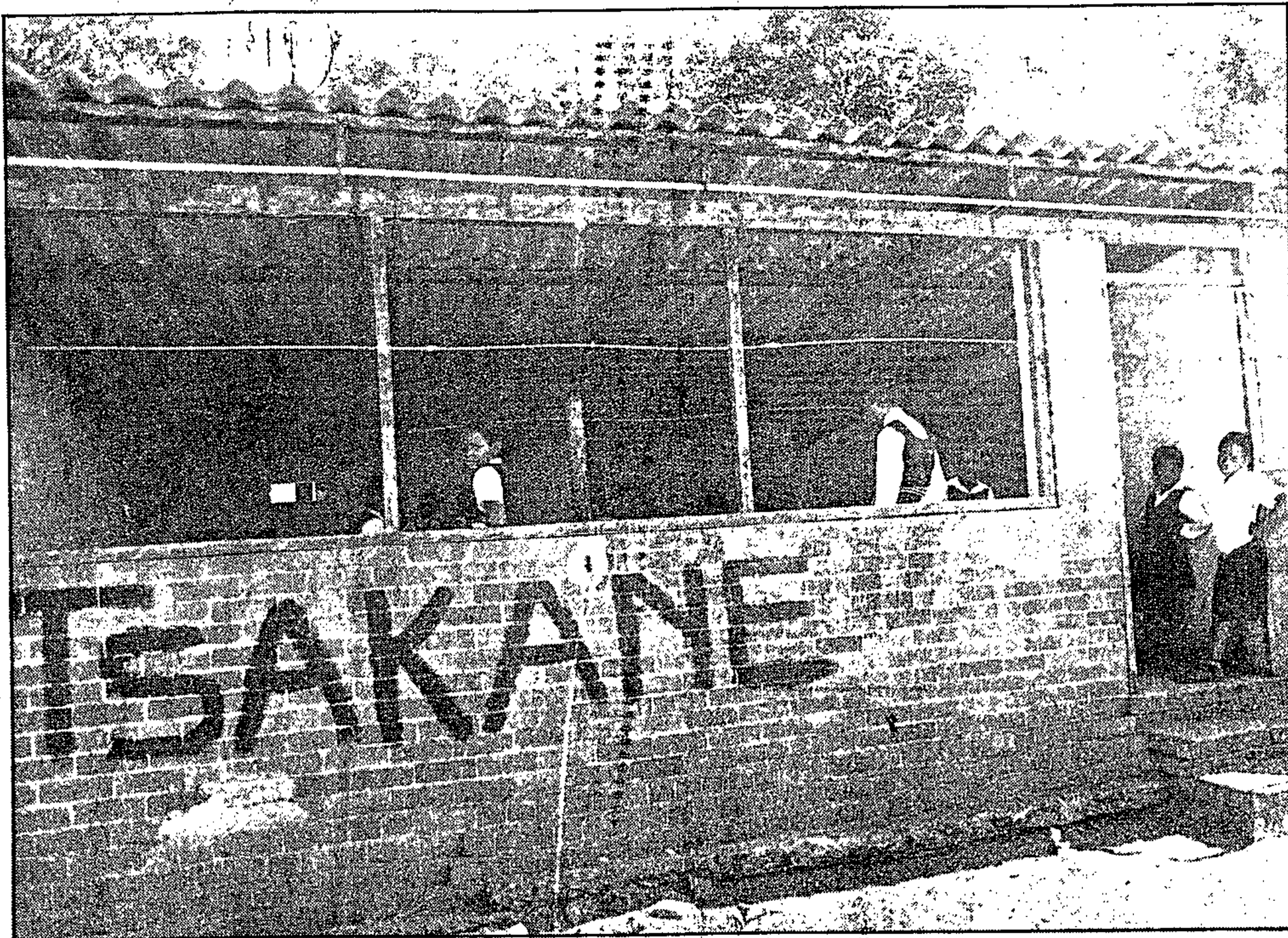
"Now, when the Vaal Triangle's economy is so stagnant, this development comes as joyous news, and building has already started in some parts," he added.

The project was the se-

quel to two years of negotiations and hundreds of hours of meetings between technical committees of the council and the South African Transport Service.

The cost to the council was R1 a year, and benefits include R3-million accruing to the council over 20 years and a rates income of R90 000 annually.





Tsakane . . . means happiness, but there's little joy for the staff and 1 400 pupils of Tsakane-Sizwe Primary in Chicken Farm, adjoining Orange Farm. They make do by sitting on the floor of a building formerly a stable. Picture: Herbert Mabuza

## Orange Farm ideal Habitat Day spot

By Stan Hlophe *Star* 8/10/91

South Africa joined the rest of the world in observing World Habitat Day for the first time yesterday — the day marked for the occasion by the United Nations.

Orange Farm, south of Johannesburg, was chosen for its fresh and clean environment as the ideal place to celebrate the day in the PWV area.

The theme of the 1991 Habitat Day is "Shelter and the living environment" and, in terms of the UN, a healthy living environment should meet the basic needs of adequate shelter, clean air and water, energy for lighting and cooking, transportation and safe means of waste disposal.

According to Orange Farm's chief executive officer Simon de Beer, the area met those requirements with the steady pro-

vision of electricity by Eskom to those residents who could afford it.

By the end of December about 500 homes in Orange Farm will have electricity, using a pre-paid card system.

Orange Farm also boasts a first in the provision of cost-saving poles which double as both electricity and telephone lines.

But there are two sides to Orange Farm.

On the one hand, it is slowly being transformed from a squatter camp into a habitable residential area.

On the other hand, there is no waterborne sanitation, and schooling facilities are poor and overcrowded.

But, according to Mr de Beer, there is a high level of community participation in Department of Manpower projects to benefit the community and the unemployed.



## New black town is under review

THE development of the large so-called black town of Rietfontein, south of Johannesburg, for three million people is to be reviewed.

There are accusations that it perpetuates apartheid and will not be economically viable.

SABC radio news reports the Soweto Peoples' Delegation lodged objections against the massive project at a meeting of the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber. *Sowetan 11/10/91*

The delegation was supported by the Johannesburg and Soweto city councils. - Sapa

# Residents cry out for homes

MORE than 1 000 desperate QwaQwa residents have in the past few weeks mobbed the offices of the territory's local authorities, demanding affordable homes.

The incident happened after the QwaQwa Housing Department opened 187 affordable homes for sale in Namahali, a district of the area. *Sawfen 17/10/91*

The general manager of QwaQwa Housing, Mr Anton Valks, called the resultant melee a crisis - "but not because of the huge number of people vying for so few houses".

"We felt we were being confronted with the whole truth about the acute housing crisis in the country," he said, adding, "In a way, the show of demand was also an endorsement of our mission, which is the provision of affordable housing and the promotion of home ownership among the people".

QwaQwa Housing was established in 1989 with the major objective of providing

housing in the territory, thereby helping in its own area, to ease the serious housing backlog currently facing South Africa.

He said: "Since our inception, we have built close to a 1 000 houses the majority of which are in the affordable range. Our main concern is the ordinary person who would not normally be able to afford a house."

The houses sold by his department are sold to low income earners - R600 and below - at R9 000 and at a low deposit of R100. *(343)*

He said that they offered a one-step service which included planning, building and loan finance.

In the 1991 financial year housing delivery had been planned to reach 3 000 units. The cost of the entire project was expected to exceed R24 million on completion.

He said additional 2 000 affordable houses were due for delivery by December.



## Residential sector quiet

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WHILE Rabie Property Developers has moved into the white housing market, it retains a presence in the low-cost housing sector.

However, the group says the residential market seems to have become quiet. B/ocw 23/10/91

VAT is having little effect on the market, says national sales director Dave Harris.

"While VAT has affected prices by between 5% and 6%, this is not really stopping people buying. The market has become tougher but there is a huge backlog of homes for blacks."

Rabie's latest project, the New Tembisa Gardens development, has about 400 stands for sale. Homes range from 44m<sup>2</sup> to 120m<sup>2</sup> and start at R53 000, including the stand.

"The development is attracting families with a joint income of R2 500 a month, and about 70% of sales are to government employees."

The group's Dobsonville North Gardens project has also been successful, with about 400 of the 900 homes already sold.

# TPA major township developer

ALTHOUGH the Transvaal Provincial Administration caters for the lower-income group only, nearly 70 percent of all the black families in the RSA reside in the Transvaal and therefore the TPA has developed into one of the major township developers in the country.

In the past three years, the TPA has developed or assisted in the development of Orange Farm (near Vereeniging), Zonkizizwe (East Rand), Ivory Park (Midrand) and Doornkop (northwest of Soweto).

At Ivory Park, 13172 stands were allocated to families in one year. These people came from the backyards of Tembisa and Alexandra and also from the Midrand and Sandton areas. At the moment, approximately 70 000 to 80 000 people are living in Ivory Park. *Sowetan 31/10/91.*

At Doornkop about 6 000 stands were allocated to people who were mostly from backyards in Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville.

In June this year, about 11 218 stands were occupied at Orange Farm and 3 640 houses were built there with funds from the National Housing Commission. Another 25 655 stands are in the development and allocation stage in the Orange Farm and Drieziek areas. The provision of these stands will enable about 36 900 families to obtain their own stands and live in this area.

At Poortjie, near Ennerdale, nearly 2 500 stands will be developed in this financial year. The development potential in this area is excellent and in future about 41 000 stands could possibly be developed. This would be subject to the availability of enough funds to acquire the land and to the availability of enough water.

In the East Rand, at Zonkizizwe, 6 800 stands are now developed and in future a further 5 800 stands could be developed.

By just looking at these developments, it is quite clear that one of the TPA's highest priorities is the timeous identification and development of suitable land for low-cost housing.

Future success in the development of more towns for informal settlement will be determined by the co-operation of all people and organisations. Illegal occupation of land in the development phase will to a great extent hamper the TPA's attempts to address the urbanisation problem. An example of this was the invasion of land in Ivory Park during July this year.



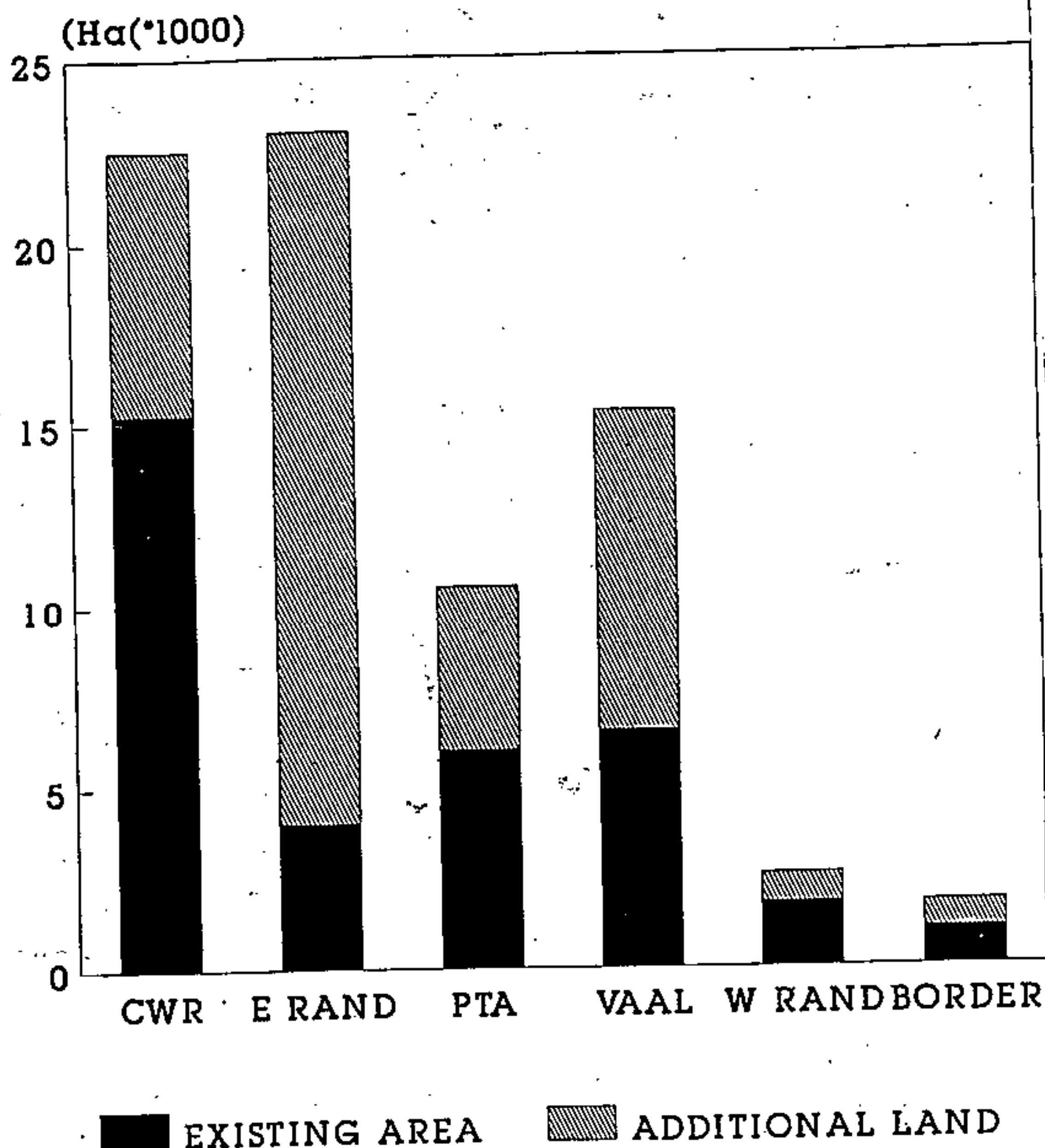
# URBANISATION CAUSES SOME PROBLEMS

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IN the management of urbanisation, and the prevention of squatting, the Transvaal Provincial Administration encounters various problems. A few of the main problems experienced by the TPA are the following:

- \* Some private developers and financial institutions are not always willing to participate in the provision of low-cost living space;
- \* It is not always possible to acquire sufficient and suitable land in time to which people can be directed and on which they can be settled. It takes time to identify and develop enough suitable land for low-cost housing; *Soweto 31/10/91*
- \* Economic limitations create problems because not enough funds can be made available in time for the purchase of land and the rendering of services;
- \* Some extra parliamentary organisations obstruct the ordering of squatting, and it is believed that they orchestrate squatting to serve their own political agenda;
- \* Some established communities resist the establishment of towns for informal settlement in their neighbourhood;
- \* Some squatter communities are reluctant to be resettled.

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# Transvaal will spend R7,7m on hostel upgrading project

MOVES were afoot to upgrade 36 Transvaal hostels, Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA) spokesman Magda du Toit said at the weekend.

Du Toit said although no upgrading had yet taken place, TPA and Provincial Affairs and Planning officials were touring all the hostels "to see for themselves what the state of the hostels is".

"As soon as the needs of the hostels have been assessed, the TPA will put its upgrading strategy in place," she said, adding that some of the hostels would be converted into family units.

The upgrading of hostels is part of government's scheme to inject R1bn into socio-economic projects.

Economic Co-ordination Minister Dawie de Villiers recently announced that R31m of the money would be allocated to the upgrading of the hostels.

The Provincial Affairs and Planning Department confirmed at the weekend that the plan to upgrade hostels had been endorsed by the cabinet.

In terms of the plan, Reef and Vaal Triangle hostels — the flashpoints of violence

WILSON ZWANE

over the past 14 months — were among the Transvaal hostels which stood to be upgraded with the R7,7m received by the province.

The Cape received the biggest share — R16,09m while Natal and the Free State received R4,09m and R2,2m respectively.

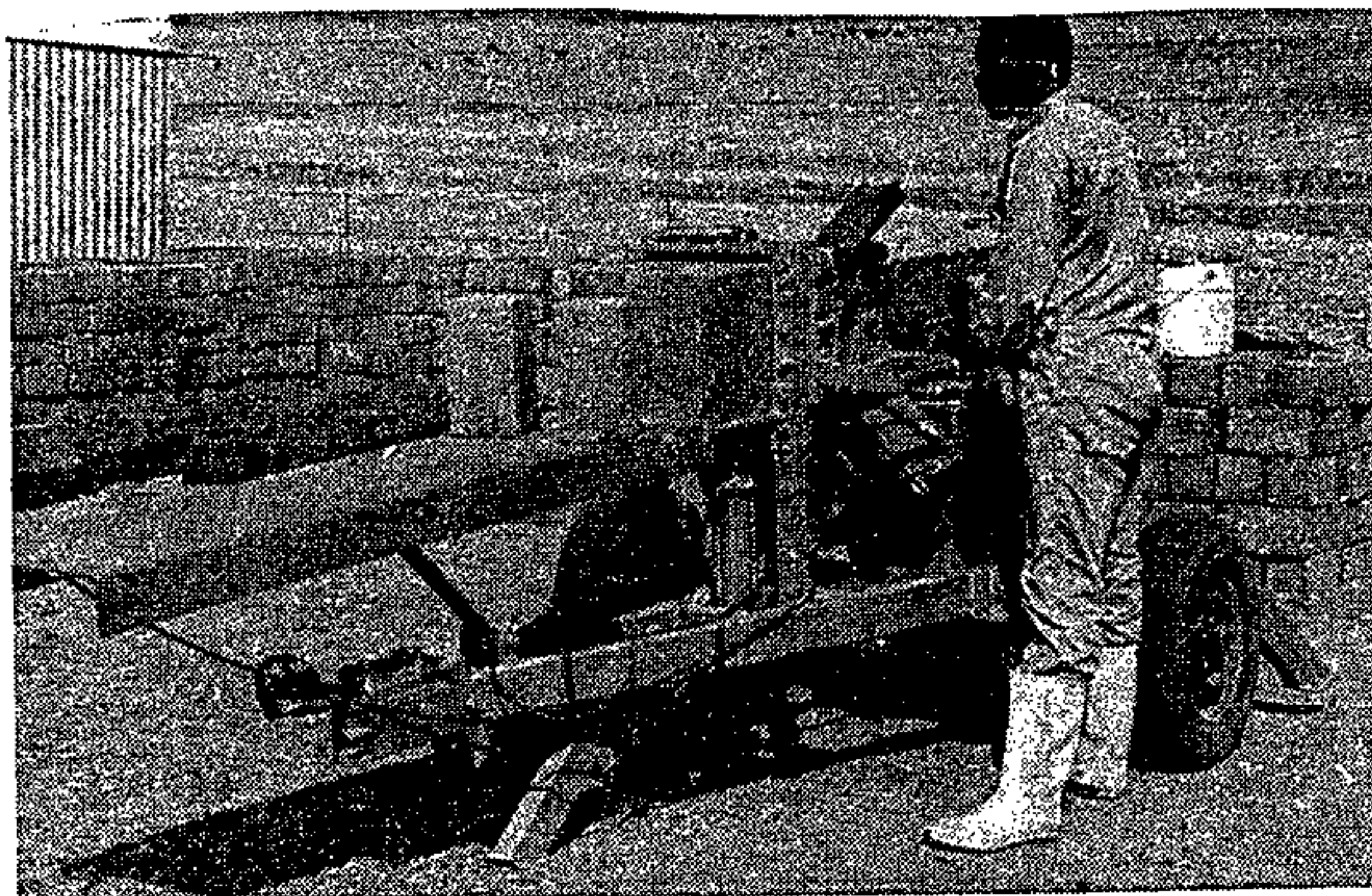
Du Toit said because not all the hostels fell under the jurisdiction of the TPA, the administration would have to allocate funds to individual local authorities for the upgrading of their hostels.

She would not say how much each municipality would get, saying "that is still under discussion".

Among Reef hostels which will be upgraded are Mapetla, Nhlazane, Nancefield, Dube, Thokoza, Sebokeng, Vosloorus, Katsela, Tembisa, Denver and George Gogh.

But Thokoza Hostel Dwellers' Association chairman Zakhele Mlambo said all plans to upgrade hostels were doomed to failure "unless such plans are negotiated with the people concerned — the hostel dwellers".





A worker operates a brick-making machine which can be used to manufacture bricks cheaply.

## White Ironside opens up for black occupation

IRONSIDE, a formerly whites-only suburb outside Evaton township, has been opened for black occupation.

More than 90 percent of the residents in Ironside were government employees. About 100 upper-class houses have been built.

The situation in the town, however, has drastically changed since the

Group Areas Act fell away and an open township was introduced early this year.

Presently the area is completely mixed and there are 100 black families and 20 white people staying harmoniously in the same township.

Developer Mr Mark Seymour said: "This town is made unique by the fact that it is quiet and because the stands are big enough.

"The average size of a plot is 900sm - a story unheard of in the neighbouring Evaton and Sebokeng black townships."

He added that the area was still managed by the Peri-Urban Areas Board and this ensured the town was managed in an orderly way.

It was estimated that development would have a boom in the area next year because stands were being sold to the public at a very reasonable price.

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## Rescue plan for Soweto

by THEO RAWANA

PLANS to save the Greater Soweto area from financial ruin received a boost this week when the Central Wits Metropolitan Chamber said it was making progress in negotiations on the issue.

An announcement on a rescue scheme was likely to be made at a special meeting of the chamber on December 4, said chamber CE Vic Milne. *6/Day*

Four months ago the finances of the three Greater Soweto councils — Dobsonville, Diepmeadow and Soweto — were reported to be in a crisis state. *15/11/71*

Basic points of departure for an interim local authority in the area were approved at Wednesday's meeting.

Among these was that means of giving immediate attention to the financial and administrative crises in the region be determined in conjunction with interim structures and arrangements necessary to give effect thereto.



THEO RAWANA

THE SA Housing Trust (SAHT) was trying to contact Vaal civic leaders at the weekend following a threat by the Civics Association of the Transvaal (Cast) that about 240 Sebokeng households would boycott bond repayments.

Cast assistant general secretary Tsepo Sebusi said on Friday the Sebokeng Civic Association had begun boycotting bond repayments because of the unwillingness of SAHT subsidiary Khayalethu Agency to address complaints raised by residents of Sebokeng Zone 16.

"As from the end of this month, the

## Threat to stop bond repayments

residents will not be paying anything to Khayalethu towards their bonds," Sebusi said in a statement.

He said there were complaints that the houses built for the residents were inferior and repayments "very high".

Other complaints were that:

- ☐ Houses were not built to specification;
- ☐ Foundations were shallower than specified on architectural plans;
- ☐ Roofs were leaking;
- ☐ Interior walls and ceilings were unpainted;

- ☐ Walls cracked within 10 months of the residents occupying the houses;
- ☐ Promises that monthly rates would be reduced on payment of deposits higher than required were never honoured.

Residents were demanding that their houses be repaired and interest rates reduced to a reasonable level.

SAHT head of corporate marketing Mike Fowlds said he could not comment because there had been no official contact with the local civics yet.

"The project managers were taken by surprise and we are not sure what is happening there yet," he said.



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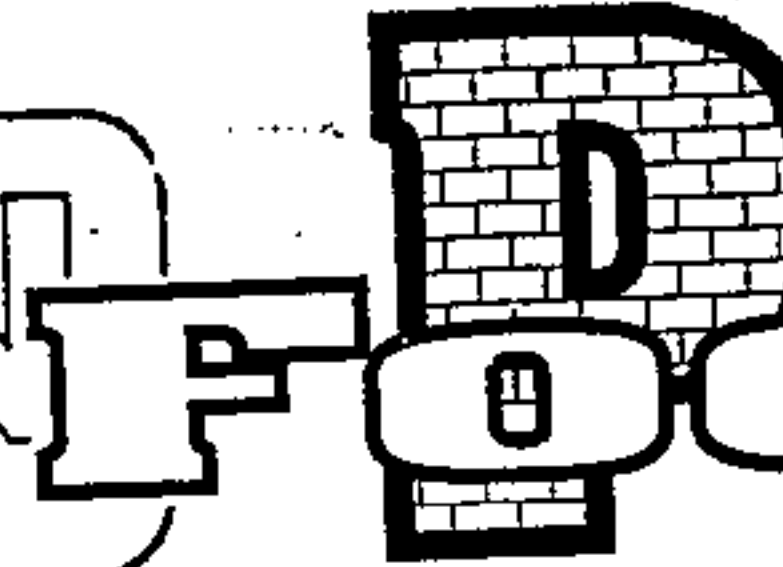
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## Impala to phase out hostels

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A MAJOR housing project in the pipeline for Impala Platinum Mine is to construct 270 housing units for its employees at Tlhabane near Rustenburg before the end of the year.

Employees will have the opportunity to buy or rent the houses, the managing director, Mr Michael McMahon, said at a ceremony where an employee was handed the keys to his new home.

For Mr Thomas Khunou, his wife Pauline and their three children, it was a dream come true when the keys were handed to them.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Khunou (73) who started work at Impala mine complex in 1979, said it was one of the greatest moments of his life to swap his small dwelling with its corrugated roof for a spanking new home.

"For my entire family the Parabloc home has been a godsend. I have no words to express my gratitude for the first decent place I have owned in the course of my whole life."

His home was offered at no cost on condition that he makes it available as a show house. This

would enable his fellow employees to familiarise themselves with this type of housing unit. Parabloc is the term used to describe the construction method used.

McMahon said it was the company's objective to move away from the migratory labour system whereby people were accommodated in hostels away from their families.

Instead, he added, Impala wanted to place employees in a position to acquire their own family accommodation by means of home ownership schemes. The idea was to move as fast as possible in order to achieve this objective by the end of the century.

One of the biggest constraints facing the company is the availability and affordability of land. He said that, despite these constraints, they had taken a leadership role in acquiring land by enlisting the help of the Government, housing companies and building societies.



# CAST opposes call for Vaal bond boycott

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THE Vaal Civic Association is at loggerheads with its parent body, the Civic Association of Southern Transvaal (CAST), over its call for a bond boycott.

The VCA this week confirmed that the bond boycott, due to start at the end of the month, would go ahead despite CAST president Moses Mayekiso saying his organisation had no plans for such a boycott.

He said a bond boycott would be a last option because it was not viable. "Such a strategy could be detrimental to the people and we would not encourage it," he said.

The boycott call by the VCA follows complaints by residents of Zone 16 Sebokeng about the poor quality of their newly built homes.

VCA spokesman Tsepo Sibuse said a demand would be made to the South African Housing Trust and Khayaletu Home Loans at a meeting today, that interest not be charged while the boycott was on.

The general manager of Khayaletu Home Loans, Ben Peters, confirmed that his company would have a meeting with VCA today. He said he was optimistic that an agreement with VCA would be reached.

# Row brews over Soweto freehold area

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Staff Reporter

A row is brewing in Soweto between developers, the council and the Protea South Homeowners' Association over the township's one and only freehold title area.

The Homeowners' Association claims it has been given a raw deal by developers Gough Cooper and the Soweto City Council who, it alleges, have failed to fully develop the area.

Association spokesman Mike Baloyi has accused the developers and the council of overpricing the land and not building the suburb according to specifications.

He said the supposedly elite suburb was surrounded by a squatter camp and dilapidated houses which had led to a decline of property values.

Homeowners were afraid of increased crime and health hazards.

Other grievances included the incomplete tarring of streets and roads, inadequate street lighting, too few telephones, a poor postal

service and fluctuating land prices.

Mr Baloyi said his association's meetings with both parties were in vain. Even an appeal to financial institutions to intervene drew a blank.

"Now the only avenue available to us is to seek redress through the courts of law.

"We maintain Gough Cooper and the council should keep their promise of making the suburb attractive and of high value otherwise we will take the matter to court," Mr Baloyi said.

## Unjustified

Dermond Gloster, group public relations manager for Gough Cooper, said the complaints have been directed for the most part at the wrong quarter.

"For instance we are concerned about the presence of squatters, but have no authority to interfere directly in this matter. We have protested repeatedly to the Soweto City Council about it because they are occupying land scheduled for development by ourselves. So far the council has taken no action.

"The state of the old Protea houses in the area is also a matter for the council, rather than ourselves. Nor are we responsible for street lighting, postal or telephone services."

Complaints of buildings not being completed according to specifications were unjustified, he said.

Each house is thoroughly checked by inspectors from the building society providing the finance, before any payment is made to the company, he added.

He said: "Roads remain untarred in some sections where no development has yet taken place. No Gough Cooper houses are on sale in those areas as we only develop in phases that have been seen and approved by the council.

"As to the alleged inconsistency in the pricing of land, the price varies according to the size and position of the plot and also over a period of time, according to market conditions."

The council failed to respond to allegations in spite of receiving a fax from The Star two weeks ago.



# Rabie abandons black housing to go upmarket

RABIE Holdings had cut back the number of houses it built in the black market to 30 a month from its peak of about 300 a month a few years ago, finance director Ken Maggs said yesterday.

The group, which was previously one of the largest black housing developers, was now heavily involved in the upmarket residential market in Cape Town, he added.

Following this direction change, the group had enjoyed "phenomenal success" with its R100m Dolphin Beach development and R21m Sea Glade development.

Eighty percent of the 150 units at Dolphin Beach — on the shores of

WILLIAM GILFILLAN

Table Bay — had been sold before construction started.

Three-quarters of the 71-unit Sea Glade development, at Hout Bay, had been sold before building began.

Rabie had drastically reduced its exposure in the black housing market after a R708 000 operating loss for the year to June. (Last year a R5,7m operating profit was earned.)

Although the group remained exposed to this market in the Transvaal, it had withdrawn from it in Natal and the Cape. The group was continuing in the Transvaal because it still had some land holdings to develop there, Maggs said.

An industry source said he believed the black housing market to be dead. "Financial institutions have curtailed their lending and reassessed the risk in this market. Also, with high unemployment and high interest rates, only a few people are in this market."

But Rabie remained exposed to the low-income housing market through its 40% holding in Kwikspace, which included the Zozo, Portacamp and CI Park Homes businesses.

In the 1991 annual report, chairman John Rabie said the real need in the low-income housing market was "in the area of shelter and below a cost of R10 000".

## Beare shows sales growth

MARICA KLEIN

PREFCOR's furniture subsidiary Beare Group seems to be defying poor trading conditions in the furniture industry, says Beare Group chairman Hymie Sibul.

Recently released figures show that sales in the furniture and appliances sector grew by 3% in October over the same month last year, but Beare has shown a 27% growth, he says.

Not only has the 200-store chain kept its sales up during the recession, but Sibul claims it is also one of SA's most active furniture and appliance retailers.

Beare has embarked on a major expansion programme. Growing markets have been identified in neighbouring countries.

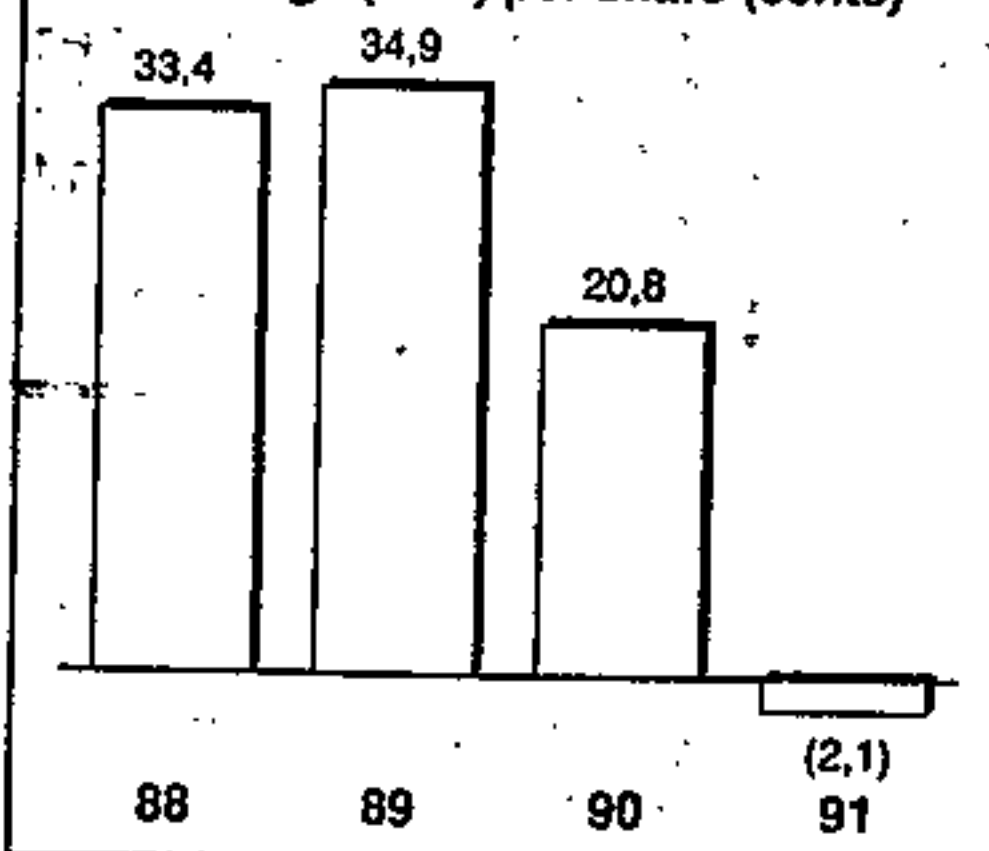
Sibul says although trading conditions are certainly tough, "we are doing things a little different", and Beare's aggressive consumer-oriented marketing programmes have seen it gain market share.

He attributes this to Beare's intimate knowledge of the market, looking after its staff, careful credit control and selective organic growth.

There has been some increase in sales over the past week to 10 days, "which is pleasing in the current climate", he says.

Rabie Investment Holdings

Earnings/(loss) per share (cents)



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# TPA identifies massive tracts for housing

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SHIRLEY WOODGATE

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THE Transvaal Provincial Administration is believed to be on the verge of identifying about five vast tracts of land in the northern PWV region to be developed as site-and-service projects to meet massive urbanisation.

This follows the controversial establishment of Ivory Park on the eastern boundary of President Park, Midrand, where about 85 000 homeless people have been settled within less than two years on 711 ha demarcated for informal settlement.

Sources have indicated that the first of the sites

could be available from as early as March.

According to reliable sources, the bulk of these settlements will accommodate Johannesburg's northern neighbours, specifically Sandton, Randburg, Midrand and Verwoerdburg. The following developments are expected to be announced soon:

- It is speculated that the so-called "Norweto" or Diepsloot area is being considered to accommodate Sandton workers from Zevenfontein where squatter shacks were recently demolished.

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## Housing

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Broederstroom/Lan-seria Road just beyond the Jacaranda Tea Garden is being envisaged for housing Randburg workers attracted to Kya Sand Industrial area. STAR 30/11/91

- Parts of Modderfontein/Linbro Park/Mia Trust land east of the Pretoria/Johannesburg freeway are being investigated to provide relief for Alexandra.

- Agricultural land east of Jan Smuts Road near Olifantsfontein is being considered as the logical extension of Tembisa.

- Land near Irene is earmarked as housing for workers of the burgeoning industrial sector in Verwoerdburg.

When asked for comment TPA director of physical planning Jan Bretytenbach would not

say if discussions about the future of these areas had taken place.

But he said that no official announcement had yet been made and if such an announcement was made, it would not be without the knowledge of the residents or councils in the areas. (2052)

Recently the Greenbelt Action Group which halted the Norweto development of peri urban land west of Midrand, applied for the area including Diepsloot to become a Local Area Committee (LAC) and for the major portion of it to be recognised as a conservancy.

The Council for Local Government Affairs (the successor to the Transvaal Board for the Development of Peri Urban Areas) indicated at that time that Sandton, Randburg and Krugersdorp were seeking to expand their boundaries to the north.



# Nankan targets black property buyers

THERE is potentially a large group of middle to up-market black property buyers who are remaining in the townships because they are uncomfortable about buying property through white estate agents, says Nankan Real Estate director Vino Nankan.

"The black buyer often has to face a sceptical agent who questions whether he can afford the property, and does not attempt to provide the best service possible," she claims.

Nankan Real Estate, which is already operating but will be launched officially early next year, will cater for the black property buyer.

"The black buyer does not want to be made to feel

inferior and many prospective buyers have been waiting for an agency that they can be comfortable with," Nankan says.

Nankan is also MD of Venrich Housing, a construction company that employs about 300 people — 30 office staff, 200 site workers and 60 sales people.

While Venrich has been active in the low-cost market for the past six years, it is shifting its focus to include the upper end of the market. A cluster home development in Khyber Rock is under way and will come on-stream in the first quarter of 1992.

"The units are primarily directed at the black yuppie, but prospective white buyers are welcome. The

units will cost about R700 000," she says.

This year Venrich has sold about 700 township units, ranging in price from R35 000 to R150 000. The company is active in Mamelodi, Tembisa, Spruitview, Dobsonville, Protea Glen and Diepkloof.

More and more developers are moving out of the low-cost property market as problems there are increasing. Developers are continuously taking greater risks, not just financially, but also with the loss of life, and in some cases the financial institutions are refusing to grant bonds.

"These institutions have an obligation to take some risk as well. In addition, the township civic associations

have to be consulted about possible developments," she says. (343)

Government is also "passing the buck" and serviced land in new, less violent areas needs to be provided, where development can take place and loss is minimal, Nankan says.

"There is a good future for the black townships as there will always be a middle- to lower-income group that needs to be housed, and people of the same culture tend to want to live together."



# Jo'burg's inner-city housing option

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**P**LANNING authorities seem set on accommodating millions of homeless people out in the green belts to the north and south of Johannesburg where only the more privileged live.

There are no jobs out there and transport to where there are jobs will be expensive.

Meanwhile, there are thousands of hectares of land near Johannesburg's central area — where job opportunities exist — lying derelict and with no announced plans for their future use.

According to the Johannesburg City Council there are 14 000 ha of mainly derelict land suitable for housing and industry — well over double Soweto's 6 000 ha.

In fact, the mines own about 50 sq km or 12 percent of municipal Johannesburg, but precise figures are hard to come by.

The mining companies pay no rates or taxes on most of it because it is designated "agricultural" — and they appear to be under no pressure to put it to good use.

Much mine land is probably permanently unsuitable for development. Some parts might be needed again by the mines if the gold price rises. But tens of thousands of hectares, some still under mine dumps, can be used for housing — if only a viable way could be found.

Civil engineer Cliff McMillan of the Planning Professions Forum believes market forces on their own will not alter the

situation in the near future, and says a pro-active approach is needed. He warns it is "pie in the sky to believe this can be done painlessly" and that creative solutions will have to be devised if land in the inner areas is to be made available to house hundreds of thousands of workers.

Meanwhile the planning authorities — mainly the TPA — are behaving as if the inner-city options (such as using mine land) did not exist. The TPA has suggested allocating land on the farm Rietfontein — 35 km south of Johannesburg — and 20 km north of Vanderbijlpark — for a new city. It says it could accommodate 32 million people soon after the turn of the century. The city would have to be built from scratch at a cost of many billions of rands in an area where there is no economic growth. It would be founded on a site-and-service basis — the homeless being offered serviced stands on which to build shacks.

One of the problems with out-of-town site-and-service is that they are "pay later" schemes. It costs, for instance, R1 000-R1 300 a year to bring each worker into the metropolis. Mr McMillan points out that that is the equivalent of repayments on a R6 000 bond.

South Africans, because apartheid forced black workers out of town, already pay billions of rands a year in transportation costs between townships and workplaces. That's just for

**JAMES CLARKE argues that unused mine land could be used to solve Johannesburg's housing problems.**

fact. One must also add the costs of highways (R4 million a kilometre for a four-lane) and rail links.

Ian Davidson, chairman of the Johannesburg council's management committee, said in an interview that the council firmly believed that the current situation, in which the poor lived a long way out of town and the rich lived near town, was "the reverse of what should be".

"We need to re-density and re-develop the city," he said. "Some mine land is undoubtedly useful for high-density residential accommodation and for industry. There is also the eastern part of the city which is run down and which should be re-developed for residential purposes."

"Site-and-service schemes on the periphery, as a short-term expedient, have their advantages, but in the long term are extremely costly."

The council is discussing the issue with various interested parties and the subject was broached at last week's two-day brainstorming workshop on the future of central Johannesburg. A think-tank agency of all interested parties — including the communities involved — is

being established to resolve such issues.

The President's Council report on the management of the South African natural and built environment specifically recommended that urban expansion must not be at the expense of farmland and said cities may have to resort to "vertical development" to avoid stretching lines of communication to economic breaking-points.

In the previous Johannesburg council debate on the issue of using mine land for cheap housing (1987), Dr Selma Browde claimed that when the West Rand Administration Board wanted mine land for housing, "they were quoted exorbitant rates" by the mines. "Yet much of the land will never be used by the mines even if the price of gold doubles."

Economist Godfrey Dunkley suggested at the time that the mines should pay rates no matter how "worthless" their land and that this would force them to recognise the value of their land to society.

Cliff McMillan, the new chairman of Ove Arup Inc and a member of the Planning Professions Forum, said in an interview that mine-owned land was potentially part of the answer for siting high-density housing — but we are talking of housing people with jobs, not the jobless who cannot afford it.

"If the land is to be bought, it must be at market prices and it must be viable to all concerned."

He rejected subsidised housing in the city, saying that, although the Independent Development Trust was subsidising shack dwellers at R7 500 each, this was "pretty useless" in urban circumstances where the cheapest residential unit would cost R35 000 (a small flat in a three-storey block).

The subsidy was useful, Mr McMillan said, only in the context of cheap land such as one finds out of town at places such as Orange Farm.

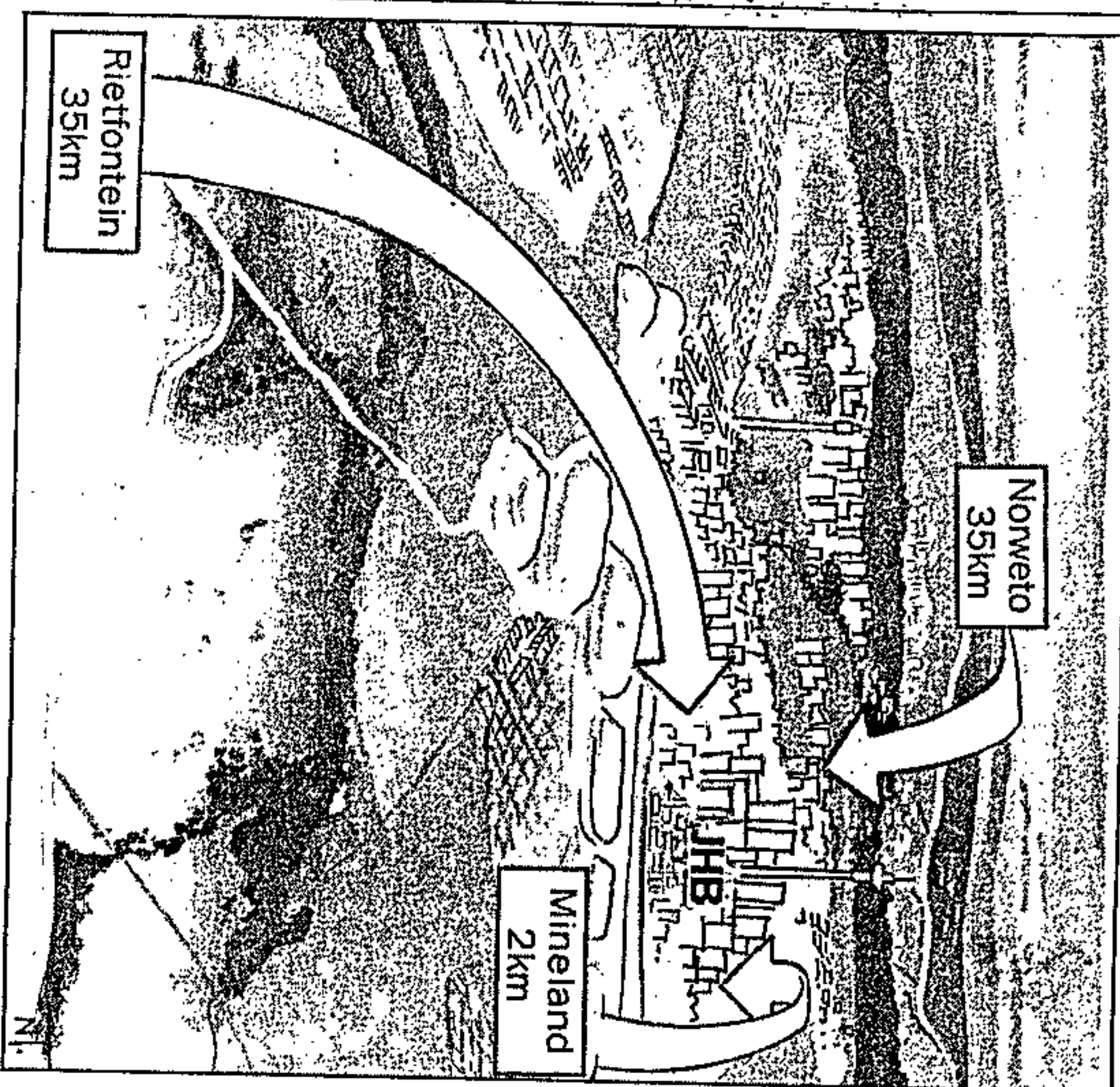
He said there were no discernable forces currently acting to stimulate inner-city development on a large scale. But he felt those with jobs "must surely be the target, together with their employers."

"But it will not happen quickly if left to the market alone."

"Creative financing schemes involving local authorities, employers, developers and the institutions need to be found to enable major mixed-use developments to be undertaken in the inner areas."

"Otherwise, valuable land close to the city centre will remain under-utilised until it is suitable for commercially viable development or until it is expropriated by a future administration with different priorities."

This still leaves the question of housing the jobless. They would feel the hardship of living in new cities even more than would the employed. □





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# TPA plans new black townships

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By JOSHUA  
RABOROKO

RECOMMENDATIONS have been made to the Transvaal Provincial Administration for the establishment of low-cost communities north of Randburg and Sandton.

Representatives of the TPA have had talks with all the relevant local authorities in the area, including the Local Government Affairs Council, in connection with the proposed development.

TPA MEC Mr John

Mavuso said it had been agreed that the need for low-cost housing in that region should not be met through concentrations on one two large sites, but rather through smaller concentrations spread over more areas.

It was also decided that the different local authorities should consult

with the ratepayers' associations and other interest groups in their area.

The TPA has, however, not yet taken any decision on the development.

The critical housing shortage has created problems in South Africa and many private enterprises and property institutions have made efforts to alleviate the crisis.

## Shelter

Over the past four and half years, a total of 29 000 families have obtained housing through developers and contractors working with the SA Housing Trust, providing shelter for an estimated 190 000 people.

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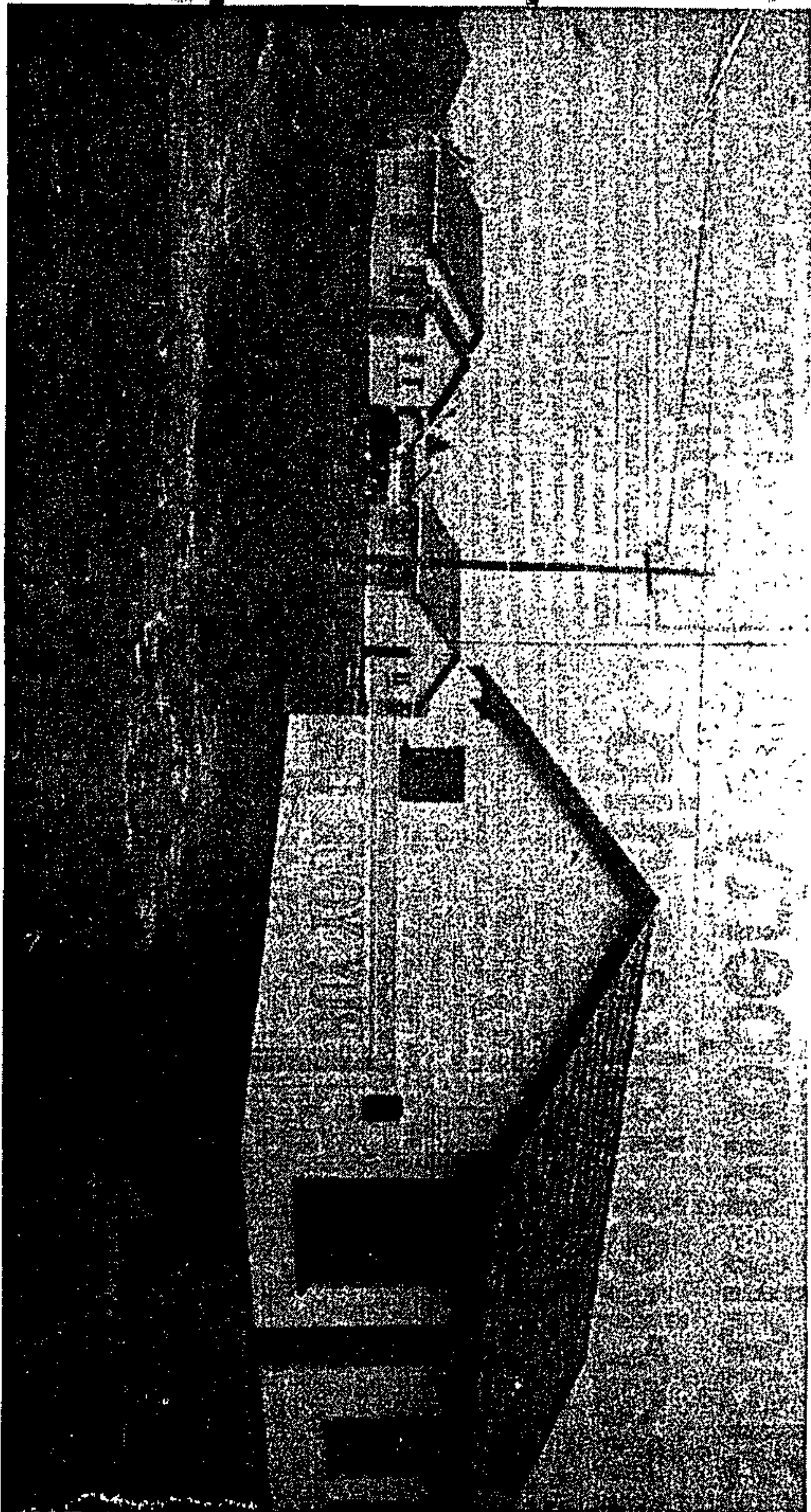
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## PROPERTY



A new development in Moflakeng, Randfontein, called "Sparkling City", is to be opened soon for middle and high income groups. Negotiations are in progress for the development of a new shopping complex. The centre will include a supermarket, butchery, bakery and greengrocer.

# GET THE SPARKLE

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A NEW, upper-class "sparkling city" in Moflakeng is in the process of construction.

Town clerk Mr. Dion Cordier said: "We call Moflakeng the 'sparkling city' because it is free of air pollution."

"We place great emphasis on maintaining our facilities in top-class order and rendering good service to home dwellers."

It is in section 3 of Moflakeng, on the West Rand. One of the features is that services - electrical power-

BY JOSHUA RABOROKO

lines, water-supply pipelines and sewerage - will be laid underground.

Roads are already demarcated and will be tarred and kermed once the houses are built.

Roadworks have been put on hold as they will be damaged by heavy trucks delivering building materials.

The Moflakeng Town Council has created this sub-urb out of 1 750 stands laid out by professional townplanners - specifically for the middle to upper-income groups.

All stands have or will be sold on a freehold basis and vary from 250 square metres to 600.

In addition to meeting residential needs, the area has been designed to provide business stands, a high school, primary school, four church sites, four crèche sites and three "green-lung" parks.

Deonax Properties' director Mr. Johan van Eeden said: "One of the best features of Moflakeng is that the solid ground is ideal for homebuilding, an important factor for the developers, the institutions providing finance, and for the homeowners making gardens."

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# Houses Soweto may go SD 91 for free 343

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration has thrown its weight behind a recommendation that 103 000 Soweto rented houses or those under leasehold should be transferred free of charge to the occupants. When TPA representative Olaus van Zyl announced this in the Metropolitan Chamber meeting last night Soweto Civic Association secretary Pat Lephunya called for a round of applause.

Now all eyes are on the Cabinet to see whether it will approve what chamber chairman Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert referred to as an historic move.

The free transfer will affect only older houses. But the chamber and TPA also back the idea that some 14 000 houses built in Soweto since 1962 should be offered for sale at a discount.

He cautioned that the Cabinet would have the final say and would have to consider the matter as a precedent which would have national implications. - Sapa..

# Soweto scheme to give 48 000 houses for free

SOME of the 103 000 Soweto householders will next year be able to either own their houses for free or buy them at reduced prices, a Soweto Council spokesman said yesterday.

The council's public relations officer Mr Mojalefa Moseki said he wanted to clarify reports that all 103 000 houses would be transferred freely to people who had been staying in them.

"That is not so," he said.

He said the scheme, devised to rescue Soweto services from collapsing, divided householders into three categories:

People who have been renting their houses since 1962, who would automatically be given them free of charge; *Soweto 6/12/91.*

People who rented their houses between 1962 and 1981 and do not owe money in terms of loans to the council, who would also get their houses free of charge; and

People who have been renting their houses since 1981, who would be allowed to purchase them at reduced prices. Negotiations will take place between interested parties.



# Golden City has become Centre of black aspiration

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GREG MYRE  
Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG. — Blacks are claiming Johannesburg as their own, transforming the once-white city into a bustling black metropolis.

From afar, the gleaming office towers still resemble a prosperous Western city filled with middle-class white commuters. Up close, the pavements are lined with black hawkers selling everything from bananas to blue jeans.

Not a white face can be seen among hundreds of people shopping at midday in a pedestrian mall. At the cocktail hour, the wood-panelled bar of the most luxurious hotel is crowded with black businessmen.

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riches, began its transformation in the early 1980s when whites retreated to the suburbs and blacks moved in.

The social changes in Johannesburg and other cities presaged the formal demise of apartheid laws that became unenforceable as blacks defied the government by moving from segregated townships to white cities.

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## NEWS FROM THE NORTH

A few suburbs have integrated without fuss. Dozens of white schools are accepting at least some blacks.

Whites still own most of the businesses and control the wealth, but shop assistants, taxi drivers and policemen are likely to be black. A two-day strike by blacks left the downtown area as deserted as on a Sunday afternoon.

The changes also have brought Johannesburg serious problems that foreshadow what awaits the entire country as it tries to undo its racial history.

Fewer than 750 000 of the nearly 5 million people in metropolitan Johannesburg are white. About 2 million of the blacks live in shacks in dusty townships that ring the city.

Mrs Sylvia Motobula, 26, is typical of the new Johannesburg.

Last year, she moved with her husband and daughter from the remote black homeland of

Venda and set up a sidewalk earring stand at a busy corner. The family rented an apartment in Hillbrow, a ragged, crime-ridden area of high-rise apartments that whites deserted.

"There was nothing in Venda," Mrs Motobula said. "Hillbrow is very noisy and dangerous. But, I can make money."

Mrs Motobula's opportunity is Mr Max Rosen's decay and danger.

"You can feel the antagonism between the races," said the white retired postal worker, who lives on the edge of Hillbrow.

Barefoot boys with runny noses and tattered clothes sniff glue and beg for money. Derelicts sleep in smelly alleyways. Armed robberies and nighttime shootings are becoming more frequent.

"It used to be a pleasure to live here," Mr Rosen said. "My wife and I would take long walks and go window shopping at night. Now she doesn't even feel safe during the day." — Sapa-AP.

# Jo'burg's switch into an African metropolis

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Many analysts predict the city will deteriorate under the weight of crime, unemployment, overcrowding and the desperation of so many new arrivals fleeing rural poverty.

"Shops have gone progressively down-market, the city centre has become very dirty, crime is out of control," said Mr John Kane-Berman, head of the Institute of Race Relations, an independent research group. "Johannesburg will retain its vibrancy, but it will look a lot different."

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Mr Jeff Letlape, managing director of Let Property Developers, and Mr Zuzi Buthelezi, market development officer of Corobrick, stand in front of Pick 'n Pay staff houses which are being built on a fully serviced site at Siluma View Extension 1.

# New device for E Rand project

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COROBICK's new corowall system will be used for a R2,2 million homes contract for the Pick 'n Pay staff housing scheme at Siluma View on the East Rand.

The development, by Let Property Developers of Johannesburg, will be the first major project in the Transvaal to use the recently launched corowall system. The 50 houses, with an average 34sqm, will be priced at R29 000. The project is due for completion next April.

The managing director of Let Property Developers, Mr Jeff Letlape, said: "Pick 'n Pay approached us and asked us to submit recommendations for staff housing.

"Affordability and quality were the two key criteria. After considering a number of options we decided that Corobrick's new corowall system would be the ideal solution for this project."

Under the umbrella name corowall, the company has assembled an extensive range of products and systems which make traditional burnt-clay masonry and a viable option for low-cost housing.

The systems are based on the concept of single-skin exterior walling and have aroused keen interest among prospective homeowners, financial institutions and development groups.

At its official launch in the Transvaal at the recent The Star Affordable Homes Show, the corowall system met with enthusiastic response and a number of firm orders were received for developments in the Transvaal, the Free

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

State and QwaQwa.

The chain store's houses will be constructed on a fully serviced site with high-mast street lighting, roads, electricity, water and sewerage at Siluma View Extension One, opposite Palm Ridge, and a 15-minute drive from Johannesburg's southern suburbs.

The houses will be built in a variety of elevation, in panhandle configuration rather than in the more conventional back-to-back layout. They will have two bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and a living area.

The company will advance a R5 000 deposit to staffers who qualify for the housing scheme and provide collateral for mortgages. The show houses were approved by Wendy Ackerman, wife of Raymond Ackerman, chairman of the chainstore.

Letlape said: "We are tremendously excited at the potential of the corowall system. It effectively means that genuine clay face brick walls become a viable option in the low-income housing field.

The marketing support manager of Corobrick Transvaal, Mr Crispin Smith, said: "Corowall offers a range of workable solutions to housing problems with systems that are appropriate in rural and urban environments".



## Property

# Black homebuying grows

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

WHILE home buying among whites has slackened, activity among black home buyers in Soweto is picking up, according to property experts.

They say this is a fair reflection of what is happening politically and economically in South Africa in that the average white consumer is hard hit by inflation, high taxation and poor job prospects.

The managing director of Mepeco Home Developers, Mr Jethro Mshali, said that the shortage of homes was becoming a serious problem facing the country.

South Africa faced a crisis which was largely the result of unsatisfactory living conditions experienced by the vast majority of its people.

The experience during the past year has confirmed the inadequate rate and inappropriate pattern of socio-economic development in South Africa which had to be raised and adjusted to meet the needs of the people.

"This can only take place within the constraints of available resources," he said.

Camdon's managing director, Mr Scott MacRae, said a new market was clearly emerging among middle-class blacks who wanted better housing. Their security problems and desire for a more pleasant environment were identical to those of their white counterparts.

"I believe that when the

country settles down politically and unrest abates, the black market is going to boom to an unprecedented degree," he said.

Both managers agree that the so-called white market could remain relatively static or grow at a slower rate. This was an exact mirror of general trends in the economy, where black consumer buying power was rapidly overtaking that of whites.

They also said that for the moment, the biggest demand from black buyers appeared to be coming from the middle to lower end of the market. These buyers tended to be more in the market for homes in black areas.

"It is therefore relatively easier to market their existing properties which releases cash and releases money for the next house," MacRae said.

As a result prices were hardening in the R50 000 to R100 000 bracket and it was expected that a new breed of black speculator would emerge.

However, at the upper end of the black housing market, prices have slumped. Sellers interested in moving to white areas discover that because demand has fallen it is difficult to market their existing homes.

Mshali said as a result there were some remarkable bargains in the more affluent areas of Soweto where homes were being priced at well below replacement value.

Once again the unrest was influencing that situation and there was also the novelty of moving to a white area.

In time that will change. A normal political situation would lead to reduced unrest, eliminating one of the prime motivations.

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# Dobsonville hostel sold to private enterprise

By KENOSI MODISANE

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DOBSONVILLE hostel - the scene of countless cold-blooded killings in the past - has been sold to a private company and will be renovated in the new year.

Town clerk Mr Tony Roux yesterday said: "The hostel has been bought by a private company and will be renovated very soon.

"The renovations and other arrangements, which I cannot at this point divulge, will begin in the very first weeks of the new year."

The hostel is the second to be sold in the township since the Diepkloof hostel was sold to a private company for R862 000 late last year.

Earlier this year, leaders from extra-parliamentary organisations, business and the Government set up a steering committee to address the hostel's problems.

## Upgrading hostels

The Independent Development Trust and the Development Bank of South Africa had undertaken to give assistance in upgrading hostels.

This came after residents had expressed concern about violence allegedly carried out from hostels.

Some parts of the Dobsonville hostel which include the double-storey flats along Luthuli Street (where Sunday's massacre took place) have already been occupied by families.

It was reported that the attackers, who left 12 people dead had come from the direction of the hostel and also fled there after the ambush.

"These families have moved in without council approval but we appreciate that they are using the facility properly," Roux said.





Seeing for himself . . . Leon Wessels (centre) with Danie Hough (left) and John Mavuso.

Picture: Herbert Mabuza

## Housing Minister visits Soweto

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By Kaizer Nyatumba  
Political Staff

Provincial Affairs and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels yesterday visited Soweto and some East Rand townships to acquaint himself with issues falling under his new portfolio.

Mr Wessels, who was a guest of the Transvaal Provincial Administration (TPA), told the Soweto Town Council the TPA had taken him to Soweto and the other townships so he could see things for himself and get to know people he would be dealing with.

Transvaal administrator Danie Hough and some of his MECs, including John Mavuso, were in the entourage.

Mr Wessels, a former Foreign Affairs Deputy

Minister, told Soweto councillors and council employees he had first visited Soweto 18 years ago as a student and had been to the township a number of times since then.

He said the negotiations which South African leaders were engaged in were "timeous", and expressed the hope that the talks would succeed.

"The spirit of peace and negotiations augurs well for all of us," he said.

"We have to bury the hatchet, leave the past and its baggage behind and live for the future."

Mr Wessels's first stop was Ivory Park outside Tembisa at 9 am, where he spent an hour before proceeding to Soweto.

In the afternoon he toured the East Rand

townships of Vosloorus, Spruitview, Katlehong and Pola Park outside Tokoza, where he had tea with a squatters' committee. From there he drove to Johannesburg, where he had talks with the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council.

Soweto mayor Alfred Nyathi yesterday commended Mr Wessels for his visit to the township, and said his council looked forward to a good relationship with the Minister.

Change, Mr Nyathi said, should begin at local level and continue through to national level.

He said his council would continue "to strive for the best services possible" for Soweto and to serve all the residents of the township.



# Land near CBD could help solve housing crisis

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NEW avenues for town planners to explore will present themselves in the new year when thousands of hectares of low-priced inner-suburban land becomes available for low-income housing.

The land stretches along the southern fringe of Johannesburg and lies next to major transport routes, industrial areas and the CBD.

## Costs cut

Instead of creating sprawling shanty townships up to 35 km away from central areas, it may be possible to develop many smaller residential areas closer to cities.

Costs could be greatly cut because the extent of new infrastructure — sewerage, shops, roads and electricity — would not be as great as when a township was developed from scratch.

The land is owned largely by mining corporations — which say legislation has prevented them from releasing it for housing.

Presently the land is zoned as "agricultural" land, meaning the mines

BRENDAN TEMPLETON

do not have to pay rates or taxes on it. This allows them to let it lie idle without cost to themselves.

The new Minerals Act will effectively remove the "holy ground" status enjoyed by the mines by scrapping the differentiation between proclaimed and unproclaimed land.

If the land is used for township development, it could improve the quality of life for thousands of homeless families and slash the cost of urbanisation.

Until now, a myriad laws and regulations have made township development on this land a three-cornered nightmare for developers.

They have had to contend with the owner of the land and the Government when applying for development rights. Now the Government has been effectively removed from the relationship, leaving it up to the developer and the landowner to strike up a deal.

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## TOWNS POOR RESOURCES to lift living standards

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A NOVEL concept designed to uplift quality of life by harnessing co-operation between various communities has been born in Secunda and neighbouring areas in the south-eastern Transvaal. 343 (343)

Sasol Coal GM Chris Cloete says the community of Secunda — where the Sasol Coal and the Sasol 2 and 3 plants are based — has joined with the people of Trichardt, eMbalenhle, Kinross, Evander and Thistle Grove to form Tekset, a co-operative community development organisation which has set up projects to uplift residents' standards of living. (343) (343)

Cloete, a founder member of Tekset — an acronym of the first letters of the names of the six communities involved — says in a statement the success of the new SA will depend on trust being built up now between communities.

The total population of the Tekset area is estimated at 175 000.

Cloete says: "It's no use standing around and waiting for constitutional negotiations to get under way

out there before taking action. A lot can be done right now at local community level to change attitudes and to uplift the quality of life for all."

Tekset Community Development (TCD), a Section 21 company whose board comprises members of various political parties, the local chamber of commerce, the Secunda municipality, civic associations, local business and Genmin was formed recently.

"As a forum, we are working towards a community of peace, where education and other opportunities can be utilised to satisfy the needs of the community. Our achievement shows the rest of the country that it can be done," says Cloete.

About 450 youths are currently involved in various projects, including think-tanks, environmental protection, an anti-drugs organisation and a "Youth Week" this month.

"We are working towards solving educational problems so that the future can be filled by informed young people capable of building a better SA than the one they have inherited," Cloete says.

An education programme for jobless and illiterate adults has been launched and a brickmaking project is running well. Tekset women have initiated several health, multi-racial interaction, financial planning and educational projects, says Cloete.

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By COLLETTE CAINE

EMAPHUPHENI means "place of dreams".

And as hundreds of families celebrated their first Christmas in the small community at Etwatwa on the East Rand, their dreams became reality.

Emaphupheni is a unique development. For the first time in South Africa, an entire community, financial institutions, developers and local authorities have worked together to create a new township.

It is a township with a difference. The community has been involved from the planning stages. It participated in decisions on everything from the layout of the streets and the size of the stands to the choice of services and community facilities.

Every fortnight a working group made up of representatives of the Etwatwa Civic Association, NedPerm Bank, Citicon developers and a variety of experts and advisors, sit around a table discussing and planning each stage of the project.

The key to the success of Emaphupheni is that the approach to development is holistic. There was agreement from the start that the project should supply not only decent affordable housing, but should create jobs for local people and provide health services and education.

Jobs have been created for builders, carpenters, plumbers, pavers and labourers – all of them from the community.

"The only people we had to bring in from outside were electricians, because we could not find those skills in the community," Citicon spokesman Naledi Tseke told City Press.

The hard work is paying off. Already, 520 homes have been built and sold for between R12 500 and R34 000. Another 500 will be built next year.

Sites are currently selling for between R5 540

# A dream

# come true

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**GOING UP . . . Builders on a site at Emaphupheni, where work has been created for residents.**

## Ordinary folk helped plan new township

and R6 480, with total prices ranging from R21 000 to R34 000.

The houses range from a one-roomed 30 sq m "starter" house to a three-bedroomed 54 sq m house. All the houses are designed to facilitate extensions and improvements. They are built around courtyards linked by single-lane tarred roads, with conventional roads around the perimeter.

In a few weeks' time, the new school will open its doors to pupils not only from Emaphupheni, but from neighbouring parts of Etwatwa, including the informal settlements of Mandela and Joe Modise camps and the Harare

site-and-service scheme.

Etwatwa – a name derived from the noise of gunfire in the night, which was a familiar sound to the estimated 100 000 people in the area on the outskirts on Daveyton – has only one school catering for its estimated 20 000 children.

The school was built with a R2,2-million grant from the Independent Development Trust – half the cost of a school of this size built by the DET. A donation of R375 000 from the Nedcor Chairman's Fund helped equip the 24 classrooms, library and other facilities.

The school was designed in conjunction with the community to

operate on the platoon system to double the number of children. Some children will attend lessons in the morning, and a second shift in the afternoon. About 2 000 pupils from Grade 0 to Std 5 will attend classes.

The school is built next to the church, community hall and sports fields, so that all the facilities serve a dual purpose and education is fully integrated into community life.

It is envisaged that the school and community centre will provide literacy classes, pre-school and youth and adult education programmes.

Emaphupheni is the pilot project in a plan which could see eight similar developments in different

parts of the country in the next year. Discussions are taking place between the Perm and civic associations around the country to plan similar projects.

"We are very excited about Emaphupheni because we think it is the kind of housing solution which can work all over South Africa. People must be involved at every level of decision-making which affects their lives," said the Perm's Theo Coggin.

"Emaphupheni is not just about meeting the desperate need for housing – it is about creating planned, healthy, productive communities. We have shown it can work. This is a start which must be built on," he said.



# Transnet's home loans for workers

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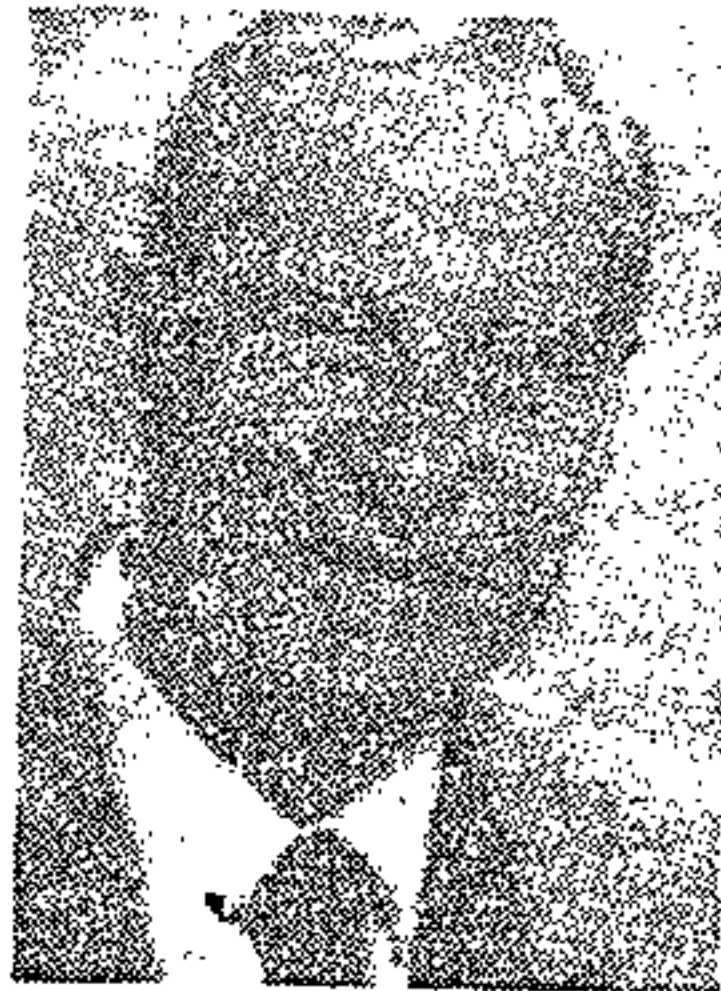
TRANSNET has granted about R230 million housing loans to its employees in a bid to satisfy its workforce.

In his annual report, chairman Dr Marius de Waal says by the end of the financial year 55 per cent of the workforce shared housing benefits.

He says loans of up to 100 per cent of the purchase price of the properties are granted, while costs such as bond registration and transfer duties are covered by additional loans.

During the financial year under review, various things were achieved like:

- Following a two-year preparation period, a new, more flexible bond scheme was launched.



MARIUS DE WAAL

Formerly, housing units were registered in the company's name and served as its security. Under the new scheme, the property is registered in the employee's name while the company registers a first bond against the property;

- All housing offices country-wide were linked by computer - this increased productivity and

improved control and service.

- R400 million for the purchase of homes has been allocated to employees in lower income groups. In the year under review alone, 384 houses were purchased at an average of R24 000 a unit and some 1 500 stands were made available.

De Waal says there were two historical projects launched during the year:

- At Wattville on the East Rand, 223 residential stands were made available. This was the first extension to the town in 35 years; and

- At Doornkop, in Soweto, 1 100 stands were bought. It is expected that 700 houses will be completed by the end of the 1991/92 financial year.



# Housing dream shattered

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**T**HE TITLE alone gave a magical ring to the recent Golden Highway Housing Expo that transformed a stretch of raw veld 30 km south of the overcrowded sprawl of Johannesburg and Soweto into a model village of low-cost homes.

Its launch stirred optimism among thousands of homeless black families that South Africa was on the brink of bold new solutions to a housing shortage now grown to crisis levels.

The wave of optimism was encouraged by the confident note struck by Cabinet Minister Leon Wessels when he addressed the crowds at the opening ceremony.

Here, midway on the Golden Highway that links Johannesburg to the Vaal Triangle, the Transvaal Provincial Administration had set aside a chunk of land where eager building contractors had the chance to erect the best bargains they had to offer within the budgets of low-income families.

All angles seemed to have been covered by Government sponsors under the formidable banner and wide brief of the Department of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing.

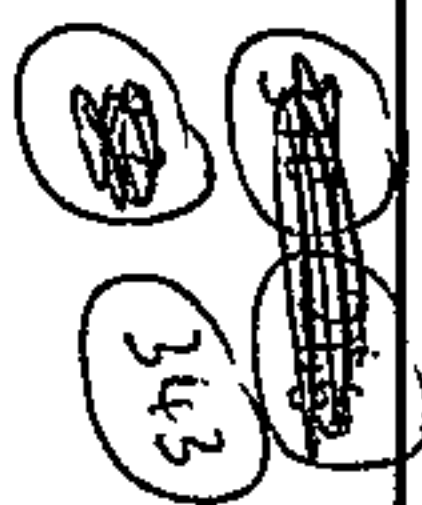
It seemed that the sponsors were striking at the core of the housing problem when they stipulated that each of the 41 contractors invited to share 105 stands had to keep total costs inside a modest R10 000 — or as low as R5 000, if possible.

Affordability was the key-note. And practically was undefined when builders had to beat a four-week deadline to complete each house from foundation to rooftop.

Contractors of all shapes and sizes responded with enthusiasm to the challenge. So did potential house-buyers when they were invited to tour the expo and select their dream home while it ran from September 25 to October 9. They arrived in droves.

A team of contractors from the African Builders Association (ABA) were elated when they scooped first prize. Their winning entry — a two-bedroom house, built in conventional brick, with lounge, bathroom and large kitchen, on offer

The recent Golden Highway Housing Expo raised the hopes of thousands of homeless black families. But now the expo site is a ghost-town. Experts believe it symbolises a lack of co-ordination in the entire housing programme, reports **MICHAEL CHESTER.**



**Empty shells . . . Nema Tshabalala of the African Builders Association and home-hunter Monica Ndlovu puzzle over why sponsors have left a ghost-town behind them. Across the highway is the start of a sprawl of squatter huts that have sprung up while business at the expo site stands still.**

Picture: **Jacob Rymkiff**

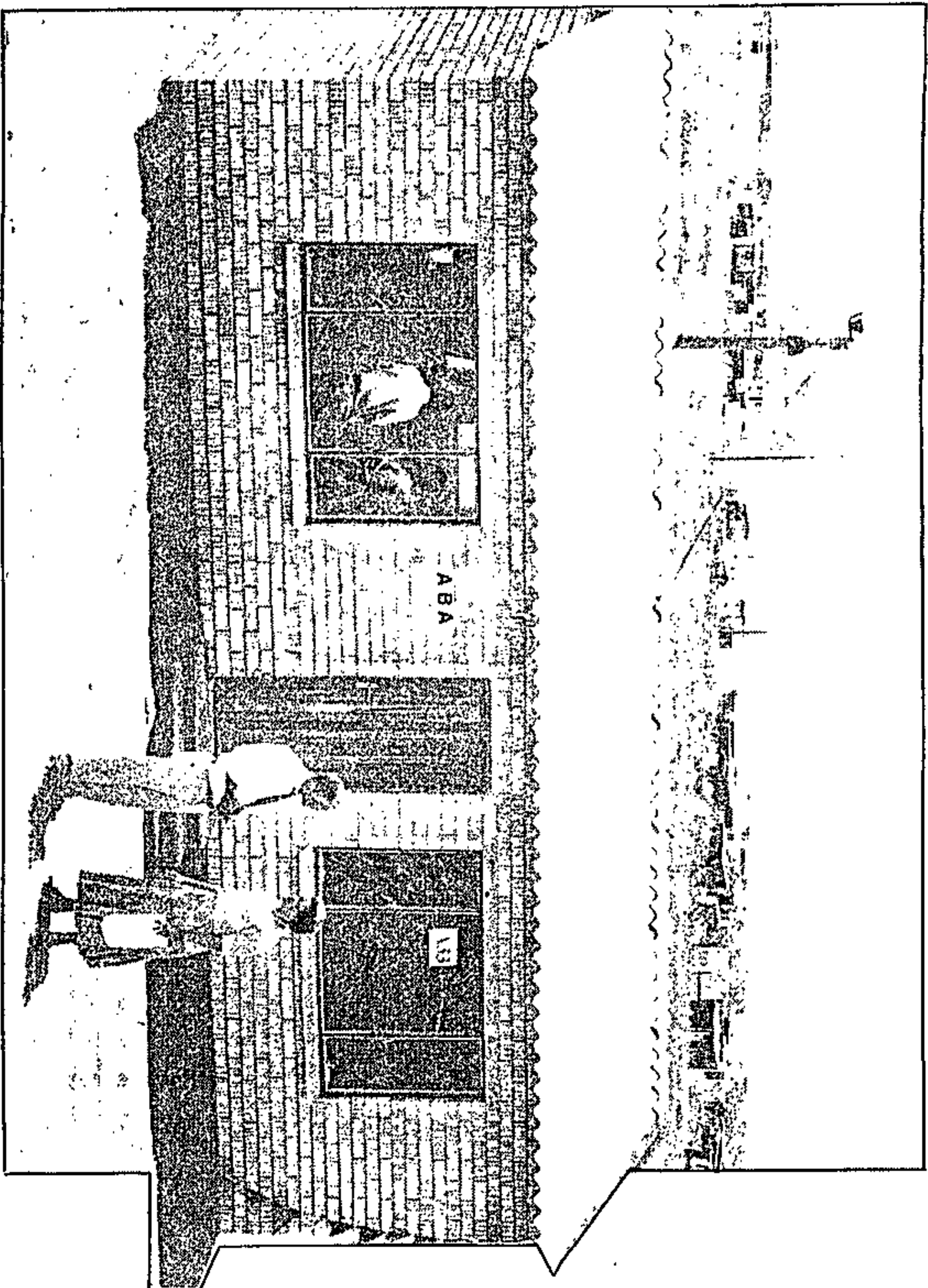
in the R5 000-R10 000 bracket — drew the vote of no fewer than 14 000 home-hunters.

The elation has been short-lived.

ABA executive Nema Tshabalala revisited the expo site a few days ago in dismay. "The dream has been shattered," he sighed. "There was one angle that was overlooked — home-buyer access to bond finance, the key to the whole problem. Next, there was no planning to ensure the initiative maintained an ongoing momentum."

"It's all turned into bitter disappointment — a classic example of the tragic lack of a really co-ordinated housing policy that can come to grips with the crisis of the homeless."

"The hopes of thousands of potential buyers were raised and then dashed when they dis-



covered the harsh realities of the difficulties of persuading banks and building societies to provide mortgage finance for low-cost black housing.

"Most of the financial institutions have been scared off by talk of bond payment boycotts, spasms of violence and unrest, problems when retrenchments hit jobs and family budgets, the headaches of repossession. If there are defaults on accounts, "And the problems are compounded by the total absence of any co-ordination in all the efforts to solve the crisis. There are grand announcements about new initiatives from time to time. Then silence."

To ram home the argument, Mr Tshabalala spread his arms, turned in a circle and gestured around the almost deserted expo site. All the demonstration

houses were still standing — but are locked and barred. The only trace of the bustle of three months ago was a handful of low-cost black housing.

"We had all the fanfare — but there's no sign of any follow-through to keep the momentum going. There are still late visitors who missed the show but arrive to make their choice of the house they want to order. But, as you see, the sponsors have not even left behind a noticeboard to tell them where to find more information."

"The expo raised all kinds of high expectations that finally someone was serious about solving the housing shortage. All that's left is a ghost-town."

Mr Tshabalala turned and pointed across the Golden Highway. Sprawled across the veld was a vast jumble of squatter huts packed into 16 000 sites provided by a controlled settlement scheme, named Orange Farm, launched by the TPA.

The close juxtaposition of the two housing initiatives, and the stunning contrasts, seemed the alternative while the house-building programmes grind almost to a halt," he asked.

"It becomes more and more obvious that there are crucial missing links in the chain of housing initiatives. Here we have classic proof that what has become vital is a radical rethink of the whole issue."

Equally bitter is a technical expert who acts as a special adviser to the South African Housing Trust and who was astonished by the high quality of many of the homes unveiled at the expo.

"The very successful Golden Highway Housing Expo," he has written in a post-mortem memo that has been handed to the Government, "is rapidly becoming a very explicit illustration of the alarming inadequacies of the housing process for low-cost housing."

"On the western side of the highway is the housing expo. It is a cluster of splendid little houses which is a brilliant example of how things should be done."

"On the eastern side is a vast expanse of squatter huts which mushroomed overnight. This awesome sight is a clear signal of how things should not be done. There may be very good reasons for this unfortunate event. But what makes it so im-

portant is the speed at which it took place and the size of the development.

"What we see on the ground are thousands of families trying to house themselves. Stripped of human dignity and encouragement, they battle for survival in what they consider to be a very unequal dispensation."

"If abandoned to rely only on their own resources they will undoubtedly lose the battle, and the area will deteriorate into a massive slum of human distress, crime and violence. This may easily happen within the short time-span of three years. The costs will then be astronomical to rectify matters."

"The problem is immense, but the housing expo shows us viable solutions."

"It may not be possible to provide each family with a properly built house right now, but a start must be made to demonstrate concern and a willingness to assist. We must give guidance and muster some sort of financial assistance to families who can afford it."

"We must be in direct contact with conditions on the ground and synchronise actions where required. This is a better option than to be complacent and wait for a new South Africa to take on the problem."

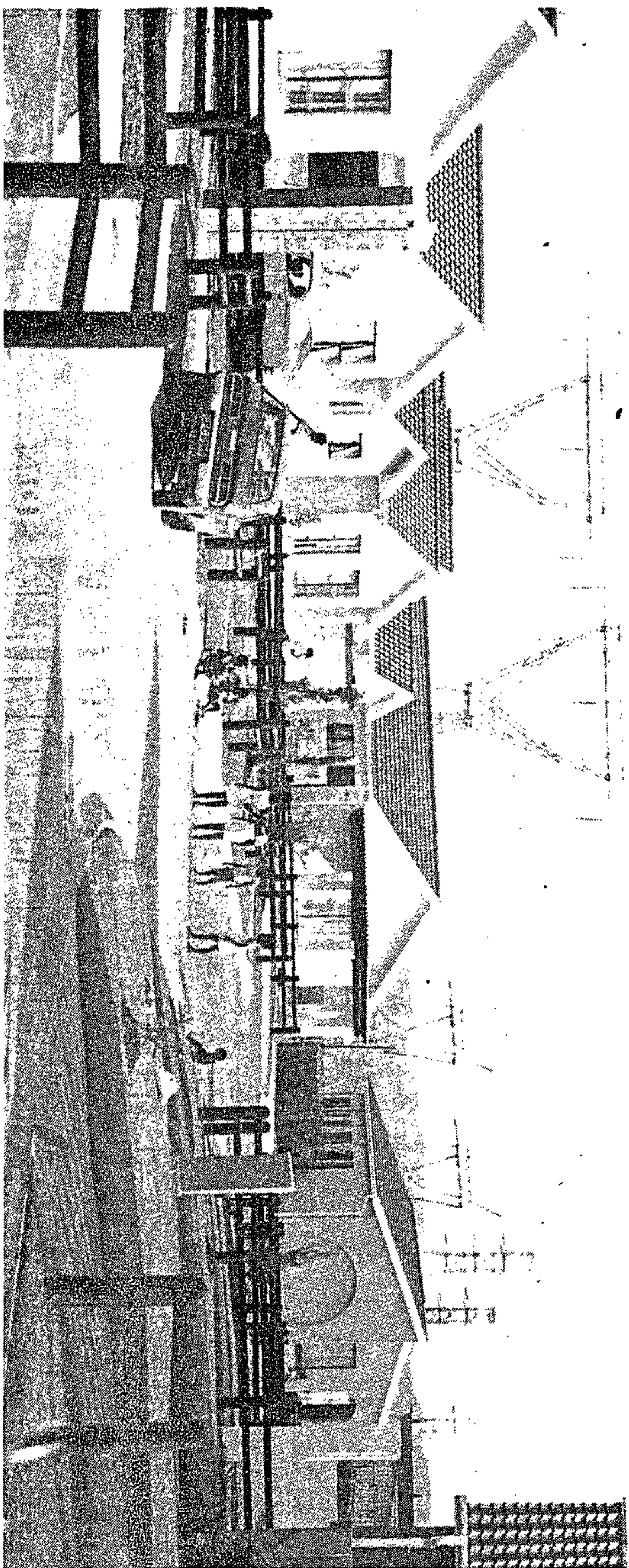
● A spokesman at the Department of Planning, Provincial Affairs and National Housing says the expo was organised at the request of builders who were eager to display what homes could be provided in a range affordable to low-income families.

"It was highly successful and a full report with all technical details about the show houses has been sent to the TPA and interested parties in the private sector," he added. "The matter is now in the hands of the TPA."

● At the TPA, an official said: "We laid on a promotion at the Golden Highway expo for builders to erect their houses and bring them into contact with potential customers, as they had requested. We are involved in the supply of stands and basic services for housing but we cannot arrange finance for house construction."

"It's now up to the builders and home-buyers to arrange details about actual purchases." □





Civemach is developing a township like the one above in Orange Farm near Evaton for potential home buyers in the lower income bracket. Other developments have been earmarked for East Rand townships.

By JOSHUA  
RABOROKO

CIVEMECH is to be involved in the construction of about 750 low-cost housing units at Orange Farm near Evaton.

Managing director Mr James said the company, in its capacity as construction management agent providing management services for the development, had completed about 300 affordable homes at Palm Springs, also north of Evaton.

He said further develop-

# Low-cost houses for Orange Farm

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ments would take place in the East Rand townships of Duduza and Tsakane, but no finality had been reached on providing affordable homes there.

The South African

Housing Trust is financing the project with the aim of making affordable housing available to lower income groups.

The company is training black builders to enable

them to take on the role of contractors and thus create employment opportunities. James said they were prepared to uplift the standards of small builders in these projects as well as

develop their skills. At a time when many developers are turning down contracts in black townships because of unrest and vandalism, the company is involved with

the construction of more than 1 000 low-cost houses for the SAHT. James said the housing problem was coupled with high unemployment, which was reaching alarming pro-

portions in the country and added: "Low wages also contribute to this problem." Added to these problems was the fact that the bond rate was increasing and many blacks could not afford to repay loans granted by financial institutions, he said.

Many homeowners are failing to pay their bonds and financial institutions have threatened to repossess their homes. Major financial houses which threaten to repossess homes are the SA Perin and First National Bank.



# Randburg seeks housing sites

STAR 23/1/92  
Randburg plans to appoint consultants to investigate sites for the establishment of informal settlements and low-cost housing schemes inside or outside the town's borders, according to management committee chairman Andre Jacobs.

Commenting on the Zevenfontein squatter issue, Mr Jacobs said: "Since we are not yet ready to talk to the TPA about these people, we believe they must be moved to Diepsloot on two conditions.

"One is that all local

authorities in the region must urgently investigate how they can contribute to the solution.

"The other is that the TPA must put together a committee consisting of all town and local area committees in the area to draw up an overall housing strategy for low-cost settlements in the region," he said.

Cosmo City had been earmarked as a likely low-cost housing area for Randburg. Maroaladal, east of Kya Sand, was another possibility.

Sandton management

committee chairman Bruce Stewart said only about 1 000 artisans were employed in the town, half of them housed in a hostel in Alexandra.

Within Sandton's borders, the largely undeveloped Frankenwald area had been identified as suitable for affordable housing, and the Johannesburg Metropolitan Action Group had already identified Linbro Park as being suitable for high-density housing.

No final decisions had been taken on the issue, Mr Stewart stressed.



# MP warns of flare-up over squatter row

STAR 23/1/92

By Shirley Woodgate

North Rand MP Louis de Waal has appealed for calm in the face of threats by the Chartwell North Action Group to call in the Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging to remove the 650 "squatter" families living illegally in Zevenfontein.

He warned yesterday: "Any hasty action will have far-reaching implications which could spark an incident that would make the Ventersdorp clash between police and the AWB look like a picnic."

"A flare-up in that region could also seriously damage the Codesa talks."

In a reference to the possible development of an east/west arc of 13 low-cost villages between Johannesburg and Pretoria, he said: "All parties involved in the squatter row in the north-western PWV must accept the principle that low-cost housing must be provided for people who work and live in the area."

He said the only solution to the problem was a compromise. It was now necessary to put the strongest possible pressure on Randburg and Sandton — neither of which had townships where workers employed in the two towns could live — to take responsibility for developing housing schemes in areas accessible to their industrial regions, he said.

They would have to act in co-operation with the Government, as the agent for land which fell outside the jurisdiction of local authorities.

Mr de Waal said the TPA should be given every opportunity with Randburg and Sandton, together with interested pressure groups and political parties, to establish a workable short-term solution to the Zevenfontein issue.

This group was not typical of all "squatters" since for the past 10 to 20 years about 500 of the people had illegally paid rent of R30 a head to an individual to live on the land.

"The Red Cross estimated that between 65 and 80 percent of the people were employed in nearby Randburg and

Sandton. It was a viable community until it was evicted," he said.

After their eviction three months ago, the Zevenfontein "squatters" have been allowed to live on land belonging to a local farmer, but the deadline to move is at the end of this month and the TPA has promised a decision by today on a move to Diepsloot.

Mr de Waal warned that if the TPA dragged its heels over a long-term strategy for informal housing, the north-western PWV could be over-run by an Orange Farm-type situation.

He suggested the TPA contribution to a future settlement could be by way of changing the title deeds of owners, after expropriation for informal settlements had taken place and surrounding land values had been detrimentally affected.

"They could allow rezoning of the agricultural holdings to allow industrial developments to offset the losses incurred by landowners."

It was vital that an acceptable solution be found by keeping all avenues of debate open, he added.



# A one-way ticket to the city

STAR 28/1/92

South Africa's population shift from rural to urban areas benefits neither region, reports Agricultural Correspondent GEORGE NICHOLAS.

TEN years ago, about 72 000 people lived in the rural area of the Rustenburg district. Since then the number has dropped to 50 000.

In the same 10-year period, the rural areas of Witbank lost about 22 000 inhabitants, and the four districts of Ventersdorp, Phalaborwa, Pilgrim's Rest and Harrismith each lost 11 000 people.

These are just a few districts taken at random to indicate the alarming continuing drain of manpower from the Transvaal and Free State farming areas to the towns and cities — a problem that is causing increasing concern, not only to the farming community, but also to many urban authorities.

People are simply leaving the countryside in droves as the traditional farming practices, wages and way of life falter under the weight of competition from the rest of the economy.

## Attracted

So many are deserting the land that depopulation is no longer a threat, but a chilling reality.

Those leaving the farms are almost exclusively black workers and their families. They are attracted to the bright lights and entertainment facilities of the urban areas, and by the exciting prospect of job opportunities with wages far higher than those farmers can afford.

Many are disillusioned, when it is too late, by the reality. Huge numbers fail to find work, or suitable accommodation and when all their efforts come to nought they do not return to the farm but tend to congregate in squatter camps

on land in the urban and peri-urban areas, where many of them sink deep into poverty and want.

Those fortunate enough to find work are also often similarly disillusioned by unforeseen costs, such as expensive food, clothing, schooling, accommodation, medical and other services that reduce their effective income to levels lower than they had earned or received free on the farm.

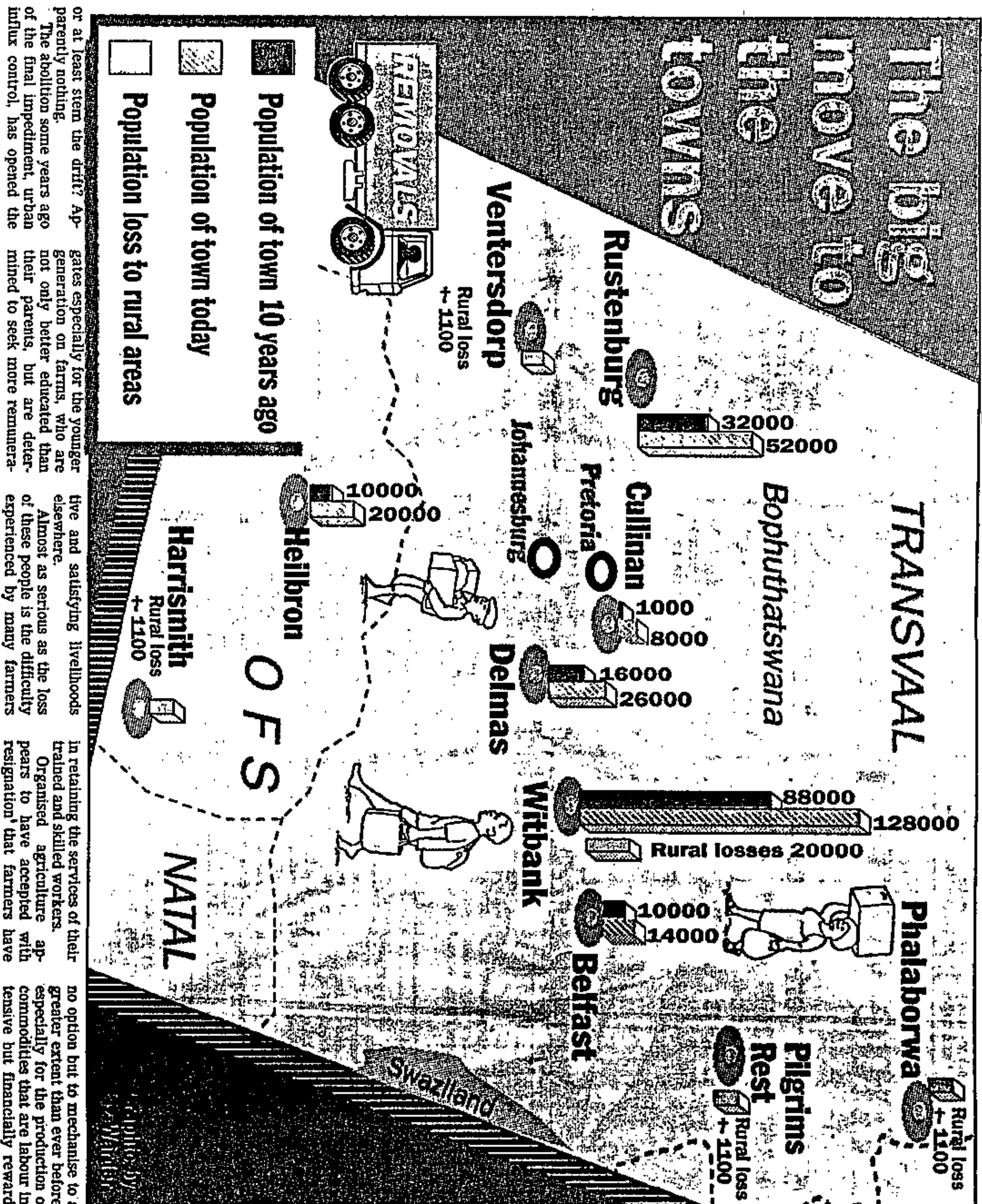
Squatter camps, those troublesome informal settlements that sometimes arise literally overnight, are already a feature of many towns and cities. Thus what in the past has been largely a rural problem has now also turned into a serious urban one.

In the past 10 years, for instance, the urban population of Rustenburg increased in round numbers from 32 000 to 52 000, Belfast from 10 000 to 14 000, Heilbron from 10 000 to 20 000, Witbank from 88 000 to 128 000, Cullinan from 1 000 to 8 000 and Delmas from 16 000 to 26 000.

About 10 percent of South Africa's whites and 60 percent of blacks still live and work in the rural towns and districts. The experts estimate, however, that by the turn of the century more than half of the country's black population will be urbanised.

The concern of the farming community is understandable. In the depopulation process, schools on farms and in country towns are emptying. State transport services by rail and bus are reduced, roads are becoming neglected, doctors are leaving and country hospitals and maternity homes are closing.

What can be done to reverse



or at least stem the drift? Ap- gates especially for the younger generation on farms, who are not only better educated than their parents, but are deter- mined to seek more remunera-

tive and satisfying livelihoods elsewhere. Almost as serious as the loss of these people is the difficulty experienced by many farmers

in retaining the services of their trained and skilled workers. Organised agriculture ap- pears to have accepted with resignation that farmers have

no option but to mechanise to a greater extent than ever before, especially for the production of commodities that are labour in- tensive but financially reward-

ing, and that tend themselves to mechanisation. According to South African Agricultural Union training manager Machile van Niekerk, effective mechanisation in most cases requires expertise and skills, which, he adds, means that both the farmer and his worker will have to undergo specialised training.

It is generally recognised that the farming industry is more important to the country's population and economy than most other sectors. It cannot on its own finance extensive and costly mechanisation. It needs help. Much as the world rebels against subsidisation today, this may become one way of coping with the vacuum that is being created by the migration from the plateau.

## Emphasised

In representations it has made on the subject to the Government, the SAAU has emphasised that this migration could be attributed to the fact that the rural infrastructure is underdeveloped and that it shows an alarming degree of deterioration.

It has pointed out that in the process the rural areas are becoming increasingly isolated and unattractive to work and live in.

The SAAU considers it essential that a strategy for rural development should be formulated and implemented without delay to make it more attractive to live and work in, and it feels strongly that the State must accept responsibility for maintaining a basic infrastructure in the rural areas.

Be that as it may, no country, least of all South Africa, can permit the survival of its agricultural industry to be imperilled. Either a solution to the depopulation problem must be found, or effective measures must be taken to counter its disruptive aftermath. □



# 700 houses ready for new owners

By JOE MDHLELA

MORE than 700 housing units have been built and are ready for occupation in seven black townships, group financial manager of Megastone Property Developers Mr Cyril Galvin said.

The units are in Kagiso, Dobsonville, Protea Glen, Evaton North, Lakeside, Vosloorus, Tembisa, Daveyton and Kwa-Thema.

Galvin said there are presently 100 units under construction, which would be ready for occupation in due course.

## Marketing

He said the price range of the units his company sold was between R49 000 - R100 000, but would go as far as R500 000 or more depending on individual needs.

That is not all, said Galvin: "Our expertise also lies in marketing, administration and arranging of bond finance and the packaging of the final product to the client."

The price of the unit includes the costs of the house and the manage-

ment of the registration of the bond and transfer fees, he said.

Galvin said his company placed a premium on quality.

"The houses are built by way of conventional construction methods and the quality is one of the highest in this industry."

Asked why financial institutions refused to ap-

prove bond applications, he said there were a number of reasons.

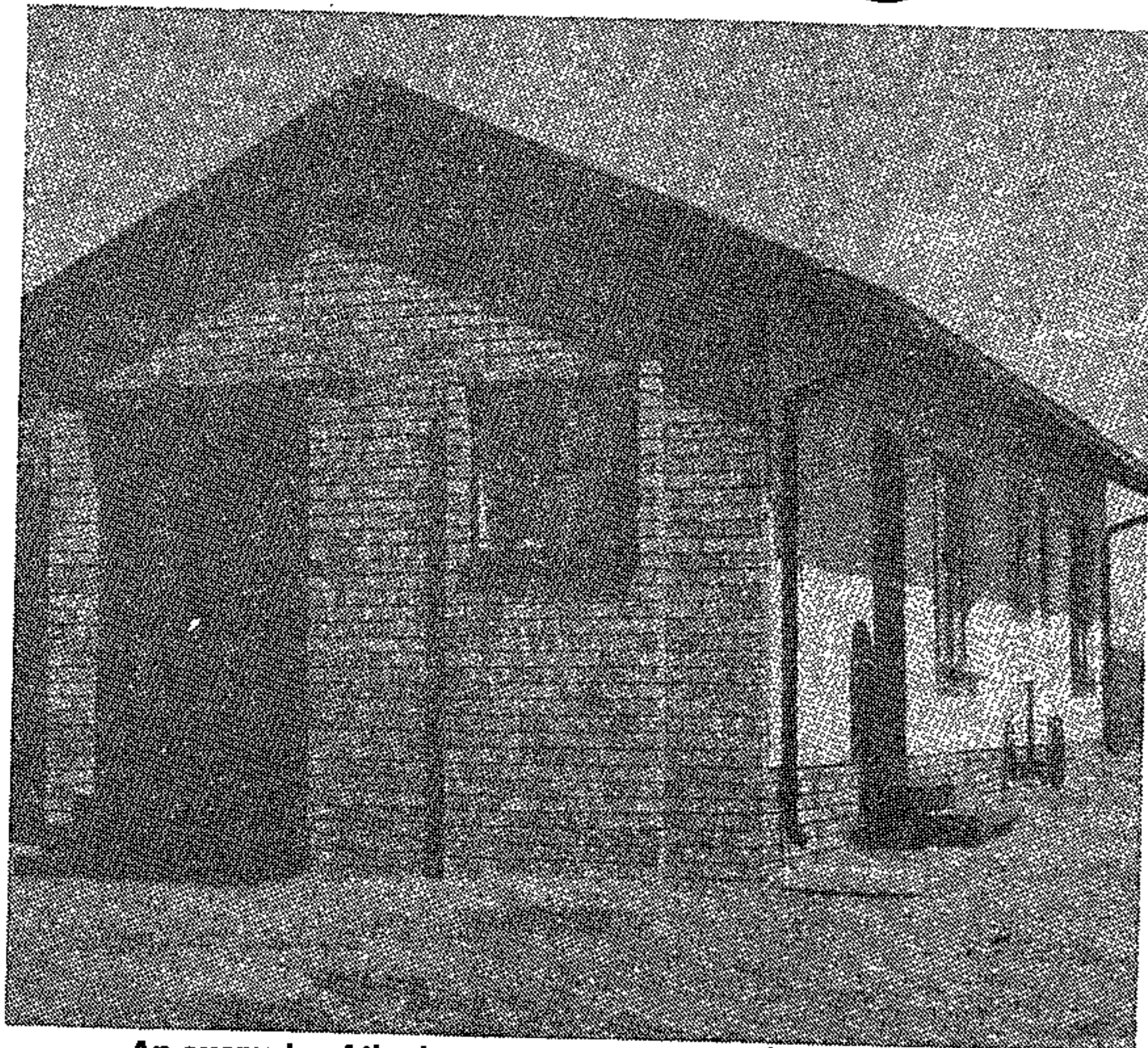
"Firstly, the banks would want to satisfy themselves that the prospective buyer earns enough salary to be able to meet his obligations," he said.

He said that was just half the story. The other reason for the financial in-

stitutions to decline a bond application centred around the creditworthiness of the client.

"Sometimes the client has had a judgment against him. In that case banks would normally be unwilling to grant the loan."

Further queries can be directed to (011) 337 4230.



An example of the houses on offer in seven townships.



# Task group seeks out sites for homeless

Pretoria Bureau

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An urbanisation task group has been appointed to identify sites where thousands of homeless people can be settled in Midrand, Verwoerdburg and north of Randburg and Sandton, Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough said yesterday.

The urbanisation strategy for the whole PWV region would

also be taken into account.

Permanent, suitable sites would have to be identified for low-cost housing directed at the huge influx of homeless people.

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The task group consists of 15 members, including representatives from Randburg, Roodepoort, Sandton, Verwoerdburg and Midrand town councils, the West Rand and Witwatersrand

Central regional services councils, the Metropolitan Chamber for the Central Witwatersrand, the Greenbelt Action Group, Operation Masakhane for the Homeless and the local area committees of Chartwell, Muldersdrift and Rantesig.

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Mr Hough said similar task groups would be appointed to evaluate other PWV sites.



# Pact workers won't give an inch

EMPLOYEES of the Performing Arts Council of the Transvaal (Pact), unfairly dismissed in 1990, this week refused to be evicted from the houses which have been repossessed because they cannot pay their bonds.

Thirty-five of the 300 unfairly dismissed workers have had their Mamelodi houses repossessed by Saambou and other financial institutions.

The banks agreed not to repossess the houses, or transfer them out of the names of the owners, pending the outcome of the workers' Industrial Court case against Pact.

In September last year the Industrial Court found the workers had been unfairly dismissed and ordered Pact to reinstate them and give them six months back-pay.

The workers, members of the Paper, Printing,

Wood and Allied Workers Union, thought the threat to their houses was over. They intended to start repaying their bonds and negotiate with the banks about the arrears.

Their hopes were dashed when Pact decided to take the Industrial Court decision on appeal.

Meanwhile, most of the houses have been repossessed by the banks and in some cases, the houses have been resold and eviction notices served.

PPWAWU General Secretary Sipho Kubheka this week criticised Pact for trying to intimidate its employees.

"Even after winning the Industrial Court case, our members have had no relief. It is scandalous that a state-linked employer like Pact should treat its employees like this," Kubheka said.

The workers now re-

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fuse to leave their homes.

The Mamelodi Civic Association also supports their stand.

MCA media officer Pasty Molefe says the civic will take action to prevent people from being forcefully evicted.

Pact director Louis Bezuidenhout told City Press there was nothing Pact could do because they also faced financial difficulties.

"Lawyers for the union

suggested that Pact pay the bonds until the outcome of the appeal, but this is impossible as we do not have the money," said Bezuidenhout.

"There is nothing we can do until the outcome of the appeal. We keep approaching the Industrial Court for a date, but we haven't heard anything yet," he said.

For one homeowner there was a sigh of relief on Friday when the Perm agreed not to auction his home. (343)

After City Press explained the situation to Perm on Thursday, they agreed to postpone the sale in execution of Silas Mathebula's home until the outcome of the appeal in the Industrial Court.

City Press put a series of questions to Saambou, but had not received a reply at the time of going to press.

## It's a hair-raising wait for wigmaker

*2/21/92*  
THEATRICAL wigmaker Joyce Motaung has worked for Pact for the past 25 years.

This week Joyce, 50, sat anxiously at home, dreading being evicted from the house she has lived in for the past five years.

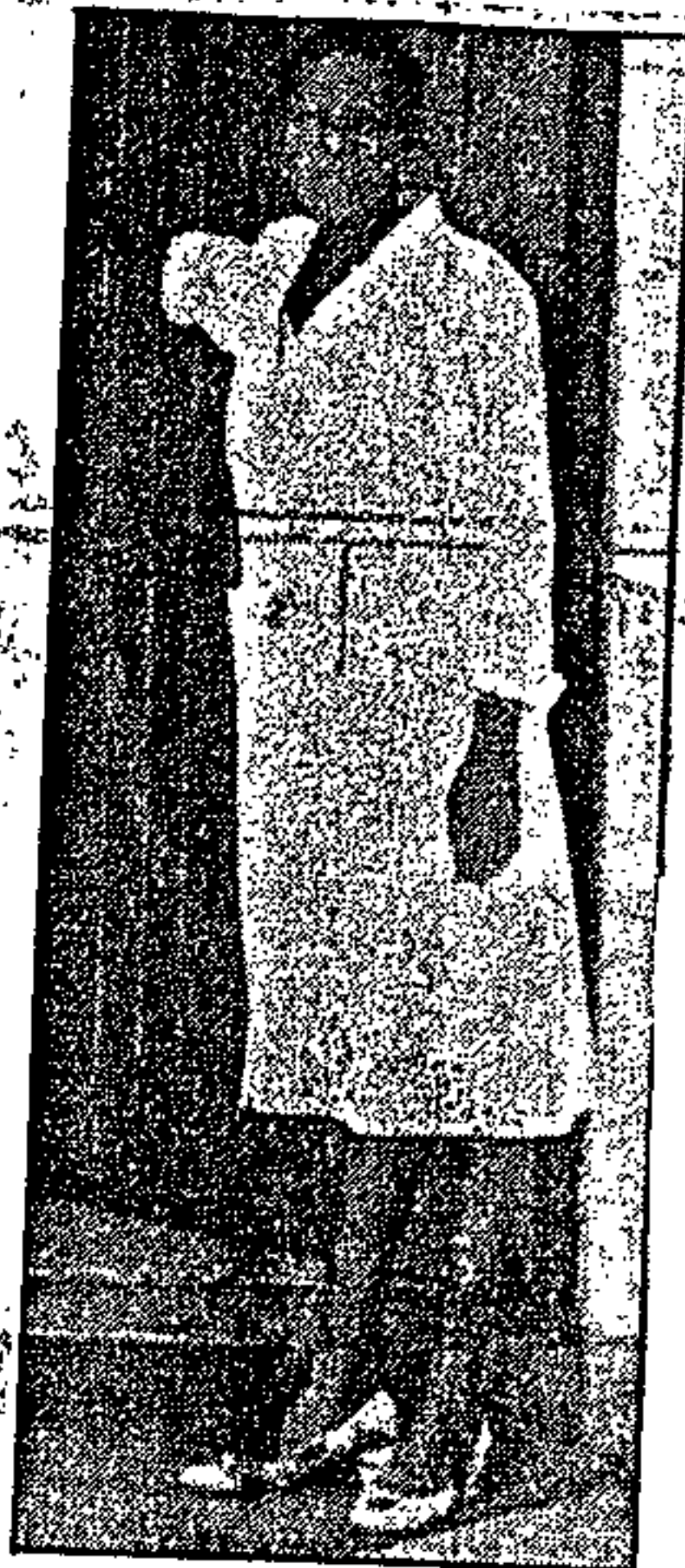
She knows her house has been sold on auction by Saambou building society, but refuses to move.

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"We are all in the same position. We have nowhere else to go. It is not our fault we are in arrears. We won our court case, but we are still not back at work," said Joyce.

"I have worked hard all my life to make a good home for my children and grandchildren. It would be very unjust for us to lose our home now," she said.

All the workers whose houses have been repossessed by Saambou and other building societies share Joyce's view. They refuse to vacate their repossessed houses and say they want to pay their bonds again as soon they go back to work.



**I WON'T BUDGE ...**  
**Joyce Motaung.**



# **'I will never leave here'**

SAM Nkosi, 53, has devoted his life to Pact.

A loyal employee with 26 years' service as a cleaner, he thought his future was secure as he approached retirement.

Now he has lost his house, most of his furniture as well as his job.

Nkosi took a housing loan with Saambou in 1987 to extend his small Mamelodi home.

He built on a lounge and dining room and put on a new roof.

When he was fired by Pact in 1990, he could not keep up his bond payments.

Saambou sold his house at an auction in April last year.

In October, Saambou attached all the furniture in the new part of the house.

"They tell me they have sold my house to somebody else, but I will never leave here. I have lived here all my life. My children were born in this house. I owned this house before I took the loan to extend it. They can empty it and take my furniture, but I am staying," Nkosi told City Press.

# New sites for townships

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**THIRTEEN** areas to the north and north-west of Sandton, Randburg and Roodepoort have been provisionally identified for possible township development, a spokesman for the Transvaal Provincial Administration confirmed yesterday.

Nothing had, however, been finalised and all relevant and interested parties would be consulted before development took place, said TPA spokesman Mr Piet Wilken.

"That doesn't mean that they will be developed," he stressed, anxious to allay

outcries similar to those that followed the Randburg City Council's decision to approve the resettlement of the Zevenfontein squatters to Bloubastrand.

Permanent suitable sites for township development in the areas north of Sandton and Randburg, and west of Midrand and Verwoerdburg, are to be identified by a task group appointed by Transvaal Administrator Mr Danie Hough on January 23.

The 15-member task group is to report back to the Executive Committee of the Transvaal by March 31, and must provide a complete evaluation of the existing urbanisation strategy for the areas.



**DANIE HOUGH**



## Urbanisation task group formed

STAR 6/2/92

A task group to investigate urbanisation in the area north and north-west of Randburg, Roodepoort, Sandton and west of Midrand was constituted in Pretoria yesterday.

Headed by Paul Waanders, the group, formed in terms of an announcement by Transvaal Administrator Danie Hough last week, consists of representatives of the city councils of Randburg, Roode-

poort, Sandton, Midrand and Verwoerdburg, the central and west Witwatersrand regional services councils, the area committees of Charwell, Muldersdrift and Rantesig, the TPA, the Department of Regional and Land Affairs, the central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, Operation Masakhane for the Homeless, the Greenbelt Action Group and the Local Government Affairs Council.

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The group's main task will be to evaluate the existing urbanisation strategy for the specified areas as well as the whole PWV region.

The public has been invited to submit proposals to Mr Waanders at (012) 201-2062 or Private Bag X437, Pretoria, 0001 before February 21. The task group's fax number is (012) 21-6500. — Sapa.

● Rates and taxes boycott launched in Bloubaosrand — Page 7

**Z**EVENFONTEIN squatters near Randburg have become pawns in a nonsensical power struggle involving provincial authorities and property owners.

"Residents have completely lost hope," said Zevenfontein Executive Committee chairman, Daniel Sindane, this week as the squatters awaited final confirmation of the Randburg City Council's proposed low-cost housing scheme in Bloubostrand Ext 1, eight kilometres away.

Residents of the middle-class suburb of Bloubostrand, just metres away from the proposed low-cost housing site, have emphatically stated they will not accept the council's proposal. That stand, they say, "is non-negotiable".

Officials of the parties concerned have been locked in discussions the whole week in an attempt to solve the situation — which several of the parties involved say is mainly due to the incompetence of the Transvaal Provincial Administration. The next meeting is on Monday.

Chartwell residents and the Rietvallei farmer on whose land the squatters are temporarily being accommodated are still insisting the squatters be removed.

For the squatters, the situation has become intolerable. There are no facilities — no water piped in, no sewage removal. There is no school for the children. And there is continual harassment, they complain, by Chartwell residents. Sindane said cars were not being allowed through over the weekend and they had to take a pregnant woman by wheelbarrow to the roadblock to drive her to hospital.

Asked where they would be moving to, a group of squatters on Tuesday said they had been told by the TPA they would be moving to Bloubostrand Ext 1. And told the Bloubostrand homeowners didn't want them there, they shrugged and said they would have to wait and see.

Since news of the squatters being moved to Ext 1 first came out last Thursday, Bloubostrand residents have been manning roadblocks — or "checkpoints" — around the clock at six strategic places in and around the residential area.

Residents said they set up the checkpoints because while the TPA and other parties had undertaken not to move the squatters, the TPA could not be trusted to keep its end of the bargain.

The city's management committee chairman, Andre Jacobs, said: "It is not legal for them to set up roadblocks on public roads but we have decided to turn a blind eye because the situation is an emotive one at the moment. Just as long as they don't totally barricade the roads, it's fine."

Police were present at the roadblocks this week but deputy district commissioner for Randburg police, Colonel Banie Bouwer, said they were just "doing their normal policing".

The Bloubostrand residents are first-time home buyers who have expressed fears about losing their homes because of the drop in property values that has occurred since the controversy started.

"It's not a racial issue — it's a question of economics," they stressed, pointing out that a growing number of blacks, coloureds and Indians were buying plots and houses in the area and they were always wel-

come.

"It's not that we don't want them here," said Adam Kirsten, an accountant in Johannesburg. "If only they could give them proper housing. I bought my place in October and the decision I took is going to affect the rest of my life."

Kirsten said he had bought a house worth R150 000. Paying R2 000 a month off his bond, he said the value of his house had already dropped by 40-50 percent.

"My wife and I are planning on having children — but how can you plan on something that isn't going to have any future?"

Bloubostrand Action Committee chairman, Peter Bantock, said one of the reasons for not accepting the Randburg City Council's proposal "from an empirical point of view" was that there was no room for expanding the 44 hectares designated by the council.

"A larger area should be considered as the one being suggested is hemmed in by an industrial site, small private holdings and the

residential housing presently being occupied by the Bloubostrand residents," he said.

Bantock also said land values had decreased rapidly and building societies had stopped granting bonds. Insecurity presently existed in the property market. "This," he said, "will curtail future prospects and will subsequently squash the market."

An estate agent commissioned by the Bloubostrand community, Mike Schefermann, said economic and sub-economic areas had to be properly planned by developers and these plans adhered to. The housing of the underprivileged had to be properly addressed.

"Are we going to continue perpetuating slums? Or are we going to maximise benefits to would-be homeowners by acquiring land at the best price and enhancing the quality of living?"

Schefermann said private developers would no longer be willing to commit themselves to the enormous capital outlays required to develop areas for home ownership if they were uncertain whether they would be able to sell as planned. People would be unwilling to buy into new areas and financial institutions would be unwilling to lend.

A 15-member task group appointed by the Administrator of the Transvaal, Danie Hough, on January 23, is investigating other possible settlement sites. Its members will evaluate the existing urbanisation strategy for the area lying to the west of Midrand and Verwoerdburg, and to the north of Randburg and Sandton. Bloubostrand is in the jurisdiction of Randburg, but Zevenfontein falls under TPA authority.

The task group will have to identify suitable sites in the areas mentioned where permanent, orderly urbanisation may take place, including the development of low-cost housing and report back by the end of March.

Ann Bernstein, of the Urban Foundation's Urbanisation and Housing Policy Unit, said the present housing guidelines presented by government were totally inadequate. "It has been based on racist assumptions. Everything will need to be coherently planned and people will have to be involved in the process."

**Deadlock  
as squatter  
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Bureaucratic bungling  
and lack of planning  
has left the Zevenfontein  
squatters with no homes  
and no hope.*

**By LINDA RULASHE**



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MINING land and land being held for speculative purposes should be used for low-cost housing, the ANC said in a statement yesterday.

Urging the creation of a forum to establish a housing policy and to identify suitable land, the ANC said these steps were vital to prevent conflicts such as that involving the Zevenfontein squatters.

The ANC, the statement said, believed that planning should be a public process enabling parties such as civics, local authorities, ratepayers, the private sector and the general public to take part in decisions that affected them.

"All this should be underpinned by the principle that the needs of the urban homeless must be affordably met."

The State, it said, was obliged to seek out land suitable for residential sites and encourage the use of vacant land being held for speculative purposes.

"Furthermore, the assumption that mining land is untouchable should be challenged, as such vacant land is often well suited for residential purposes." — Sapa.

## Huge housing windfall likely for Sowetans

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NEARLY 60 000 houses in Soweto are likely to be handed over free of charge to the occupants. *Blair 10/2/92*

The Cabinet is expected to make a final decision soon on the transfer of the homes, which are owned by the local authorities in Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville.

The proposal was submitted to Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels in December last year after consideration by the Transvaal Provincial Administration and the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

The proposal suggests the immediate free transfer of the ownership of houses built before 1962 in the Greater Soweto area.

"We are anticipating and preparing for the decision," said Metro Chamber CEO Vic Milne at the weekend.

"The people occupying these old houses in Soweto can expect ownership regardless of outstanding loans and irrespective of tenure," Milne said.

Outstanding loans owed to the Soweto Council on pre-1962 houses amount to R2m. The deficit will be covered by the current programme of rate increases as well as through the elimination of maintenance costs.

The free transfer proposal could have significant implications for national housing policy if it is deemed to be successful.

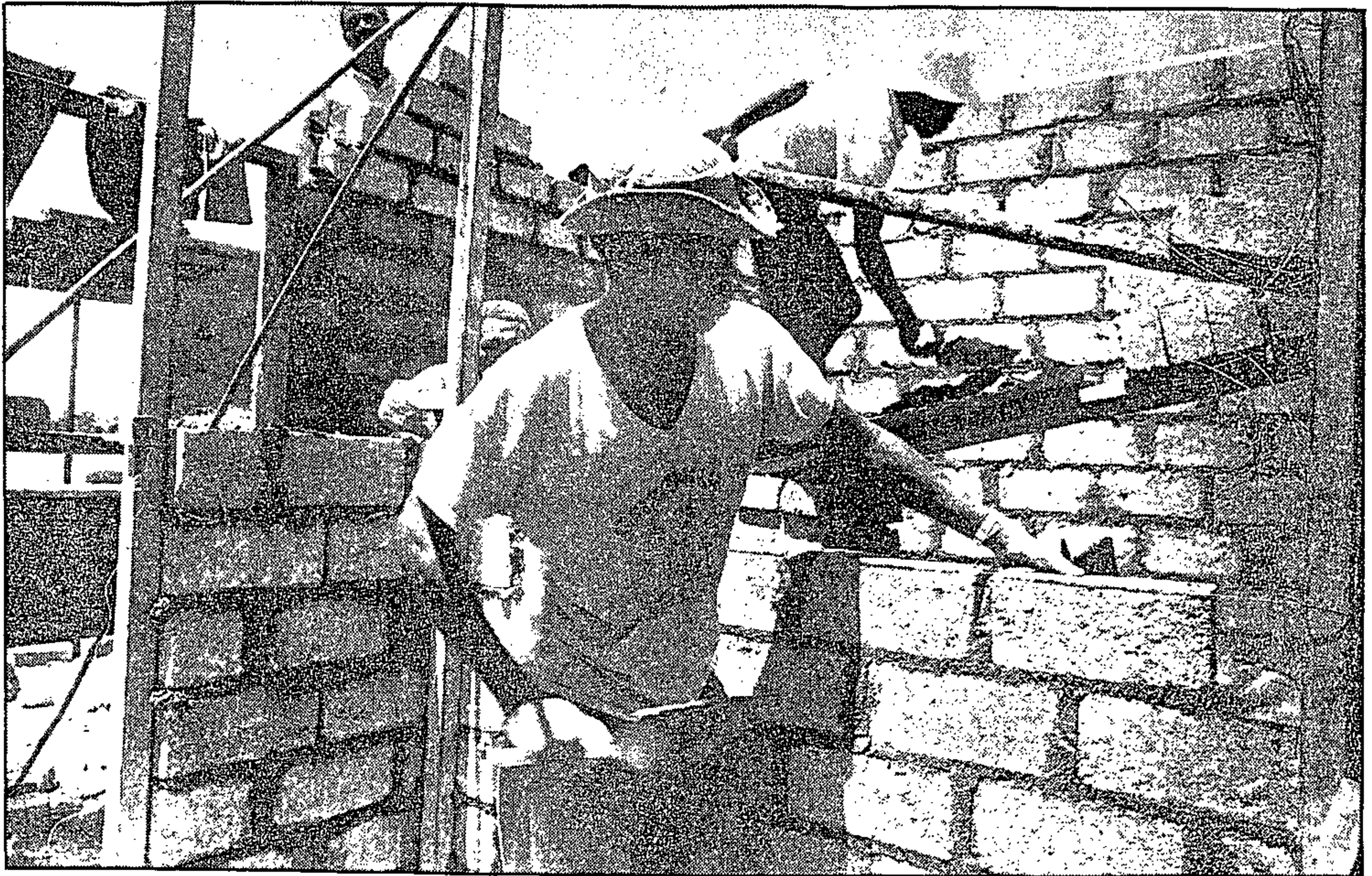
The idea was a result of the Greater Soweto Accord signed by local civic and government authorities in September 1990.

The proposal was passed on by the Metro Chamber to the TPA and then to Wessels and the Cabinet.

"The proposal will most definitely have repercussions and implications for the whole country," said Transvaal MEC Olaus van Zyl. "The Cabinet will have to decide whether to make the free transfers applicable only in Soweto or in the rest of SA too."

Plans for the remaining 58 000 houses on the Metro Chamber's agenda, all either built after 1962 or subject to investigations concerning non-local authority loans and funding, were being discussed, he said.





Rush job . . . bricklayers Rufus Malaje and his teammates rush to complete the building of a house at a site in Lenasia so that they can collect their meagre wages. Picture: Ken Oosterbroek

## Low-paid workers sacrifice quality for speed

By Bronwyn Wilkinson and Zingisa Mkhuma

Building workers on a low-cost housing development in Lenasia, south of Johannesburg, claim they earn as little as R7,50 to R45 for a completed house — and they admit they compromise quality for speed in the rush to collect their meagre wage.

Each house takes about two days to complete, they say.

Sophie Jantjies, who cleaned plaster and swept up after the bricklayers, said she earned R7,50 a completed house.

Christinah Moshoeshoe from Pietersburg, said she shovelled cement and sand from six houses for nine hours a day for only R10.

Three labourers said they were paid R10 a day whether a house was completed or not. Other labourers who mixed and shovelled cement said they earned R25 a house.

Bricklayers each earned R45 a completed house.

"We rush to finish six houses a fortnight," said bricklayer Rufus Malaje from KwaNdebele.

The builders agreed that speed was more im-

portant to them than quality.

Bricklayer Harry Fontein said: "It takes us about four days to complete the walls of a house, and we get R40 at the end. But even if it takes seven days to complete we would still get the same amount."

A sub-contractor on the site showed The Star a contract for brickwork on four houses. He was paid an average of R600 a house.

The sub-contractor (who cannot be named because he is still contracted to the main developers) said he divided

the money among six bricklayers and seven labourers. The bricklayers were paid R45 each and labourers R25.

Spokesman for the developers Stocks and Stocks housing division, Mike Fullard, said his company managed some of the sub-contractors and recommended wages. He said that labourers were paid an incentive above the average salary.

Commenting on the claim that quality was being compromised for speed, Mr Fullard said the quality of the houses was "good", adding that

Stocks and Stocks were contracted to the Government for the development and that the houses were needed urgently.

The houses were produced at R18 000 each.

He said he believed the brick work (about 5 000 bricks a house) could be done in a day.

"Then the bricklayer's wage breaks down to about R5,30 an hour, which is fair," he said.

Africa Builders Association marketing director Morgan Leshabane said the builders were being paid the standard amount for erecting walls.



# Planners divided on how to house 3-m

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"CONSULTATION" may be the buzzword on the lips of urban planners in the Johannesburg area, but when it comes down to brass tacks, it is clear they are still talking past each other.

Last week's furore over Bloubastrand highlighted the pressing need to identify suitable land for low-income housing to accommodate the PWV's 3 million homeless.

The criterion for this — whether it should be market-related or based on need — is becoming a source of conflict between authorities and other bodies.

And no one is willing to say which land has been earmarked for future housing development.

Each has his own idea of how the chronic housing shortage should best be addressed, but finding common ground is a problem.

## Workable solution

While the Transvaal Provincial Administration is looking at the outskirts of Johannesburg for land, civic associations are increasingly turning their eyes inwards, particularly to prime mining land just south of the city.

The Bloubastrand furore also illustrated the need for established residents, as well as the homeless, to have their say if a workable solution is to be found.

After the announcement that the low-income housing project planned for the area would not go ahead, suggestions for a solution flew thick and fast.

The Urban Foundation claimed that land identification could no longer be trusted to officials and called for a task group of all interested parties to identify suitable land.

This was followed by a Metropolitan Chamber — the "Codesa of the central Rand" — announcement that such a task group had already been established.

A chamber spokesman told Saturday Star the Urban Foundation's announcement was "naive, ill-considered and an attempt to capture the limelight".

Despite all criticism, the TPA believes it is doing a great job addressing the huge housing shortage.

It had been talking to everybody and would be providing about 43 000 new sites south of Johannesburg this year, liaison officer Magda du Toit said this week.

Around the Johannesburg area, the TPA had settled 90 000 people in the last book year and made almost 100 000 stands available in recent years, she said.

But detractors say this is not fast enough and that, although the TPA may be talking to everyone, it is not necessarily listening to everybody.

Major partners in the Metropolitan Chamber, the Civic Association of Johannesburg (CAJ), believe land identification should not be based on the market value of the land, but rather on

BRENDAN TEMPLETON

the suitability and need for housing.

The TPA is buying up land for housing in areas which lie outside Johannesburg's 20 km radius because it is cheaper.

But, according to CAJ general-secretary Cas Coovadia, this will prove more expensive in the long run in terms of transport costs.

He believes the starting point for any planning should be based on people's need for housing. His movement believes that any land identified as suitable should be used and that legislation needs to be enacted to make this possible.

If the mining companies are not willing to make their land — which is largely unused — available for housing, then some way should be found to force them to do so.

"Either the mining houses put their social responsibility priorities higher up, or we bring in agents to ensure it becomes affordable for the people," Mr Coovadia said.

One way would be to drastically raise the rates on unused land, he added.

Another chamber member, Mark Swilling, said present legislation did not make it possible for creative alternatives. Of particular hindrance were municipal by-laws.

"We are talking about economic survival here. Johannesburg is the goose that lays the golden egg. If we do not get our planning for the future right now, we could be messing up the development of the whole subcontinent's economy.

"I don't think the market should be allowed to stand in the way of economic growth. Over-regulation is preventing the city from breathing and moving where it wants to go."

## Holistic

Mr Swilling said he believed the TPA was trying to do its job within constraints "and those are formidable".

But, he said, the framework provided by the Metropolitan Chamber would be the solution to the TPA's headache.

Ann Bernstein, executive director of the Urban Foundation, said the TPA's approach was still working on an ad hoc basis — housing needed to be looked at holistically if the problem were to be solved.

"What we are saying is that you cannot, in a situation of rapid urbanisation where you have a large demand for land and an enormous backlog, survive without an overall plan.

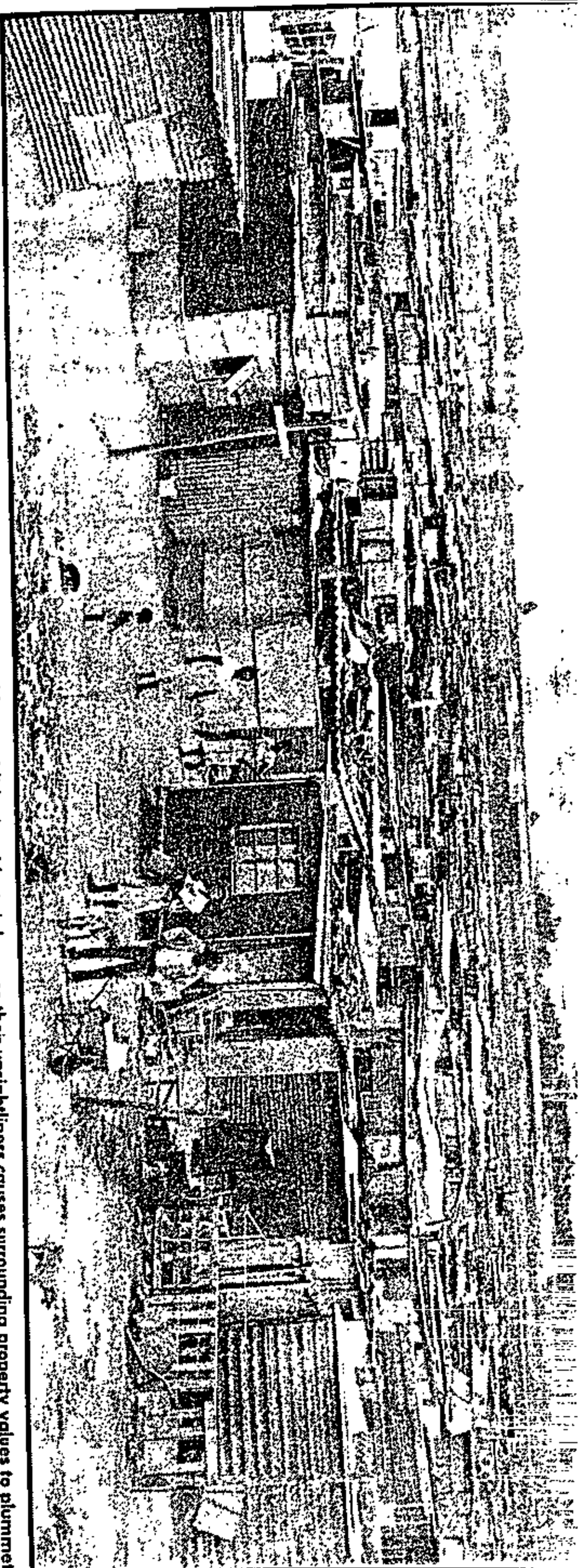
"What we are facing is the failure of past policies and the failure of present policies too," Ms Bernstein said.

Mr Coovadia said it was still too early to say if the TPA-chamber task-group would be successful or not.

"Its terms of reference have still not been worked out, but we definitely do not want to become a rubber stamp for the TPA," he added.

Struggle for common ground





PATCHWORK QUILT: The reason squatter settlements are seldom accepted by established residents is because their unsightliness causes surrounding property values to plummet.

# Let's erect better shelters and demolish word 'squatter'

CAROLINE HURRY

LOW-COST housing settlements need not resemble a terrestrial patchwork quilt.

They can, with a little imagination and planning, be much easier on the eye and the environment without being squalid assortments of corrugated iron and plastic.

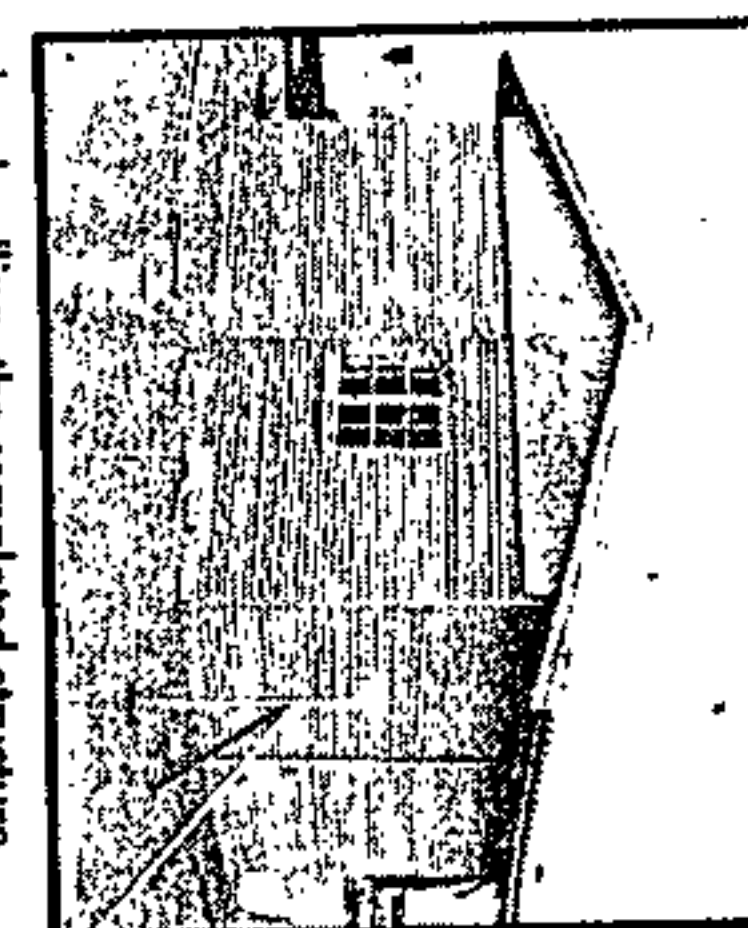
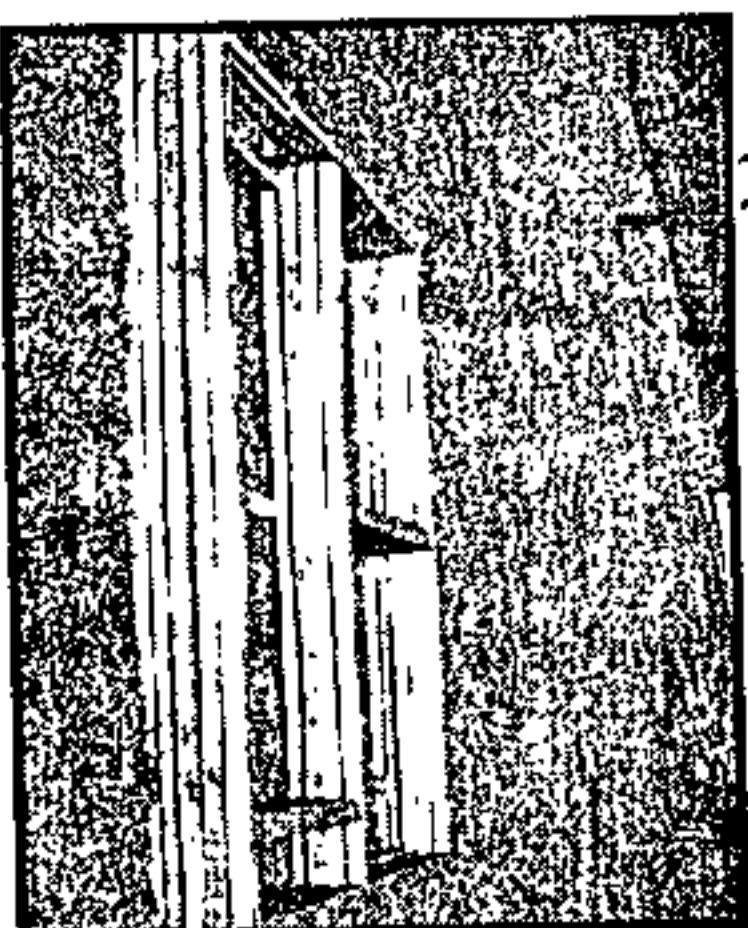
This is the opinion of Anthony Dugan, chairman of the Greenbelt Action Group.

He says the new South Africa is not the old South Africa in drag. It will be very different, and possibly even better, in some important ways. But in other ways it may be a lot less comfortable for white South Africans.

"White South Africans must wake up to the fact that they live in a newly democratised African country," he says.

A new approach to community development is needed, he adds. "Squatting" should be dropped from the new South African vocabulary and replaced with "low-cost housing" to change the entire connotation of "informal settlements" in people's minds.

The reason these settlements are seldom accepted by established residents is because, by their unsightliness and squalor, they cause surrounding property



WORK IN PROGRESS: The basic framework for a low-income house; constructing a wooden dwelling; the completed structure.

values to plummet. In addition, residents must trust low-income householders, whom they see as a threat to their established lifestyles.

They key, says Mr Dugan, is to provide the homeless with a better class of shelter. "Dwellings built of wooden slats look better, have superior insulation qualities and will cost little more than iron. But they must be planned in consultation with the communities who will be directly affected."

"Also, more work should go into enabling homeless communities to organise themselves, to mobilise resources and build better housing. Why not use the unemployed in low-income communities to plant trees and beautify a planned low-cost development before the people are allowed to settle?"

quick to point out that low-income housing developments need to be strictly controlled.

"Every householder should pay something for his home. There should be no free land, housing or services. Payment should be as strictly enforced as it is in formal housing developments as a permanent and expanding feature of South African life."

Alan Stokes and Piers Kenyon, owners of Shanti Industries, have already addressed the problem by providing affordable homes to the informal sector.

"South Africa needs to and architects to run around designing housing systems and policies. This is like writing recipe books for starving people."

"If people are starving, they don't need recipes — they need ingredients. Equally, homeless people do not need 30-year bond repayment

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developments.

"Also, low-income people need to be accommodated near work and transport routes. This means every town and city must accept responsibility for accommodating its own low-income workforce."

Several businessmen see low-income housing deliver about 200 000 houses a year. In 1991, fewer than 10 000 houses were built. This means about 190 000 people will need to take care of their own shelter needs."

"What more could be done with the right ingredients? Low-income communities need attention to pay between

terms which will enable them to build better houses.

"Ironically, South Africa has one of the best low-cost housing technologies in the world. An abundance of well-conceived housing products have been developed, mainly by the private sector, in the last five years."

In the absence of suitable end-user finance and credit facilities, his company aims to help informal dwellers upgrade their shelters.

"This can only realistically be achieved on an incremental basis by providing people with better ingredients with which to build their shacks," he adds.

"We deliver building materials, housing components and a dynamic range of attractive and upgradable houses for shack dwellers in a position to pay between

"Unbought material represents only 5 per cent of the whole. The demand by squatters for second-hand sheet metal has already pushed up the price of the metal."

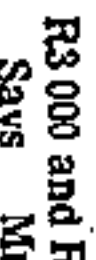
A study of informal housing by Mr Stokes revealed that about 10 million blacks live in squatter homes, and that to provide brick houses in shanty towns was not a viable option.

He also maintains that a shack dwelling should cost no more than R3 000, and the building should be incremental, that is, additional accommodation could be added on later.

He says he has found no guidelines for businessmen interested in this market.

"It's uncanny that formal business has not been involved in shanty towns. At Tembisa, north of Johannesburg, squatters in September 1989 erected 10 000 shacks, with some R5 million changing hands in the building of these shelters."

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# Scam sites won't be grabbed

THE Transvaal Provincial Administration will not confiscate any of the unoccupied sites at its Doornkop site-and-service scheme which belong to victims of the Laduma Construction scam.

City Press reported last month that Laduma Construction has gone bankrupt, leaving dozens of

people at Doornkop and other housing schemes without the homes they had paid for.

Since then, several readers have complained they are receiving letters from the TPA's Doornkop administration demanding that they occupy the sites they have been allocated. *CP-en 16/4/92*

City Press contacted the TPA, which agreed not to take any action against people who could not occupy sites because they had been defrauded by contractors.

"How can we occupy our sites when we have no

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more money to build?" asked Idah Mbatha, who paid a R1 300 deposit to Laduma manager Gerrie van der Merwe.

Mbatha said she and several friends had believed Laduma was a reputable contractor because

it was allowed by the TPA to market homes from TPA sites.

"How can the TPA give us land, then allow criminals to steal the money we struggled to save for our houses?" she asked.

Several months ago, when Laduma and other contractors with similar schemes were still operating from Doornkop, City Press put the same question to the TPA, pointing out that the schemes Laduma and other contractors were marketing were unworkable. *NO*

A TPA spokesman said at the time that the free market system must be allowed to operate and that the TPA was not vetting the contractors who were given show sites to build on.

The TPA said it was up to individuals to decide whether to do business with any particular contractor.

Maria Mofokeng put down R1 000 in the hope of providing a decent home for her severely disabled and retarded daughter.

"I hoped that having a new house would be the start of a better life for us," Maria told City Press.

"Now Van Der Merwe has stolen the R1 000. I worked so hard to save for a house. I don't know how I will be able to save that money again," she said.

Grandmother Ruth Melato put down R2 400 and now has no home and has lost her money.

■ If you have paid money to Laduma or any other contractor and have not got a house, come to City Press Hotline on Mondays or Tuesdays or telephone (011) 402-1632 and we will try to help you.



## Land for 5 000

### low-cost homes

CAPE TOWN — Five projects, for the development of an estimated 5 000 low-income house stands, have been approved for the Reef and Vaal area, according to the Independent Development Trust. **STAR 11/2/72**

The stands would be developed in terms of the IDT's capital subsidy scheme. This provides R7 500 towards the cost of each stand for people earning less than R1 000 a month.

The approved projects are in Katlehong, KwaThema, Tamboekiesfontein and Tsakane on the East Rand and in Zamdela near Sasolburg.

In KwaThema near Springs, 157 of the planned 940 stands have been completed and are ready for allocation to qualifying families. — Sapa.

RESIDENTS of Palm Springs, near Evaton in the Vaal Triangle, would not pay service charges until schools were built for the 4 400 children and its infrastructure upgraded, the Palm Springs Civic Association said yesterday.

In a statement released ahead of a February 27 meeting with the Transvaal Provincial Administration, association chairman Mr Mlungisi Hlongwane said residents were ready to step up their boycott and were unmoved by TPA threats to cut services.

He said residents were expected to pay a flat rate of R60 a month for services, excluding electricity and water.

"Palm Springs is re-

# Palm Springs people dig in

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garded as a low-cost area, yet monthly bond repayments are about R400, electricity and water about R190 and the service charge R60 for a total of R650 a month.

"The area does not have a single school but there are more than 4 400 children of school-going age.

"There are no health fa-

cilities except for a private doctor who is available for two hours a day mid-week, no recreational facilities, no post office or telephones and the standard of the infrastructure is so low there are blockages in the sewerage system every day.

"On top of it all, the TPA is planning to incorporate Palm Springs into Evaton, whose councillors have been rejected by their own people," said Hlongwane.

The decision to boycott service charges was made when the TPA failed to react to the association's demands in June last year, he said, and discussions since then had achieved nothing.

"The next meeting is on February 27," he said.



# BIG SWINDLE

**MORE than 4 000 homeless blacks have been swindled by fly-by-night property developers in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vaal Triangle areas in the past six months.**

This startling figure was released to *Sowetan* Property by the Housing Advice Centre and the Wits Law Clinic who said they knew of hundreds of potential homeowners being ripped off by property developers.

They disclosed that most of the developers advertise their businesses in newspapers serving the black community in the wake of the acute shortage of homes.

## Disappeared

*Sowetan* was this week approached by seven people who complained about property developers who disappeared with their money in the past few years.

They are Miss Florence Madubela of 5606 Emdeni North, Soweto, Emily Thandeni of Randburg, Mrs Olga Rampe of 1839 Mapella, Mrs Leah Makgalela of Meadowlands, Mr Tom Molewa of Natalspruit, Mrs Maria Khumalo of Kliploven shacks and Mrs Mary Thunisi.

Lawyers acting for them have confirmed the cases and said they were investigating the allegations. Each case would be reported to the Estate Agents Board or legal action taken.

Mr Brian Levison of HAC said they have attended to more than 3 000 complaints from blacks who entered into agreements with developers who promised to find homes for them.

He said most of the complaints came from people who demanded low cost housing in the region of R2 500 or more.

Attempts to get the culprits have drawn a blank, while legal action was pending against those they were able to trace.

"There has been a constant flow of complaints this year and we have dealt with more than 450 in the past seven weeks. This shows a 150 percent increase compared with the figure last year this time," he said.

4 000  
people  
cheated  
*Sowetan 27/2/92*

A spokesman for Wits yesterday said they were attending to at least five complaints daily of people who have been swindled or had difficulties with developers.

"The figure is growing and the clinic has been able to meet with success in tracing some, although I do not have the exact figures at this stage," the spokesman said.

He said most of their clients were in the low-income group, although there were others with huge amounts of money.

The manager of the Estate Agents Board, Mr Clive Achpol, warned that if any agent was found guilty of dealing illegally in the community, drastic action would be taken.

## Victims

Levison said most of the victims were attracted by notices placed in newspapers serving the black community.

It was discovered, he said, that some of the property developers did not have the land to build the homes and often experience difficulties with local authorities.

However, others did not run viable businesses and promised prospective homeowners structures, regardless of whether they had sites or not.

Some of the cases have been referred to the Estate Agents Board, which is investigating.

# Relief for homeless

*Sowden 27/2/92*  
MORE than 560 houses are under construction for homeless blacks in Windmill Park, in the Conservative Party-controlled town of Boksburg.

Leading home loan specialists EP Building Society, in conjunction with Goldstein Housing, were aiming to produce a "prestigious" home development in the area from March.

Within the boundaries of the "white controlled" suburb, all the surroundings in the area would be developed to accommodate blacks, Indians and coloureds.

Goldstein managing director Mr Mannetjies Ford said he hoped that the project would help alleviate the housing crisis. The project was "unique" and would provide for

the needs of the residents.

He said that a shopping complex to cater for the informal and formal sectors, taxi ranks, a petrol station and other recreational facilities were underway.

He also hoped that the building of these structures would help create jobs for the unemployed as well as the small black builders who would be given an opportunity to construct the projects.

The society's manager, Mr Keith Adam, said that his company would give financial help to prospective homeowners at "reasonable" prices.

Entry forms for the competition are available when visiting the area. Closing date is November 30.



## Property

# Scheme for 250 homes a month

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BUSINESS Challenge is to embark on a massive housing scheme that will provide 250 informal housing units a month for low-income families in the PWV area.

The project, to be known as Flexi-Home, is to be launched in conjunction with Railcor, a subsidiary of the giant Clyde Industrial Company.

The parties have decided to use imported hardwood from Malaysia for homes that will provide shelter with adequate thermal properties.

It is expected that building will start in April, BC chief executive Mr Phil Khumalo said yesterday.

He said the lack of funds and, in particular, difficulties experienced in obtaining financial assistance from lending institutions, made it essential to develop low-cost housing.

"One of the main aspects considered was ease and speed of erection, and consequently it was decided to do away with unnecessary bolts, screws and nails.

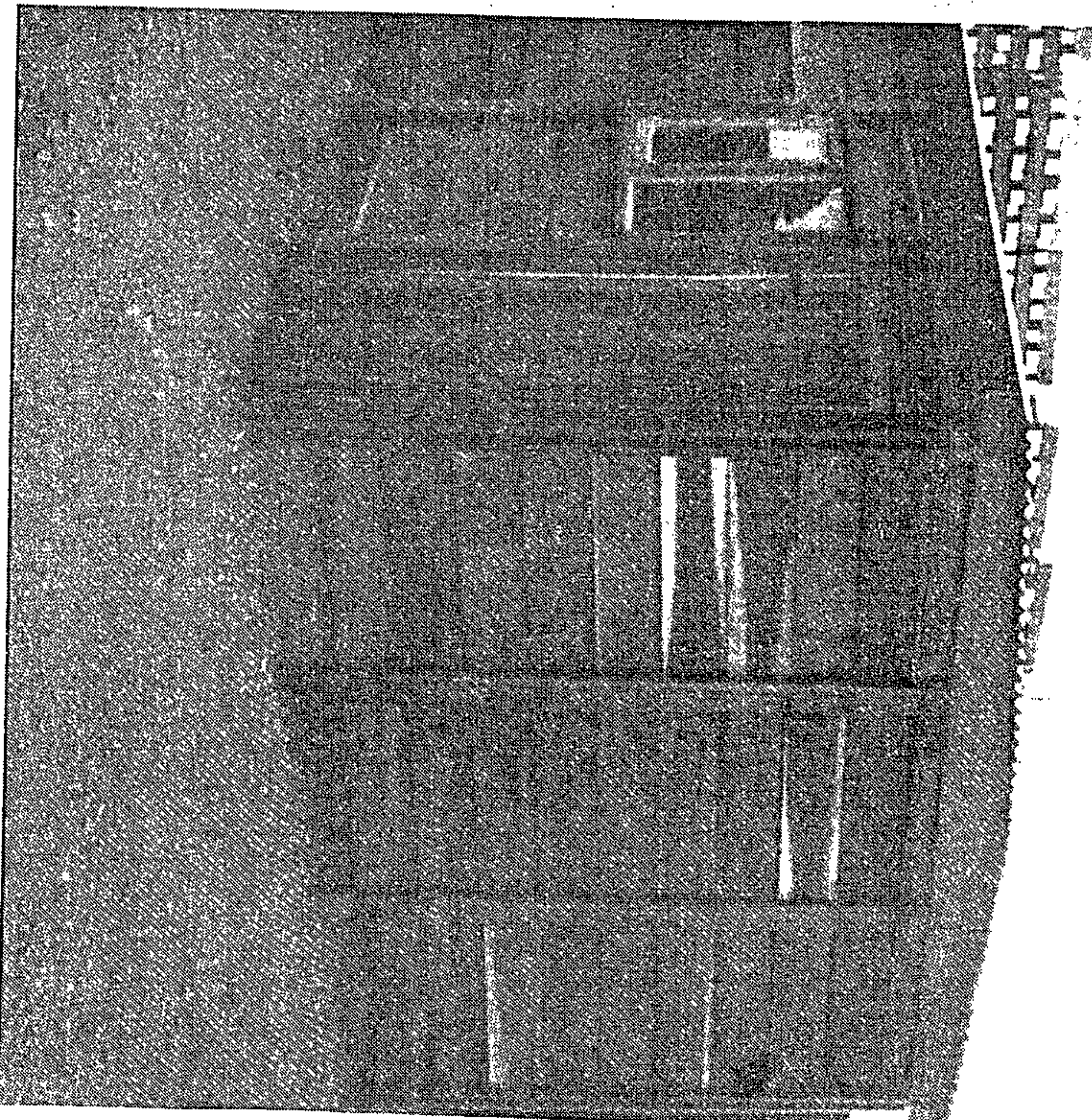
"The posts are provided with a rebate on both sides to accommodate the timber panels. Even the door and window frames are manufactured to simply slot into adjoining posts."

The entire housing unit would be prefabricated at the factory and supplied with all the necessary components. It could be erected by the owner, thereby eliminating the necessity of employing skilled labour with resultant costs.

However, it was envisaged that the scheme would create jobs for the many unemployed, especially matriculants.

Railcor managing director Mr Dennis Fourie said the scheme was developed to satisfy the needs and aspirations of the people who lacked capital and the high cost of conventional housing.

The houses would be built on 100 000 new serviced sites provided by the Independent Development Trust. It was expected the development would accommodate about 700 000 people.



A timber home for low-income families.



# Trials and tribulations of a township landlord

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By CHARLENE SMITH

THREE years ago, when Ethel Moloi bought the township house in which she has lived for 39 years, she inherited five tenants whom she cannot evict.

One tenant has not paid rent for months and once attempted to break down a wall around Mrs Moloi's house, claiming it obstructed her access to facilities.

The matter recently went to court and the tenant won.

The incident is only one in a growing tussle between the rights of landowners and the demands of tenants in the overcrowded Johannesburg township of Alexandra, where the lack of a clear housing policy exacerbates tensions.

Mrs Moloi's parents built her house in the 20s but it was expropriated in terms of apartheid laws in the 70s. When she bought it back, she acquired the five tenants who live in the outbuildings her parents had erected on the property. Some, like Sophie Mahlowakana, have lived there for more than 20 years.

## Neat

When Mrs Moloi bought the house, she signed an agreement with the council undertaking not to evict any inherited tenants for five years.

Mrs Moloi had no qualms about the agreement and set about renovating and enlarging the run-down outbuildings the council failed to maintain.

But the agreement held the seeds of a conflict she did not foresee.

In many instances, similar council agreements can also signal difficulties for tenants. Some tenants allege that property owners do not allow them access to water or sewage facilities, the Alexandra Civic Organisation claims.

The situation is bedeviling negotiations for property rights and new land in the overcrowded township, which has an estimated 100 000 people living in shacks or rooms.

But Mrs Moloi is an exemplary landlord. The large property she bought from the council for R9 000 is flanked by shops she runs with her brother. The shops were also owned by their mother and they bought them back for R16 000.

Amid the chaos and filth that typifies much of Alexandra, her property is neat and clean. Washing lines are strung down the sides of homes with neat flush toilets for tenants in the backyard.

Mrs Moloi and her late husband demolished her parent's old house and built

**UNHAPPY:**  
Alexandra landowner Ethel Moloi is unable to evict a troublesome tenant who refuses to pay her rent. Picture: ROB HADLEY

a smart, larger dwelling on the property.

Mrs Moloi charges her tenants R25 a month for a room in the outbuildings.

In February, 1990 a tenant who had lived on the property since 1986, Mrs Hilda Khunou, stopped paying rent, claiming the Alexandra Civic Organisation

said the property did not belong to us".

The ACO fudges the issue. The organisation's Richard Mdakhane says there should be consensus among all residents on a specific property on who buys it. But he says, "we are not against the legitimate claims of former

property owners". He adds that it is his "personal view that the sale of properties should be stopped in old Alexandra until we have all sat down and worked out ways of getting property back to the original owners".

Mr Mdakhane says he cannot comment on the

Khunou/Moloi issue without personal knowledge of all details.

But the dispute involves more than non-payment of rent.

Mrs Moloi explains: "Last year my husband was shot dead when his taxi was hijacked. I feared for my safety and that of my four children and built a wall around my yard and that of my tenants."

She said Mrs Mahlowakana and the other tenants claimed they were pleased with the safety and privacy the wall afforded them.

However, Mrs Khunou began breaking down part of the wall, saying she wanted her own gate to the street. The case went to court. Mrs Khunou said the wall blocked her access to washing lines and the toilet and made it difficult to clean her back windows.

In fact, there is a washing line outside Mrs Khunou's front door and the outside toilets flank her small house. Nevertheless, the court discharged her.

## Slow

Mrs Moloi says she wants Mrs Khunou to leave but her hands are tied by the council agreement.

Mrs Khunou was not available for comment when the Sunday Times visited the premises.

Alternative housing developments are proceeding slowly in the township.

It has taken 18 months to develop the Far East Bank of Alexandra (on the opposite side of the Jukskei river from old Alexandra) which will accommodate 6 000 site and service plots for low income residents — families earning less than R1 000 a month.

Work will begin on the first 1 750 sites in March and they will be ready for habitation in July.

The Joint Negotiating Forum will run a support programme which will provide access to site plans, loans and a building materials yard. It is also considering a lottery for the allocation of sites.







Triumph . . . the ANC's Rocky Malebana-Metsing salutes Oukasie for its fighting spirit yesterday.

Picture: Karen Fletcher

## Oukasie development body 'sign of reconciliation'

By Jo-Anne Collinge 2/3/92

The Oukasie Development Trust (ODT), launched yesterday in festive-fighting spirit in this western Transvaal township near Brits, has been hailed as a sign of reconciliation between forces pitted against each other by the apartheid policy of forced removals.

The ODT, comprising a majority of community members plus representatives of the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the Brits business community and various advisers to the Oukasie community, will oversee the upgrading of 1600

sites in the 65-year-old township, which stood condemned until just a year ago.

"Together we have a country to rebuild — a country savaged by war and experimental policies, the likes of which were never implemented anywhere else in the world," said Rocky Malebana-Metsing of the ANC.

In a speech which bounced as lightly as the marimba music which preceded it, Mr Malebana-Metsing repeatedly drew laughter from the crowd, still lively despite an hour-long parade through the streets.

But he added the sober reminder that the ANC was not

prepared to allow anything to interfere with the pursuit of a political settlement.

Condemning the forthcoming racial referendum, he conceded that the ANC had no choice but to encourage people "to defend the gains of change" and the negotiating process "as initiated by the ANC and now supported at least by Mr F W de Klerk".

He added: "To build a nation we need to accommodate other people, to tolerate others' views and political aspirations. And this we are prepared to do."

The practice of tolerance should be pursued not only at Codesa but at grassroots level

— and the ODT could provide a focus for such interaction in Brits.

ODT chairman Levy Mamabolo stressed that the trust would be fully accountable to the people "and open to community scrutiny". It would not replace the Oukasie Civic Association or the Oukasie People's Delegation, which had played a vital role in fighting removal and winning the right to redevelop Oukasie.

The upgrading involves providing tapped water and sewerage to existing homes, laying out new sites, and improving roads and drainage.

The bulk of the cost will be covered by the capital subsidy scheme of R7 500 per household administered by the Independent Development Trust.

Mr Mamabolo announced that the process of transferring the land from the Government to occupants was well under way and "the people will soon be armed with their title deeds". In addition, the TPA — which is acting as the development agent — would start with physical work today.

Staffers from the Legal Resources Centre, the Land Investment Trust and the Urban Foundation will continue to advise residents of Oukasie.



# Randburg, Sandton get praise for Alex upgrade

By Jacqueline Myburgh

Constitutional negotiations between the members of the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum — comprising Sandton, Randburg and Alexandra — should start by the end of this month, Sandton management committee deputy chairman Willem Hefer said on Friday.

At a press conference on the progress of the forum, Mr Hefer said the constitution of the NJNF had not yet been approved by all parties.

Alexandra Civic Organisation chairman Moses Mayekiso said Alexandra was proud that Sandton and Randburg had "accepted the challenge" to help the township and he hoped the three municipalities would merge.

"Today when you get to Alex it is a different place — it is not like the Alex of 1986 or the early 1990s. This is the Alex of 1992 because of the work of this forum," Mr Mayekiso said.

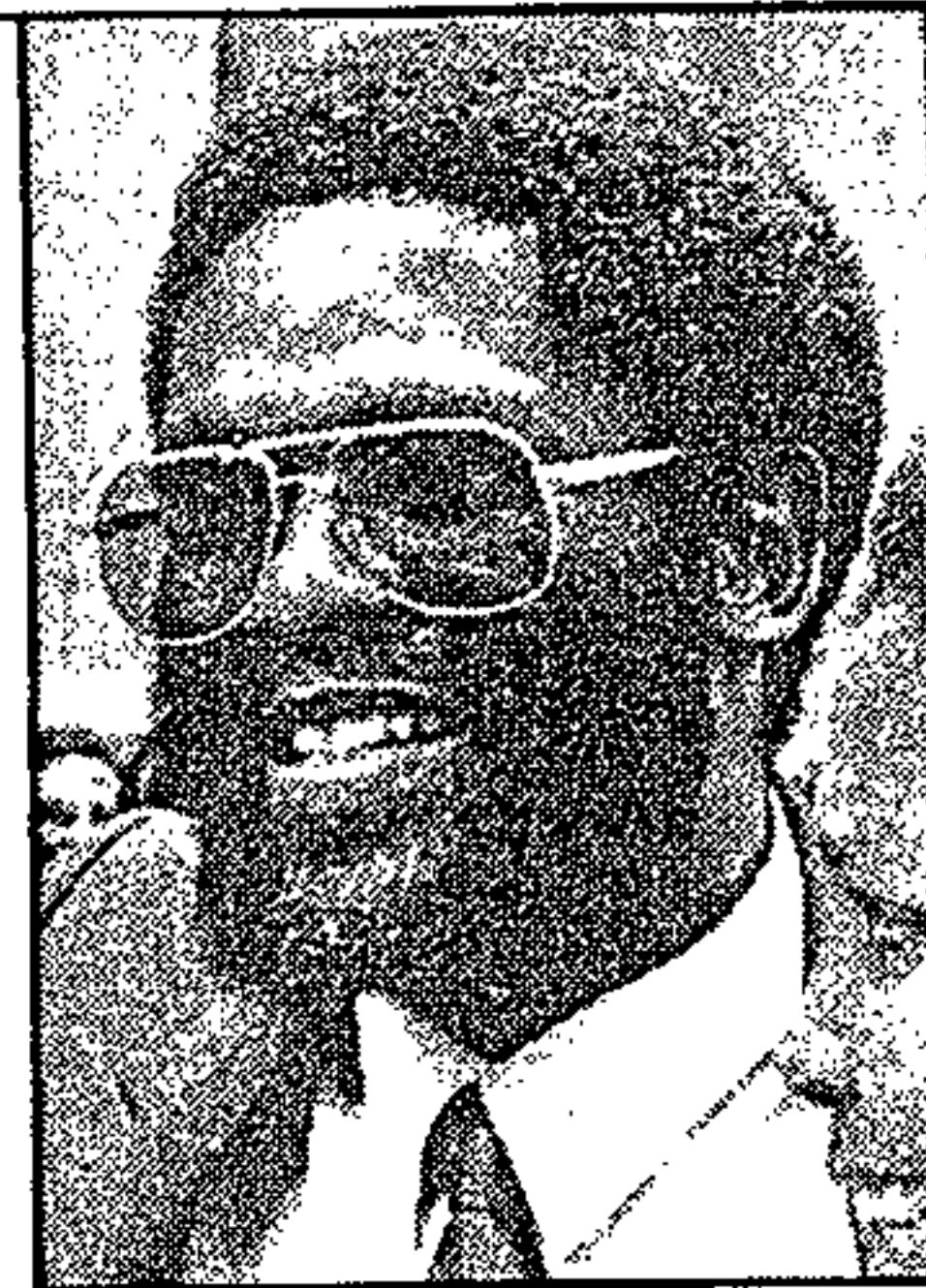
Steve Burger of the Transvaal Provincial Administration announced that development of the far east bank of Alexandra would start in mid-March at a cost of R17,5 million.

The development involves installing civil and electrical services for 1 700 stands.

NJNF chairman Peter Gardiner said no constitutional negotiations had taken place between the three towns and that



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the function of the NJNF had been to assist the township to normalise community life.

Mr Gardiner said achievements of the NJNF included:

- A dramatic increase in payment levels for services which were expected, by June this year, to reach 80 percent of the amount due.
- By the end of last year, electricity payments had improved to 55 percent of the total due.
- Nearly 100 pre-paid electricity meters were installed by Eskom each day.
- Upgrading and improvements to hostels at a cost of R900 000 to the TPA would be completed by the end of March.
- The construction of a new

clinic on the east bank would start this month.

- Health services were being rationalised and the possibility of re-establishing the Edenvale Hospital as a community hospital was being investigated.
- The rendering of services such as refuse removal, and the repair and maintenance of water and sewerage systems and roads, had improved with the assistance of Randburg and Sandton.
- New sewer lines were currently being installed.
- Shack areas had been improved, with relocation in some instances and the introduction of temporary facilities such as water connections and toilets.



# Going for the double

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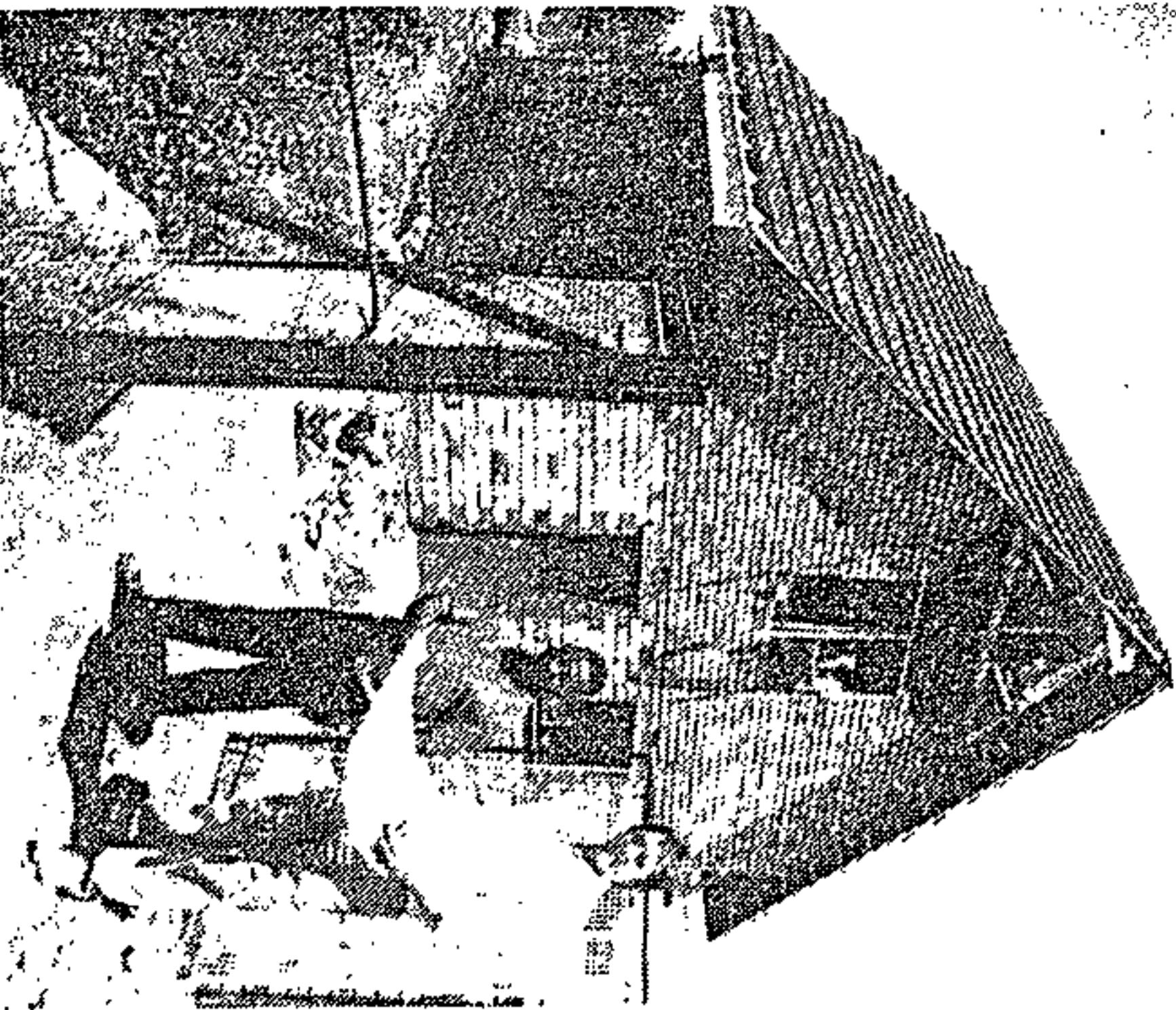
He said arrangements have been made with Federated Timbers to supply the materials to the site in kit form from their Benoni branch.

The company will embark on other similar projects in the PWV area at affordable prices for the disadvantaged families in the townships.

One of the first occupants of the "double-up project" in Rockville, Mr Desmond Mphasane, said he believed the new concept was unique.

"The double-storey houses have been expensive for blacks in the townships, but the new scheme is better and can be structured in small yards," Mphasane said.

"Our yards in the townships are small and I believe that the double-up project will help alleviate the space problem we are experiencing."



Mr Bushy Moloi, co-director of Double-Up Project with managing director Mr Mac Leaf on the site in Rockville, Soweto.

THE overcrowded conditions in the townships and the increased demand for housing from blacks have caused builders to erect and market "double-storey" structures on the existing "matchbox houses". It is expected that the new scheme will also add value to the existing homes, help alleviate the overcrowding and serve as a potential source of rental income.

The "build on" housing scheme has been designed and re-introduced in Soweto by Mitek South Africa Ltd and plans have been drawn up by Mr Ian Cruickshank, a registered architect and currently president of the SA Council for Architects.

At the launch of the project in Soweto this week, manager of Double-Up Mr Mac Leaf said that as space was limited in the townships, they proposed to market and erect "loft room" structures on the existing house to alleviate the overcrowding.



# Call to Tsakane homeless

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

**HUNDREDS of homeless families who have applied for the Independent Development Trust serviced sites in Tsakane on the East Rand have been asked to approach the local town council offices immediately.**

The council's public relations officer, Mr Jerry Tseki, yesterday said that they had interviewed more than 700 families regarding the sites. But only 366 have signed documents.

The council was facing difficulty tracing the rest of the applicants after they were interviewed in order for them to sign the necessary documents before the March 27 deadline.

## **Mandela Village**

Tseki said that the sites would be made available to families from "Mandela Village" and other parts of the black residential area in need of homes.

He appealed to residents to come to the local authorities' offices to complete their forms.

Land ownership leading to homes is the biggest thrust in the IDT's assault on poverty, the spokesman said, adding, of the R1,5-billion allocated so far, more than R898,7 million has gone to housing countrywide.

About R750-million has been set aside for the capital subsidy scheme, the biggest programme for the development of nearly 100 000 new serviced sites that will accommodate about 700 000 people.

The capital subsidy scheme accounts just for over half of all IDT funds set aside so far. It covers 108 projects, of which nearly two-thirds will be new settlements.

The money will pay for the development of serviced sites for a total of 99 000 of South Africa's poorest families. An average cost of R7 500 a site has been set.



Company allegedly sold sites in Diepkloof allocated for parks

# Land-trouble zone

PENTAX'S Civil and Engineering Contractors, the company at the centre of an investigation into allegations of corruption and mismanagement in the Diepmeadow Council, allegedly sold sites in Diepkloof Zone 4 which it did not have the right to sell.

According to the council, the sites could not be sold because they were zoned for parks.

The estate agency who found buyers for the 13 sites, Property Express of Florida, is suing Pentax's for the thousands of rands it lost in commission when its buyers could not get transfer of the sites.

Property Express entered into an agreement with Pentax's in January last year to sell sites in Diepkloof Zone 4.

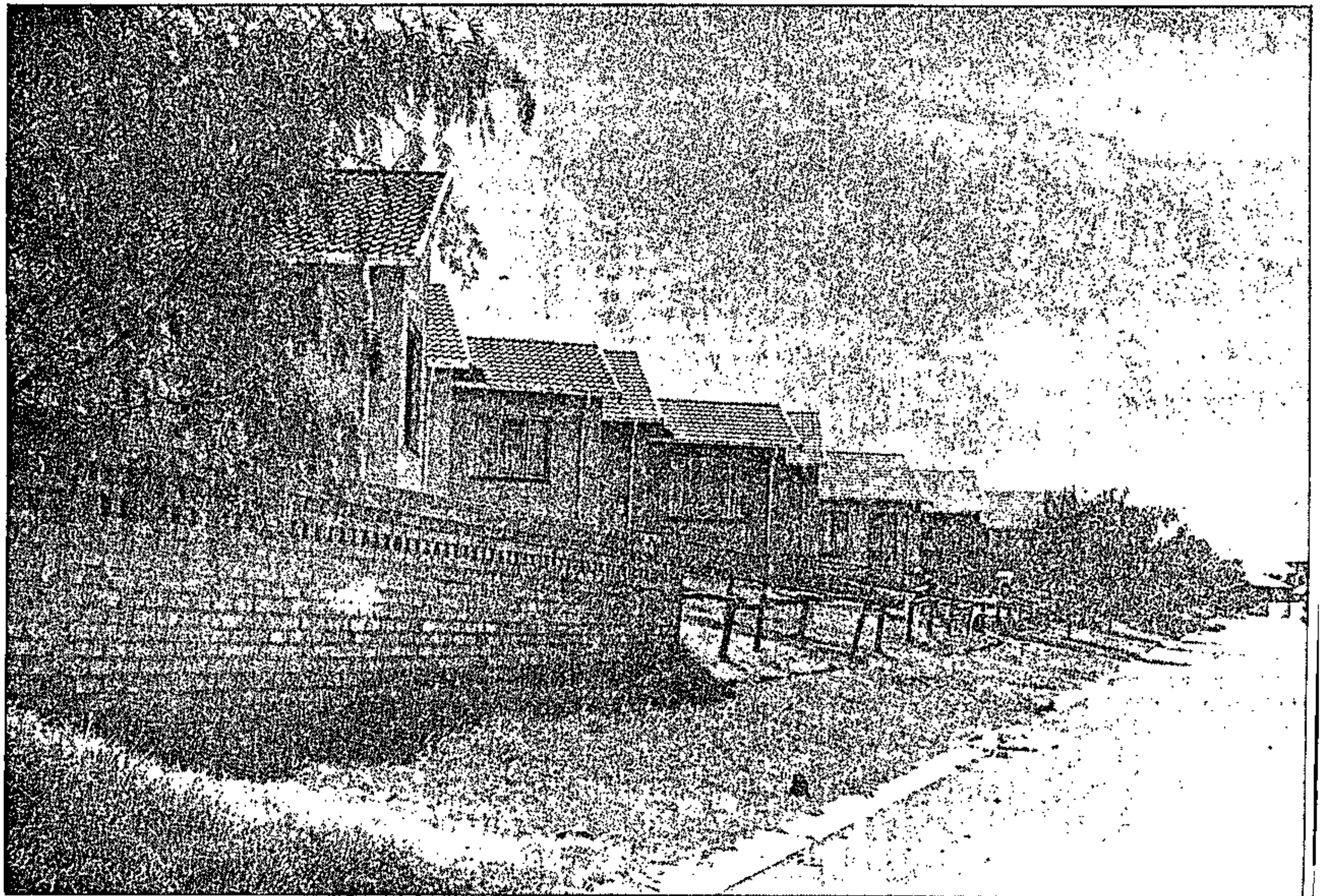
Pentax's Piet Smit signed agreements with 13 Property Express buyers between January and June last year, selling the sites for between R12 500 and R15 000 each.

Property Express claims that at the time Pentax's sold the sites, the council had not legally allocated these stands to Pentax's. No Land Availability Agreements had been entered into between Pentax's and the council.

When Property Express made direct enquiries to the Diepmeadow council as to why its clients could not get Annexure C documents for the sites they had bought, they were told the sites were zoned for parks, and could not be sold as residential stands.

City Press has a copy of correspondence from the council to Pentax's dated April, which says the allocation of park sites made to them for housing development by the councillor of the ward is "invalid ... and cancelled with immediate effect".

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**DEFECTIVE WORKMANSHIP ... All 97 houses on Group Housing's Zone 9 development have been shoddily built. Residents are suing the company for damages.**

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nesburg, the estate agency which was then marketing Pentax's properties, and which had arranged the deal with Property Express, was told Pentax's had taken up the Annexure C matter with the chairman of the council's executive committee, who had undertaken to "investigate and solve any problems which may arise".

The chairman at that time was Councillor Fred Phiri, who was unseated from the council this week. Phiri was removed from the chairmanship of the executive last month after the council heard allegations of his involvement in bribery and corruption.

In July, Piet Smit warned CB Estates that "your agents should not have interfered directly. This office specifically instructed all parties concerned that no direct contact must take place with any authorities of the council whatsoever".

Smit said he and his partner Tony Baxter had met the chairman of the council's executive committee and "in no uncertain terms were heavily rapped over the knuckles for outside interference, just as the problems were being solved".

Smit warned CB Estates that "stricter control (must) be exercised on your agents, otherwise we

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will have no option but to suggest you erase them from your team and cancel all existing deals pending".

Smit wrote to CB Estates on a letterhead from Group Housing Corporation (Pty) Ltd, the company he owned with Baxter, and which closed

down last June, facing claims for defective workmanship on 97 houses it built in Meadowlands.

This warning was followed by a letter dated August 2 from the Diepmeadow Council's Director of Housing, Jooste Mothapo, rezoning the sites residential and allocating them to Pentax's for development. The letter says an agreement must be entered into between Pentax's and the council.

By this time, Pentax's had sold the sites.

City Press confirmed with the Transvaal Provincial Administration that no agreements between Diepmeadow

Council and Pentax's had been approved by the TPA.

According to the Black Community Development's Act 4 of 1984, all Land Availability Agreements must be submitted to the provincial administrator for approval.

Property Express has taken from several of the ~~referrals and commissions~~ Pentax's a summons for its forfeited commission.

City Press asked the new chairman of the council executive committee and councillor for Diepkloof Zone 4, Godfrey Mokgoatjana, to investigate the allocations, but his findings were not available at the time of going to press.

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# Funds approved for Alex housing, services

By Shirley Woodgate

A massive injection of funds for the development of strife-torn Alexandra's 238 ha far East Bank has been approved by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC).

Last night the CWRSC voted R3 million for the provision of bulk and link services, assisted by an additional loan of R5,8 million from the Development Bank of Southern Africa.

Bridging finance amounting to R7,5 million has already been approved and a further R5 million will be advanced free of interest to the Transvaal Provincial Administration to assist with the development of the area, according to a report tabled at the monthly meeting.

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for low-income people on the far East Bank to relieve the over-crowding, the report said.

The first phase of the upgrading project will comprise 1 714 stands and Phase 2, involving the development of 2 139 stands at an estimated cost of R33 million, will get off the ground early next month with the help of the Independent Development Trust, the report stated.

## Budget

● The CWRSC voted R50 000 to assist the Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville councils to probe issues involved in the transfer of rented houses to the lessees.

Two single quarter hostels in Davidsonville are to be upgraded and converted into 50 sq m and 64 sq m two and three-bedroomed family flats with the help of the CWRSC.

● Melody McDougall of The Star's Vereeniging Bureau reports that the Vaal Triangle Regional Services Council (VRSC) last night approved a budget of just over R28,6 million, excluding

bulk services, for the coming year.

The 1992/1993 budget — the VRSC's sixth annual budget — is slightly less than last year.

In his budget speech, VRSC chairman Gustav du Toit said the current economic situation had also had its effect on the income of the Regional Services Council.

He said this was reflected in the fact that the council was budgeting for about the same amount as last year.

He added that of the estimated revenue of R28 619 282 for the 1992/1993 year, the sum of R26 million was in respect of levy income.

Almost no increase in revenue from levies was expected during the coming year, he said.

An increase in levy income of only R739 000, or 2,9 percent, was being budgeted for.

This was due to a decline in the number of levy payers, the decrease in the leviable amount from Eskom and the decline in the economy.

The total estimated expenditure for the year is expected to amount to just over R31 million.



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# Eskom plans to light up 700 000 homes

By Derek Tommey

Eskom has set its sights on providing electricity to 700 000 households in the next five years and will encourage local authorities to provide electricity to a further 2.3 million.

This was announced last night by Eskom managing director Dr Ian McRae who also reported a marked improvement in the payment of electricity bills by the residents of Alexandra.

He said that between January and September last year, sufficient

revenue had been received to cover only 6 percent of the bulk electricity bill. But in the five months ended February this year, 77 percent of the bulk bill had been paid.

Dr McRae said this followed an agreement between Eskom and the regional services council in September which provided for one-third of the bulk bill being paid by the RSC and two-thirds coming from pre-paid meters, with Eskom receiving a 14 percent agency fee.

Until pre-paid meters were installed, users would pay a flat rate of R50 a month.

Dr McRae said non-payment of electricity bills by certain local authorities remained a problem.

He said Eskom was working on 280 electrification projects. It had provided 38 051 households with electricity in 1990 but had a target of 164 000 households this year.

Eskom chairman John Maree said the demand for electrical appliances arising from the electrification programme could create work for more than a million people.

● Eskom pledges to keep costs down — Page 23



# Homeless rejoice as they find their place in the sun

NO, THE Moleleke Sun is not the newest link in the growing chain of glitz-and-glamour casino palaces. It's unlikely that Sol Kerzner knows it even exists. There are no roulette tables. No rows of one-arm bandits.

The Moleleke Sun is the house name painted on the black plastic sheet that forms the top of a rough-and-ready garden umbrella outside the modest new build-it-yourself home owned by a family of former squatters on the East Rand.

The selection of the name is a reminder of the irrepressible humour that can bubble out from the miseries of black poverty.

Visitors will find no electronic control panels fitted into bedside tables to switch TV and radio channels. The Eskom electricity grid hasn't reach here yet.

Instead, fastened on the hardboard wall of the kitchen, there is an ingenious gadget linked by a cobweb of electric wires to a set of small batteries. Once they have learnt the tricks, visitors can slide a device that looks like a matchbox across the top of a small homemade cardboard panel marked with simple handwritten instructions.

As one moves the matchbox, so an electric light turns on in the tiny sitting room, or in an even tinier bedroom, or in the cramped kitchen ... as long as the batteries last out. The next move switches on a portable radio — and music blares out of a broken guitar that has been converted into an extension loudspeaker and hangs on the wall alongside the front door.

Maria Tsotatsi claps her hands with joy.

"It's our number one hi-fi system," she giggles with obvious pride in her husband's inventiveness. "My husband made it and all the neighbours think it's wonderful."

A house-proud Maria insists we peep into all the rooms in her new home, fashioned out of a variety of materials from timber poles to hardboard and asbestos panels.

"In fact, my husband built the whole house himself." She taps her foot on the spotless floor. "It's the very first home of our own. Best of all, we own it lock stock and barrel — the land, the house, everything."

Husband Jonas, hit by the recession, is unemployed at the moment and has taken the bus to Johannesburg to hunt for a job. "We're holding thumbs he'll be lucky," says Maria. "But just in case ..."

Maria strides outside, under the Moleleke Sun garden shade, and down to the roadside. Four timber poles support a roof and a shop counter. Maria claps her hands with more glee. "When we have somehow saved a few more rands, we're going into business — selling cosmetics. I'm sure we'll do quite well."

The exuberance was shared by Johanna Radebe, a neighbour who was on hands and knees happily polishing the mirror finish of the gleaming red concrete floor of the stoep outside her timber house. Her three-year-old son Tankiso played with new chums.

Mrs Radebe, a single mother, admits she almost fainted when she learnt a few weeks ago that she had been selected to become the owner of one of the 1 500 house stands being allocated at no cost to homeless fami-

## INDEPENDENT DEVELOPMENT TRUST

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A new grassroots project to provide subsidised house stands for 1 500 homeless black families on the East Rand is a microcosm of the R750 million programme launched by the Independent Development Trust to tackle the housing crisis. It also underscores the tragic scale of the problem, reports MICHAEL CHESTER.



Home at last ... Maria Tsotatsi (left) in high spirits with neighbour Anna Hashatsi outside the Moleleke Sun.

lies in the area.

From meagre savings as a hawker, she had scraped together R150 to pay workers to lay concrete house foundations, R730 to buy timber and R450 to pay a team of builders to erect her new home.

Mrs Radebe was undaunted by the fact that her savings were almost exhausted. "Now I have the chance to start a permanent business," she says. "In a few days I shall open a vegetable stall here at home. Lots of neighbours tell me they will be regular customers."

The Tsotatsis and Radebes make typical profiles of the hundreds of low-income black families moving into Moleleke, a brand-new grassroots housing project being developed outside Germiston to help relieve the plight of homelessness on the East Rand.

In turn, Moleleke makes a typical profile of the nationwide network of new housing projects launched by the Independent Development Trust under its scheme to provide 100 000 house plots, all fitted out with basic running water and sanitation services, to homeless black families on the bottom rungs of the low-income ladder.

With each serviced site subsidised to the tune of R7 500, successful applicants are handed the house plots, plus the deeds proving full legal ownership, at no cost at all. The whole idea is that they then have freedom to erect whatever kind of shelter they choose — within their lim-

ited budgets.

Since each applicant must have proved that the main breadwinner was struggling to survive on R1 000 a month at most, and the family had never owned a home of its own until now, it may mean little more than a shack can be afforded at first.

But as dozens of interviews showed, the thrill of actual ownership of the plot acts as a powerful inspiration for hopes of improvements, even permanent brick-and-mortar homes in time.

"Our only disappointment is that the IDT cannot reach even more homeless families because of limits on our budget," says Mike Morkel, the IDT consultant who co-ordinates all 40 similar projects being tackled in the Transvaal.

"At Moleleke, our budget could stretch no further than 1 500 serviced stands of 200 to 250 square metres each, with tarred main roads and gravel minor roads. In fact, in less than three weeks we were inundated with 3 000 applications from families whose low incomes qualified them for assistance.

"As elsewhere, we called in the local community to decide on allocations — the Katlehong City Council, the Katlehong Civic Association, church leaders and so on. They worked out a points system to grade families by the degree of real need. It was all very democratic —

but we still had the heartbreak of having to turn away half the applicants.

"Equally important, though, we achieved the next objective. We make a key target with each project: total community involvement."

"It's amazing how many hatchets can be buried when a whole community gets together to form a steering committee to make major decisions themselves on how projects are developed and shaped to tackle longer-term planning."

Moleleke, started only a few months ago, is still in its infancy. But by June all 1 500 serviced sites will have been completed and taken over. The population will have swollen to about 10 000 on the basis of average family size.

The frustrations caused to the IDT by the limits set by budget restrictions have deepened as nationwide patterns have emerged since the programme was first unveiled in 1990.

It sounded a lot when a whopping R750 million slice of total IDT funds of R2 billion was assigned to the capital subsidy scheme for 100 000 serviced house sites — enough to accommodate 700 000 victims of homelessness.

But the awesome scale of gross poverty struck home deeper than ever when the tidal wave of applications hit the IDT head office in Cape Town. No fewer than 640 000 families were standing in line.

"It tears at your guts when you realise the extent of utter poverty," says director of housing Ben van der Ross. "We reckon a massive 1 million homeless families in fact qualify for the scheme on the basis of proof they are struggling on joint incomes below R1 000 a month. The total may be still higher."

"It means our R750 million budget, as large as it sounds, can meet no more than 10 per cent of demand at best. It's tragic to try to explain that the number and size of projects we can tackle is limited by financial resources."

For the moment, Mr van der Ross tries to keep frustrations at bay by making certain that every single rand and cent makes optimum impact. The satisfaction comes when nationwide progress-reports flow in.

The list of site developments under way is growing faster and faster. Many of them are greenfields projects, carving brand new housing estates out of virgin veld. Others are aimed at bringing improvements to huge squatter settlements which — in mixtures of humour or anger — have been given names like Soweto-on-Sea, outside Port Elizabeth, and Freedom Square, outside Bloemfontein.

As the pace speeds up, the rate at which serviced sites are being handed over is expected to reach about 8 000 a month by October.

It also means, however, that the balance of the R750 million budget is sinking faster and faster. "By the end of the year, about R600 million of it will already have been ploughed into projects," says Mr van der Ross. "The balance has long been committed."

"New injections of funds have become crucial if we are going to make a bigger dent in the problem. More financial support is now urgent to keep the programme going." □



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## Property

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# Station upgrade getting on track

Soweto 2/4/92

THE upgrading of eleven railway stations in Soweto by black property and construction developers and individual companies gets off the ground this month.

Intensive consultation has taken place between the South African Rail Commuter Corporation (SARCC), the black-owned Marketing Builder Services (MBS) and the Soweto Home-Builders Association (SHBA) towards the massive project.

This was said by the corporation's communications manager, Mrs Connie Nkosi, at a Press briefing in Johannesburg this week.

The money for the projects would come from the R290-million which was approved by the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, in his 1992/93 Budget.

They have also consulted other groups, such as civic associations, trade unions and political organisations on the project, which she said, would create jobs.

"We want to refurbish the stations so that they should look attractive. We appeal to the community to stop destroying the railway properties because they are also yours," she said.

### Informal business

At the same briefing, SARCC's manager, Mr Kobie Nel, said that the company was planning to build shops, entertainment and informal business centres near the railway stations.

He said that police stations would also be built near the stations where people could report their cases in case of violence on trains.

This, he said, would probably help curb the escalating violence that has claimed many lives on trains in the past few months.

It was also their wish to develop entrepreneurial skills among the black community so that they could help the country's economy to grow as well as to help themselves.

He added that all these projects would be undertaken in consultation with the community.

The managing director of MBS, Mr Ken Dlamini, yesterday confirmed that they had been consulted by the SARCC in order to participate in development of the projects. It was expected that finality on the issue would be reached tomorrow.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO



Communications manager CONNIE NKOSI



# Family units to be built for hostel dwellers

By Louise Burgers  
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A portion of Power Park, Soweto, will be developed by the Johannesburg City Council as a pilot project to provide family housing for hostel dwellers.

A survey carried out by the Human Sciences Research Council last year at council-owned hostels revealed that it would be too costly to develop all existing hostels into family units.

The HSRC surveyed a sample

of hostel dwellers during November last year and a report was handed to the city council last month.

Between 50 and 65 percent of respondents preferred any other accommodation to living in a hostel. The most important reasons for staying in the hostels were that families stayed elsewhere, that hostels were closer to work and that inmates could not afford to buy homes.

Of the "other type of accommodation" preferred, 60 percent of respondents in each hostel preferred a house. The choice of area was Johannesburg, followed by Soweto.

More than 85 percent of respondents in each hostel indicated they preferred to rent. According to researchers, this is probably attributable to the perception that buying a home is beyond what they can afford or are prepared to pay.

The HSRC report said a definite need existed for hostel dwellers to have access to other forms of accommodation. The council has reserved a portion of land in Power Park (Portion C) for township purposes and the planning directorate is busy designing a layout to enable family units to be constructed.

It will cost the council R2 million to service the approximately 130 sites available in Power Park.

It is proposed that as staff move from the hostels to the proposed family units, the existing family-type accommodation be converted to bachelor or family-type units.

## Electricity upgrading cancelled

PRETORIA — The financing of a R32m project to upgrade electricity in Atteridgeville township, outside Pretoria, was cancelled with effect from yesterday, the area's regional services council has announced.

A joint statement was issued in Pretoria by RSC chairman Piet Delpont and township administrator Martiens Nel.

Delpont said: "Because of the withdrawal of finances the Atteridgeville . . . council had no other option but to cancel its contract with the project contractors, as Atteridgeville had no money to pay them."

Measures to upgrade electricity in the township included the installation of Budget Energy Control (BEC) meters in every household. Now the 800 already in place would have to be removed, Delpont said. *3/4/92*

The statement said before cancelling the project, the Atteridgeville administrator had tried to find finance elsewhere, but without success.

Delpont said the decision to halt financing was taken because of Atteridgeville residents' opposition to the BEC meters.

Earlier the RSC said BECs would have enabled residents to control their electricity bills. — Sapa.



# 5 000 Evaton homes to get power

By JOSHUA  
RABOROKO

ABOUT 5 000 houses in Evaton are to be electrified at a cost of R10 million before the end of the year.

Construction work on phases five and six will start this month.

A contractor has been appointed and will move onto site before the end of next week, according to Mr Paul O'Conner, Eskom's manager of sales and customer services in South Vaal.

## Substation

O'Conner said a new substation was being constructed on the northern boundary of the township.

He said the substation would start supplying power within the next two to three months.

Residents would enjoy the benefits of electricity dispensers which would allow them to plan and budget for their consumption, he added.

An Eskom service centre has also been established in the township.

The main objective of the centre will be to provide residents with advice on all electricity-related matters.

# Car hire industry cuts down on new vehicles

Blom 16/4/92

EDWARD WEST

THE big three companies dominating SA's car hire industry will buy between 10 000 and 13 000 new vehicles this year, about 30% less than last year, Budget MD Tony Langley said yesterday.

Describing trading conditions as tough this year, he said the number of rental days sold by the industry in February at an average 72% capacity utilisation amounted to 2,6-million, 17,5% lower than the 3-million days recorded in the same month last year, which in turn was 12,5% lower than the 3,5-million days in February 1990.

Imperial Car Hire MD Carol Scott said Imperial would buy about 6 500 new cars this year, 300 of which would be from BMW's new 3-Series range. These would be used mainly for businessmen and foreign tourists — of which there had been an upsurge since October last year, she said.

Scott said the company planned to keep a lid on rates following the 1% decline in interest rates earlier this year. Trading conditions in February and March had

been boosted 16% over the same two months in the previous year by rentals from foreign tourists.

Avis will also take advantage of the models launched this year and has spent more than R7m on 80 new BMW 3-Series and more than R4m on 50 Audi 500 SELs, a company statement said. Avis planned to buy about 5 000 vehicles this year.

Budget's Langley said car hire companies were involved to some extent in the launch of new vehicles. Businessmen hired new models to test them, either for individual or company fleet purchases.

Avis and Imperial said business in the industry — which traditionally led an upturn in the economy — had improved rapidly in the first months of this year. Rental volumes dropped 20% in 1991 compared to the previous year. Last year the companies forecast a total fleet of 15 000 vehicles for 1992.

## Final sequestration order against Du Plessis

DESPERATE attempts by the children of former Cabinet Minister Pietie du Plessis to save him from bankruptcy failed yesterday when a final sequestration order was granted against him in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

The order, by Judge H J Preiss, concluded months of litigation, during which Du Plessis stalled his final liquidation on

several occasions.

Investec Merchant Bank Ltd obtained provisional sequestration orders last month against Du Plessis and his son Johan, who owed the bank nearly R1,4m after signing surety for the debts of an investment company they formed to develop the platteland town of Steelpoort.

The venture failed, and Steelpoort was sold at a loss of more than R1m. — Sapa.

## More power for Soweto

Blom 16/4/92  
WILSON ZWANE  
and ADRIAN HADLAND

ESKOM has begun a multi-million-rand project to upgrade Soweto's electricity supply network. (343)

Eskom CE Ian McRae said in a statement yesterday the project was launched after it took over electricity supply to the township from the Soweto City Council last month.

Eskom was committed to bringing the level of service in the township to the same level as that of "other domestic customers in SA".

"We have started addressing the most pressing issues, such as the replacement of broken meters and updating the customer database," he said. (343)

Eskom had agreed to implement the tariffs negotiated by parties to the Soweto Accord, a spokesman said.

"A new tariff based on actual costs will be introduced after negotiations have taken place," McRae said.

The Soweto Civic Association recently called for a rent boycott but said the R33,80 tariff for electricity, now controlled by Eskom, should be paid.

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# SOWETAN

## Building the Nation

# Evaton is soon to be electrified

By Joshua Raboroko

ABOUT 5 000 houses in Evaton are to be electrified before the end of the year.

This follows an announcement by Eskom that construction work on Evaton electricity network in phases five and six will start this month.

A contractor has been appointed and will move onto site before the end of next week, according to Eskom's manager of sales and customer services (South Vaal), Mr Paul O'Conner, this week.

The plan, to cost the company about R10-million, is to connect 5 000 houses by the end of the year.

To enable it to provide electricity to Evaton, a new substation, Jetta, was being constructed.

Construction of the substation, on the northern boundary of the town, was progressing well and electricity supply for this substation should be available within two to three months.

Residents would enjoy the benefits of electricity dispensers which would allow them to plan and budget for their consumption, he added.

An Eskom service centre has been established in the township. It is adjacent to the city council offices and the post office.

The main objective of the centre will be to provide residents with advice on all electricity related aspects.

Although residents are encouraged to visit the centre, electricity advisers will also visit residents at their homes prior to connections.

The centre will be taken into service soon and customers will be able to apply for electricity from May.

O'Conner said: "Residents have long waited for electricity. It is now within their grasp and there is no doubt that many lives are going to be made easier."



Low-cost housing has been given a big boost by the announcement that pension funds are to be utilised to help alleviate the housing crisis.



# Power rates to be set

By SOPHIE TEMA

C/PRES 19/4/92

A NEW tariff based on actual electricity costs will be introduced by Eskom after agreement has been reached between the parties that were involved in the Soweto Accord of September 1990.

After the accord was signed Eskom agreed to implement tariffs negotiated by the Soweto, Diepsig and Dobsonville city councils, the TPA and the Soweto People's Delegation until such time as certain minimum standards in the supply of electricity were met.

Eskom has begun upgrading and improving the electricity supply network in Soweto following its takeover of the system from the Soweto City Council.

Eskom chief executive Dr Ian McRae announced in Johannesburg this week the takeover was the result of an agreement between itself and the council.

McRae said the agreement followed lengthy negotiations with the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, the TPA, The Regional Services Council and the Soweto Civic Association.

## High level

He said: "I believe this agreement is in the best interests of all parties concerned, particularly the electricity consumers of Soweto.

"Eskom is committed to building up the level of services in Soweto to be on a par with that of other domestic consumers in SA. Eskom is conscious of the need to provide a consistently high level of service to all electricity users.

"We believe we are ideally placed in terms of technical, administrative and managerial resources to provide a good service to Soweto.

"In this regard the secondment of Soweto electricity staff will be an important factor contributing to the success of normalising electricity supply.

"We know that this process is not going to be instantaneous or easy. However, we have commenced addressing the most pressing issues first, such as the replacement of broken meters and the upgrading of the customer base," said McRae.



## Property

# Eskom planning Soweto upgrade

*Soweto 23/4/92*  
By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Eskom is inviting Soweto entrepreneurs to tender for the upgrading and improvement of electricity networks following its take-over of electricity from the local council.

The company recognises the vital role black business people are playing in creating jobs, development of their communities and building wealth while being entrepreneurial and innovative.

Eskom's Johannesburg portfolio manager Mrs Laetitia van Staden said they were assessing the electrical network in Soweto and had started inviting tenders for different aspects that needed to be addressed.

Contractors employed by the Soweto Council would complete their existing contracts. However, she added, other black business people were invited to tender to win profitable contracts.

Van Staden warned that residents must not give money to anyone claiming they have to be paid for work done on the company's behalf or for electricity.

The only place where money for electricity must change hands and where they could pay was at one of Eskom's independent customer service centres.

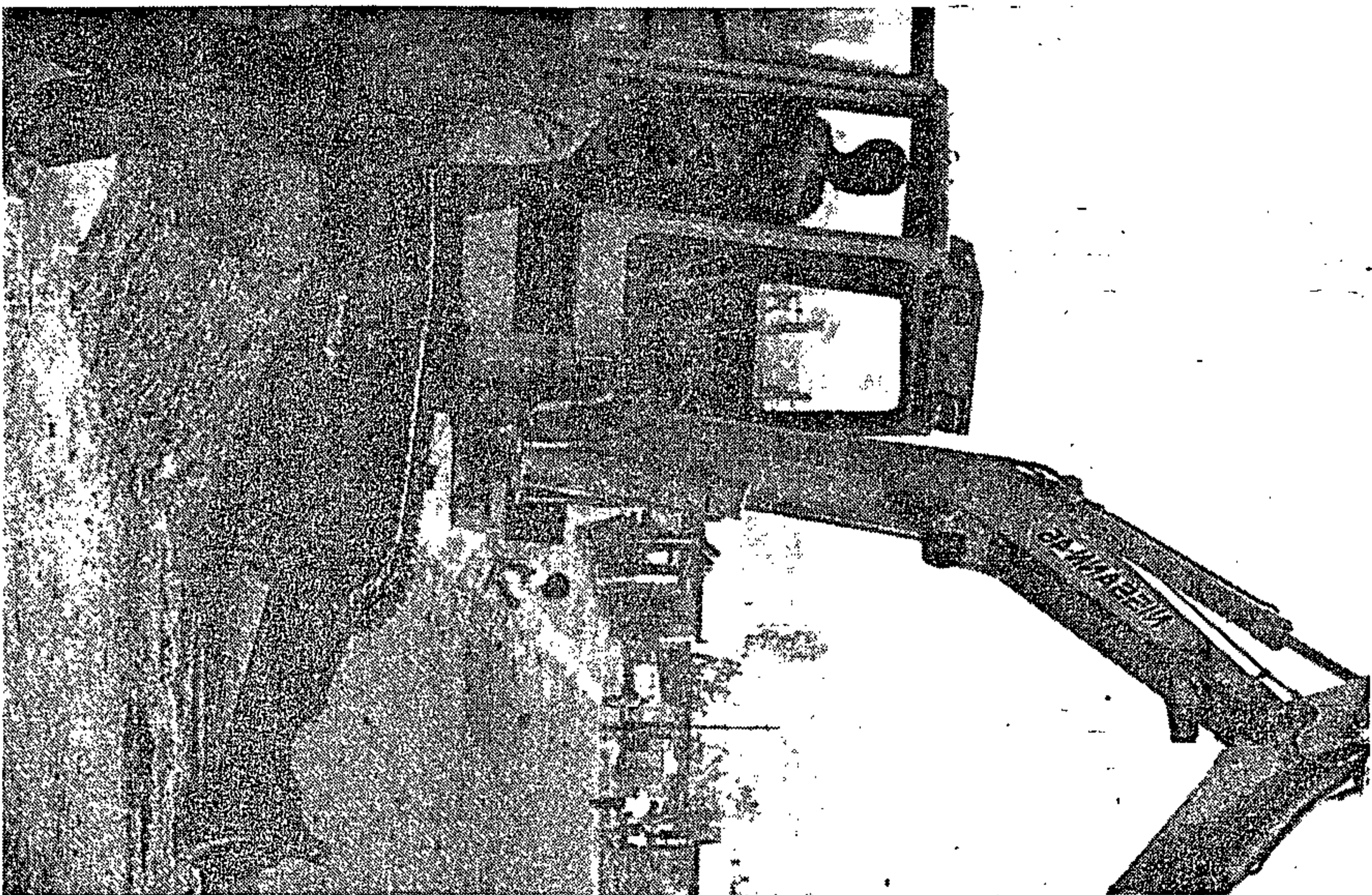
In Soweto these independent service centres have been erected near to the town offices in Orlando East, Orlando West, Pinville, Moroka/Jabavu, Protea, Senaane, Tshiawelo, Mofolo/Zondi, Zola, Tladi and Jabulani Civic Centre.

Black contractors who wish to tender must have the necessary skills and resources.

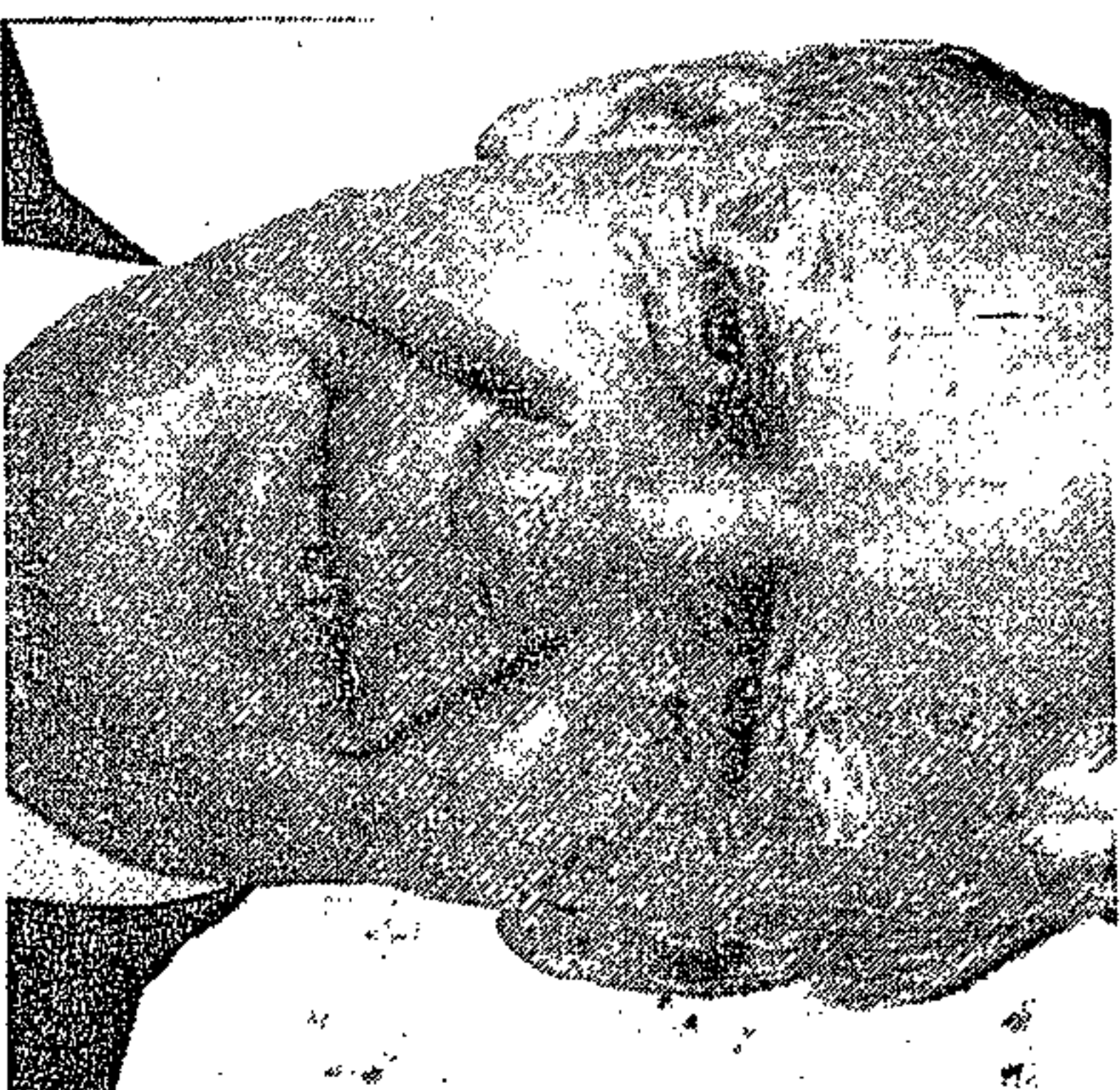
They should apply to: Eskom Customer Service Manager Johannesburg District, P.O. Box 8610, Johannesburg or telephone (011) 711-2389.

Their applications would be assessed and if successful would be granted contracts.

The Eskom take-over is the result of an agreement



FLASHBACK: Electricity being installed in Soweto.



IAN MACRAE

between the company and the Soweto Council following discussions with the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber, TPA, the Regional Service Council and the Soweto Civic Association.

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# Novel plan for low-cost city housing

By FERRAL HAFJAJEE

AN ambitious social housing plan could be just the ingredient the Johannesburg inner city needs to shake off the decay and the grime that large scale urbanisation has brought in its wake.

But the plan all depends on "creative financing" policies. And by this the project planners mean low interest rates from banks and subsidies from the government and parastatals involved in housing.

Residents' association Actstop last year offered to buy seven buildings in Joubert Park and the city centre from landlord David Gorfill.

Gorfill has had his fill of rent struggles, of commercial instead of residential rates and taxes and excessive water and electricity bills — he wanted to sell quickly, even to his tenants.

"I get about R200 000 a month in rentals on these buildings and about R110 000 of this goes to the city council," says Gorfill.

In the first plan of its kind in the country, residents hope to buy the seven buildings as a social housing scheme and run them co-operatively. An elected management committee drawn from the

**Making a home ... A building soon to be administered by residents**

Photo: GUY ADAMS

tenants will administer the buildings. They will set the internal by-laws, determining everything from how many pets a family may have to making plans for people to move from bigger to smaller flats as family size dictates.

Social housing usually refers to affordable housing in the inner city which will provide security of tenure for the flat-dwellers. Its co-operative feature is that the residents will own and manage the

buildings.

The buildings will be removed from the marketplace and be maintained as a stock of low-cost housing to prevent gentrification or slummification of the inner city.

During an interim phase which will last between three and five years, the residents will be armed with the "management and organisational skills that they will need to take over control of the building".

A development organisation involved in this type of work, the Co-operative Planning and Education (Cope), will work with the tenants in weekly workshops teaching the necessary skills. Already they have begun work organising residents into campaigns to entrust them with responsibilities and teach tenants organising skills.

A Section 21 company (not for gain) will initially own the building and lease to the tenants as a tenant-friendly lessor. After this period, "tenants will assume full control and ownership of the buildings", says Odette Geldenhuys of the Legal Resources Centre, which spearheads the project.

The path to full tenant control will be a rocky one: loan assistance in South Africa is guaranteed to help individual property owners not lessees or co-owners.

Bankers are interested in the idea but are wary of the co-operative form of ownership. And they are still considering the suggestion that tenants be given a loan at a preferential interest rate of 11,5 percent rather than the market 19,5 percent.

The asking price of the buildings is another problem: while Gorfill's pricetag of R8-million for seven buildings may not seem a lot, tenants are not prepared to pay more than R5-million.

Gorfill this week told *The Weekly Mail* he had a buyer waiting in the wings willing to pay his price.

Tenants say the buildings are in a sorry state and the most basic infrastructure has gone to ruin: lifts do not work, the plumbing needs to be completely overhauled, all the buildings need to be rewired and most of the foyers and garages rebuilt.

These renovations will cost millions, says Patrick Bond of Planact, the development agency which is handling the financial side of the project.

Where possible the renovations will be undertaken by skilled people in the community.



## STANHOPE MANSIONS



# Tenants trek to better sites in Soweto

SA Press  
Association

MORE than 200 residents of the Tladi squatter camp will be resettled at serviced sites at Doornkop, also in Soweto.

The secretary of the Tladi Camp Committee, Mr Henson Pantwana, said yesterday the squatter camp was set up in 1986 as a temporary measure. The move to Doornkop comes years after negotiations with the Transvaal Provincial Administration.

## Celebrate

"We were told that we would only remain there for about three months."

He said they negotiated with the Soweto Council and then with the TPA before the alternative sites were made available.

Toilets and water would be provided at the new sites. But the residents would have to build their own homes.

The trek will involve 213 shack residents, excluding 80 families who have already moved to Doornkop.

To celebrate the move, the camp committee has decided to hold a farewell party on Sunday.

"Those who have already left will be coming back to Tladi for the party, just to say bye-bye to the camp," said a joyful Pantwana.



Pent-up anger in the strife-torn Alexandra is thick, even though the violence has subsided.

# Turn hostels into homes

THE demand by the people of Alexandra is that the hostels, from which most of the violence emanates, should be demolished and converted into family units - and there should be no compromise on this, chairman of the Alexandra Peace Forum, the Reverend Busani Ngubane said.

Ngubane recounted incidents in which dead bodies had been found alongside the Madala Hostel.

"This is happening all the time, even though there appears to be some quiet in the area," he said.

He said these killings had reduced the residents near the hostels into a bundle of nerves.

Coupled with the killings, most of the residents staying around Beirut area, which is regarded as a "no-go" area, have been displaced.

Their houses are now occupied by hostel inmates.

The ANC representative in the area, Mr Obed Bapela, said Beirut was becoming an eyesore.

"The area is becoming a health hazard as filth accumulates," Bapela said.

Bapela also disclosed that the ANC would be meeting the Minister of Law and Order with a view to having it declared a disaster area.

The meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday.

Part of the solution to the problem lay in the willingness of business people to donate funds towards the housing development project.

The other lay in the lap of the police.

"They should stop chickening out and start flushing out the criminal element," said Ngubane.

This element, argued Ngubane, has made the hostels their launching pad, from which to attack the residents.

Ngubane said his organisation was convinced that the police were not doing enough to catch criminals that are living in the hos-

Staff writer JOE MDHLELA spoke to the chairman of the Alexandra Peace Forum, the Reverend Busani Ngubane.

tels.

He also suggested that the hostels, especially the Madala Hostel, was used to store a wide range of ammunition.

Even the theory that the hostel inmates were armed by white people, had some semblance of truth, he said.

"Most of the inmates are not sophisticated people. Which brings us to the question:

"Who could be supplying them with arms?" Ngubane asked.

"We have information that there is a large stockpile of arms in the hostels.

We have provided this information to the police and nothing has happened.

"If the police are serious about peace being restored in Alexandra, they will need to stop dragging their feet and do something constructive to disarm hostel inmates," Ngubane said.

The excuse the police often made that they were short-staffed was not good enough.

"We reject this argument as invalid. When they raid our people they are not short-staffed, but when they have to police the hostels they make these ludi-

crous excuse," charged Ngubane.

**FACTFILE:** Number of people killed since outbreak of violence on March 7: 580.

Houses destroyed through fire: 30

Number of people displaced: 685

60 families at East Bank Hall; 110 families at Alexandra Council chambers; 20 families at Bovet Primary School; 15 families at Ikage Primary School; 30 families at Presbyterian Church; Ten families at Lombardy East Methodist Church; and many other families staying with relations in the Alexandra, E Rand, Soweto and Pretoria.



THE REVEREND BUSANI NGUBANE



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# Township smog 'a health hazard'

Monday 28/4/92

ADRIAN HADLAND

COALFIRE smog in Soweto has been measured at more than double acceptable worldwide levels, Eskom scientist Colin Turner said yesterday.

If this was typical of other townships, the health of millions of South Africans could be affected, he said.

In a paper presented at an Eskom conference on technological and engineering research, Turner said Soweto's pollution levels exceeded international guidelines for 25% of the year.

He said the main pollutant was fine particulate mass (FPM), the product of burning coal.

Eskom established a pollution monitoring station in Soweto's Dhlamini suburb in August 1990. Turner was presenting the results yesterday of the first year of the station's operations.

"On some days, the level of FPM was so high in Soweto that it went off the scale of our instruments," he said.

Turner suggested that while "township smoke has the greatest immediate impact on the immediate environment of the township itself, it is nonetheless transported by wind to surrounding areas".

The introduction of the Clean Air Act of 1965 had caused smog and sulphur dioxide levels to decrease by about 1,5% a year over the last 20 years, Turner said. But SA's townships had never been subject to the act and as a result, all towns and cities had been affected.

The control of pollutants, and particularly of FPM, "warrants urgent attention", Turner said.

"Concentrations regularly exceed internationally accepted standards and adverse health effects can therefore be expected."

Turner suggested the provision of cheap electricity was the ideal solution to the high pollution levels.

"The use of electricity to replace coal combustion in the townships would provide a complete solution to township air quality degradation," he said.

Zululand University sociologist Prof Herbert Vilikazi told the conference the proposed extension of the national electricity grid to incorporate more than 3-million people in rural and urban areas could provide a major impetus for SA's economic development.

"In the 20th century, economic development is unthinkable without electricity in both the production and distribution of products," he said.

The electrification of SA would have enormous economic consequences by incorporating black South Africans into the industrial economy.

Vilikazi said more than two-thirds of SA's black population had no access to electricity and were therefore not contributing to the efficient operation of the economy.

# "Send funds direct"

Soweto - 30/4/92

SOWETO black entrepreneurs believe that vast funds allocated to black housing and upgrading of township projects should be channelled directly to black builders.

The secretary of the Soweto Developers and Builders Forum, Mr Chris Jiyane, said that they made proposals to the local authorities and the Department of Education and Training (DET).

They held discussions with the Soweto City Council about the allocation of sites, building of homes and upgrading and improvement of projects in the townships.

Recognising problems inherent in this situation, the council requested the local builders to form a community-based organisation to represent black builders and developers in Soweto.

The forum proposed to take jobs such as improvement of roads, building and renovation of homes, schools and recreational facilities.

By so doing, he added, the forum would create wealth for entrepreneurs and jobs for the poor families, already reeling under the escalating cost of living and at a time when the country's unemployment rate is swelling daily due to the recession.

It is estimated that about four to six million people are unemployed in South Africa, according to unofficial reports, while the government puts the figure at a million

unemployed.

Jiyane said that the forum aimed at generating employment and business opportunities for black builders, developers and allied traders in the townships.

"We also aim to educate our people in all aspects of home ownership," he added.

Many school buildings in Soweto were dilapidated with broken windows and rafters destroyed as a result of unrest and mayhem in the townships.

"We have appealed to DET, through the funds available from the Government, to give contracts to black builders and developers to repair damage at schools," he said.

He added that the forum had emphasised to the authorities that it was vital to give such contracts to blacks to enable them to earn a living.

During the course of these events, he said, the forum would engage and teach youths how to fit windows as well as to inculcate the sense of belonging and responsibility in the community.

"We also hope they will earn money to further their education," he added.

Jiyane said black builders knew best what sort of houses to provide as well as opportunities that existed for small builders in their areas.

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# Employers asked to help with houses

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THE importance of assistance in home ownership is becoming increasingly evident to employers, according to the South African Housing Trust (SAHT).

The time has come for employers to become involved in dealing with the housing needs of their employees.

Recently Trans-Natal Collieries Limited, a large coal mining group within the Genmin group, committed itself to housing their employees.

After consulting numerous companies and organisations, Trans-Natal chose to use SAHT with its somewhat unique approach to company housing schemes — using the bottom-up consultants method.

"Through our commitment to finding housing solutions, the SAHT have proved to be the perfect vehicle for this rational holistic approach towards housing.

"Trans-Natal realised that the search for housing solutions requires certain changes in management thinking.

"This change is unilateral and it is evident that employers are taking steps to familiarise themselves with the housing circumstances and needs of their staff before adopting a housing policy, if necessary, in order that it may be best applied and to the benefit of all employees."

Housing schemes and policy are only effective if they are supported by the employees and they should therefore be involved in the setting up and implementing of policy.

This approach is effective in establishing the preference and housing needs of employees. A survey has been undertaken, using a sample of three mines in the Middleburg area.

One hundred employees were interviewed at each mine with the assistance of the mine personnel. These random samples were broken up evenly into categories, including age and income, in order to establish an even distribution of all employees.

Only 44 percent of all employees wished to purchase

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

homes within the area of their employment within the next year.

Their reasons were varied and included the possibility of farming in their "home" areas as well as the extended family concept in the area of origin.

It was therefore, ascertained that employees are prepared to spend R200 of their monthly income (over and above their housing allowance) on housing.

About 40 percent of these employees earn between R500 and R800 a month which indicates that owning a home of their own has a high monetary value to them.

"The findings enabled us to draw conclusions which not only relate to the size of the developments which are to be planned, but also to the type of product and price which would be acceptable.

"The SAHT is now in a position to provide the best service to Trans-Natal."

Having access to the information, the SAHT can advise on housing policy, provide relevant training, and facilitate the housing of individuals on relevant SAHT projects.

Employees' needs and preferences could therefore be considered when accommodating them on SAHT facilitated projects, bearing in mind cost and quality constraints.

Where the SAHT did not deem it appropriate to initiate projects they can give advice as to possible other private sector project management services and can act as a consultant in this regard.

Therefore (as a team) Trans-Natal (employer and employees) and the SAHT are in a position to successfully implement any housing schemes or policies the former finds equitable with its internal constraints and practices.

# 1 000 homes for Soweto

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BASIL Read Homes has built more than 1 000 new homes in Protea Glen, Soweto, despite the bad economic climate and high interest rates.

For most of the buyers, this was the first time they bought and many have established gardens, boundary walls, carports, paved driveways and installed decorative grills on their properties.

The company's director, Mr Hugh Sanders, said construction of services and

houses were already underway in the second phase, Protea Glen Extension One.

A number of additional phases were planned for the future as the suburb extended down to the Potchefstroom highway.

He said prices were extremely competitive and for customer convenience, maintained a construction and sales offices on site as well as in Johannesburg.



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# Power in Soweto 343 at R33,80

By SYDNEY MOSES

**ELECTRICITY** consumers in Greater Soweto have started paying bills of R33,80 a month after Eskom took over the direct supply of power.

Consumers had refused to pay council electricity bills, complaining of high charges and meter problems. Eskom's Paul Mare said: "After normalisation of the meters, residents will have to pay standard tariffs according to units consumed."

## 20 000 houses given to residents

ALMOST 20 000 township houses in the PWV had been transferred free of charge to residents under either leasehold or full ownership arrangements, a TPA spokesman said yesterday.

In the PWV, 18 509 houses had been transferred on leasehold contracts and 822 signed over to full ownership. In the rest of the Transvaal, 1 525 homes had been handed over in both categories.

A proposal to transfer the houses, which were owned by black local authorities, was submitted to Housing Minister Leon Wessels in December last year by the TPA and the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber.

The proposal stemmed from the

ADRIAN HADLAND

Greater Soweto Accord signed by local civic and government authorities in September 1990. It was hoped potential rent income from the houses would be offset by a lowering of maintenance costs.

The transfer scheme, however, is being hampered by residents' lack of information. The TPA spokesman said an advertising campaign was under way to make residents aware of the possibilities of ownership. Only 14 000 applications for full ownership rights had been received in the Transvaal, she said, and 20 000 for leasehold.



# Pay-first electric meters for Alex

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Business Times Reporter

19/5/92

SPESCOM has won an order to supply its pre-payment electricity meters (PM) to Alexandra township, next to Sandton.

Senior project engineer Peter Hinks says the order is for 7 500 Spescom Cashpower 2000 TM units.

The requirement is for an estimated 15 000 households.

Mr Hinks says: "This is a business opportunity for Spescom."

The provision of electricity is an integral part of an overall strategy to upgrade living conditions in Alexandra.

The introduction of PM is a component of this programme.

The Regional Services Council has charged Eskom with the responsibility for management, operation and maintenance of electricity supply to Alexandra.

Users will buy their electricity at convenient outlets.

PM allows the user to budget and control expenditure. The Spescom meter warns when credit is running out.

## Schools face insurance burden

KATHRYN STRACHAN

SCHOOLS will have to take responsibility for insuring their property and assets once the Model C system is implemented on August 1 — a development which is expected to increase fees significantly.

With the "privatisation" of schools under the Model C plan, ownership of property and assets will be transferred to the school's governing council from the state at a nominal fee.

Transvaal Education Department (TED) spokesman Willie van Staden said last week school governing bodies were concerned about the costs involved in insuring the assets, and premiums would make up a large part of school budgets.

In an effort to minimise expenses, the department would continue to be liable for repairs in the case of dam-

age to permanent structures as a result of natural disasters, fires and other unforeseen occurrences, including terrorist attacks.

Insurance broker John Haenen said schools would have to insure themselves from risks such as pupils injuring themselves, accidental breakage, vandalism and staff members' dishonesty. They would also have to insure valuable resources such as computer and media centres.

However, schools were generally at low risk from fire because there was little electrical equipment and no smoking on school premises. This would enable insurers to charge lower premiums, he said.

## Beating in order but overdone — judge

SUSAN RUSSELL

TEACHERS who caned a Randburg schoolboy had been entitled to punish him with six cuts but used excessive force, a Rand Supreme Court judge said when he awarded R2 560 damages to the boy's father on Friday.

In an action against the Education and Culture Minister, the parent claimed the headmaster and three teachers were responsible for his son having to receive medical and psychological treatment.

The schoolboy, who was 15 at the time, was given six cuts in November 1989 after he exposed himself to a group of girls in a dare for money.

His father sued the Minister and teachers for R13 472 for medical and psychological treatment, and pain and

suffering. He said his son had been unable to sit or lie on his back for a week, and was unable to attend school for five days.

Judge J Lazarus said the boy had initially lied about what he had done, which justified the punishment. His case had also been exaggerated.

"But none of this detracts from my view that the hiding given him was excessive." The judge said photographs showed blood blisters next to where the cane had struck.

There was evidence, he said, that the teacher had stopped the caning after the fifth cut, but was ordered to continue by the deputy headmaster.

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## Hostels seek talks on funds

WILSON ZWANE

HOSTEL residents will seek a meeting with government to discuss how money earmarked for upgrading hostels should be spent.

Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels announced last week that government was making R296,6m available this year to improve hostels.

It could not be established how much would be allocated to each province.

Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association chairman Joseph Kubheka said his organisation was happy with the money set aside for hostels.

However, his organisation needed assurances that the money would be "spent properly" and in consultation with hostel residents, Kubheka said.

"We will be requesting a meeting with Wessels within weeks to apprise him of our needs," he said.

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# New heart for the concrete jungle

**TO PAUL Battle**, director of Washington Innercity Self Help (WISH), the scene of the 1960 Sharpeville massacre was a bit of a letdown — a fast-food outlet on the historic site! But Hillbrow surprised all expectations.

The veteran community organizer from the US capital waxes close to lyrical on Johannesburg's neglected flatland.

"A. gravely deteriorated area? Oh no, not at all. In fact, I see it as a thriving community. I mean, there's a mix of people there, racially as well as income-wise. And that's what makes Hillbrow exciting."

In Washington and other places, we're trying to get residents back to inner cities. In Hillbrow you have stores and residents all together. You need to keep them to keep the neighborhood alive and thriving."

Mr Battle spent a month in South Africa recently, working with the tenants of the Seven Buildings Project who are devising ways to become the collective owners of the blocks of flats they occupy in Hillbrow. WISH has been involved in the development of housing co-operatives for poorer residents of the District of Columbia.

The Seven Buildings Project, managed by the Legal Resources Centre and assisted by Planact, Actstop, and Co-operative Education and Planning, is a bold new venture in South African housing.

"If it's successful — and we expect it to be successful — it is going to have major impact not just for Johannesburg but for South Africa. It'll be the first time that mostly black inner-city tenants will be able to purchase their buildings," Mr Battle said.

One of the major hurdles to be cleared by the tenants is financing their joint purchase. Last year virtually every major building institution bailed new co-ops out of the Hillbrow/outer Park area on the grounds that urban decay had created undue financial risk.

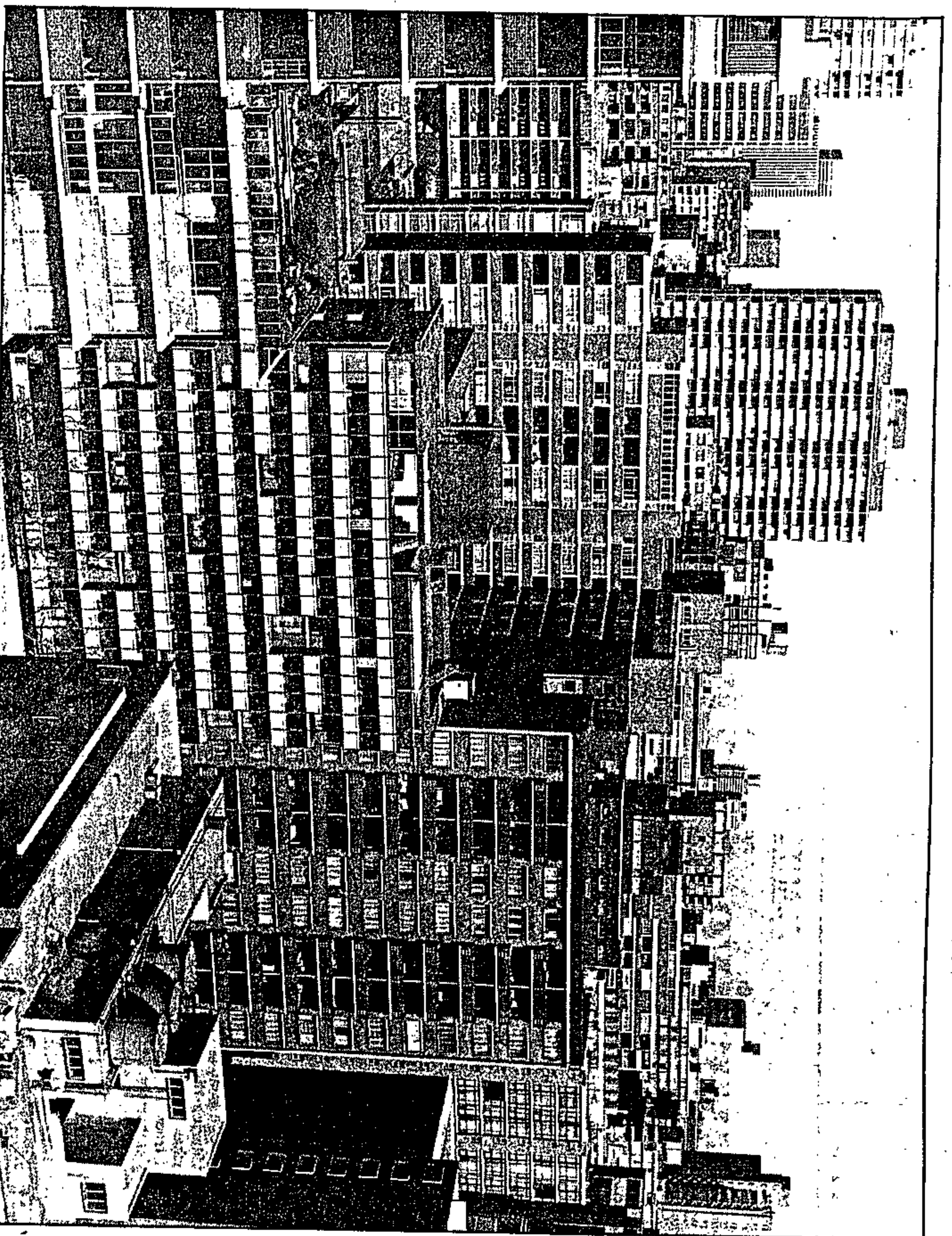
The policy — known as red-lining — has also been applied to banks in the US. But now prospective buyers in depressed neighbourhoods have the law on their side, in the shape of the



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**US housing expert Paul Battle (above) is trying to get people back into American inner cities. He took a look at Hillbrow (right) and discovered something special and exciting — a truly thriving, concrete community.**  
**JO-ANNE COLLINGE reports.**



**Community Reinvestment Act.** "This demands that banks and savings institutions meet the credit needs of the entire lending community. If they don't, they can be penalised," explained Mr Battle. He added: "In the District of Columbia and places like Chicago, city governments won't place their money in institu-

tions that are red-lining their cities." Things were not always that easy and WISH believes in using confrontation as a means to negotiation where necessary. Campaigns for socially responsible lending included leafleting outside banks and disrupting directors' meetings. In addition, WISH has been

instrumental in the establishment of a co-operative loan pool, involving several banks and known as Project LEND. Among other things, the pool offers 10-year fixed-rate loans to housing co-operatives and other non-profit developers. Mr Battle said banks perceived the pool as hedging their risks and it provided an oppor-

tunity for those who were red-lining to re-enter the market. "By pooling, their terms can be more variable," he added. A quick glance at the co-operative schemes supported by WISH reveals that they are usually financed by several agencies — commercial banks, the local authority, non-commercial lending institutions and

development agencies. Mr Battle — taken with the "character" of some buildings in the Hillbrow project, the marble floors and wooden finishes — believes that lenders would not be blind to the potential of such structures. "That leaves the question: Do the people have the know-how to make it successful?"

He spent most of his time here working on the "know-how" with tenants, "trying to see how they were communicating with each other, how well they understood what was happening, trying to make sure they are the primary group of actors and are just being pulled along. Being a good tenant is much simpler than being a good

co-op owner. The latter demands skilled interaction."

On the other hand, said Mr Battle, experience had shown that co-op owners had a certain unifying ethic. "We aren't talking about people who are looking at homes as investments, they're looking at homes as homes."

A limited equity co-operative scheme offered them a secure and reasonably priced roof over their heads; it did not offer huge profits. "The equity goes to the co-operative rather than to the individual," explained Mr Battle.

This protected the property from speculation, and successful owners could buy into the co-op at reasonable cost.

Typically, contracts and by-laws prevented co-ops from placing their property on the open market for the first 10 to 15 years after joint purchase.

As Mr Battle spoke it became clear that the struggle to house the poor in the US has resulted in enabling institutions and protective codes which South Africa lacks.

For instance, in Washington DC the law gives tenants the first right to buy if the building they live in is put on the market. The time-frames within which they must organise themselves, make an offer to purchase and raise the necessary capital are set by law.

Unlike SA, it is difficult for the landlord to push tenants out while the sale is being negotiated. "It makes it hard to negotiate a fair price when you sit with the big bomb of likely eviction over your head."

WISH has taken part, with others, in setting up a land trust which has bought the land under several co-operatives, while residents retain ownership of the building. This lowers the cost to residents and keeps the land permanently in trust for low-income communities.

Mr Battle left Johannesburg with the hope that his warm interaction with tenants and their advisers as well as productive contact with council officials "was not just a summer romance". He envisages it as the start of a series of exchanges between Washington and Johannesburg — tenant-to-tenant, council-to-council and bank-to-bank. □



# Building alliance beats all odds

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE newly-formed black-owned South African Developers and Builders Alliance is rapidly expanding despite the recession in the building industry.

The company has sold more than 75 homes in Mfundu Park near Vosloorus since its inception about 13 months ago.

It is presently involved in the development of 2000 homes in Port Elizabeth. Two equally large projects, in Rabie Ridge and Orchestra Extension, near Pretoria, are in the pipeline.

The alliance, formed by nine black builders and three white property developers, is an umbrella body for black contractors.

The chairman of the alliance, Mr Sydney Mnguni, said the alliance had also created 250 new jobs in Mfundu Park. He said he expected the number to increase. *Sowetan*

The alliance is aiming at building 40 new houses a month. *21/5/92*

Speaking at the completion of the 75th sale, Mnguni said the biggest setback was the unavailability of finance due to the reluctance by financial institutions to lend in townships.

He said, however, that the problem was being overcome by spreading the perceived financial risk equally among three major lending institutions.

The high standard of building had also helped to dispel these reservations.

Prices range from R42 500. Repayments for owners qualifying for a Government subsidy were in the region of R300 a month.

Mnguni said the design of the homes allowed for easy extensions.

The alliance believed, however, that the majority of buyers would eventually move to larger homes and make way for newcomers in the home ownership market.

So far that had happened to a limited extent with sellers making an exceptionally high return of 25 percent on their original investment in just 12 months.



## Lights for Orange Farm

*Sowetan 21/5/92*  
MORE than 3 000 households in Orange Farm near Vereeniging, which include many shacks, have been provided with electricity by Eskom since December.

Orange Farm, which has rudimentary services and no sewerage system, is being developed by the Transvaal Provincial Administration as a site-and-service project and has a population of 120 000 people. -Sapa

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# Premier offers <sup>24/5792</sup> workers a home

CP Reporter <sup>(343)</sup>

A MAJOR development near Orange Farm on the Golden Highway will give employees of Premier Milling the opportunity to own their own home.

The low cost housing development, which provides for some 400 houses, is currently in its first phase.

Eventually it will have its own shopping centre in addition to medical facilities and schools.

Known as Drieziek, the scheme is being co-ordinated by MBS Projects which views it as an important job-creation exercise.

Says director Ken Dlamini: "MBS members are committed to sub-contracting out to the smaller builder who would normally not have the chance to participate in a development such as this. Our role also extends to training and regular checks on workmanship."

MBS Project member GT Home Build Construction recently completed its first Driezik showhouse. A 45 square metre two-bedroomed home on a 160 square metre stand, it has been well received by potential buyers who will pay around R32 000 for similar accommodation.

Says GT Home Build's Joe Tshabangu: "We have contained prices without compromising on quality or aesthetics. For instance we opted for Tuffspan 'S' - rib-profiled roof sheeting - as an economical solution to roofing."



# RSC budget to focus on upgrading

A record Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) budget is expected today with more than 70 percent of expenditure going to upgrading of undeveloped areas. *STAR*

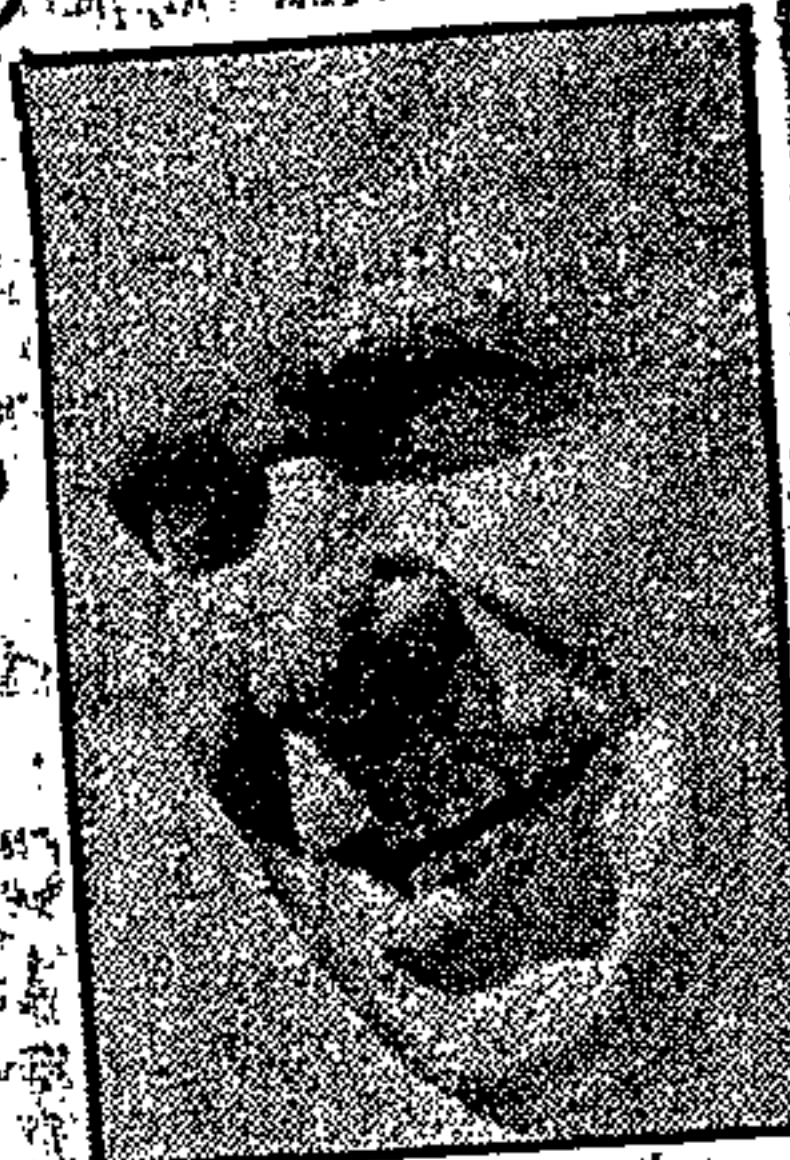
It is expected that more than R100 million alone will be allocated towards the operating costs of the non-viable aspects of black local authorities. *2715792*

Regional services councils were this year instructed by the Minister of Finance to make

15 percent of their income in the 1992/93 financial year available to fund the operating costs of black local authorities and to provide for transport subsidies. *(343)*

The Department of Transport has said passenger transport would be devolved to regional authorities such as the RSCs by next year.

Retiring CWRSC chairman John Griffiths will deliver his last budget address today. His successor will be announced soon. — Municipal Reporter.



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Thousands get own houses

**THE crucial need to house the homeless in South Africa tends to obscure the number of people who now own their own homes and live in rapidly developing townships.**

**JOHN Weaver**, chief executive officer of FHA Homes, established eight years ago by the Urban Foundation to develop housing projects, tells us how homes have been built in many communities and primarily for the poor.

and all the services that more people should examine comprise modern society. Fine the possibility of creat-

Over the past eight years, FHA Homes has purchased land throughout the PWV and has to date built well over 5 000 houses.

Many of these homes are in areas that were once used for agriculture but which are now bustling communities of families who need schools, shops, entertainment, creches, churches

A developing community has a variety of needs and residents would prefer not to have to travel too far to satisfy them. The Independent Development Trust (IDT) - set up

what in fact is a natural process.

In the early days of a township development there are needs for builders,

identifies a social need and canvasses support for it from outside agencies.

Rolihlatla School trained and employed local tradespeople and workers so that the R800 000 it cost to build was mainly retained by the community.

**joiners, painters, plumbers  
and electricians.**

Initially, the need for these trades may be for improvements, such as washing lines and burglar bars only, but as the community develops those that establish reputations for quality work and good service will grow into viable, long term businesses.

**Opportunities occur as well when the community identifies a social need and canvasses support for it from outside agencies.**

**When the Civic Association of Elwalwa on the East Rand conceived the idea of**

a multi-purpose school which would assist them in coping with the unfulfilled demands of a large child population, they sought the assistance of the IDT and Nedcor.

Now operating and capable of dealing with a pupil community, it has benefited from the investment and work opportunities.

The builders of the Rolihlatla School trained and employed local tradespeople and workers so that the R800 000 it cost to build was mainly retained by the community.



# Johannesburg's future needs a 'common vision'

A COMMON vision is a prerequisite for a future metropolitan Johannesburg and several factors have to be considered before this can be achieved.

This was the message behind an SA Property Owners Association (Sapoa) seminar last week, said SA Building Industries Federation (Bifsa) executive director Neil Fraser.

Summing up events at the conference held to discuss metropolitan Johannesburg's future, he said most of the six speakers had spoken on a unified approach to addressing the city's future.

Urban Foundation executive director Anne Bernstein questioned whether Johannesburg's vision was bold enough, and stressed that the city had to take on the challenge of the '90s.

To become a major international city, Johannesburg had to define its identity, then set a vision for the future and choose a strategy to achieve that vision, she said.

"Citizens must redefine the concept of their city, deciding what role it intended to play in the PWV region and nationally, what its boundaries should be and who should benefit from the city's taxbase."

All major players had to mobilise

and position Johannesburg on issues such as the protection of city interests at Codesa, financing and the city's growth and competitiveness on the world stage.

"We need a process where all key interests can set goals and objectives. Johannesburg has a window of opportunity in which to act and not be seen as a declining city in the world's urban hierarchy," Bernstein said.

Prof Alan Mabin of Wits University's town and regional planning department agreed, saying Johannesburg was now at a similar point of development as the Brazilian city Sao Paulo had been 20 years ago.

He said to prevent the illegal subdivision of land and "helter-skelter" growth, as happened in Sao Paulo — whose current population is 18-million — Johannesburg required a strategy to co-ordinate and encourage the direction of the city's physical growth.

Mabin said it was crucial to get in "on the ground floor", such as with the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber (CWMC), so that when a new dispensation came about, urban development was prominent.

Johannesburg Civic Association

general secretary Cas Coovadia, told delegates the civics had put a model to the CWMC, suggesting a way to manage interim local government. This model included nonracial elections for a metropolitan constituent assembly.

Coovadia envisioned such a metropolitan assembly first debating local government structures before putting their recommendations to national level.

Meanwhile, Johannesburg City Council management committee chairman Ian Davidson said he hoped for the resuscitation of the CWMC, now deadlocked over whether black councillors should participate in interim arrangements.

Davidson said should local government remain fragmented, the responsibility would pass to central or regional government.

"Social development, political stability and, most importantly, economic growth is possible for the Central Witwatersrand should the region's limited resources be pooled and local government restructured to fit reality," he said.

"We need to control our own urban destiny. But it is only possible if we are willingly prepared to share."

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# We will help you says newly- formed group

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By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE newly-formed Qondisa Estate Agency and Soweto Home Builders is offering help to people living in four-roomed houses.

Chief executive and coordinator for the Soweto Civic Association, Mr Graham Qondisa, yesterday said they were also offering advice on how to obtain bonds from financial institutions.

He said: "We are working hand in hand with the civic association and the banks to help the black community."

Their help was directed to those people who owned the old four-roomed houses.

They might want to obtain a bond for building two rooms and a garage behind the existing homes or to add bathroom and did not know how to go about it.

"Our advice is: consult your nearest or local civic

association and make arrangements with them to overcome your problems," he said.

He said that number of blacks living in informal dwellings in Soweto was estimated at more than 10 000.

The squatter problem was serious and contributed to the large scale violence that was sweeping through the townships today, he said.

"This problem must be resolved, otherwise we are sitting on a time-bomb. We cannot afford to lose more lives," he added.

The business was also concerned about the large number of people who were facing the prospect of losing their homes because they were unable to pay their bonds.

He warned that financial institutions had no right to evict or to repossess homes before considering the plight of the home-owners.

The agency was negotiating such problems with the institutions.

He said when buying a house, prospective owners must have a full understanding of what they were doing and what the result could be before signing documents.

"Do not just sign because you need a roof above your head," he said, adding that "it is exactly where you can get into trouble."

He was having consultations with the civic associations concerning housing problems.

He said he could be contacted at the Blackchain Centre in Diepkloof or telephone 936-1054.



# Toilets stain the countryside

A NEW scene greets the eye on the borders of some black townships.

These are rows and rows of corrugated iron structures which dot the veld as far as the eye can see.

They indicate that a site and service housing subsidy scheme is underway.

This is part of South Africa's response to the problem of homelessness for millions of the country's citizens - a legacy of the apartheid policy.

The driving force behind the project is the Government funded Independent Development Trust with R800 million to spend.

The site and service housing policy, however, is not without its critics.

Chief among them is Glen Mills, Professor of Architecture at the University of the Witwatersrand.

He says that this solution to the acute housing shortage merely perpetuates the monotonous and anti-social township housing layout as well as creating an endless spread of shanty towns.

Also taking a dim view of this development are some residents of KwaThema on the East Rand who have dubbed an area in which a site and service scheme is taking shape as Toilet View.

Meanwhile, site and service projects are mushrooming across the land.

IDT director of communications Mr Jolyon Nuttall has reported that their site and service subsidy scheme covered 104 projects involving 106 695 sites.

Each project had to be negotiated with a developer who in turn must involve community organisations about the size of the site, the nature of the services and most important, the allocation of the stands to the most deserving families.

Nuttall said there was jubilation in their ranks recently after the 50th project was signed up.

Approval of the 104 projects in principle was given by the IDT's trustees in July last year and 10 months later they were virtually at the halfway mark in finalising contracts.

Nuttall said: "Some developments are well underway, individuals have taken transfer of their stands and, with great verve and initiative, are erecting dwellings on them."

In a newspaper article, Mills said, as the intense debate surrounding the chronic South African housing shortage went on, there remained a persistent misunderstanding about the major social issue.

For all the deliberations of the major players, the IDT, Urban Foundation, Development Bank of Southern Africa, and the ANC's Department of Economic Policy, they appeared to be missing the point that housing was both process and product.

The path to home ownership, he said, was strewn with legal, financial and political barriers.

And while much was being debated and planned to get households through this morass of uncertainty, they had stopped short in systematically addressing the problem of what is being delivered, the thing on the ground, the house itself.

## Blacks segregated

Mills said: "In the past, township development was regarded as more than a mechanism of social control for it left blacks segregated and isolated on the cities' periphery and home ownership was never considered."

"With this in mind, it is both bewildering and alarming to note that within the process debate there is a clear implication, if not specification, that the site and service option is the desirable solution."

South Africa, Mills said, ran the risk of generating the shackland sprawl because the product side of housing was not absorbed into the process-dominated agenda.

"Thus by default more than by design, the new housing policy (if that is where the debate is headed) is going to deliver nothing less than an endless spread of shanty towns across the landscape."

Looking at land use in the housing scenario, Mills said there was the pavilion concept, or in other words, a house surrounded by space.

If the pavilion in the form of site and service shacks is multiplied and used as a solution for the nation's homes' shortage, it would require more than 1 500sq km of land or a further 20 Sowetos.

This would be alarming because the consequences of a site and service policy would be disastrous, at least in terms of the space, infrastructure and capital resources required.

"In terms of elementary or geometric house shape, there are two alternatives to the pavilion: the street (houses joined together at the sides to form the terrace effect) and the court (houses backed up against each other to form courtyards)," Mills said.

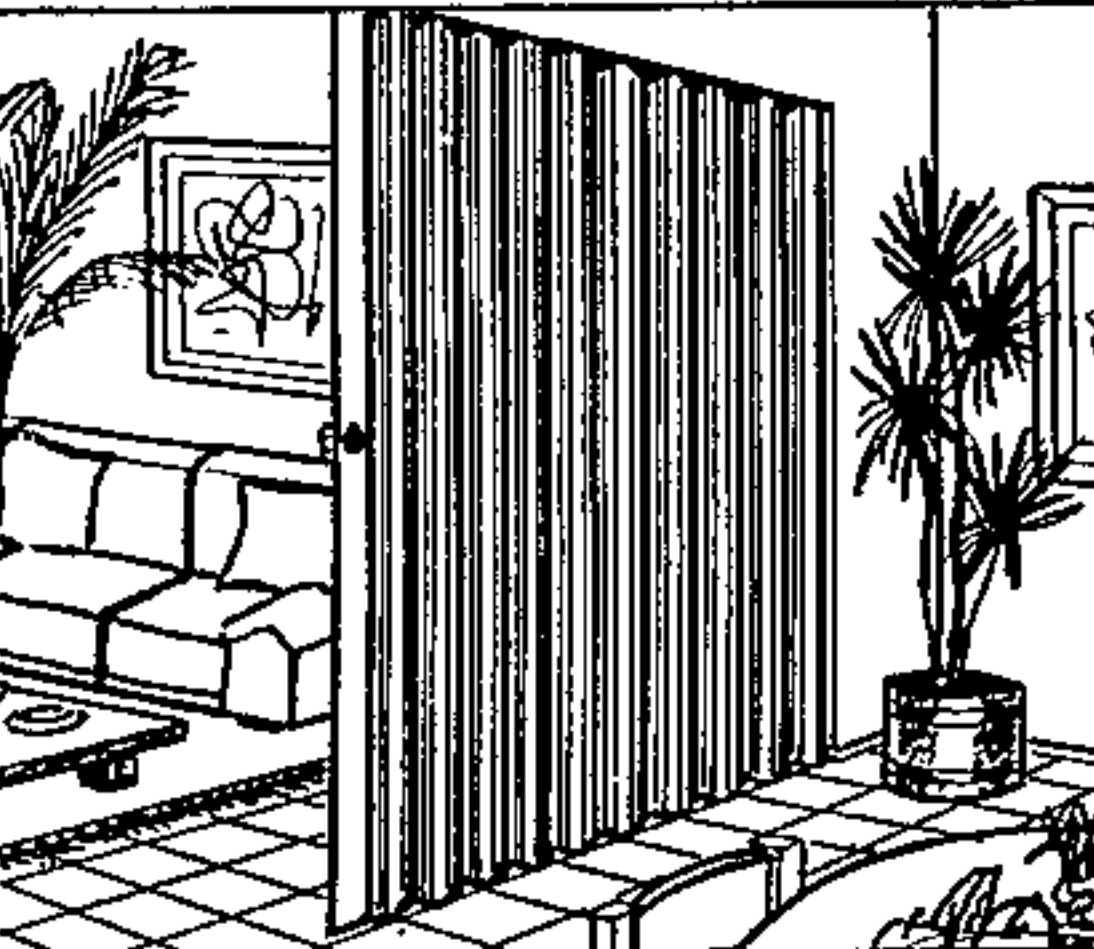
"In overall performance, the latter is the most effective because people are brought into focus and come together spontaneously."

"It is much more socially agreeable and certainly economically viable."



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## PROPERTY

# Property rip-off report to State

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE Business Practices Committee has submitted a report to the Government concerning black low-cost homebuyers who have been ripped off by property developers.

BPC's chairman Professor Louise Tager said organisations of "certain ability" have become active in the low income housing.

Entry into the market was generally to be welcomed. But the extent to which the financial and legal interests of consumers might be prejudiced had given cause for concern, she said.

The findings of the report have been supported by the Housing Advice Centre and the Wits Law Clinic who said they knew of hundreds of potential homeowners ripped off by developers.

HAC's Mr Brian Levison said they have attended to more than 4 000

complaints from blacks who entered into agreements with developers promising to find them homes.

"Homeless people are vulnerable to entrepreneurs who obtain money by promising to provide them with houses," she said.

## Unlawful

The committee's investigation into one enterprise found the company guilty of harmful business practices and recommended to the Minister of Housing, Mr Leon Wessels, that it be declared unlawful.

The plans by that company to provide 2 600 houses for R22 500 each were described as being "grandiose and utterly unattainable".

Clients were invited to buy shares on the understanding that as shareholders they would be first in line to obtain the low priced houses offered by the com-

pany. It undertook to provide houses to all its shareholders. In fact, the report added, only some have been supplied with houses without security title.

It was also found that the company did not own land on which the houses were erected and it was not in a position to honour its obligations. Its accounting data and financial affairs were in disarray.

The report said that in order to exercise total control the company's owner had appointed several former employees with

limited formal schooling as directors.

They were not well informed on the implications of their duties.

The company had built 100 houses in the Tsakane region, but capital required to complete infrastructural work amounted to more than R1,3 million.

If it failed to fulfil its development obligations, the houses would return to the land owners, and residents with no occupancy or property rights could be evicted, according to the report.

## SBDC opens a

## hive in Philippi

MORE than 60 small businesses ranging from clothing manufacturers to welders have taken units in the Philippi Small Business Centre in the Western Cape.

The majority of these have "graduated" from

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

backyards and are operating from formal premises for the first time.

The centre, a landmark on the Cape Flats, was bought by the SBDC after it became aware of the need



Professor LOUISE TAGER welcomes new organisations in the business community.



# Major push to aid shack people

Sowetan 5/6/92

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

A MAJOR initiative turns into action this week to greatly improve the lot of shack dwellers living outside Daveyton, at extensions 8 and 21, Etwatwa.

South African Housing Trust, in conjunction with the local community, is about to embark on a scheme to bring basic services to 1 500 stands covering 145ha.

First step was taken when the SAHT and the Independent Development Trust signed agreements to implement the site and service plan.

Signatories included senior SAHT and IDT representatives. The documents were signed in the presence of officers of the Mandela Park Residents' Association. The SAHT hopes to put the site clearance and services contract out to tender soon.

Work should begin at Etwatwa, extensions 8 and 21, by early July. The first 150 stands will be ready for

handover by the end of August. Thereafter the 150 stands-a-month delivery rate will be maintained until the end of May 1993.

About 3 000 families live in informal settlements in the immediate area, without toilets and with no mains water. Water carts are intermittently brought into the sprawling settlements, or families make use of services in neighbouring Daveyton.

## Basic needs

The scheme entails clearance of residential stands (average size 210 sq m), provision of water-borne sewer and mains water supply to each unit and erection of a toilet.

The overall plan leaves provision for three primary schools, one secondary school, three crèches, 10 business or commercial

sites, two community centres and nine churches. Vacant sites will be left for these elements of community infrastructure.

The SAHT is committed to helping the local community develop community infrastructure in due course. As an affordable housing facilitator it enjoys good working relations with official departments, major employers and private sector providers of social upliftment funding.

The site and service project is made possible by the IDT subsidy scheme. Some R11 250 000 in IDT support will be taken up. This is the first time the SAHT has acted as developers and facilitator in tandem with the IDT.

A series of such collaborative efforts are now envisaged.

The current scheme is distinguished by the total

involvement of local people and structures - a prerequisite for project success, according to SAHT experts.

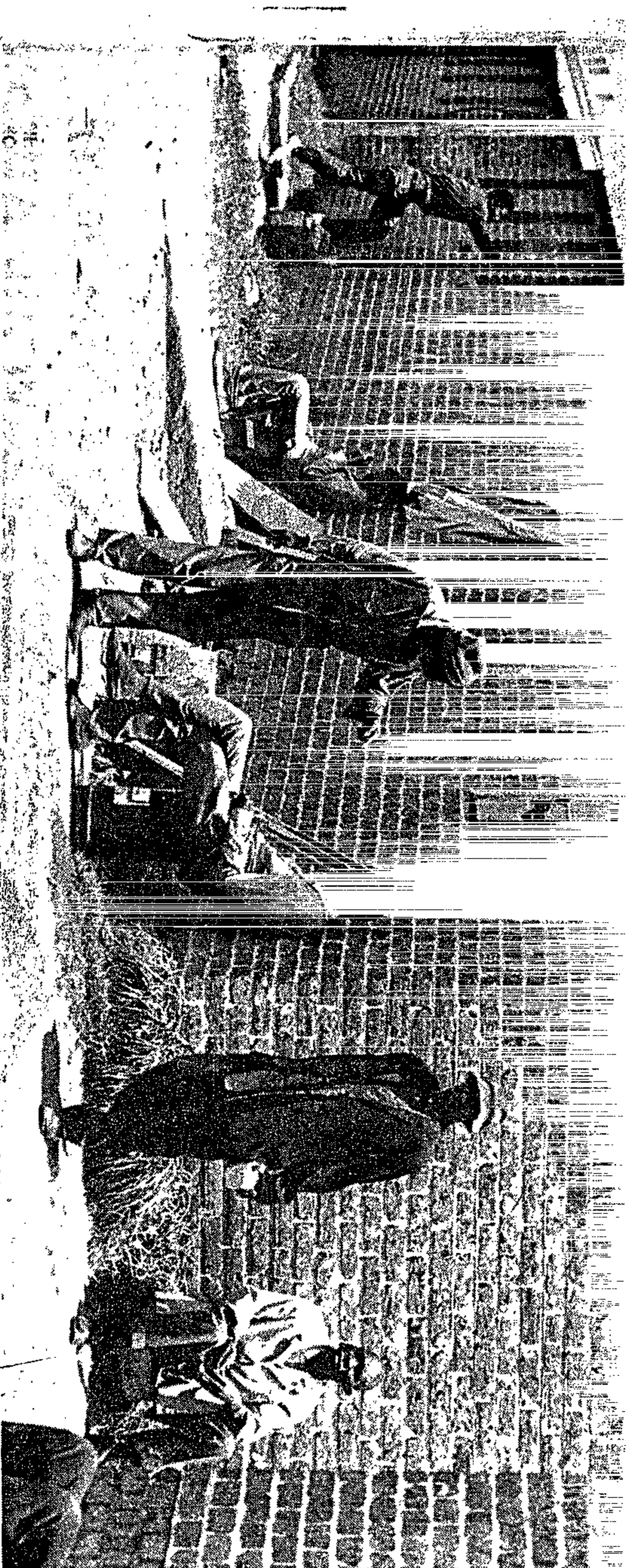
SAHT regional operations manager Mr Laki Constantinides said: "Housing development has been underway in these areas of Etwatwa since 1989 and still continues.

"We have worked locally since the end of the '80s. In addition, we have held discussions with local people and the Mandela Park Residents' Association to build trust and determine community needs.

## Involvement

"Local input and involvement will continue as the programme gets underway. We work with local people from start to finish. We will soon distribute pamphlets to update local people about the project. Community leaders will explain to those who cannot read.





Hostels will soon be upgraded by local government

# State to spend R294,6m to upgrade hostels

*Soweto 5/6/92*

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By JOSHIUA RABOROKO

LOCAL Government and National Housing Minister Mr Leon Wessels this week said R294,6 million will be spent to upgrade hostels.

He said they will be fenced following a recommendation by the Goldstone Commission which noted that they were a common factor in areas affected by violence.

The Government had already approved a comprehensive strategy for upgrading.

Relations between hostel dwellers, who are mainly migrant labourers and township residents will also be improved.

The misunderstanding between these groups often sparked violence.

A proposal to convert the

hostels into family units was met with mixed feelings from a large section of the community.

But tenders to improve them in Soweto and other areas will be out soon.

According to the South African Institute of Race Relations, there were about 400 000 beds in 220 hostels nationwide for approximately 1 million people in 1991.



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### Alex to be uplifted

A NATIONAL co-ordinating mechanism had been established to see to the upliftment of needy areas, Land Affairs deputy minister Johan Scheepers announced yesterday.

Areas identified for immediate attention were Phola Park, on the East Rand, and Alexandra, north of Johannesburg.

# Housing Trust money is 'not for housing'

By MONWABISI  
NOMADLO

IT'S OFFICIAL! Money from the Independent Development Trust (IDT) is not for houses. It is only for infrastructure and leasehold registration.

The announcement by the IDT came after an angry meeting between the Kwa-Thema City Council and residents.

Residents of the East Rand township thought that the trust money would also pay for a two-roomed house on each stand. *Ciphen*

At an emotionally charged meeting held by an interim committee, a call was made for the council to provide houses, and not just toilets.

The land where the toilets have been put is now being called "the pit field". Others call it "Toiletview". *14/6/92*

IDT spokesman Hanley Evans confirmed that the arrangement was that no houses or shelter be provided by the project.

The scheme provides for infrastructure and registration of the leasehold. The land was provided by the council, she said.

"We have allocated R7 500 per site, and that pays for all the services from surveying to the building of toilets. The scheme is meant for the poorest of the poor. Applicants must be 21 or older, and earn less than R1 000 a year. They must have dependants and must not receive any other subsidy.

At the meeting, community members demanded that residents be employed to prepare the sites, but Evans said this was often impossible because the budget was limited and employing residents was not cost-effective because the ground was "hard" and mechanised tools were needed.

"That is why we have given the site-preparation job to developers," she said.



# Eskom gaining Soweto's trust

By Jo-Anne Collinge

Two months after Eskom's takeover of the supply of electricity to Soweto, both Eskom and the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) are optimistic that the foundation has been laid for normalising relations between supplier and consumer.

"Things are improving markedly, given the circumstances," said Paul Maré, Eskom's West Rand sales and customer service manager.

"We are still in the process of improving the quality of service in Soweto and we believe that once this is completed, payment levels will be up where they should be."

When the Soweto rent and service tariff boycott was called off in late 1990, consumers failed to resume regular payment for electricity. One of the chief reasons put forward was poor maintenance of installations and erratic administration of accounts by councils. As a result, Eskom took over the service.

When the SCA recently reimposed the service charge boycott in April, it exempted electricity bills and is urging residents to pay Eskom, which

operates in areas previously supplied by the Soweto and Dobsonville councils.

After the first month of Eskom service, payment levels were 40 percent of the total amount billed, said Mr Maré. An SCA spokesman said this figure was about 10 percent up on the level of service payments before April.

Mr Maré said returns for the second month were not yet in, but a "hiccup" in delivery during the first month had been overcome in the second.

Eskom had also been able to inspect 40 000 meters and repair them where necessary. It was also operating 13 Soweto payment kiosks.

Consumers were still experiencing periodic electricity cuts, caused by transformers tripping out due to an overloading of the system, he acknowledged. This meant the system would have to be upgraded to cope with demand.

While this could not be done instantly, "within the next 10 days, people will observe many more contractors in Soweto" starting the upgrade process, Mr Maré said.

The SCA spokesman said some residents were submitting payments to the township councils rather than Eskom.

## SOWETAN PROPERTY

# Omhle plans material depots near camps

THE Operation

Masakhane for the Homeless needs R8 million to finance building material depots in an attempt to alleviate the plight of homeless blacks.

The chairman of the organisation, Mr Dan Moshugi, yesterday said they were expecting the money from local and international communities.

The Japananti-apartheid committee has already pledged to grant the organisation about R80 000 to motivate the funding of low-cost community based building material depots in the homeless communities of Bobhlokong near Beit-

hem, Doornkop near Soweto and Mofatla near Ventersdorp.

Training has already started and about 20 craftsmen have completed their courses in these areas.

Omhle, in conjunction with the South African Lumber Millers' Association devised a viable and practical strategy to address the housing problem.

Salma is the custodian of timber construction technology in the country and has a well developed training division.

The depots would be

situated right where the people live because they do not have transport to go and buy materials from distant outlets.

The major challenge is to pioneer a community based supply system which, together with proper training, will help break the slum syndrome in informal settlements.

"Respectable affordable housing has to be made achievable and available to the very poor as the first and foremost phase in the process of social upliftment," Moshugi said.

Because of the lack of skills in timber construction, appropriate training would be considered as the first step in the organisation's strategy.

"The need for community depots arises from the fact that formal building material supply channels are for many reasons not reaching informal settlements.

"Good quality materials are therefore not readily available in these areas where normal transport cannot be afforded," he added.

"This offers new hope to the homeless but what is needed now is the money in

order to have positive input and participation from all sectors of the housing fraternity in South Africa," he said.

According to a Salma spokesman more than 350 people have been trained by the company to build their own time frame home units.

Building material depots in or near areas where millions of homeless have erected temporary shelters were also established.

By the end of the year they might be five to eight and by the end of next year a substantial number, the spokesman said.



Omhle's chairman Mr Dan Moshugi.



## Kriel council launches R40m low-cost housing scheme

THE Kriel Town Council in the eastern Transvaal launched a R40m Thebulihle low-cost housing scheme recently — involving the construction of 4 000 houses in two years.

On view at the site were three versions of Dwelling Enterprises' innovative "Zinki" affordable house. The high-tensile steel houses range in price from R5 000 to R15 000 — a third of a conventional house — and can be built in hours.

In their effort to provide accommodation for thousands of workers on farms, mines and power stations around the town, the council was making 230m² serviced stands available at R3 000 each.

According to Kriel Town Engineer Ivor Poultney the Thebulihle township will boast tarred roads, street lighting, electricity and waterborne sewerage.

Project spokesman David Carte said the Perm had come up with "an imaginative way for employers to help their employees to buy their own houses through its micro-loan scheme".

The micro-loans will be 100% underwritten by employers in the Kriel area against pension and provident fund security. Large employers such as Eskom, Amcoal and Genmin had expressed keen interest, he

KATHRYN STRACHAN

said. 24/6/92

Co-ordinators Debrell Projects marketing director Haydon Cairns said research had shown that 70% of blacks in SA could not afford housing. "At Thebulihle Kriel Town Council has made housing an affordable reality. This township may well provide a model for affordable housing across the country."

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# Development cuts conflict - planner

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THE transformation of a culture of defence into a culture of development could reduce conflict in the Phola Park squatter camp near Tokoza, town planner Mr Julian Baskin said on Tuesday.

Appearing before a Goldstone Commission committee inquiry into violence and intimidation, Baskin, a chartered town and regional planner from the community development organisation Planact, based his suggestion on nearly two years of close association with the Phola Park community.

Baskin said his evidence was submitted in the belief that development was at least part of the solution to the problems of Phola Park, "but badly conceived development programmes can exacerbate a situation

leading to further conflict".

During his dealings with Phola Park civic representatives he had held many meetings and workshops on the development of the East Rand squatter camp.

Baskin said he identified three groups among the residents of Phola Park.

There were families wishing to urbanise, single men who had their base in rural areas, and non-South Africans from countries such as Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi.

He said because the single men and non-South Africans might believe they would not qualify for accommodation in a developed Phola Park, they could be against it.

Baskin said reasons for the conflict were outside the community's control.

Among them were a dis-

credited hostel system and no alternative State-rented accommodation; a wrecked rural economy and little chance of survival without urbanising; hostile State structures which aimed to undermine community structures rather than strengthen them; and a history of violence as conflict resolution.

Baskin recommended that local government structures recognise the importance of community institutions and provide support.

He disclosed that the International Development Trust would make R23 million available for development of the squatter camp and he showed plans which his organisation and the community had compiled and were to be implemented soon. - Sapa.



## Black areas 'have potential for retailers'

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PETER GALLI

THE Moolman Group, which is involved in developing a R6m retail centre for Game Discount World in Pietersburg, believes there is potential for the retail market to move into black areas. *B. J. P. 29/6/92*

MD Jannie Moolman said in an interview that there was a huge increase in the population in rural districts, and his company would be involved in development there.

"Calls from the national retailers for facilities in these regions have prompted us to examine areas like Venda for the development of retail centres."

While these were traditionally high risk areas, that risk was related to returns.

"I believe high returns will be achieved. We have achieved good results in Venda and while capital appreciation is not as high as it is in areas like Sandton, our returns have been good."

The company was planning two small retail centres in Venda and other similar areas. It had identified niches for retailers who concentrated on the black market.

There was also opportunity for growth in the Pietersburg and northern Transvaal area, he said. The 4 500m<sup>2</sup> Pietersburg centre is being developed on land leased from Transnet and will be let to Game.

A second phase was planned that would offer 2 500m<sup>2</sup> of general retail space. The rights application was under consideration and a decision was expected next month.

Game Stores development and planning executive Rod Hall said Game's expansion into Pietersburg was part of the company's strategy in the Transvaal. Pietersburg was seen as an "important growth point" in the northern Transvaal.

# No progress yet on hostel upgrade

THEO RAWANA

SOME progress had been made with plans to upgrade hostels in SA, but no actual construction had yet begun, Local Government and National Housing spokesman Francois Jacobs said last week.

He said negotiation with all affected parties was a "cumbersome process" and that it was difficult to say how soon upgrading would get under way.

More than a year ago President FW de Klerk said he would instruct government officials to do something about improving hostel conditions.

Jacobs, director of urban development in his department, said the successful conclusion of discussions with hostel dwellers and

other interested parties would determine whether the R294,6m set aside for the projects would be spent by the end of the 1992/93 financial year.

Administrations in the four provinces were setting up negotiations in which hostel residents, neighbouring town residents and hostel owners, plus political, civic, labour, employer and community organisations, were taking part.

Jacobs said: "It is generally accepted that there is a two-fold need in hostels.

"Some people want their families to live with them, while others regard themselves as temporary residents and prefer single

quarters.

"Both needs should be accommodated. In terms of the hostel strategy of the government, consensus on upgrading or conversion of hostels is required before any projects can be undertaken," Jacobs said.

Project approval regarding specific hostels had already been applied for. After approval, tenders for construction would be the next phase.

Jacobs said allocation of funds were as follows:

- R197,92m for 207 158 beds in the Transvaal;
- R47,92m for 50 158 in the Cape;
- R23,79m for 24 904 in the Free State; and
- R24,96m for 26 125 beds in Natal.

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Electricity is set to rise by 11,25% and 13,5% for domestic and nondomestic consumers respectively. (Small businesses will, however, pay less than before.) Water tariff increases are 12,93% and 10,34% m. These tariffs could rise further, says the council, if Eskom and the Rand Water Board raise charges more than expected in the year ahead.

The charges for cleansing services increase by 15% (domestic) and 20% (nondomestic) — a cost Johannesburg businessmen are prepared to pay, says council; and 15% for container services.

Rate rebates will stay at 55% for houses and 35% for townhouses, cluster homes, flats and the like. Davidson warns, however, that a new Local Government Rating Ordinance from next July may remove the right of a local authority to grant rebates above 40%. This means the present rebate for ordinary homes will have to be reduced over a five-year period to 40%.

What local authorities welcome in the draft ordinance is that they will be allowed to rate mining land, have a little more scope in the rating of improvements, and more flexibility in rate remissions and exemptions for certain classes of property.

Additional income from the rate and tariff increases is expected to be R213,5m — about R43m short for a balanced budget. In fact, the deficit will rise to R72m by the end of the current year. It is still possible, however, that last year's deficit will be reduced as a result of greater electricity demand because of the cold snap. It is understood that R10m has already been wiped off the R72m deficit because of the winter weather.

The council is determined to adopt various measures to move it into the black. Among them: halting the creation of posts and the filling of vacancies; reduction of locomotion allowances; the sale of some land from council's estimated R700m portfolio; reconsideration of commitments to staff medical and pension funds; and the adoption of a more cost-effective vehicle replacement policy.

Aside from land sales, however, it is difficult to see how these measures can translate into an extra R72m. Council suggests it could reduce this deficit by R30m in 1992-1993, adding that, short of raising rates and tariffs further, it is prepared to have some deficit financing.

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### Some loose strings

One of the major concerns about Johannesburg City Council's budget is its deficit financing. Another is the lack of progress on the controversial issue of cross-subsidisation involving neighbouring Soweto.

But, as management committee chairman Ian Davidson admitted in his recent budget speech: "There is the distinct possibility that joint administrations will be imposed on local authorities from January 1, and that, at the very least, mandatory revenue-sharing will come into force from that date."

Wits University local government expert and *Juta's RSC* editor David Solomon says the fact that there is no contingency plan in the Johannesburg budget to enable the council to "take over the administration of services in Soweto" is disturbing.

Johannesburg, says the council, is meeting its obligations to Soweto via the regional services council.

Metropolitan Chamber CEO Vic Milne says the crisis in Greater Soweto over finances and the provision of services, which led to the suspension of activity by the Metropolitan Chamber, has still not been resolved.

The breaking point was the withdrawal on April 2 by Soweto Civic Association from the Greater Soweto Negotiating Forum.

One of the reasons for the crisis is the demand by civics for the full involvement of Johannesburg in the provision of services. At the last chamber meeting on June 10 an ad hoc committee, including Johannesburg representation, was appointed to negotiate a package to resolve the deadlock.

Last year's assessment rate rises hit particularly hard at the affluent, to ensure that they contributed more than the less well off, but, as Davidson admits, they also resulted in many aberrations. His justification for last year's shocker is "that we are now financially more soundly structured than we have been for decades."

Aggregate municipal rate increases will be 12,5% for domestic users and 13,7% for nondomestic ratepayers.

# New development plan launched for Sandton, Alex

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By Anna Cox

A new development plan for Alexandra, Sandton, Marlboro Gardens, Kelvin, Buccleuch, Modderfontein, Lombardy East and West, Kew and Bramley View has been launched.

The Greater Alexandra/Sandton Urban Development Plan (UDP), set up by the Northern Joint Negotiating Forum, is funded by a loan from the Development Bank of Southern Africa and a grant from the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council, which will service the loan.

Its aim is to bring to-

gether the region's disparate communities.

"The economic interdependence of the three communities could form a starting point for meaningful participation in the formulation of an holistic and integrated development plan which would benefit all residents," said a representative of the consultancy team, Pam Saxby.

It was envisaged that the UDP steering committee would consult and co-operate with others in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand area to ensure an integrated plan which was in the best interests of the region as a whole, Mrs Saxby said.

The first stage of the UDP, which will take five months, will identify

key issues and residents' concerns.

"This will set the stage for the next step, which will be to identify common goals and a common vision for the region. Mechanisms for the implementation of this vision and the realisation of common goals will be the focus of the third step, expected to take place about 12 months from now," said Mrs Saxby.

She said Alexandra had been the focus of a number of development initiatives in the past, but few had adequately consulted at every level. It was, therefore, important that the UDP became a process with which the public identified strongly.



# Iscor denies KwaMadala transfers, retrenchments

NOT all Iscor employees at present residing at KwaMadala Hostel in the Vaal Triangle would be integrated into the local community, a senior Numsa official said yesterday.

Some of the employees would be transferred to other Iscor plants while others would either be pensioned off or retrenched.

He said the integration of KwaMadala hostel dwellers into the community of the Vaal Triangle would be "very" difficult.

At least 42 people were killed and scores injured when hundreds of allegedly KwaMadala hostel dwellers attacked Boipatong residents last month.

The official said Numsa had no objections to an Iscor plan to move more than 300 KwaMadala Hostel inmates to KwaMasiza Hostel. "But all parties — including KwaMasiza and

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KwaMadala inmates — have to agree to such a move," he said.

However, Iscor spokesman Neels Howatt said Iscor had reached no agreement with any organisation on retrenching, pensioning off or transferring employees who did not want to be moved to KwaMasiza hostel.

Howatt said the agreement between his company and other organisations, including Numsa, was that KwaMadala Hostel inmates would be moved to KwaMasiza Hostel on September 21.

"But details of how the people will be moved are still to be discussed," he said.

But as an interim measure, a steel wall would be erected to barricade the hostel from Boipatong, Howatt added.

## Expert wants to see hostels upgraded

PRETORIA — A forum should be established to address the basic needs of hostel dwellers, including upgrading of single-sex hostels, says Suzan Barbara Rubenstein, social researcher for a group of private housing and development consultants.

Rubenstein was giving expert evidence before a Goldstone commission committee inquiry into the displaced people of Alexandra, north of Johannesburg.

Rubenstein told committee chairman R Nugent, SC, yesterday it would not be proper to demolish hostels, as had been demanded by communities living outside the hostels. The interests of hostel dwellers should be established by means of surveys, and the inmates' problems should be addressed properly.

Money had already been made available for upgrading hostels, she said. — Sapa.

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## Soweto (343) upgrading

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ANOTHER R10 million is to be spent on upgrading secondary water mains in Soweto, the Central Witwaters-rand Regional Services Council announced yesterday. The secondary mains were originally located in mid-block positions, but the new secondary mains are to be installed in the streets, the CWRSC said in a statement.

This means that existing house connections and site reticulation have to be adjusted and relocated accordingly."

The Soweto Council will also be assisted with a R4 million grant for the construction of roads in the township, using labour-intensive methods, the CWRSC concluded.



# Demo over Alex 'wooden shacks'

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■ The size of sites and timber houses to be built in Alex come under fire:

By Mathatha Tsedu

RESIDENTS of Alexandra yesterday took to the streets to object to the size of sites in the township's Far East Bank section.

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The protesters, who included children holding placards criticising the size and the timber houses to be built there gathered at the house of chairman of the housing committee of the Alexandra Civic Organisation Mr Bob Mathibe.

They demanded that sites be at least 400 square metres each. They said the ACO was not representing their interests as the new settlement being planned would be like "moving from a tin shack into a wooden shack".

Mathibe said he supported the protesters' demands and said the ACO would have to rethink its position in the Joint Negotiating Forum which arranged for the new area.

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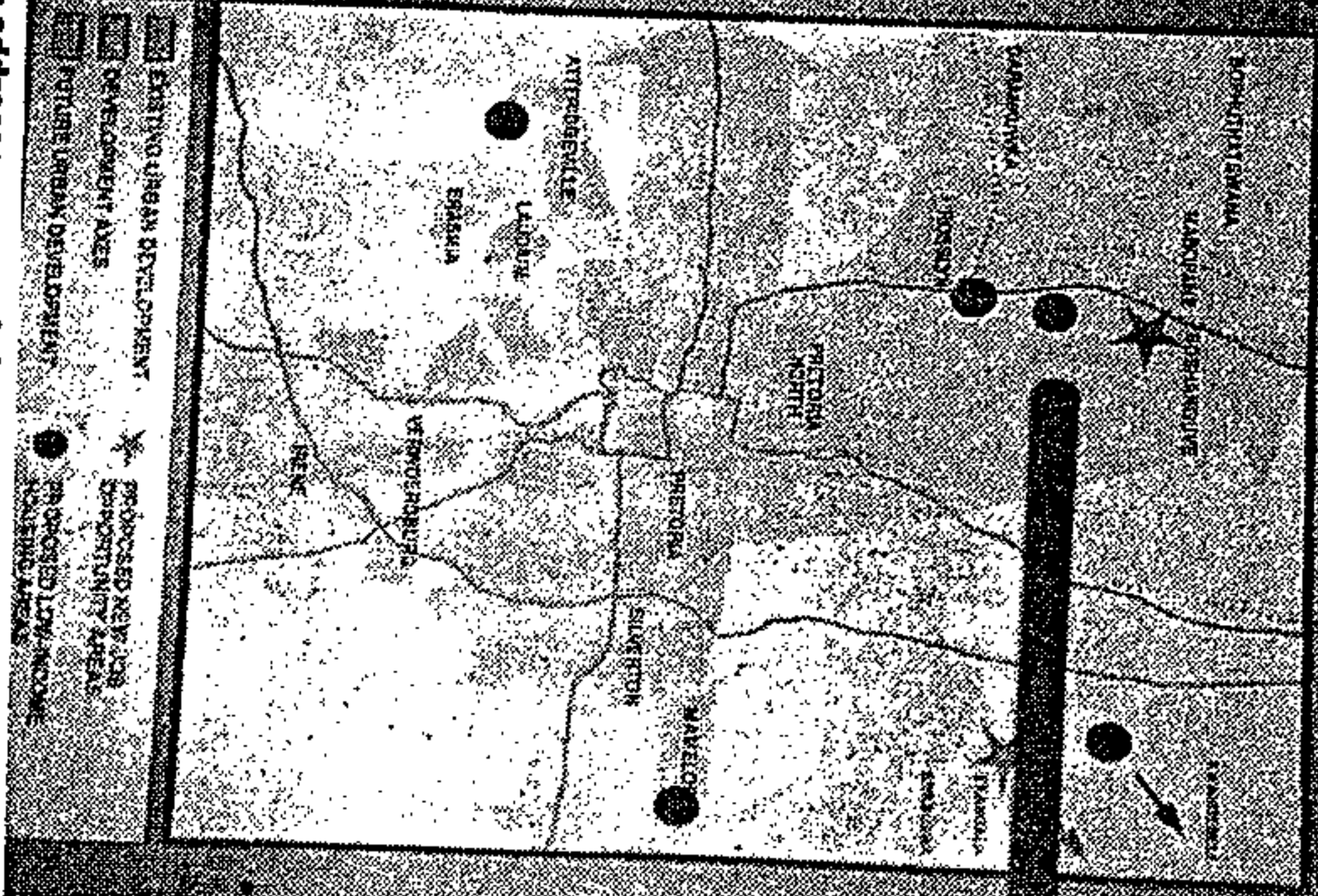
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# Bold new vision for PWV sought

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**S**WEEPING proposals to scrap old apartheid divisions in the location of black and white communities and consider the creation of a new, compact nonracial development zone within a 25 km radius of Johannesburg's city centre were unveiled by the Urban Foundation yesterday.

The foundation urged the total withdrawal of controversial draft plans, prepared by the Department of Regional and Land Affairs, published under the title "1992 Spatial Development Framework for the PWV".

Instead, a round-table non-racial indaba was proposed to pursue a radical new approach to black/white integration and rethinking about leaving black townships and so-called informal settlements — or squatter camps — remote from the economic mainstream.

"It is important to recognise that old apartheid ideas and practices live on," said the Urban Foundation. "In the PWV this legacy can be seen in segregation and fragmentation of the cities, economic growth issues, land for low-income housing and in the role of the central State."

"The time for greater honesty in the development arena is long overdue. We need new visions."

The PWV at the moment faced two crises: the enormous challenge to find land and housing opportunities in reasonable locations for hundreds of thousands of citizens without adequate shelter; and solutions to economic growth and job creation in a declining regional economy.

Urban Foundation executive director of urbanisation Ann Bernstein said the Government document had failed by falling far short of a new post-apartheid vision of the future.

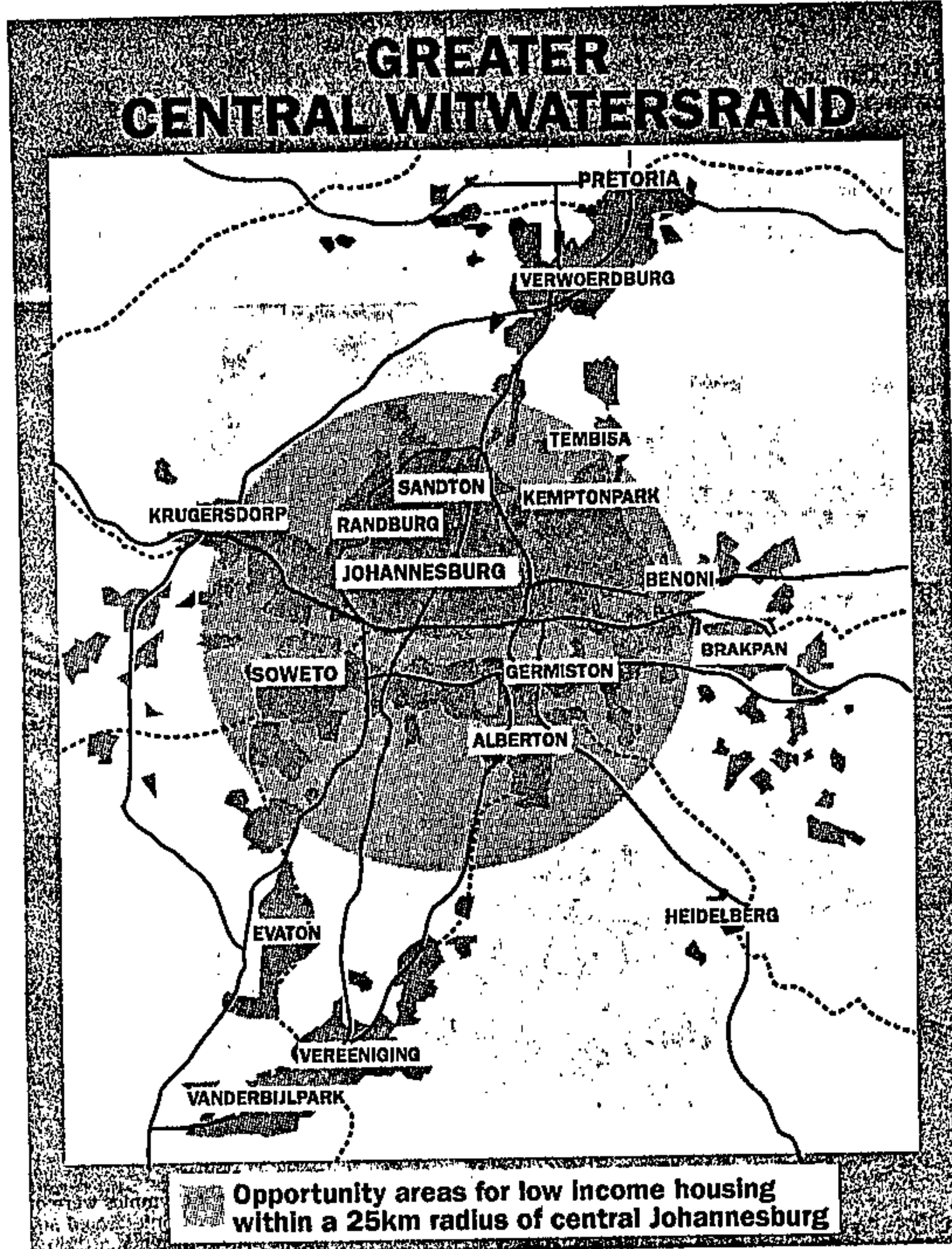
The crucial need now was for a set of practical guidelines on the residential and economic development of the entire region — mapped out not by bureaucrats alone but by round-table discussions by all the key stakeholders, from homeowners to investors.

Among the first priorities must be a radical re-examination of the outline of what has become known as the PWV — sprawling north from the Witwatersrand to Pretoria and south to the Vaal Triangle.

A decision was needed on whether the PWV should remain a single unit or whether the vast economic powerhouse should be split into three in a redrawing of the boundaries of development regions.

One option that deserved investigation was the creation of a compact zone within a 25 km radius of central Johannesburg, and its potential for low-cost housing, before more distant

The Government has been advised by the Urban Foundation to scrap controversial draft proposals on the future development of the entire PWV economic powerhouse. The foundation argues that a radical new approach is needed in a post-apartheid era, reports MICHAEL CHESTER.



marginal settlements were considered.

"The political framework for the cities is now quite different, and that entails a reassessment of how we understand future metropolitan growth in a multi-nodal region like the PWV," argued Ms Bernstein.

"We need to look carefully at the different areas that make up this region and assess the advantages and disadvantages (economic, political, social and in-

frastructural) of the present definition of planning regions."

New visions were required — such as the full integration of Johannesburg and Soweto as a newly constituted single city of world status.

It was now widely agreed that apartheid policies created an extremely inefficient and inequitable urban structure, Ms Bernstein said.

The Urban Foundation suggested that a key practical

guideline for the 1990s was that local authorities, regional authorities, private developers, community organisations and other urban players had to encourage the functional re-integration of cities still divided on racial lines.

The two key aims should be: ● To concentrate development wherever possible between former black townships and city cores, with guidelines for future public investment that could be

followed by private investment. ● To examine inner-city areas and study how to increase densities so as to maximise the impact of infrastructure and investment, taking lessons about inner-city redevelopment from international as well as local experience.

Local authorities had to look at the costs and benefits of incentives for private and community investment, lobbying for national urban and housing policies to facilitate laying out new plans.

"Moving towards a democratic society means that the interests and needs of all those citizens hitherto ignored in the city must now be accommodated," said Ms Bernstein.

"The authorities will need to identify and deal with the needs of all the different new players and reconcile these new needs with those of the more established urban actors."

The Urban Foundation put forward two practical suggestions:

● Exploring a number of planning innovations that could be used to manage the interface between high and low-income communities by the location of various facilities.

● Recognising the inevitability of conflict around land issues in the transition and weighing the possibility of the creation of a Land Court where conflicts could be resolved through judicial process and by reference to national policy principles — rather than through unilateral decisions by public authorities.

Physical planning should respond to economic realities.

Planners should bear in mind that while jobs were still concentrated in industrial and commercial zones, jobs were also spread throughout the urban area — in suburban industrial parks, office complexes, private homes, shopping centres, parking lots, hotels and restaurants.

"Provision for housing, transportation, infrastructure and social services needs to take this economic reality into account and balance the location of jobs and housing," Ms Bernstein argued.

The draft 1992 Spatial Development Framework for the PWV had fallen short of meeting all the main criteria that should be followed. It should be withdrawn.

A totally new approach was needed in planning the future of the PWV complex.

All the key stakeholders in the region should be allowed to take part in laying new plans from the outset.

Planning should begin with focus on two crucial issues:

● The definition of the PWV.  
● The formulation of practical guidelines which responded to the new realities of South African cities. □

## Council to spend R4-m on hostel upgrading

Johannesburg City Council is to spend more than R4 million on upgrading hostels in its municipal area.

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● The council warned yesterday of a strong possibility that refuse collection, street cleaning and bus services could be severely disrupted by mass action next week.

Solid waste director Gys du Plessis said his department would distribute extra refuse bags to residents this week.

Hospitals and areas where food was handled would receive priority treatment.

Mr du Plessis warned of rubbish piles in business areas.

The council made plans to employ volunteer drivers for bus services. Priority routes, such as school trips, will be kept running, if possible.

A reduction in the frequency of buses was expected on some routes. — Sapa-Staff Reporter.



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# Small deposit may be

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**BOND TIPS** What to do and who to approach for a deposit to buy a home:

**G**EORGE and Patricia Ngubane are about to start building a four-roomed home in Dobsonville. The Ngubanes are fortunate.

They have managed to save enough to pay a deposit of R10 000, and thanks to the First-time Homeowners Subsidy, their combined income of R2 500 a month means that they qualify for a bond of R50 000.

But not everybody has managed to save as much as this, and not everybody is able to qualify for a bond of as much as R50 000.

Everybody, however, wants a decent roof over his or her head.

So what other options are there?

Before looking at substantially cheaper options, let's meet two of George and Patricia's friends.

Simon and Annah also want to build a house, but they have a problem.

They have a combined income which is just a little lower than the Ngubanes', and they have not managed to save as much. Presently they have R3 000 in their savings account.

Even if Simon and Annah begin saving earnestly, they realise everything is getting more expensive, and the longer they wait the more their house will cost.

What can they do?  
As Simon and Annah need not worry. As long as they buy a house costing less than R45 000, they can take advantage of a special opportunity created by the Loan Guarantee Initiative.

The Loan Guarantee Initiative was

brought out to help people who are not able to afford houses costing more than R45 000.

It will help these people to get a bond for their house; and it can also help them to buy their house with a far lower deposit than is usually needed.

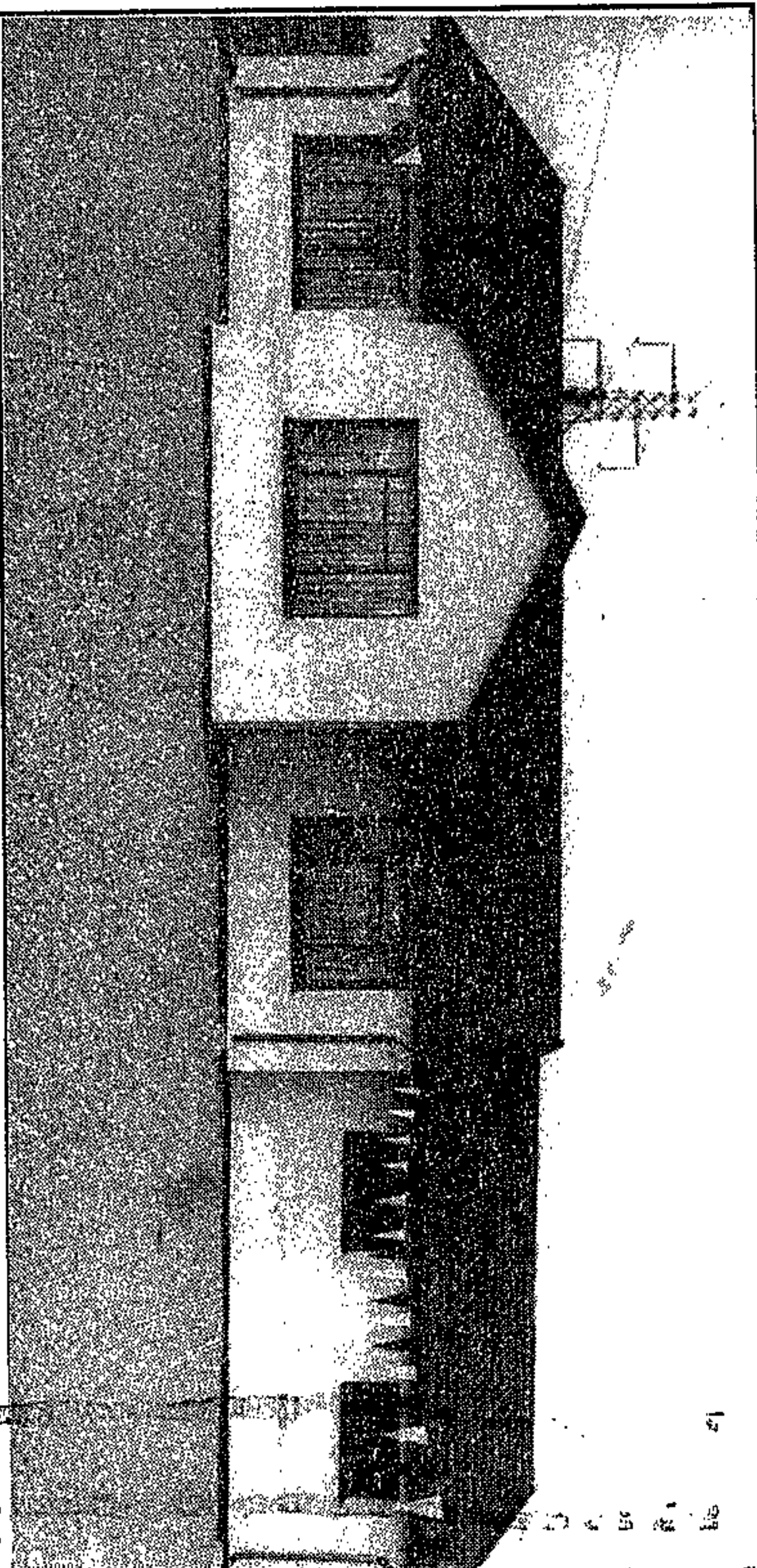
The Ngubanes had to put down a 20 percent deposit on their R45 000 house. But because Simon and Annah are buying a house costing less than R45 000, they need put down only a five percent deposit. This is made possible by purchasing a special insurance called Deposit Replacement Cover.

Simon and Annah will also have to take out a second insurance called Risk Reduction Insurance. This requirement applies to everybody who takes out a bond of less than R45 000.

But the good news is that the cost of both of these insurances can be paid out of their bond. The small extra amount involved will be included in their monthly instalments.

As far as deposits are concerned, there are a few people who do not have to pay anything at all. Most Civil Servants and some employees in the private sector qualify for 100 percent loans as well as a subsidy.

To find out whether this applies to you, ask your employers whether they have a collateral scheme with a bank or building society.



**OWNING A HOME...** Not everybody is able to qualify for a bond of as much as R50 000. However, it is now possible to own a home and pay a lower deposit.

## HOME CALLS

If you've always dreamed of owning your own home, read on.  
Perhaps you feel that you could never afford to build a house for your family and yourself.  
In this case, you are probably in for a pleasant surprise. Paying off a home costs less than most

people think. Buying ground, then arranging financing and building a home is also not difficult once you have help and know what to do. So join us in learning all the answers...and if you still have any questions, write to Nomulelo, FHA Homes, PO Box 9868, Johannesburg, 2000



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# Govt defends PWV strategy

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THE Urban Foundation's rejection of a government development strategy for the PWV region was based on misconceptions about the proposals, Deputy Regional Development Minister André Fourie said yesterday.

Fourie was responding to comments made by the foundation's executive director for urbanisation Ann Bernstein last week, in which she described the draft spatial development strategy for the PWV complex as a "dangerous document" that should be scrapped.

The document, which was sent to government institutions, discussion forums and private sector bodies for comment in February this year, contained long-term urbanisation, housing and urban growth policies.

Bernstein said at a news conference last week that the economic, planning and structural analysis on which the document was based was "inadequate and fundamentally

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flawed".

Fourie said the discussion document represented a shift in government development policies away from deconcentration towards an approach involving the "filling in and rounding off of existing development" together with the optimal use of existing infrastructure.

He said all suitable undeveloped land near employment areas should be considered for low-income housing in the short- to medium-term.

Fourie said the document, which did not substantially differ from the foundation's latest proposals, proposed that existing employment areas should be expanded and developed further.

"Against this background, I was surprised to learn of the remarks in the media by the relevant official," Fourie said.

## Union and TPA discuss impasse

KATHRYN STRACHAN

NEGOTIATIONS between the TPA and the National Education, Health and Allied Workers' Union (Nehawu) resumed on Sunday at a high-level meeting convened by the national peace committee.

A statement by the Wits/Vaal regional dispute resolution committee yesterday on behalf of the TPA, Nehawu and Cosatu, said the meeting was held in an attempt to find a way out of the impasse between the parties.

The parties agreed to continue discussions later this week.

It was also agreed that future talks on the resolution of the hospital strike would be held exclusively in the new forum, and to give the discussions every chance of success, no "confrontational positions" would be adopted.

The meeting focused on the fate of 7 000 dismissed striking workers, and the future relationship between the parties. A working group was established to develop a proposed code of conduct.

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## Soweto's essential services 'are heading to a standstill'

ADRIAN HADLAND

ESSENTIAL services to Soweto's 3-million residents would grind to a halt within the next three weeks unless additional funding could be found, Soweto City Council spokesman Mojalefa Moseke said yesterday.

Moseke said if an extra R3m a month could not be found to make up the council's monthly shortfall, "everything will come to a standstill in Soweto".

Details of the likely breakdown emerged yesterday after TPA MEC Olaus van Zyl said last week that a total collapse of services in Soweto was likely. He said less than 20% of Sowetan residents paid services tariffs.

Moseke said that while water supplies to Soweto from the Rand Water Board were unlikely to be halted, some areas would experience cuts due to a lack of maintenance and repairs staff.

"One way or the other there will be no water in some areas of Soweto," he said.

Refuse collection in the township would end at the beginning of September as available funds would be used to pay for contractual fees in arrears, Moseke said.

With a bankrupt council unable to pay its workers, sewage services were also

likely to be disrupted, he said.

Addressing the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber last week, Van Zyl said the TPA and other government agencies provided 77% of Soweto's expenditure and had limited funds available. He appealed to white local authorities to help Soweto in the provision of services.

Johannesburg City Council utilities committee chairman Paul Asherson said Johannesburg would not provide Soweto with funds or expertise until a political and financial solution had been found.

"Johannesburg will not be seen as an occupying force, propping up the regime in Soweto," Asherson said.

He said a precondition for Johannesburg's help was the dismantling of the black local authority system and the implementation of new local government structures.

"Until there is a political solution, we cannot guarantee the safety of our staff and that is paramount," he said.

He said a collapse of Soweto's services would force the TPA to speed up the local government restructuring process.

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## Masses drifting to anarchy — De Beer

Political Staff

CAPE TOWN — The mood among the unemployed, poverty-stricken, starving masses in South Africa was moving closer and closer to anarchy, DP leader Zach de Beer said last night.

He told the Institute of Architects he saw President F W de Klerk's "brave new SA" seemingly disintegrating in a cacophony of recriminations between those who were to have been partners in creating it.

"I see blood everywhere. I see the investors unwilling to commit their resources in a land which threatens to become a morass of conflict."

However, De Beer said he believed that the leaders of both the ANC and the NP had

been "quite badly frightened by the consequences of their own errors".

The new SA would however arrive "after a year or two or three."

"Even if the businessmen and the churchmen and the academics and others must shame the politicians into working for the nation instead of themselves and their friends, we must and shall find reconciliation and agreement."

The three priorities facing the country were health, education and housing, he said.



# FEATURE The success achieved in Botleng is proof once again that much can be attained



Thoko Mthethwa, a mother of five, is one of the happy homeowners outside her house.



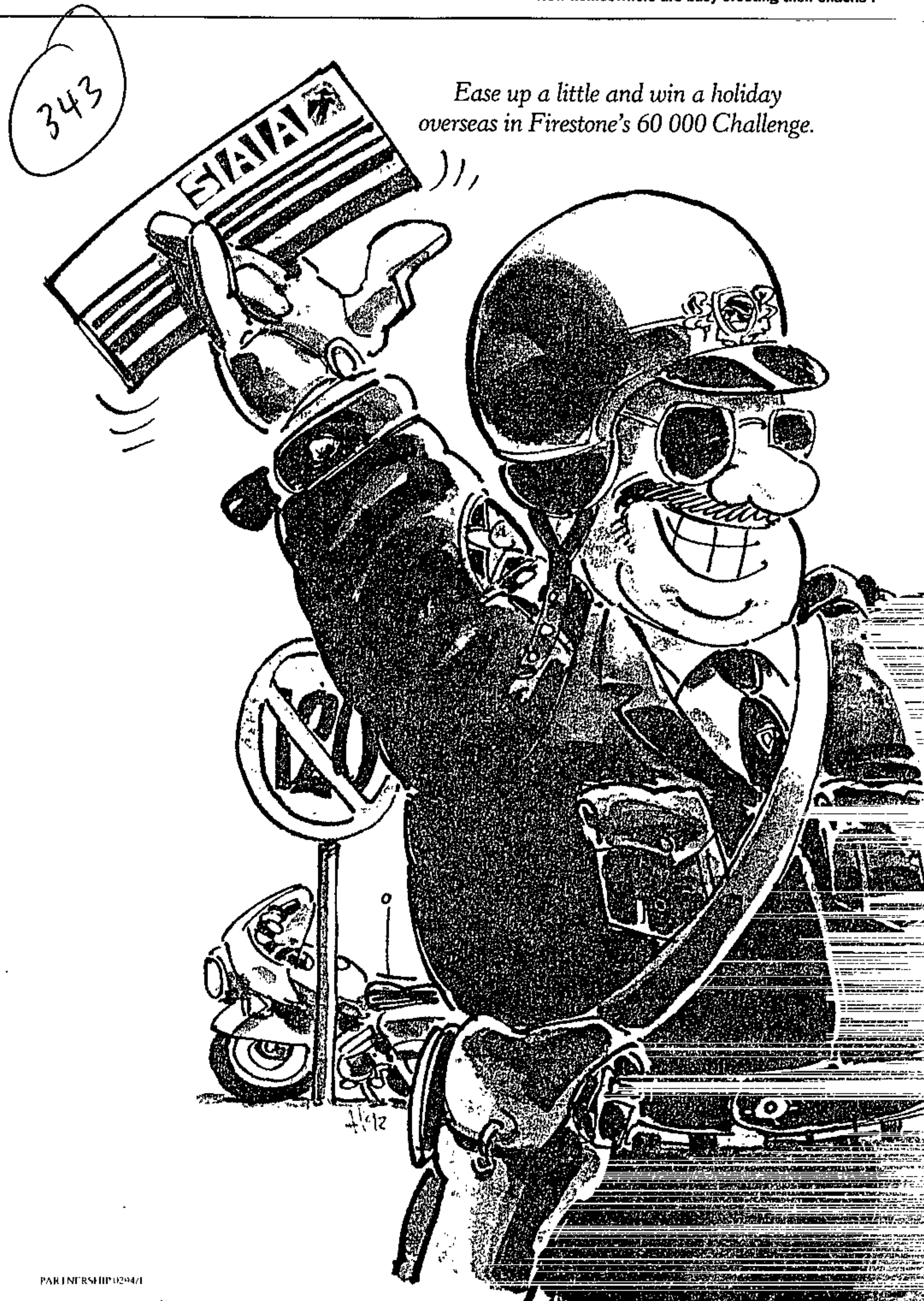
PICS: JOE MOLEFE New homeowners are busy erecting their shacks.



Young Lauretta Mangope who will contest the Miss Soweto High Schools pageant at Club 2 000 in Tladi on September 5. The contest is staged by Progress Club 2 000. "We are trying to keep some of our colleagues off the streets as well as entertain them," said organiser Frank Seane. Those who wish to enter should telephone Shirley at 989-8228.

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# Botleng residents beating the odds

■ **LAND DUEL** A township wins housing battles against Delmas conservatives.

There is now co-operation across the lines:

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By Mzimasi Ngudle

**F**ROM TENANCY TO LORDSHIP. Thoko Mhethwa owns land and lives in Botleng. At last, and like many other Botleng residents, she now is her own boss. And all of this happened free of charge and just several metres from Delmas, the heartland of rightwing conservatism. Not, however, before a long-drawn racial conflict.

History is that Botleng residents actually settled after a gruelling fight with Delmas white authorities. They had to employ the services of an attorney to acquire tenancy rights in Botleng.

In fact, the technical jargon word for the apparent harmony is concord despite dissonance. The strife dates back 83 years and the apparent consonance only two years.

This occurred in 1990 when the black community withdrew its farm labour, forcing the whites to address their needs. Now the buzzword is co-operation, won hard through stayaways, boycotts and strikes.

In January 1991 Botleng residents saw an impromptu gesture of camaraderie when white farmers sent their trucks for a clean-up operation.

## Residents knew better

However, Botleng residents knew better. They knew that Alpha is not Omega and fought tirelessly to attain their ultimate objective - an upgrade of the township and a legal title to the land.

Now many residents are no longer listening to His Master's Voice. Bondsmen only to themselves, they are now humble beneficiaries to the hard work of a triad that was hitherto not extant.

Cordial relations between the Botleng Civic Association and the Delmas Town Council culminated with the successful soliciting of financial help from the Independent Development Trust (IDT).

Botleng Civic Association public relations officer Mr Motsepe Matlala said the IDT project has relaxed the attitude of conservatism.

"The goodwill emanated from the fact that we can talk. This is what makes Botleng different from other townships. We no longer feel the town is conservative."

Matlala, a born orator and chatterbox, has not only succeeded in coaxing the council but has brought ideological and political factions together.

Botleng, a typical black township with about 60 000 residents, is one of 64 places countrywide in which an IDT project is under construction.

In December 1990 there was no infrastructure, no sewerage, no water and no electricity. With infrastructural services from the Oosvaal Regional Services Council limited, the Delmas Town Council obtained more than R5 million from the IDT.

The money was used to upgrade 734 sites by installing water, electricity and sewerage networks. Bus and taxi routes also were tarred.

## A toilet and water tap

The IDT provides a site with a toilet and a water tap. The rest is left to the prospective owner who is free to build any structure.

The IDT pays out a capital subsidy of R7 500 per site to the developer when the ownership is transferred from the developer to the individual.

The residents are moving to the new sites at a rate of 60 families a month. On the pipeline is the integration of people living in Mandela View, a squatter settlement which almost encircles Botleng. The Delmas Town Council has allocated 500 sites to resettle them on the IDT scheme.

With an R800 000 project to provide electricity already started, Botleng will be much better than a "glorified squatter camp."

Botleng Administrator Mr J.A Roux sums it up: "The success achieved in Botleng is once again proof that much can be attained through reconciliation, negotiation and the right attitude."

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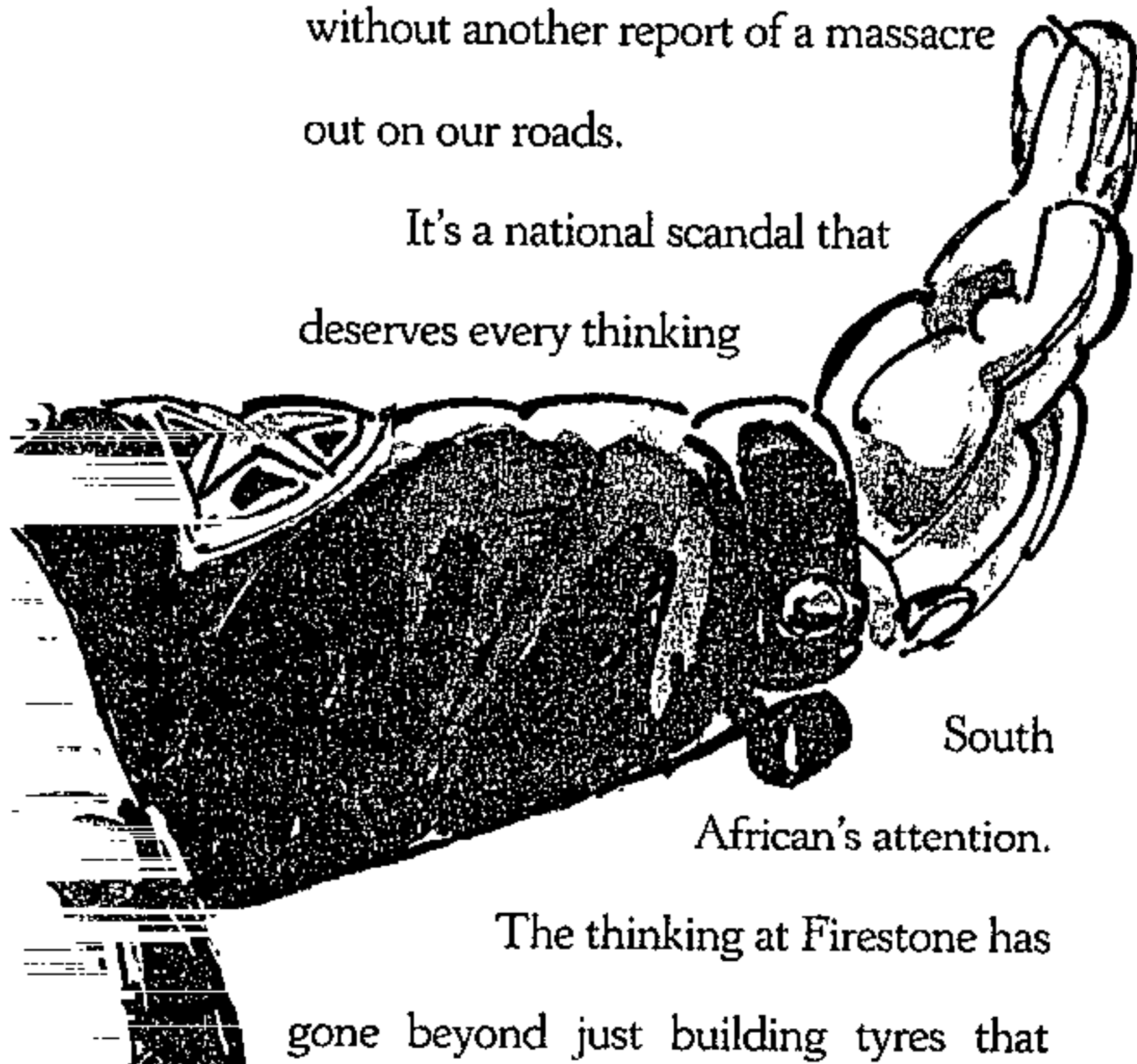
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# Soweto streets light up

THEO RAWANA

THE Soweto City Council yesterday launched a R7,9m street-lighting project which aims to have every corner of the city of 2,5-million people electrified by 1995.

Soweto Mayor Alfred Nyathi told a symbolic "switch-on" ceremony that the project was in line with agreements at the 1990 Greater Soweto Accord, which ended a five-year rent boycott and wrote off a R516m debt.

The street lighting was part of an overall R79m urban development, repair and maintenance programme which would involve more than 50 projects for the upgrading of Soweto, Nyathi said.

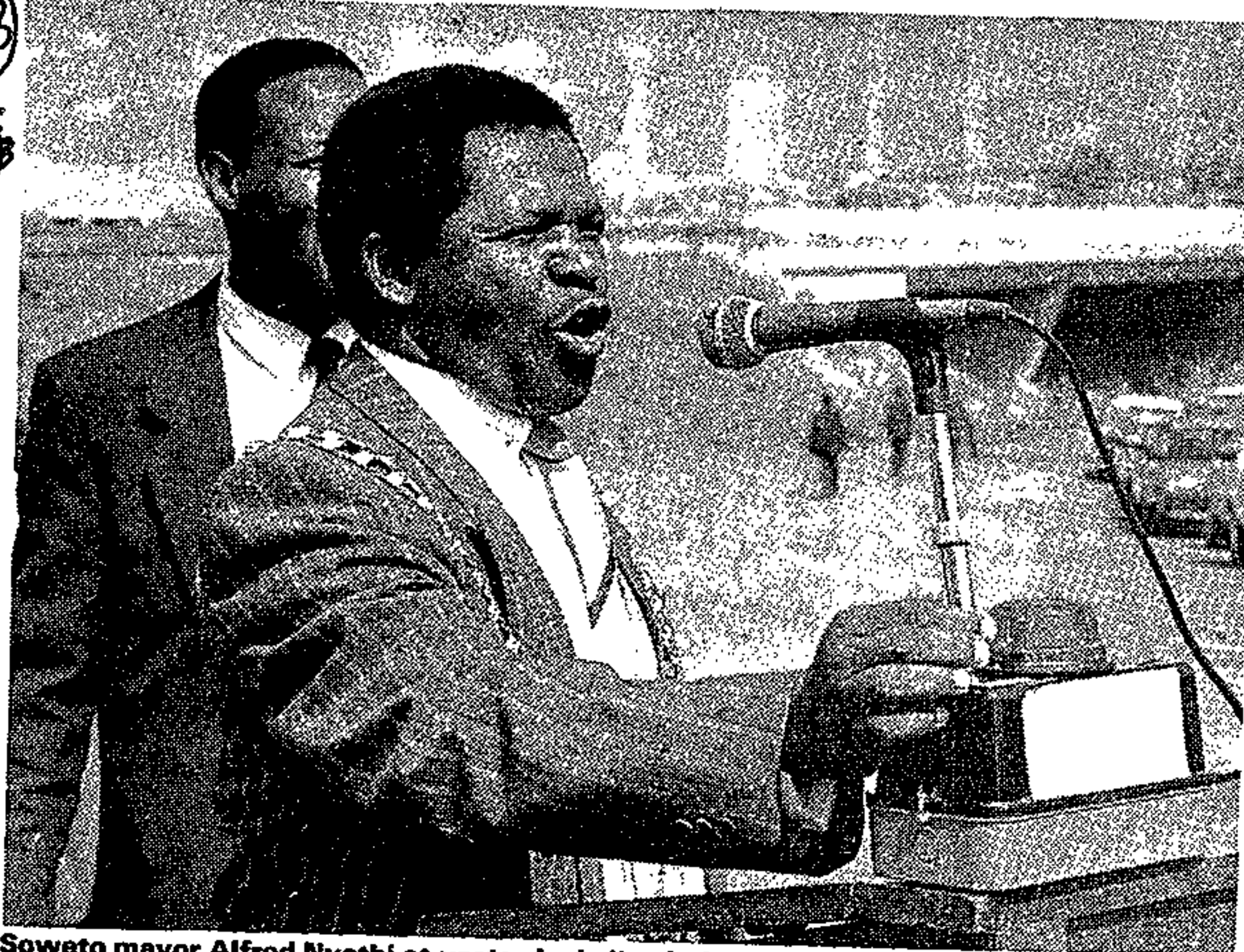
The Central Witwaters- and RSC was funding the

programme, he said.

He said the switch-on marked the project's R2,3m first phase, started in April. The phase, with 675 street lights installed along 42 streets, would be completed by December.

Nyathi said by completion of the project in April 1995, 1 500 new street lights would have been installed.

Council spokesman Moseki was asked how such projects could be justified when Soweto's services were said to be on the verge of collapse. He said the funds had been applied for three years ago and redirecting them to other services would not solve the problem.



Soweto mayor Alfred Nyathi at yesterday's "switch-on" ceremony to launch the Soweto City Council's R7,9m street lighting project.

Picture: BRIAN HENDLER

# Vaal violence delaying changes to hostel - claim

■ Wessels says struggle hampers hostel conversions:

*Sowetan 26/8/92*  
THE power struggle between the ANC and Inkatha in the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle is preventing negotiations on upgrading hostels, Housing Minister Leon Wessels told the Goldstone Commission yesterday.

"It is self-evident that consensus between all the parties involved is a prerequisite to achieving a lasting and peaceful solution to the hostel issue," he added.

Wessels is reportedly the first Government minister to testify before the Goldstone Commission.

He said there were no "unwarranted delays" with the hostel programme, a thorny issue which constitutes one of the African National Congress' 14 demands that have to be met before negotiations are resumed.

Wessels said the Government's strategy for the upgrading or conversion of hostels into family units must result from negotiations between hostel dwellers, surrounding residents, interested parties and the owners of these hostels.

The essence of the Government's dilemma was that, while it had the capac-

ity, funds and manpower to address community needs, including the issue of hostels, "unilateral action, regardless of its good intent, will not create stability".

"Upgrading, conversion and demolition of hostels can only be undertaken once discussions have led to agreement.

"Everything possible is being done to finalise the negotiation process as soon as possible so that building construction may commence in the upgrading or conversion (of hostels) into family units."

In urgent cases the Government had approved measures to expedite administrative and tender procedures so that construction could start within "three to five weeks" once consensus had been reached.

Consensus had already been reached on the need of 38 of the 177 hostels in question, he said.

Negotiations among representative groups are in progress in respect of 65 other hostels, while negotiations are underway concerning a further 65 hostels. The first upgraded hostel, in Tokoza, will open on Friday. - Sapa.



## Gunmen hurt 8 at Jo'burg station

FOUR people died in unrest yesterday, two of them in an incident that could be related to the taxi war in Alexandra, police said, while eight people were wounded last night when three gunmen armed with AK-47 rifles fired at a train at Park Station, Johannesburg.

Police spokesman Lt-Col Dave Bruce said the gunmen then boarded the train and left the station.

"Police rushed after the train, stopped it and conducted an extensive search at the New Canada railway station, but no suspects or weapons were found," he said.

A man who shot dead a taxi driver at Alexandra yesterday was killed by a policeman moments after the attack, police said.

W/O Andy Pieke said Mphimthithi Sokhela, 40, was sitting in a taxi at the Pan African taxi rank, on the corner of 3rd Avenue and Watt Street, when a man walked up to him and fired four shots, killing him.

"An assistant constable who was investigating a case in the area saw the attack and followed the gunman who had fled on foot," W/O Pieke said.

The suspect ignored warnings to stop and he was fatally wounded.

Police were investigating the possibility the attack was linked to a feud between taxi groups in Alexandra.

Food and Allied Workers' Union shop steward Julia Sgudla was shot dead on her way to work at Olifantsfontein near Pretoria yesterday, Sapa reports.

The body of an elderly man who had been hacked to death was discovered by police next to a railway line between Wadeville and Katlehong.

## Wessels testifies about hostel plans

PRETORIA — The first Cabinet Minister to appear before the Goldstone commission did so yesterday after an agreement was reached that he would not be cross-examined or be liable for recall.

Agreement was reached just before Local Government and National Housing Minister Leon Wessels gave evidence, mainly about a lengthy report on hostel policy.

Wessels told commission chairman Bob Nugent that R324.6m had been allocated for the upgrading or conversion of 177 hostels owned by black local authorities and provincial authorities.

Government's policy was that hostel conversion had to be by consensus.

Negotiations had been completed at 38 hostels and were proceeding at 65 others. Plans had been finalised at 24 hostels and were being finalised at 14 others. Projects had been approved at five hostels and requested at 13 others. Construction was in progress at one hostel, he said. The first upgraded hostel — in Thokoza — will be officially opened on Friday.

Contrary to Goldstone's recommendations, government did not believe that all hostels should be fenced as this sometimes prevented integration with township residents.

Wessels rejected demands that hostels be demolished, phased out or converted to family accommodation.

Sapa reports that Wessels told the

commission the power struggle between the ANC and Inkatha in the Witwatersrand and Vaal Triangle was preventing hostel negotiations.

Government's dilemma was that, while it had the capacity, funds and manpower to address community needs, including the hostels issue, "unilateral action, regardless of its good intent, (would) not create stability".

But interim national housing forum committee vice-chairman Khehla Shubane told the commission that the committee was experiencing problems because of government's withdrawal from the forum this year.

Shubane said government was party to consensus on guidelines concerning upgrading hostels. Despite this, views on implementation differed.

Since government's withdrawal, state funds had been made available to black local authorities without the forum being informed. This was causing concern because the local authorities were highly politicised. In other instances hostels had been destroyed by communities staying near them.

Shubane said the forum had commitment from Inkatha, the ANC, Azapo, the PAC, Nactu and Cosatu.

The sitting was adjourned until tomorrow, when ANC, Inkatha and KwaZulu government representatives are expected to give evidence.

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# R40-million allocated for low cost housing

Staff Reporter

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the directorate would promote self-help schemes to stretch resources.

The House of Representatives has allocated R40 million for low cost housing — R12 million in individual home loans — in 19 local authorities in the Transvaal.

Deputy Housing Minister Cecil Herandien said on Monday that the money would provide basic services and facilities and initiate both informal and conventional housing projects and upgrade existing dwellings.

Deputy housing director John Hopkins said

He said Boksburg would receive R12 million to buy land and provide services in Reigerspark. Johannesburg would get R4 million, with some of it going towards a self-help project for 21 families.

Eldorado Park would receive R2 million for the electrification of Nancefield, while Klerksdorp gets R700 000 for a self-help project for 50 families.



## Urban planning in the spotlight

KATHRYN STRACHAN

A BREAK from apartheid town-planning traditions which distanced people from job opportunities was predicted at the "Housing on the Fringe" conference this week.

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ANC housing spokesman Thozamile Botha told the two-day seminar, organised by the SA Institute for Housing, it was vital that urban planning be focused closer to the heart of the PWV. 81044 2718/92

Intraplan representative Nico Kriek supported the view that residential sites needed to be developed closer to the metropolitan core, but warned that this could not be done without affecting property values.

DBSA spokesman Glyn Davis said the current approach to housing — a little house on a little patch of land — meant about 50 000 ha of land would have to be found to tackle the PWV housing backlog.



## Govt distributes millions of condoms in anti-AIDS battle

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PRETORIA — The National Health Department would be distributing 25-million condoms at 62 000 distribution points around the country in an effort to curb the spread of AIDS, the department announced yesterday.

A media information package released by the department yesterday said 3-million more condoms would be distributed in 1992/93 in comparison to 1991/92.

The report notes that in the past, major problems were experienced with the supply and distribution of condoms.

These arose from the fact that there was a lack of sufficient awareness about the importance of using condoms and a resistance to them by a large section of the community.

It is hoped the newly formed AIDS programme, through sustained efforts, will enable an increasingly

well-informed population to be able to obtain sufficient condoms on demand in future.

The report also states that about R20m was allocated to the programme for the 1992/93 financial year.

The AIDS prevention budget has therefore more than doubled since the 1990/91 financial year, and rose a further 55%, or about R8m, in comparison to the current allocation.

National Health Department director-general C F Slabber said that very little future expansion of the programme was likely at central level.

There was, however, a great need to strengthen the AIDS programme at regional and community levels.

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# Homes drive in the Transvaal

■ Local authorities adopting flexible approach to the needs of affordable housing:

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THE House of Representatives is to spend R40 million on low cost housing in the Transvaal.

This was announced in Cape Town this week by the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr PW Saaiman.

He said the funds had been allocated according to the availability of land and the community needs of 19 local authorities in the province.

These are Alberton, Barberton, Bloemhof, Boksburg, Eldorado Park, Fochville, Johannesburg, Middelburg, Nigel, Klerksdorp, Pietersburg, Potchefstroom, Piet Retief,

Randfontein, Sabie, Schweizer-Reneke, Vereeniging, Witbank, Thabazimbi and Warmbaths.

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The deputy Minister of Housing, Mr Cecil Herandien, said the money would be used to provide basic services and facilities, initiate conventional and informal housing projects and upgrade existing dwellings.

"We are thrilled with this tremendous boost in funds. The allocation will go a long way towards easing the housing situation in the Transvaal."

The deputy director of Housing, Mr John Hopkins, said: "Besides encouraging individual achievement, the self-help option effectively cuts into two the building costs, creates employment and helps strengthen community co-operation."



## Accord on PWV structure

A BROAD agreement on a number of key issues concerning the draft spatial framework for the PWV has been reached between the government and the Urban Foundation.

Urban Foundation CEO Sam van Coller said the agreement was reached in a meeting with Deputy Regional Development Minister Andre Fourie.

They agreed on: the need for a new vision for the PWV; the importance of increasing the density of inner city areas to maximise

the impact of underused infrastructure; the need to consider a plan according to the comparative advantages of the various components or subregions of the PWV; the need for a plan to deal with urban growth in the absence of national urbanisation strategy; the inevitability of conflict around land issues; the fact that physical planning should respond to economic realities; and the need to involve key players in planning from the outset. — Sapa.

# Accord on PWV plan

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## ■ The Government and Urban Foundation's plan on urbanisation:

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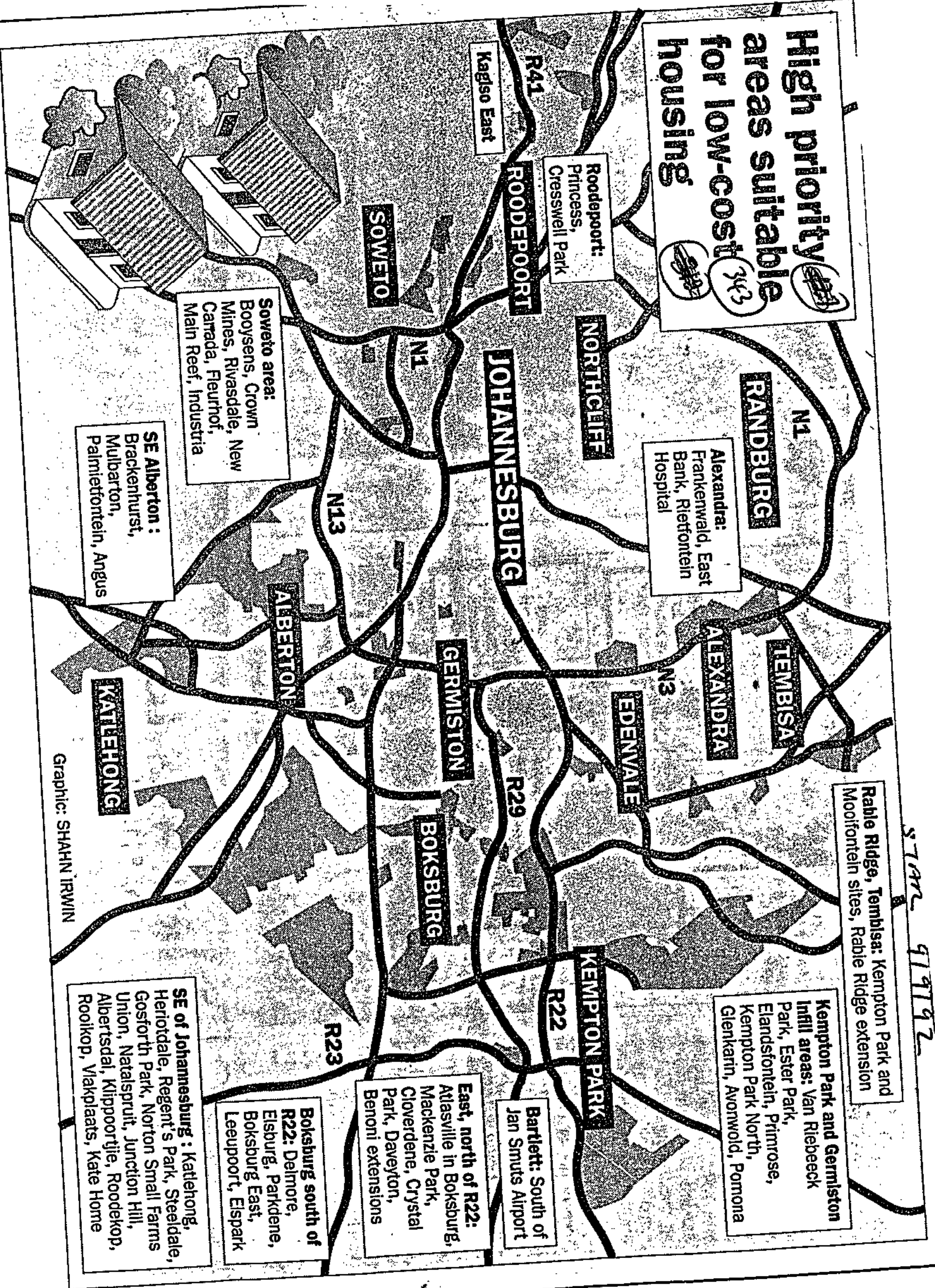
The importance of increasing the density of inner city areas to maximise the impact of presently under-utilised infrastructure;

The need for a plan to deal with urban growth in the absence of national urbanisation strategy; and

The inevitability of conflict around land issues. - *Sapa*.



# High priority areas suitable for low-cost housing



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# Sites for low-cost housing identified

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been made at this stage regarding which sites will be developed or how they will be developed. Local authorities, the province, civics and regional services council have been given until October 31 to comment, when a more detailed investigation will begin.

The study area stretches from Sandton and Modderfontein to Midrand and Tembisa, including land north-west of the Sandton and Randburg urban areas; to the north of Roodepoort and Krugersdorp; to Johannesburg's Klipriver Valley, the southern portions of Alberton, Germiston and Boksburg; to the Vaal Triangle and East Rand.

Land considered available has been ranked according to high, medium and low priorities and includes vacant land — large farms, smallholdings and erven; undeveloped land

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— smallholdings or partially developed large sites such as prison or hospital infrastructures; land affected by dolomite; minor spruits and pans; and certain informal settlements. (See graphic.)

Most of the land is privately owned by banks, pension funds, individuals and consortiums and developers.

Land not suitable for residential purposes is described as existing public and private open space (from private golf courses to proclaimed nature reserve areas), major airport sites such as Jan Smuts, land taken up by bulk-services installations, and mine dumps.

Johannesburg management committee chairman Ian Davidson said the report was merely a land audit, not a recommendation, and the city council would study it very closely. "I wish to emphasise that no decisions have been

taken," he said.

The study area was extended to include areas on the Metropolitan Chamber's boundaries, but excluded the Vaal Triangle and far East and West Rand and Pretoria.

The study emphasises that before decision-makers taking final decisions and the selection of sites and development, a more detailed investigation would be required.

The investigation of land inside urban areas suitable for low-cost housing will be the subject of another study commissioned by the chamber.

The land task team recommended that the land availability study be expanded to include the entire PWV area.

It stressed that a regional planning authority had to conduct co-ordinated and integrated development planning and that negotiation between all stakeholders was crucial.



# Reef plan

ready by  
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year end

By Louise Marstand  
Municipal Reporter

An interim strategic development plan for the greater central Witwatersrand should be in place by the end of the year, the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber heard last night.

Wits Professor Alan Mabin, who led the chamber's Land Task Team which identified land in the region suitable for low-cost housing, said an interim document containing proposals for a regional development strategy would be available soon.

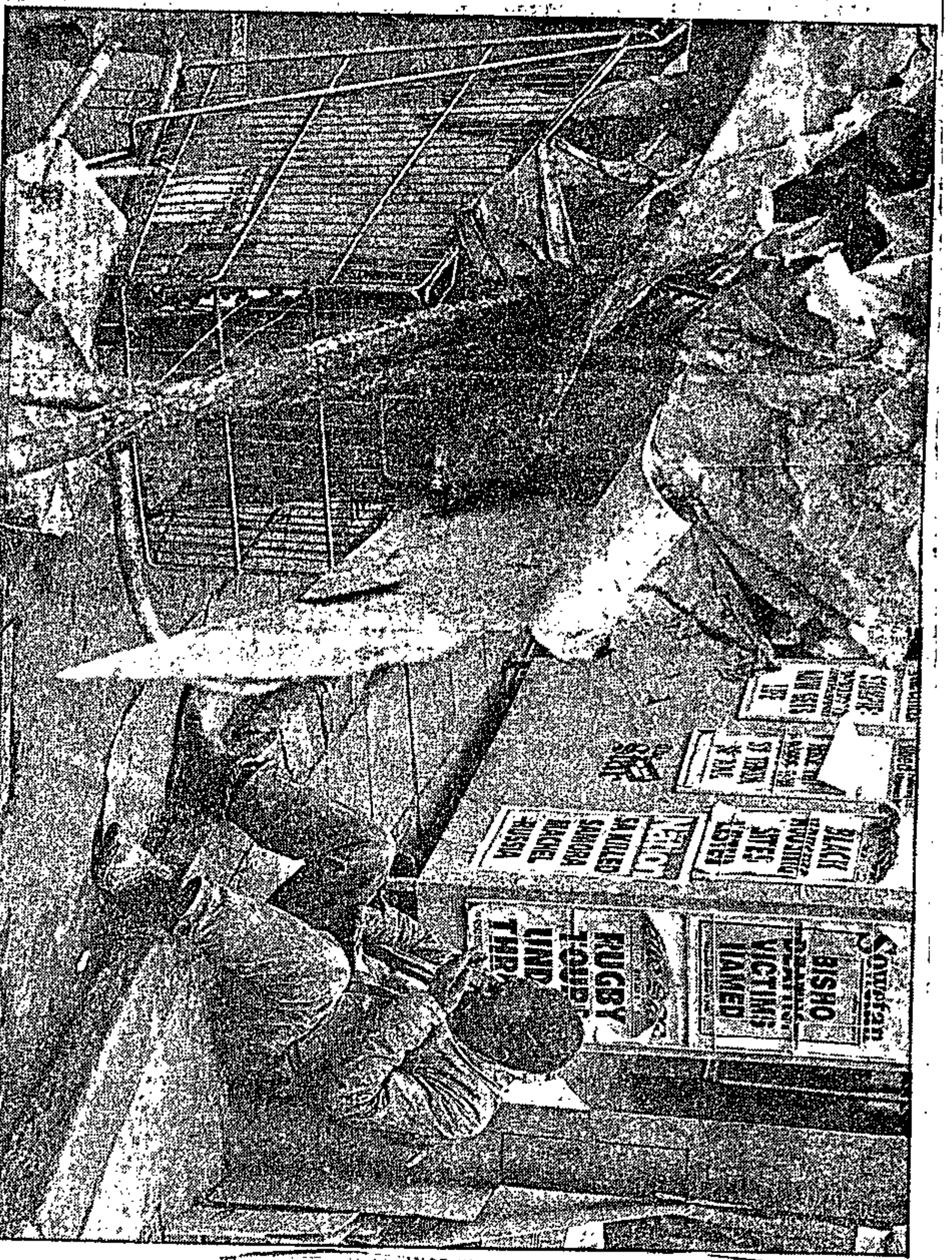
Metropolitan Chamber chairman Dr Frederick van Zyl Slabbert, attempting to allay the fears of landowners and other stakeholders, stressed that the land availability study was merely a "land audit" of existing vacant land in and around the central Witwatersrand and should only be seen as an input to a future strategy plan.

Professor Mabin said the report was the first study undertaken in SA to be funded by a public authority — the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council (CWRSC) — in which community participation was an integral part.

Chairman of the chamber's physical development working committee, Graham Phirle, said their challenge was to manage the urbanisation process.

The Land Task Team comprised representatives from the Urban Foundation, the Development Bank of Southern Africa, the Johannesburg City Council, the Transvaal Provincial Administration, the CWRSC and Johannesburg civic bodies.

Urbanisation boost - Page 11



Worries of the world can wait a scrap-metal collector stops to take a pinch of snuff and smoke a cigarette next to some newspaper posters in President Street, Johannesburg.  
Picture: Ken Oosterbroek

## Taverners air grievances against SAB

By Montshiwa Moroke

The love-hate relationship between the National Taverners' Association (NTA) and South African Breweries (SAB) came out into the open at a meeting of shebeen and tavern owners in Soweto yesterday.

The meeting was attended by hundreds of members of the Soweto Taverners' Association at Uncle Tom's Hall in

Orlando West to discuss, among other things, the conduct of SAB, crime, and legal constraints created by the Liquor Act.

A string of complaints were voiced by members against SAB, including the "insensitivity of SAB when dealing with shebeen and tavern owners and failure to consult operators when the brewery increases prices". Several resolutions were

passed, including one to pull down SAB posters in shebeens and taverns and burn them if SAB refused to hold discussions with the NTA.

The meeting also called on SAB to offer discounts and introduce incentives and that the NTA executive should seek an urgent meeting with SAB within 10 days.

Executive NTA members claimed they had tried to meet SAB for the past 10

months.

NTA public relations officer Saint Madala told members that a delegation of NTA members would meet Deputy Minister of Trade and Industries Dr Dawie de Villiers in Pretoria on September 23 to discuss the constraints in the Liquor Act.

It was resolved that the formation of defence units be discussed speedily so as to combat crime, especially hold-ups.

by David Wasglass



# Shot in the arm for urbanisation

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**THE CENTRAL Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber made its Land Availability Report public last night, announcing that 180 sites in a 164 000 ha study area have been identified suitable for informal residential settlements.**

The study was commissioned as a result of criticism by Johannesburg civic associations last year of the Transvaal Provincial Administration and Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council's proposals for the Rietfontein township development and the lack of planning alternatives, community participation and distance of effort from major employment centres.

According to a statement released last night by the Metropolitan Chamber, the intention that, after discussion of this report by the chamber's parties, overall strategy plan for the region will be developed to

identify and analyse all potential land suitable for urbanisation, and to assess the opportunities and constraints present by land which is suitable for development.

The chamber's land task team concentrated on the identification of available land for low-income housing development in the greater central Witwatersrand — from Sandton to Modderfontein, Midrand to Tembisa, Roodeport to Krugersdorp, the southern parts of Johannesburg, Alberton, Germiston and Boksburg, to the East Rand and land north of the Vaal Triangle.

The report does not claim to make proposals about which sites should be developed for low-income housing — it only

identifies sites which have a high potential for low-income housing.

Metropolitan Chamber secretary Vic Milne said a final decision on which area to pump the region's resources into would be taken only after more detailed investigation.

"This is the first major step forward to getting affordable accommodation strategies on the table. Any development must be an integrated approach. The final decision and final recommendations will be made before the end of the year," Mr Milne said.

He said new settlements had to have an economic base and be self-sufficient.

The Star revealed yesterday that 11 areas had been identified in the north-west of the study area as highly suitable for informal housing.

**Vacant and undeveloped land on the outskirts of urban areas on the Reef has been identified as possible sites for informal housing, writes Municipal Reporter LOUISE MARSLAND.**

The study recognises that the legacies of apartheid have resulted in a severe land and housing shortage, particularly for the low-income group; excessive travelling distances between home and work; racially structured land, housing and rental markets and inefficient use of resources; severe social and health problems related to overcrowding and poor living

conditions; large numbers of people in informal settlements facing threat of relocation; forced removal of people from their land and possible demands for restitution; and concentration of large-scale land ownership in the hands of a small white minority.

According to the report, past policies have tended to ignore the affordable housing question as well as the chronic land and housing shortages on a national and metropolitan scale.

one would be involved in the process.

Some of the important principles of the study include the need to promote integrated urban development; promote the creation of work opportunities; include effective community participation and decision-making; the efficient use of financial and human resources; and measures to protect the environment.

Although most of the land available for development consists of either smallholdings or large farm portions, the existing urban areas must not be excluded, the study states, and should be the subject of further investigation.

Land regarded as high priority includes large farms and

land owned by the State, the TPA or local authorities. Medium-priority land consists of smallholdings and land owned by large companies. Privately owned land and township erven are regarded as of low importance.

According to the report, past increases in the black population in the region have not been catered for in the planning of new residential areas, due to a combination of apartheid policies and economic factors, resulting in squatting, informal settlements, backyard shacks and a backlog in the provision of housing stock.

And with the black population in Johannesburg and on the East and West Rand expected to increase to around 5 million by the turn of the century, between 2.1 and 2.7 million additional people will need homes up to the year 2000, based on present figures. □



# 87 families may lose their homes

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■ Houses repossessed as union runs out of cash: ~~122~~ ~~123~~

By Lulama Luti

ABOUT 87 families stand to lose their homes in Zamdela near Sasolburg as a result of a clamp-down by the United Building Society on bond defaulters.

The 87 are part of about 1 800 who were dismissed by Sasol in 1987 following a strike over wages. The company later re-employed about 75 percent of the strikers.

Since 1988, bond repayments on the houses were paid by the South African Chemical Workers Union (Sacwu) out of funds secured from the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

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# 87 families may lose their homes

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■ Houses repossessed as union  
runs out of cash: ~~121~~ ~~578~~

By Lulama Luti

ABOUT 87 families stand to lose their homes in Zamdela near Sasolburg as a result of a clamp-down by the United Building Society on bond defaulters.

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... especially fellow blacks. Azapo.



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Housing, she has put up over 900 houses in Soweto over the past six years. Then recently she launched the only sizeable, wholly black-owned estate agency on the Witwatersrand, Nankan Properties. And this, in the past seven months, has turned over R3m in second-hand properties.

She has a staff of 10 black agents — and is looking to train many more.

Of course, since the abolition of the Group Areas Act, blacks can live where they please. Nankan says that on the whole they prefer to live in black areas; but when they do move they move far. Alexandra residents prefer homes in Sandton and Randburg, Rembrandt Park or Honeydew, she believes, rather than in Kew or Kelvin. "Moving into neighbouring areas used to be the situation, when group areas was in force," she reflects.

She also thinks black tastes are quite distinct. "Generally blacks are not keen on townhouses and cluster homes, nor on older homes in need of renovation. They prefer

to Boksburg and Benoni.

Frequent calls to her office indicate that there is a more than ready market among blacks for rented flats between R500 a month and R1 500 a month. She is keen to move into this market. "Right now two-bedroom apartments are probably housing six people, though as salaries rise these densities will most likely decrease." She reports that many landlords in Hillbrow and Berea are finding that since blacks have moved in, maintenance costs are lower because the new residents take better care of their properties.

Greater movement to flats has been noted in Durban by JHI Durban's Andrew Foxcroft. He says the city's flatland is attractive to clerical and senior black employees, for whom locating closer to their work means that transport savings offset the higher costs of city rental.

Dispelling some of the myths about doing real estate business in the townships, Nankan says that in her experience, clients have paid — and want to pay — their bonds regularly. "The only time they don't," she claims, "is because of deficient building, or simply, like whites, because of cash-flow problems due to interest rate hikes over the past couple of years, and loss of income due to economic hardships, including retrenchments."



**Nankan Properties MD Vino Nankan ...**  
*trying hard*

newer, free-standing homes, with yards." Much of her business in the second-hand property market is in the R100 000-R300 000 range.

Other agents have gone on record saying that there is not much movement in black townships these days — not only because of the recession, but because township homes have become artificially over-valued due to a shortage of upmarket homes. Nankan has a different view: "They are possibly over-capitalised as a result of the shortage."

She concurs with Balloon Estates' Alan Sampson that movement is taking place in Johannesburg's southern suburbs without local resistance. Ordinary white South Africans are accepting the fact that integration has to take place, she believes.

Nankan names Mondeor, Ormonde, Kristerville and Glen Vista, in particular, as increasingly popular areas for blacks. Sampson's estimate is that between 10% and 20% of sales in these regions is to blacks. Nankan says she is also seeing some movement to white areas on the East Rand — particularly

## BLACK HOUSING

### The people want houses

**Selling homes** in black townships is not an easy business. Right now the National Housing Forum is seeking ways to sort out such questions as a shortage of bonds, stock and subsidisation, a possible bond repayment boycott — and associated political problems.

One person who has both built and is now trying to sell such homes on the Reef is Chatsworth-born Vino Nankan. As MD of her own construction company, Ven-Rich





First National Bank has been forced to move two recently planted willow trees from their positions outside the new Bank City complex. The trees, which were found to be in the way of tunnel excavations at the building site, have been donated to the Kelland Bird Sanctuary in Randburg. Watching the relocation operations yesterday were FNB project manager Mel Buckley, top left, and Bruce Davidson of the Wildlife Society, and Miss Randburg Caron Saunders.

Pictures: ROBERT BOTHA

# Electricity the key for entrepreneurs

ISAAC Madisa is disabled and illiterate. Yet he conducts a roaring business in the tiny settlement of Elandskraal in the sweltering northern Transvaal.

Madisa owns a smart home, a bakery, a general dealer store, three trucks and a bakkie. He estimates his monthly turnover at more than R100 000. He employs 20 local people, who were unemployed before he started his businesses.

And Madisa is not the only entrepreneur in Elandskraal. Fellow residents have set themselves up in manufacturing, retail and entertainment.

This does not sound like a normal picture of SA township life.

And, indeed, all this prosperous commercial activity was not in evidence in Elandskraal a mere 20 months ago.

Before December 1989, the township did not have electricity. Sources of energy were wood, paraffin, coal and gas.

Madisa and his fellow businessmen agree that electricity has been a transforming experience for them.

They point to the great advantages afforded to communities with electricity. As they have shown, people can start small businesses, thereby creating job opportunities in their midst.

ANC secretary-general Cyril Ramaphosa said in July last year the country could begin tackling the huge unemployment problem if electricity was provided to all South Africans.

Manufacturing and mining were areas where there would be most benefits, Ramaphosa said.

Eskom public affairs executive Johan du Plessis concurs, but says more than just electricity is needed to develop communities: both the public and private sectors have to share in providing underdeveloped communities with skills and resources they need to start their small businesses.

Du Plessis says with a bit of help from the public and private sector, small businesses can mushroom everywhere in the country where there is electricity.

But he points out that Orange Farm, south of Johannesburg, is one example of a community developing at a snail's pace despite having electricity.

## WILSON ZWANE

In sharp contrast to Elandskraal — which has fewer than 2 000 households — Orange Farm is a sprawling township with more than 70 000 people living in 12 000 homes.

Unlike Elandskraal, Orange Farm does not have a dry cleaner, a disco, a bakery or a shopping centre.

Orange Farm has been electrified to a large extent, but it has only one general dealer. There are two properly built schools, but also four pitifully shabby schools which have been converted from chicken runs and horse stables.

So what is the essential difference between Elandskraal and Orange Farm, that is preventing the latter from developing as a commercial and light industrial centre? Most experts grope for an answer.

Maybe the relative "youth" of Orange Farm — it sprang up only in 1989 — is a factor. Many of the squatter community there are displaced individuals and the community lacks cohesion.

Du Plessis also believes Orange Farm people are hindered from starting their businesses by a lack of funds from financial institutions.

Much of the reluctance of business to lend to township residents, or invest in squatter areas, has stemmed from the violence. Although Orange Farm — unlike its neighbouring townships, Sebokeng, Evaton, Sharpeville and Boipatong — has been relatively quiet in recent months, it has been tarred with the same brush.

According to a recent survey conducted for a business development organisation, the Get Ahead Foundation, only 9% of informal entrepreneurs were able to get loans from banks.

But Du Plessis is confident that Orange Farm's size and its proximity to Vereeniging give it great potential for a business boom — if only there were sufficient confidence to get investment going.

Ironically, Madisa and the other Elandskraal entrepreneurs obtained loans from the now defunct Development Aid Department, closed down as a result of widespread corruption among its officials.



# National housing forum on cards

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■ Government will maintain ties with group it withdrew from:

**By Joshua Raboroko**

A CONVENING group to discuss the formation of a National Housing Forum for Local Government Affairs was set up at a meeting in Johannesburg this week.

The group consists of members from the secretariat of the Council for Co-ordination of Local Government Affairs, the South African National Civic Associations.

The forum was established to play a meaningful role in rendering better services and defusing tension in the various communities.

Both parties have agreed to meet for a report back on the progress made by the convening group.

At the meeting the Government was represented by the Minister of Local Government and National Housing and of Manpower Mr Leon Wessels and four

members of the provincial administrations.

Government spokesman Mr Johan Smit said that issues such as bond boycotts and the reregulations of mortgage finance were not discussed at the meeting.

Sanco president Mr Moses Mayekiso said that his organisation would pursue demands it earlier presented to the Government.

## Relevant stakeholders

In its memorandum, the organisation accused the Government of unilaterally formulating housing policy and restructuring local government.

It proposed a forum, involving all the major and relevant stakeholders to negotiating the formulation of housing policy and related urban development.

Wessels has said that Government would maintain bilateral ties with the national housing forum, from which it withdrew earlier this year.

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**Houses to be sold**

THE Johannesburg City Council is to sell all 1 072 houses in Noordgesig, adjoining Soweto, to residents for an average cash price of R500 each, if the Government and the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council approve of the plan. (12) (343)

The decision was taken at a council meeting on Tuesday and could conclude years of uncertainty over the future of the houses which were built more than 40 years ago.

A statement issued after the meeting on behalf of Councillor Marietta Marx said the decision followed agreement reached between the council and representatives of the Noordesig community who previously had been denied the right to purchase their homes because of an outstanding township establishment proclamation. - Sapa.



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STAN 2/10/92  
**in housing**

By Stan Hlophe

Financial institutions, the private sector, the Government and developers should address the housing backlog to help achieve peace, stability and growth in South Africa, Alexandra Interim Crisis Committee spokesman Mike Beea said yesterday.

Mr Beea was speaking at the Alex Times housing convention at the local resource centre attended by political, social, economic and women's groupings.

The theme of the convention was "The economics and politics of housing in Alexandra".

As part of the solution, Mr Beea said, unused land and all available space should be utilised for housing. Rentals and purchase prices should also be low enough to make houses affordable to all.

He called for the demolition of hostels, shacks and slums.

Every citizen should have access to security of tenure and property ownership, he said.

Eskom's Sam Mosikili, speaking on electrification of low-income housing, said electrification would not make economic miracles happen, but without it there would be no growth.

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# Race against time

Responses to the Central Witwatersrand Metropolitan Chamber's recently released Land Availability Report are still coming in. The October 31 deadline was set so that the chamber could consider the matter at its monthly meeting in November.

The report found that land totalling about 160 000 ha is vacant or unused in the central Witwatersrand area. The audit — the first of its kind in SA — has been hailed as an excellent start to setting up acceptable mechanisms for the release and development of land for the urban poor. Planning must now take place as soon as possible, say those associated with the land inventory.

Metropolitan Chamber CEO Vic Milne explains: "Planning must be done within months, not years, to avoid a crisis. Legislation and expropriation are negative mechanisms. To avoid these, an overall planning framework must be drawn up and be mutually acceptable to all."

The study area was divided into nine sectors and analyses were done on 180 portions. Criteria for land use included the costs of services, variations in land ownership and availability of jobs. Portions were then ranked and given scores.

"For the first time," says Milne, "all planners — government, civic associations and the private sector — are able to compare like with like. It levels the playing fields and reduces the likelihood of hidden agendas among local authorities — or any other parties for that matter."

The chamber's land task team, under the chairmanship of Wits' Alan Mabin, jointly commissioned town planner Rosmarin & Associates, together with the Civic Association of Johannesburg, to do the audit, which it did independently of local authorities. Sources were diverse and included aerial studies.

The team stresses that the work is not intended to be definitive and that not all the 160 000 ha are suitable for low-income housing. Some land will have to be made available for high-income housing or industrial use, plus a wide range of other purposes.

The chamber envisages three stages in development:

- ☐ Compiling the land database;
- ☐ Devising an integrated and comprehensive planning framework for urban development; and
- ☐ Implementation of this plan.

The case of the squatter community of Zevenfontein, northwest of Randburg, involving about 1 000 people, was an example of how not to go about relocating people. It was the result of ad hoc decision-making without consultation, Milne says. "We're talking about tens of thousands of people who hopefully will be relocated in a much



Chamber's Milne ... plan to avert a crisis

easier and more acceptable manner."

The big question is who is going to lead the third phase — implementation. The overall feeling is that the private sector, which owns most of the identified land, is best-equipped; but it should do so only in partnership with government and the civics. The Metropolitan Chamber is expected to play a pivotal role in bringing the project together.

What about the second stage? According to the Urban Foundation: "The Metropolitan Chamber has taken a bold step in identifying land in the region. Its inclusion of a set of principles is welcomed as they form reference points against which to evaluate policy decisions. These principles are aimed *inter alia* at promoting integrating urban development, maximising access and prioritising development and should be supported by all who have an interest in promoting viable, non-racial land development in this region."

"We note that the study has identified only the larger land parcels. All local authorities within the chamber area should now assist by undertaking detailed analyses of landholdings within their areas and contribute this towards a comprehensive land audit for the metropolitan area. Also, this type of study should be extended to other parts of the PWV including the Vaal Triangle, the East and West Rand and the Pretoria Metropolitan area so that a composite picture of land availability is obtained."

The foundation notes that the problem of identification and development of land for low-income housing is a metropolitan one and all authorities have a contribution to make. Through public participation, community involvement and the timely allocation of land for low-income housing, poten-

tial for conflict can be reduced.

"Also, if insufficient land is identified or if land in unsuitable locations is identified, low-income communities seeking accommodation closer to their places of work are left with few other options than to crowd into existing areas or to settle illegally on vacant land."

Any strategic planning framework within which land for low-income development is identified becomes not simply desirable in a time of massive urbanisation, but politically sensitive. So far, so good. ■





## Eskom is set to supply Vosloorus

WILSON ZWANE

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ESKOM is set to start direct provision of electricity to the East Rand township of Vosloorus.

Vosloorus town clerk George Prinsloo said yesterday the council, the TPA, Eskom and the Vosloorus Civic Association would meet tomorrow to finalise the agreement, in terms of which Eskom would take over all the aspects of power supply in the township.

Prinsloo said his council was "anxious" to finalise the agreement.

Negotiations on the arrangement began in 1990 after it became clear the Vosloorus Town Council was unable to settle its Eskom electricity accounts. The council owes the utility R25m in unpaid electricity bills.

Should the agreement be finalised,

Vosloorus will become the fourth township on the Reef to have had Eskom take over its electricity supply from the local authority. Other townships are Soweto, Dobsonville and Alexandra.

The SA National Civic Organisation (Sanco) told an electrification conference convened by the Development Bank of Southern Africa last month that it wanted Eskom to take over the supply of electricity in all townships.

Eskom public affairs executive Johan du Plessis said electricity payments had improved substantially in Soweto, Dobsonville and Alexandra since the utility's takeover.



## PROPERTY Challenge to resolve housing crisis ● Action



Mr Brian Wegerle of the ICC and Mr Obed Bapela of the ANC.

# Violence a constant plague to housing

*Swetem 8/10/92*

By Joshua Raboroko

**V**IOLENCE and large-scale unemployment have continued to plague the development of housing in Alexandra.

The situation has been aggravated by the unavailability of land, finance criteria applied by banks and building societies and the threat to boycott bond repayments. These are some of the views expressed at the Alexandra Housing Convention held last week.

Addressing the conference, chairman of the Interim Crisis Committee Mr Brian Wegerle said there were 46 000 shacks, three single-sex hostels and few middle-class homes in Alexandra.

Wegerle said infrastructure was poor

## ■ POOR INFRASTRUCTURE Committee looks at why Alex housing is scarce:

- no sewerage or refuse removal and the township was "a health hazard".

It was evident that there was a housing backlog in the country, therefore everybody was being challenged to resolve the housing crisis.

But as long as violence continued to sweep through most of the townships, the housing backlog will not be solved because developers and financial institutions are reluctant to invest in the beleaguered townships.

Financial institutions, the private sector, the business community, building industries and the current governing bodies were applying themselves to

breaking this housing shortage, yet violence inhibited their moves, he said.

The population of Alexandra was 355 000, and 305 000 were unemployed. These people could not afford to buy homes, and financial institutions would not give them loans.

Problems highlighted were:

- Mushrooming of squatters near Alex;
- Call by South African National Civic Organisation to boycott bond repayments, and the fact that the organisation's president was a resident there;
- No networking between the residents and community organisations regarding the housing shortage.

## Vaal Joy at IDT R13-million

THOUSANDS of Vaal residents deprived of the comfort and joy of a home rejoiced this week at the funding of a R13-million project to make their dreams come true.

This came about when a long battle by 1 685 Vaal residents - which started in March 1991 - bore fruit when residents were granted sites in the emerging township of Tshepiso between Sharpeville and Boipatong.

According to the Vaal Civic Association's Paul Sithole, the acquisition of properties by residents followed tedious battles inside and outside the courts. *CP Res 11/10/92*

Negotiations between the VCA and the Independent Development Trust resulted in the IDT extending the huge sponsorship.

"Part of the agreement reached with VCA is that the community should participate in decision-making on the development project," said Sithole, adding the area's infrastructure - including water, electricity and sewerage supply services - had already been installed.

■ Reports by CP Reporters, CP Correspondents, Sapa.



# focus on Soweto

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**H**EAPS of rubbish littered in the area line street after street. Rivulets of dirty water run freely. There are blocked drains and toilets that have not been attended to for weeks.

This is Soweto. The situation is pitiable. Services are collapsing by the day. The situation has become critical.

Never before has Soweto needed the coming together of its people more than it does now, said Mr Pat Lephunya, general secretary of the Soweto Civic Association.

"We have called on residents to put into exercise the concept of people's power," he said.

According to Lephunya, Sowetans have been asked to rally into groups and use available manpower to clean their areas.

"However, I would like to point out that this must not be misconstrued as an attempt to render council employees redundant. 'This is an attempt to create better conditions under the circumstances,'" he said.

While the Soweto council puts the blame for the collapse of services squarely on the shoulders of the civic association, for having reinstated the rent boycott on May 2 this year, Lephunya is adamant that this is not true.

He points out that a vote of no confidence against the council was passed by residents a long time ago.

"More than 70 percent of the residents are now paying electricity directly to Eskom and only 20 percent to the council. Now, that is a vote of no confidence against them," he said.

"While the rent boycott played an important part in helping register residents' grievances, the collapse of services in Soweto cannot be attributed to the rent boycott alone," he said.

The trouble started when the Government declared black residential areas, especially Soweto, financially autonomous.

"The infrastructure was of such a weak nature that people were led to believe that they were temporary sojourners in the urban areas.

"The Government continued pumping in money to sustain the life of rejected structures like the councils. Rents continued to increase until people said enough was enough," he added.

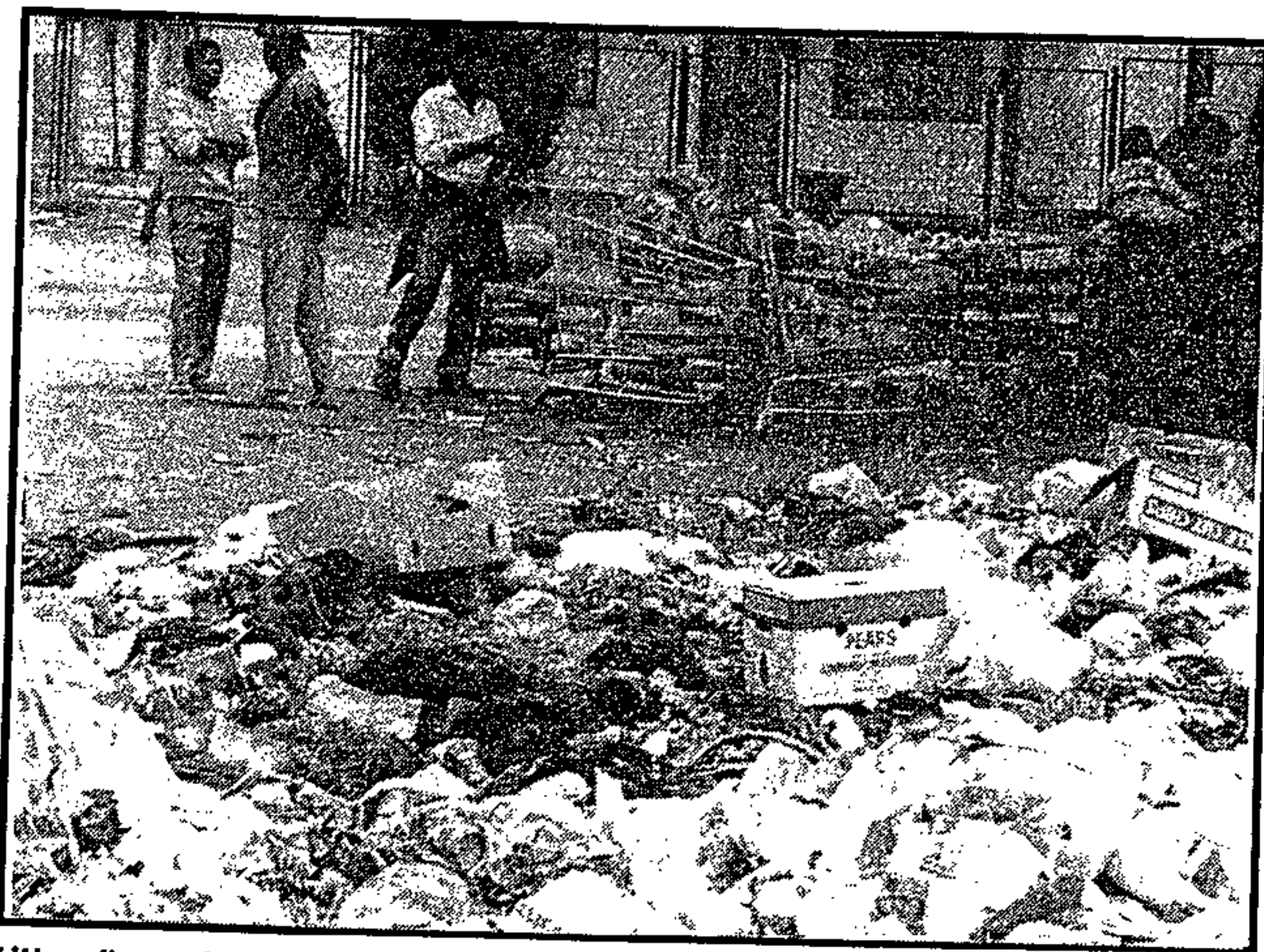
Lephunya said this was the reason why civic associations had always called for the establishment of single councils.

"There are no sound industrial and tax bases in Soweto - crucial contributory factors to the collapse of services," he said.

"Residents have been paying and paying and it is not known where the money went to."

Lephunya said while councillors refused to resign, they continued to get money from the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council without giving any clear indication of

The situation in Soweto has become critical as services collapse and litter piles up in the streets. But the Soweto Civic Association says residents will continue their rent boycott until a new dispensation has been worked out. **Lulama Luti** reports:



Litter piles up in Soweto.

what their programme of action was.

"That's precisely the reason why we had to reinstate the rent boycott. To force them out of our way," he said.

Amidst all these problems, the Transvaal Provincial Administration has begun a legal process that will ultimately decide on the future of not only the Soweto council, but that of Diepmeadow as well.

He said that in the on-going negotiations the civic association had proposed two phases through which the problems of Soweto could be solved.

"Once they (councillors) are out, there should be an interim administration committee and some administrative functions should be combined with those of the Roodepoort and Johannesburg councils.

"This committee would look purely into the delivery of essential services and the improvement of existing infrastructure," he said.

Lephunya puts forward that to this effect, the civic association calls for massive state financial intervention.

During the second interim phase, he said, the councils would be expected to implement moves towards single municipalities thus doing away with black/white councils.

"We hope by then the interim government will be in place," he added.

He concluded that the council should rest assured that, this time, the boycott would not be called off.

"Certainly not until such time as they have resigned, the hostels done away with and both the black and white councils have been merged into single municipalities as a matter of urgency," he said.

And while the wrangle continues, the people of Soweto will have to contend with the growing heaps of rubbish posing a great threat to an already poor health system.



**BUSINESS** Chance for local workers to make money during electrification of houses

# Eskom boost for black artisans

*Sowetan*  
3/12/92

By Mzimkulu Malunga

**E**skom aims to broaden the country's technical base by sub-contracting to black artisans in its electrification programme of the townships.

"Part of the process is to ensure that we encourage and promote local contractors in areas where Eskom operates," said Paul Marais, sales and customer service manager for the West Rand.

However, the prospective sub-contractors have to meet certain requirements before they could be commissioned.

They have to produce a wireman's licence - an officially recognised qualification for electricians. Secondly, they have to have a workman composition, so that if any of their employees are injured on duty they (workers) qualify for compensation.

## Sub-contracting Electrification giant will promote local contractors:

"With electricity being a dangerous source of energy if not installed properly, we have to screen tenders and be satisfied that they are qualified to deliver the services they have been contracted to do," he said.

Payments ranged from R8 000 to R15 000 depending on the number of houses in which electricity was installed.

Sub-contractors with bigger numbers of people in their employ were given higher targets - about 300 houses a month.

Those who employed a fewer number, were expected to electrify between 100 and 200 households monthly. Currently, there are two types of sub-contracting. One is the service connection which entails drawing power from the electrical sub-stations for domestic consumption. The other involves the transferring of meters from the streets to the residences.

Five black sub-contractors were tendering service connections in various areas on the West Rand while six electrical companies handled the meter transfer project, according to Marais.

In the East Rand township of Tsakane, between 80 to 90 percent of the wiring inside the houses is done by blacks, said Lactitia van Staden, sales and customer services manager for the area.

Plans are already at an advanced stage to extend the programme to other East Rand townships in the next few months.

THE African National Congress' economics department will host an anti-trust, monopolies and mergers policy workshop at the Aloe Ridge Hotel near Fourways from tomorrow until Sunday.

Financial editors or their senior assistants are invited to attend the Friday and Saturday sessions. For more information contact Rizwana Bawa at (011) 330-7188.

A conference on the opportunities in franchise businesses will be held at the Carlton Hotel on December 8-9. Registration fee is R990.

There will also be workshops conducted by international franchise specialists during the conference. For more information contact Black Integrated Commercial Support Network at (011) 789-3141.

The National Association of Cooperative Societies of South Africa, representing burial societies, women's and meholisano clubs, is to hold its annual general meeting at Funda Centre on December 12.

Guest speaker will be *Sowetan's* day editor, Thami Mazwai. For more information contact the Nassaa office at (011) 331-8326.

The National Black Consumer Union will hold its fundraising dinner at the Jan Simus Holiday Inn on Sunday starting at 5.30pm. For more information contact Ethel at (011) 337-6210/2.

Clem Sumter's new book, *The new century - the quest for the high road*, will be subjected to thorough scrutiny at the Self-702 business breakfast tomorrow at 7.30am.

For more information contact Giles Shepherd at (011) 726-5018.

**the diary**

Your update on what's happening in the business world from Mzimkulu Malunga.





# Roll up for peek at the real Soweto

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**FOREIGNERS** rush in where abelungu fear to tread. An eclectic group of German, Dutch and British tourists crowded the pavement outside the Carlton Hotel — the departure point for Soweto tours.

Photographer Steve Hilton-Barber and I had arranged to meet a guide from the Soweto Council, but there was no sign of him.

Instead, we found Jimmy Ntuthi selling taxi rides to Soweto at R65 each. The good, the bad and the ugly, not some sanitised version. We decided to go.

I tried wrangling a discount for two cash-strapped South Africans. "Considering you want to write something, you can have a free interview afterwards," he said magnanimously.

"You charge for interviews?" I asked incredulously. "I'm a businessman," he shrugged. An entrepreneur extraordinaire. I heard him flogging stones to the tourists. R20 apiece. "You may need them," he warned. He was joking... I think.

A former chef, Ntuthi now heads a thriving tour operation in Johannesburg. "Five years ago, I took a few friends through Soweto and thought: Why not get

**ENTERPRISING** tour guides are cashing in on Soweto. **CAROLINE HURRY** set out to see the good, the bad and the ugly — and found warmth.

our guide, eased us down the highway. "Welcome, my dear friends," he exclaimed warmly.

Cameras clicked furiously as we approached the township. "Feel free to take photos. We in Soweto are very photogenic. Any questions?" invited Oupa.

"Is there a sea in Johannesburg?" asked one middle-aged woman. Oupa did not permit himself even the flicker of a smile. "No, Johannesburg is full of gold instead. Durban and Cape Town have an ocean," he explained patiently.

"Okay, my good friends, there are three forms of transport in Soweto. The trains are the cheapest. But they are no longer in favour because of the violence. The Putco buses are also not in favour because they are slow and expensive. The minibuses or taxis are very much in favour. There are 250 000 in Soweto. They are privately owned and much safer."

Judging by some of

Oupa's eyes twinkled. "Fear not, madame. I've plenty of rocks under my seat to hurt back if they do," he assured her.

"Right, good friends, this is Diepkloof Extension 4, which we call Diepkloof. Expensive. The people here have servants, educate their children in Johannesburg and own BMWs."

Soweto is an erratic fusion of affluence and poverty. Tin shacks mushroom next to mansions. Spazas squat beside supermarkets. The gardens, some less than a square metre, are carefully tended.

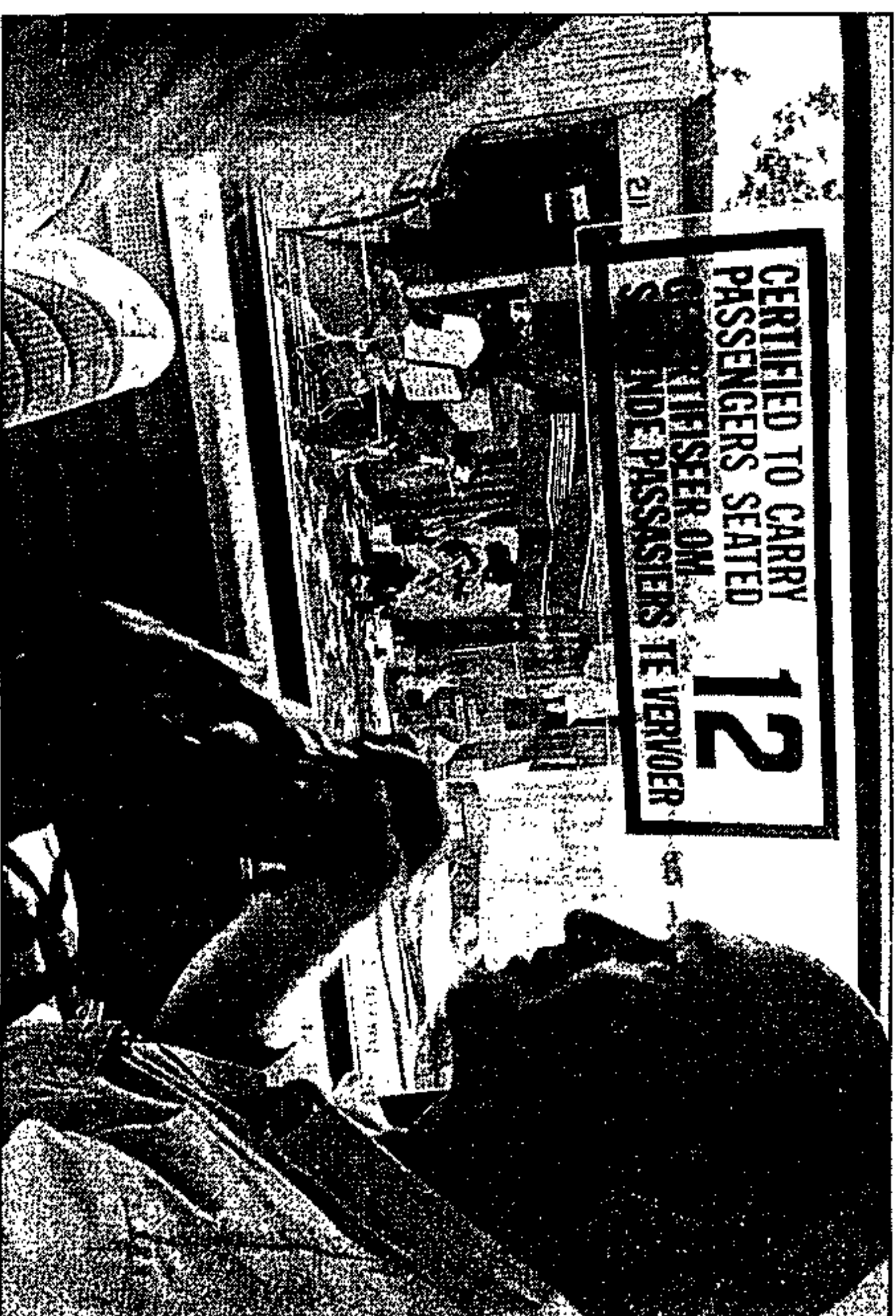
Oupa points out the asbestos-roofed houses built by the Government. "We call these matchboxes. There are three or four rooms and an outside toilet. Come and see for yourselves."

The minibus lurched to a halt. A woman, her skirts weighed down by a clutch of children peeping shyly around her ample frame, ushered us into her humble abode. Modest furnishings, but everything neat as a pin.

"These are my friends," said Oupa by way of introduction. We were made to feel as welcome as long-lost relatives.



HAPPY SNAPPERS: At the entrance to Soweto.



VIEW FROM THE INSIDE: The tourists are driven through a squatter camp.

● Photographs: STEVE HILTON-BARBER



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"You charge for interviews?" I asked incredulously. "I'm a businessman," he shrugged. An entrepreneur extraordinaire. I heard him flogging stones to the tourists. R20 apiece.

"You may need them," he warned. He was joking... I think.

A former chef, Ntintili now heads a thriving tour operation in Johannesburg. "Five years ago, I took a few friends through Soweto and thought: Why not get paid for this? So now I run my own business. Who needs to pick up the crumbs from the big guys?"

Quite. I ponder the possibilities of Parktown as a potential package promotion.

"What about the graveyards of the VIPs?" he suggests. "No one's doing that here yet and it's big business in the States."

Twelve of us piled into a minibuss and Oupa Mofokeng, our driver and

Oupa did not permit himself even the flicker of a smile. "No, Johannesburg is full of gold instead. Durban and Cape Town have an ocean," he explained patiently.

"Okay, my good friends, there are three forms of transport in Soweto. The trains are the cheapest. But they are no longer in favour because of the violence. The Putco buses are also not in favour because they are slow and expensive. The minibuses or taxis are very much in favour. There are 250 000 in Soweto. They are privately owned and much safer."

Judging by some of the commuter-crammed Zola Budds rocketing down the highway in flagrant contravention of the speed limit, I thought it Hobson's choice.

"On the left here, we have what used to be the Diepkloof Reformatory for naughty boys. It is now used as a military base for the SADF."

The subtle irony was lost on the ocean-notion lady. "Will they throw stones at us?" she inquired anxiously.

see for yourselves."

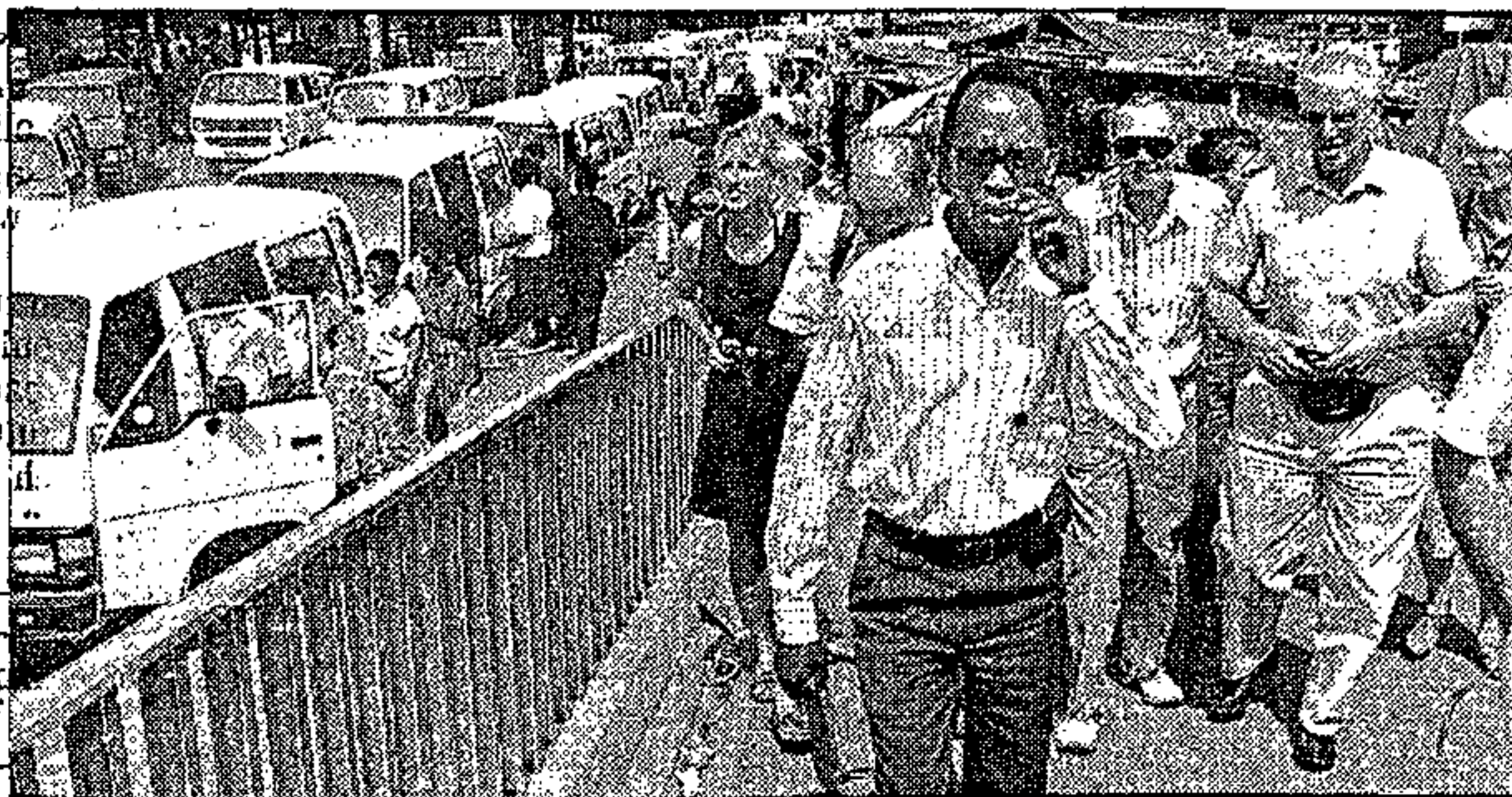
The minibuss lurched to a halt. A woman, her skirts weighed down by a clutch of children peeping shyly around her ample frame, ushered us into her humble abode. Modest furnishings, but everything neat as a pin.

"These are my friends," said Oupa by way of introduction. We were made to feel as welcome as long-lost relatives.

Fortified by a cup of tea, we pressed on to the famous and lesser-known landmarks — homes of local luminaries such as Winnie Mandela and Archbishop Tutu, the street where Oupa was born, former Government-owned bottle stores now reduced to rubble, shebeens and squatter camps.

Cheerful greetings from locals belied the menace suggested by the barbed-wire fencing and armoured vehicles.

We saw, as Ntintili promised, the good, the bad and the ugly. And it was a 2½-hour treat. Soweto might not have a seaside, but it does have an ocean of character.



GUIDE: Oupa Mofokeng shows tourists the Baragwanath taxi rank.



TEA BREAK: A stop at one of Oupa's friends.



# House builders quit troubled Vaal townships

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The housing shortage is chronic, but white developers are frightened to enter the area where they are robbed of materials, vehicles and threatened with death, reports JOSHUA RABOROKO.

Most white property developers building homes for blacks are pulling out of Vaal Triangle townships as a result of the escalating violence, despite the critical shortage of homes in the area.

The property developers maintain that their new homes have been vandalised, building materials have been stolen and vehicles hijacked by unruly elements who have made the area "altogether ungovernable and extremely dangerous".

Personnel at some of the offices have been attacked and robbed of money, while some are living in fear of their lives after death threats have been made.

## Losses

According to sources, only two of the 15 property developers are still operating in the beleaguered areas.

However, it is feared they, too, might leave after colleagues reported losses of millions of rands.

Property developer Johan Killian has said he lost R250 000 as a result of materials being stolen and vehicles hijacked while building new homes in Zone 17, Sebokeng, in the past nine months.

In the latest of these attacks an employee was driving in Sebokeng when group of people armed with AK-47s stopped the vehicle and ordered him out last week.

They left with the bakkie that was carrying R16 000 worth of building material. Killian said his vehicle was valued at R20 000.

He said that since February business had been very bad in the townships as a result of criminal and other elements.

"We just cannot operate our companies in the present conditions," he said.

Killian said it was difficult to operate in Boipatong in the aftermath of the massacre in June.

Violence had brought everything virtually to a standstill, he said, adding: "If you go there, you are not sure you will come back."

Most of the developers have left the remaining jobs with black sub-contractors who were also experiencing problems because they were seen to be sell-outs.

Killian said he had built more than 800 homes in Vaal Triangle townships since 1984, but had never encountered the problems he had to face this year.

"This is the worst year in my business," he said.

He explained that their problems were compounded by the fact that building societies and financial institutions were reluctant to grant home loans to blacks.

Another property developer, Andre Pienaar, said building a new home in Sebokeng was almost impossible. He said before a house was completed, material was stolen and deliveries disrupted by unruly elements in the townships.

"It is dangerous to operate a business with a gun virtually pointing at your head all the time.

"We are living in fear of our lives and have decided to

quit the townships in the wake of the growing violence," Pienaar said.

He had built homes in Zone 6 and 7 in Sebokeng.

His remaining jobs were passed on to black sub-contractors — probably with the view to empower them economically, he said.

Most of the developers have left and indicated that they might return when things become better in the trouble-torn Vaal Triangle townships next year.

Pienaar said he would probably take contracts to build for private companies, rather than go into "the troubled waters".

Killian said it seemed the whole building system had "fallen flat on its face" in the townships after numerous charges had been laid at police stations.

## Estimates

This is a very sad story indeed at a time when hundreds of people are without homes and living in squatter camps in the area.

It is estimated that more than 100 000 people are homeless and living in squatter camps and backyards in the area.

A police spokesman said more police were being deployed in the area.

There were many robberies, including the hijacking of vehicles, but the spokesman could not say if they belonged to any particular property developer.

The police would investigate every case after charges had been laid.

# Soweto sewer system being upgraded

Staff Reporter (343)

Environmental conditions in some Soweto suburbs could improve significantly next year with an upgrading of the existing sewerage system.

Population growth in the suburbs of Moletsane, Zola and Naledi has led to an overloading of the existing sewerage sys-

tem, which has resulted in overflows into the streets and streams, posing a grave health risk.

A 6,5 km relief sewer is being constructed and will run from Jabulani in the north through Moletsane and Mapetla to the Protea South township, where it will discharge into the south western outfall sewer.

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The project forms part of the upgrading of the entire Soweto sewerage system which was started by the Soweto City Council and is financed by the Central Witwatersrand Regional Services Council.

Other areas to be upgraded include Zondi, Jabavu, Chiawelo, Orlando East and the Protea-Emdeni sub-outfall sewer.



**BUSINESS** New company aims to help low income groups raise loans to build houses

# BFC raises housing prospects

By Mzimkulu Malunga

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FINANCE company which says it uses information as security for the provision of housing loans was launched on the

East Rand last week.

Bochabela Finance Corporation says its market is the low-income groups, who have difficulties in acquiring loans to build houses.

"We use information as opposed to assets as collateral," said the company's chief executive, Mr Fuzile Magwa.

BFC will operate on the East Rand until the situation becomes conducive to expansion.

"We felt that it was better to operate in an area we know best," Magwa said.

Both groups and individuals can qualify for loans.

A person has to be earning R1 000 or less to qualify.

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Borrowers would have to provide healthy trade references, the same criteria used by furniture and clothing shops.

Loan amounts range between R5 000 and R10 000.

Most of the loans would be short term.

"Many poor people want something that they know can be paid off within a particular period, not in instalments that stretch on for over 20 years," he said.

Prospective borrowers would also have to provide evidence of savings amounting to 25 percent of the amount they borrow. The cash could then be used as security for the loan.

Clients choose a financial institution with which to save the money during the loan repayment period. The company would then approach the bank concerned for that particular amount to be frozen until the loan had been fully repaid.

"This system will give us indications of the financial capabilities of the borrower. It also enables BFC to

deal with the huge demand we have to handle," said Magwa.

Interest on the loans is 24 percent because the market is risky and only smaller amounts are involved.

Another factor which forced the BFC to put interest above official rates was because the company's creditors were not influenced by either the bank or prime rates.

In a move calculated to encourage consistency in the payment of the loans, BFC would also introduce a performance bonus to clients who do not default.

The bonus would be the amount of money put on stand-by to cover the costs should a client be unable to pay. "If he pays well during those 36 months we will give him that money back," said Magwa.

BFC was registered as a non-profit making organisation in June this year and has a credit facility to the tune of R22 million with the Independent Development Trust Finance Corporation - an autonomous subsidiary of the Independent Development Trust.

■ **INFORMATION CRITICAL** Assets not the criteria to get help for a loan.

## High-tech train set for test run

RAY HARTLEY

THE first high-tech security train designed to foil railway violence goes into operation next week.

The 14-coach train will be tested on the Soweto line on January 4. If tests prove successful, it will go into full operation two days later.

The train is equipped with concealed video cameras which automatically focus on coaches in which commuters have pressed emergency buttons.

SA Rail and Commuter Corporation official Brian Carver said the cameras would be monitored by security officials close to potential conflict areas and swift action could be taken against instigators of violence.

Other features include extra-strong windows and interleading doors with rubber housing between coaches to thwart incidents in which commuters are thrown from trains.

The new windows, manufactured locally by Nustart from polycarbonate sheeting produced by AECI, would cut down on money spent on replacing glass windows, frequently smashed during stoning incidents, Carver said.

The new rail guard would go into operation in the new year in a further bid to eliminate train violence, he said.

A new spirit of cooperation existed between the SA Rail and Commuter Corporation, the ANC and police following a successful police strategy implemented this year of randomly searching trains, he said.

# Consensus reached on hostels revamp

CONSENSUS had been reached on upgrading programmes at 35 hostels in the Transvaal, a TPA spokesman said last week.

The TPA has had almost R200m allocated to it by government for the upgrading of 92 hostels in the province.

The administration has pursued a policy of seeking consensus with hostel residents on the measures to be taken at each hostel.

Plans for changes at 26 of the hostels have already been completed, while talks are still in progress at another nine.

"In 24 instances, approval for projects has been requested (from the national housing department) and in 13 cases approval for the projects has been granted," a TPA statement said.

The TPA spokesman said negotiations were under way at a further 48 hostels.

Representatives from the ANC PWV region and the Transvaal Hostel Residents' Association, however, have called on government to transfer the responsibility of hostel upgrading, together with the more than R300m allocated nationally for the purpose, to the National Housing Forum.

The two associations claimed the TPA had not consulted sufficiently with hostel dwellers before implementing upgrading programmes.

"The aim of the TPA's hostel strategy is to improve living conditions of hostel dwellers by means of the upgrading of existing facilities for single persons and/or conversion of hostels into family units," a

TPA statement said.

"It must be stressed that the TPA regards proper and representative consultation of the utmost importance in achieving the upgrading or conversion of hostels in the Transvaal," it added.

The Local Government and National Housing Department said that, nationwide, planning for 41 upgrading projects was under way at a cost of about R3,5m. Building operations had been approved for a further 30 sites, the cost of which would be almost R98m.

Sapa reports that fighting among inmates of the Durban Deep Hostel on the West Rand left six people dead on Saturday night, bringing to eight the number killed at the hostel since Christmas day.

Police have reported at least six other deaths in violence in the Transvaal since Thursday.

Three men died at Hostel 4, Sebokeng, in the Vaal Triangle; a man was stabbed to death and a woman was found hanged in Alexandra township, near Johannesburg; and the body of an unidentified man with his genitals cut off was found in the veld near Bekkersdal on the West Rand.

In Natal on Friday, two men were found shot dead at KwaNdengezi between Durban and Maritzburg, and the bodies of three men were found at Swayimani, outside Maritzburg.

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