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A RECORD number of more than 10 000 families in the Cape Town City Council's home ownership schemes in the Peninsula are in arrears with their bond repayments as South Africa's worst recession in 40 years bites deeper.

And as prices of consumer goods continue their upward spiral coupled with growing unemployment as firms retrench to cut losses, more and more people will be finding it difficult to keep up with their housing commitments in the gloomy months ahead.

Out of the 21 230 families who occupy houses bought from the City Council just under half — 10 341 — were at least one month behind with their monthly bond repayment by the middle of January.

The area which is hardest hit, probably because there are more Council home ownership houses than anywhere else in the Peninsula, is Mitchells Plain where 9 272 home-owners are in arrears by a staggering R717 070.

In a schedule of bond payment arrears tabled by the Council's housing committee earlier this month, it emerged that the January arrears figure was just under 2 000 up on the December figure.

The majority of the defaulters are one month shy on their bonds but there are several that are two, three and even four months in the red.

When questioned whether more people were finding it difficult to pay their rent because of unemployment, Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the City Council's housing committee, said that in Mitchells Plain the number of people who had approached the council because of rent problems had increased.

She said that most of these people were receiving unemployment benefits.

Mrs Stott said that once the Council was satisfied that the breadwinner was unemployed, the Council reduced the rental of the person concerned to a figure which tied in with the ammount the householder received from the unemployment insurance fund.

Rent rise: 200 refuse to pay

CAPE Times 17/1/85 207 240 124

By RIAAN DE VILLIERS

SOME 200 demonstrating New Crossroads women yesterday declared they would refuse to pay rent after demands for rent reductions in the township were finally turned down by the authorities

Women chanted and shouted as a top local black-affairs official told them the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, had rejected requests that a R6 a month rent increase for all residents should be scrapped

Addressing the women outside the board's Nyanga offices, Mr Frikkie van Eeden, Acting Chief Director of the Western Cape Development Board, said the minister had asked for their "co-operation" in paying the increases which were necessary in view of rising costs

Demanded to see minister

He asked them to return "peacefully" to their homes, but women shouted that they would not pay any rent until their demands were met and demanded to see the minister

Mr Van Eeden told leaders that if they wished to see the minister they should make an appointment through their local Community Councillors

However, this drew another noisy response from the group and spokespeople declared that residents rejected the councillors

After further heated exchanges, Mr Van Eeden finally told representatives "Your message will be transmitted to the minister"

A spokesperson for the group, Mrs Elsie Mkumbuzi of the New Crossroads branch of the Western Cape Civic Association, said residents not only wanted the R6 increase withdrawn but also wanted rentals reduced to R23 and R18 a month for larger and smaller houses respectively—the original rentals when New Crossroads was built

She and others declared they would refuse to pay any rent until their demands were met

Previous protests

Yesterday's meeting followed previous protests outside the board offices which led to an agreement that a final answer would be provided yesterday

Earlier, plainclothes police in unmarked cars shadowed the group as they marched from New Crossroads The group was also photographed by a police photographer

Mr Sampie Steenkamp, the board's liaison officer, said later there were five types of houses in New Crossroads and target rentals for each type had been further determined on a sliding scale according to the income of the tenants

All residents had initially paid R18 when they moved in three years ago but were placed into various categories the next year Since then, all rentals had been increased by R6 every January to work towards reaching the target rentals This had not yet occurred

200 protest over higher rents

Staff Reporter

NEW CROSSROADS residents yesterday won a reprieve on evictions and rent increases until next Monday after a deputation of about 200 women protested for five hours outside the Nyanga offices of the Western Cape Development Board

Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, chief commissioner (Western Cape) of the Department of Co-operation and Development, told the women the matter had been referred to Pretoria and a reply would be given on January 14

Residents have demanded that rents be reduced to the initial amounts they say Mr Bezuidenhoud agreed to in 1980, ranging from R18 to R23 a month depending on tenants' salaries The increased rents are between R34 and R47 a month

The protest was held after it had been decided at a residents' meeting on Monday night to refuse to pay rents until demands for lower rents had been met

The meeting had been called by the New Crossroads branches of the Western Cape Civic Association, the Cape Youth Congress (Cayco) and the United Women's Organization (UWO)

The 200 New Crossroads women at yesterday's protest sang and danced while they waited for a reply

A spokeswoman for the residents, Mrs Elsie Mkhumebuzi, said yesterday the board had increased the rents by R6 every year since 1982 without consulting the community She said a number of residents had already been evicted because they could not afford the higher rents

"Instead of discussing it with us, they have put the rent up every year Now we have decided enough is enough We can't afford to pay this much," she said

'Damp'

Residents interviewed said they would not mind as much if increases were used to improve the houses

"The houses are damp, the walls are cracked, we still have no electricity and we have to pay extra for water The houses are not big enough and we pay more rent than in Nyanga or Guguletu," a resident said

"We have to cry out We can't keep quiet any more," she said

Mrs Florence Ndimangele said the rent was higher than her pension She receives a pension of R33 a month and her rent has been increased from R29 to over R35

Development Board officials were not available for comment yesterday afternoon

The women said they would report back to other residents last night and would return to the Development Board offices next Monday for a reply

Violence after 169 women are held

CAPE Times 22/1/85 (124)

By RIAAN DE VILLIERS and CHRIS BATEMAN

POLICE yesterday arrested 169 New Crossroads women, who had met in the open to protest against rent increases, and later fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse an angry stone-throwing crowd which had gathered to protest at the arrests.

Three policemen and two residents were reported injured and four police vehicles and three homes damaged in the violence following the arrests

The arrested women were taken to the Mitchells Plain police station where they spent the night in the cells

The arrests were made in David Street, New Crossroads, about 3pm

The mass arrest followed recent continued protests by New Crossroads women at the Western Cape Development Board's Nyanga office

Shortly before 6pm about 250 men and women gathered in David Street, defying repeated police warnings to disperse Police fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets and used a sneeze machine before a large section of the crowd retaliated with stones and pieces of brick

According to Captain Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, three policemen were lightly injured while three New Crossroads homes and four police vehicles were damaged

Captain Calitz confirmed that one resident, Mr Mncedisi Nofile, 17, had suffered rubber bullet injuries but could not confirm residents' reports that a middle-aged resident, Mrs Rosalina Booie, had been struck on the forehead by a rubber bullet

Residents said Mr Nofile was hit in the stomach, buttocks and left arm by rubber bullets

Both were reported to have been taken to hospital by private vehicles, treated and discharged

There were unconfirmed reports by residents that more people had been injured by rubber bullets

The arrested women were ferried to the Mitchells Plain police station in police vans and trucks

Illegal gathering

Captain Calitz said the 169 women in David Street had been arrested for attending an illegal gathering

By 9pm the situation in the township had settled but four police vans still patrolled the rock-strewn streets as small groups of residents stood outside their homes, some with handkerchiefs to their noses

Two of the groups approached by the Cape Times anxiously asked after the arrested women

Last week some 200 women marched to the board offices to hear the outcome of demands that a R6-a-month rent increase be scrapped and rents reduced further

There was an angry response when Mr Frikkie van Eeden, the board's acting chief director, told them the demands had been turned down by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen

Spokespeople for the group said later they would refuse to pay any rent until their demands were met

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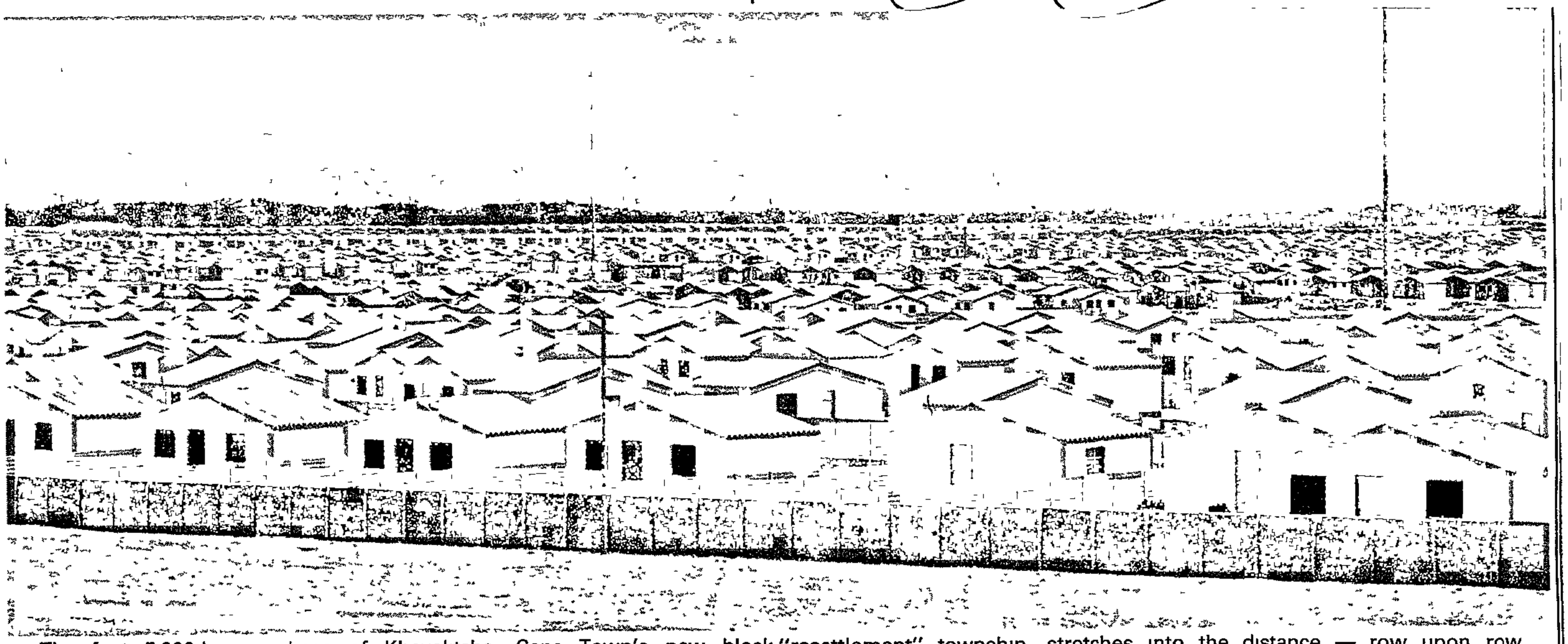

The first 5 000-house phase of Khayelitsha, Cape Town's new black "resettlement" township, stretches into the distance — row upon row of matchbox core houses So far 2 700 two-roomed homes have been completed, with plans to eventually house 250 000 people

Picture Dan Bosman

MP to assess Indian housing shortage in Eastern Cape

(124) E. Post 4/1/85

By JOHN CLARK

THE serious shortage of housing for the Indian comunity in the Eastern Cape has prompted a tour of the area by the Housing Minister of the House of Delegates

Mr Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, is paying a visit this weekend to East London, Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage at the invitation of Mr Raman Bhana, MP for Malabar

Mr Bhana said the housing situation in the Eastern Cape gave cause for considerable concern and he had invited Mr Dookie to examine the situation for himself

Today Mr Dookie visited East London's Braelyn Heights, where more than 300 economic and lower economic units are needed

He was accompanied by Mr Bhana, Mr P de Pontes, the MP for East London, and Mrs Isabel Kemp, an East London city councillor

Mr Bhana said the development of additional land earmarked for the Indian community in East London needed to be speeded up

This afternoon Mr Dookie is due to meet Port Elizabeth's Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, and Mr Ben Olivier, the Deputy Mayor, to discuss the Indian housing needs in the Port Elizabeth area

Mr Bhana said there had been no development in Port Elizabeth's Indian areas for three years

There was a fast-growing waiting list of more than 300 applicants for economic housing and about 100 for lower economic housing

However, certain areas zoned for housing development were awaiting approval at the offices of the Administrator of the Cape

It was hoped Mr Dookie would be able to speed up the registration of this land

Tomorrow Mr Dookie will visit Uitenhage, where funds are needed for 22 houses

R1,5m granted for Braelynn housing

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EAST LONDON — A R1,5 million loan has been granted for the construction of houses in Braelynn 6

This was announced yesterday by the Minister of Housing, Agriculture and Local Government in the House of Delegates, Mr B Dookie, in an address to members of the Indian Management Committee and the East London City Council

Mr Dookie said although the country was suffering economically, his department would "find" the money so that local authorities could go ahead with the building of houses in Braelynn.

However, the whole programme would have to be examined as some of the projects planned would have to be scrapped

"As a minister what do I authorise — swimming pools or houses? Naturally houses," he said.

Present rent policies were also to be revised because he feared a further breakdown in the extended family if children of householders were expected to pay a portion of the rent, he said

Mr Dookie is also to meet with senior officials of the housing department because he "could not allow" houses to be built without internal doors or plug points

The building of sub-economic flats would also be rapped as these would become "overcrowded slums"

He proposed the building of cheap and simple duplex townhouses which could be rented for a while and then bought Mr Dookie said planning on an ad hoc basis would also have to end and requested the authorities concerned to submit a four-to five-year programme of projects planned for the Indian community in East London

Commenting on accusations that the government went ahead with development applications without consulting local authorities, he said the IMC would have to sign a certificate stating that they had been consulted over allocations of land and funds

His department would also "see what it could do" about encouraging agriculture among the Indian communities in South Africa

"Land not to be used for the next five to ten years should be leased for a nominal fee to market gardeners We have already set up an agricultural credit board to assist these gardeners in small-and large-scale farming."

The acting chairman of the IMC, Mr Mike Williams, said Mr Dookie had been impressed with East London

"We asked for R1,1 million and we got R1,5 million This was tremendous news Unfortunately we will have to wait a little longer for the panned recreation facilities," Mr Williams said

Accompanying Mr Dookie on his whistle-stop tour of East London yesterday were the MP for Malabar and Speaker of the House of Delegates, Mr R Bhana, and the MP for Moorcross and chief whip of the National People's Party, Mr M Y Baig — DDR

R2m for Indian homes

Municipal Reporter

FUNDS totalling R2 million are to be made available for Indian housing in East London and Uitenhage.

This announcement follows the weekend visit of Mr. Baldeo Dookie, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates

Mr Raman Bhana, MP for Malabar, said the allocation would go a long way to solving some of the "overdue housing needs of the Indian community in the Eastern Cape".

Mr Bhana said R1,5 million was being provided to fund the initial stages of Braelyn Heights, Extension 6, in East London.

Funds of R500 000 were tenatatively approved by Mr Dookie for houses in Uitenhage

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Divco evictions continue

Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council is continuing to evict tenants from its houses on seven days' notice without giving reasons, in spite of an indication from its lawyers that its policy is becoming more lenient.

An attorney dealing with eviction cases in Elsies River recently received a letter from the council's attorneys notifying her that the case against one of her clients had been dropped

Part of the letter reads "In terms of a general policy which our client is now adopting towards its tenants, our client is disposed towards allowing your client to continue his occupation of the leased premises on the strict understanding that your client maintain regular payment of rental"

A few days after receiving this letter, however, another of the attorney's clients was served with a final eviction notice

Divco secretary Mr W Vivier, in a long-awaited written reply to a request from the Cape Times for clarification on the issue, denies any change in council policy.

"On the contrary, this policy has been formulated over the years in an attempt to protect the major portion of the community who have the desire to live in peace and tranquility within the housing estates, and it is therefore obliged to take action against disruptive elements, particularly where anti-social behaviour or other allied activities by individual tenants are created."

Liquor-selling

The council's present lease agreement is causing concern among tenants and their legal representatives, as the first clause allows the council to evict tenants at seven days' notice without a reason

Although the lease also makes provision for eviction if the tenant causes a disturbance or sells liquor from his premises, the council consistently refuses to furnish proof of these alleged offences, preferring to rely on the overriding provision of Clause 1

The attorney dealing with many of the cases has described the clause as "inhuman" and "arbitrary", as there is no legal defence against it whether the tenant is guilty of an offence or not.

 ARGUS 11/1/85

Big policy shift possible on black housing near city

Municipal Reporter

THE Government may soon signal a major policy shift in its long-term projection of housing for blacks near Cape Town

It could mean that residents of Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga may be allowed to stay in these townships permanently and not be moved to the new Khayelitsha settlement, as was originally planned

The policy change may be affirmed soon if the Government approves an application from the Cape Town Community Council for R59,9-million to build new houses and to upgrade existing accommodation in the three townships

A Government decision not to move the thousands of people to the new settlement near the False Bay coast would end the uncertainty for township residents

Signal

The Western Cape Administration Board's chief superintendent for housing, Mr P U Schelhase, said that approval of the funds requested by the community council would signal Government acceptance of the permanence of Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga as black townships.

He said "It is difficult to say whether all the funds will be approved this year, but approval of a substantial amount will mean that the Government accepts the permanence of these settlements

"But we have had no firm indication from central Government on any change in housing policy"

Most of the money — R54-million — sought by the council is earmarked for 3 600 new houses to provide accommodation for 8 000 people on the waiting list

Other proposals include converting single quarters into 1 900 family units, upgrading eight flat blocks in Langa, providing new flats for about 1 500 people and a combined single men's complex for 14 500

● Allocation and administration of funds is undertaken jointly by community councils and administration boards

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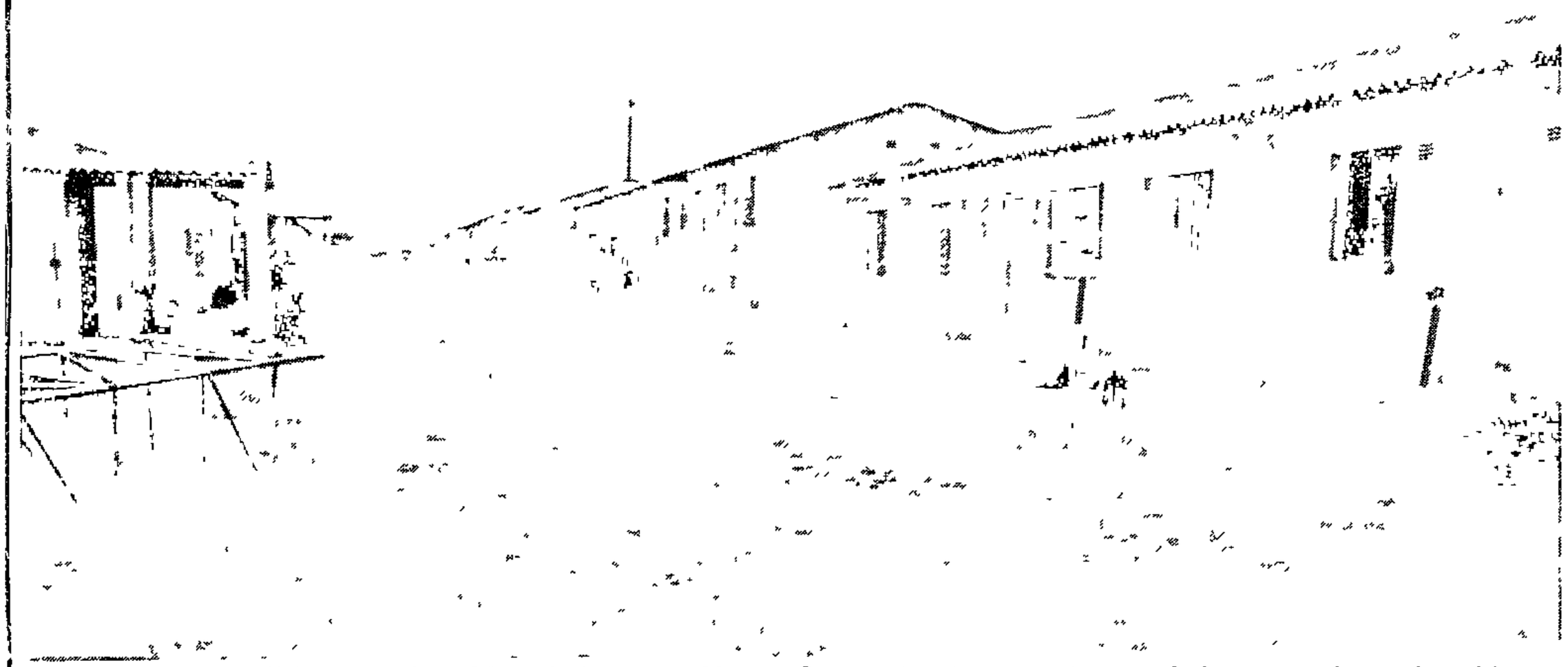

A contrast in conditions at the old and the new Above Some sleeping quarters and the grounds at the old municipal hostel. Below. A hostel belonging to a private firm which was upgraded four years ago

Closer of life

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E. Post 12/1/85

Living conditions of migrant labourers came under the spotlight this week following Senator Edward Kennedy's visit to a Soweto, Johannesburg, hostel. Weekend Post visited similar hostels in Port Elizabeth's New Brighton township, to see if his criticism could also be levelled at conditions here. While some migrant labourers still live in old buildings which fall short of health regulations, others are paying the same rate for vastly improved conditions. Millions of rands are being spent on upgrading projects. The question remains: do Port Elizabeth's hostels provide decent living conditions?

THE "cruel, hard and difficult" situation of migrant labourers in South Africa was something he had not encountered anywhere else in the world, said Senator Edward Kennedy after a visit to the Nancefield hostel in Soweto this week

He added that it was one of the "most depressing, despairing visits made to any facility," in his life

With these comments in mind the Weekend Post paid a visit to Port Elizabeth's New Brighton black township, where it was found that living conditions in single quarters there varied from reasonable to deplorable.

The contract worker system and the subsequent ills of hostel life have long been contentious issues in this country

Defenders of the migrant labour system, which separates the working father from his family, argue that without it the man would have no job at all

Opponents argue that had the system not been allowed in the first place, alternatives would have been found. Instead the State and businessmen, they say, collaborated to obtain the cheapest possible labour.

In recent years the private sector has taken the lead in upgrading buildings which were once condemned as "inhumane

look at quality in PE's hostels

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Report by BESSIE BOUWER. Pictures by JACK COOPER.

"hovels".

The Government has also allocated millions of rands to similar upgrading projects and evidence of improvements is visible in Port Elizabeth

These ongoing projects, say defenders of the migrant labour system, will eventually provide such cheap and comfortable accommodation that nowhere else in the world will migrant labourers "have things so good"

That these improved buildings are infinitely better than the dreadful conditions of the old buildings is not to be denied, say opponents of the system But the fact that millions are being spent to prop up a totally immoral system, which destroys family life by forcing members to live apart, cannot justify migrant labour.

In addition, the fact that workers are still living in some of these old hostels which were allowed to deteriorate to their present condition contravenes every health regulation in the book, they add

The question of living conditions in hostels was hotly commented on by various spokesmen this week, following Weekend Post's visit to the municipal hostel and several others owned by private firms

Mr A Mackay, personnel manager of a firm which upgraded its hostel four years ago, said he had shared Senator Kennedy's feelings when he first saw conditions at the old quarters

"I felt exactly the way he did when I saw the atrocious conditions in which workers were living It was wrong to expect workers to live in conditions of such despair.

"The upgrading of this hostel has improved life for the workers tremendously and these men appreciate the change," he said

A visit to the hostel showed small but immaculately clean single and double rooms containing a cupboard for clothes, another for personal belongings and curtains on the windows

Each unit, able to accommodate 14 men, contained six clean showers, basins and separate toilet facilities with doors

Residents ate in a neat diningroom, which also contained a television set The rent was about R7 a month, said one of the workers

Mr Mackay said the hostel was able to house 60 men, but with the new housing scheme at Motherwell, only about 30 workers needed accommodation at this hostel.

Hostel inhabitants tended the neat lawn outside and since the improvements the workers had formed their own disciplinary committee to combat any trouble in the building.

"At least outwardly, these men are able to live like ordinary people, even though their families are not with them," he said

The cost of supplying the television et was minimal considering that this was one of the few forms of entertainment available to the workers, Mr Mackay added.

From the clean, habitable conditions of this hostel, we moved to the municipal hostel which for many years has been condemned as "an outright hovel," and which is in the process of being upgraded

According to Port Elizabeth's Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, R4,5 million will be spent on upgrading the hostel which will accommodate 1 100 migrant municipal workers.

At a management committee meeting this week, a decision was taken that rent in the new buildings would be increased from the present R7 to 2% or 3% of a worker's salary.

This was dependent on which of the three hostel categories the worker chose to live in, he added

Estimated upgrading costs are R4 174 for each employee and the net operation will cost R1 282 944 a year

This operation will be heavily subsidised by the council, said Mr Botha.

Officials deplored the fact that Senator Kennedy had seen only a delapidated hostel and not an upgraded unit

We found conditions at a completed, upgraded unit both impressive and very comfortable

However, conditions at the old buildings spoke for themselves They have been exposed in several Press reports in the past

These conditions still include primitive ablution facilities where the stench of open toilets follows the inhabitants or the visitor who gingerly picks his way through rubble to reach the sleeping quarters

There are no lights outside the buildings at night and there is no privacy

From the outside there is a public view of five or six toilets without doors. Shower facilities comprise six cold water taps protruding from a filthy wall and of those inspected, only one worked.

In these ablution blocks there are no lights and no windows — only an opening between the roof and the wall.

In one unit, a deserted bird's nest hung from the beams.

How do these men manage to wash on cold winter days?

"We make a fire outside to heat one shower or we just have to make do," said one inhabitant, while washing his clothes in a plastic container outside the ablution block. Some taps at the outside basins still work

Sixteen men share the sleeping quarters, which comprise two dormitories separated by an entrance hall which serves as a kitchen, lounge or hall

There are no stoves and inhabitants cook their food on paraffin stoves

There are no washing-up facilities in the units nor are there dining facilities.

Eight beds in different degrees of dilapidation, broken chairs, makeshift cupboards — ranging from wire lockers to broken boxes — constitute the bulk of the furniture in each dormitory

Clothes hang on lines over beds because there are no clothes cupboards — in some cases they act as a partition to give an inhabitant some form of privacy.

Against one wall of a particular unit, crates of full and empty beer bottles were stored

An 18-year-old worker reclining on his bed said he was the drinker because he wanted "to forget "

In the same unit one inhabitant had, despite all the problems, attempted to turn his bit of space into a home A neatly made-up bed, clothes folded into bundles, a candle and a faded photo of a wife and children in a homeland were among his efforts.

When asked how they felt about living in the hostel, most men replied that conditions were better than before One said he had lived there for the past 18 years and conditions had been worse some years ago

According to Mr Botha, the upgrading of all these hostels should be completed within three years.

They will be similar to the one updated unit which is modern, neat and clean They have showers with bright yellow curtains, clean toilets with doors, single and double rooms, a kitchen with a stove and washing-up facilities, a recreation or meeting room, and a patio complete with braai facilities which leads onto well-tended lawns There is even a fenced-off section where an industrious resident grows mealies.

Everywhere there are notices saying, "Cleanliness is the key to better health."

The upgrading projects are becoming a reality, but until they are complete workers will continue to live in the old quarters.

Walmer's MPC, Mrs Molly Blackburn, said the old municipal hostels were a complete disgrace It was shocking that the council had allowed these "so-called hostels" to deteriorate to their present condition, despite health regulations.

No one could deny that contract workers had been exploited to the full, she said.

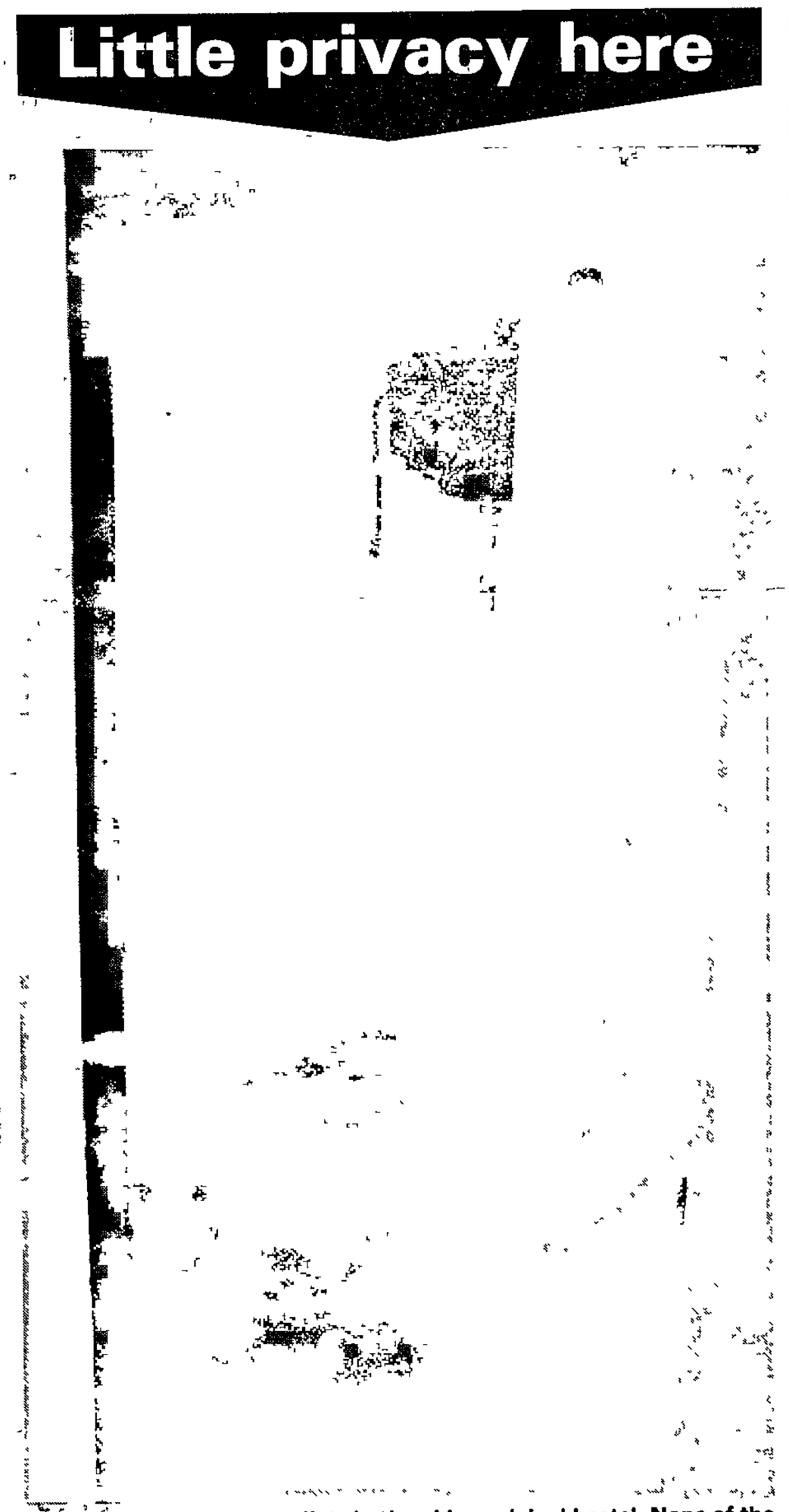
A vast sum of money was now to be spent to make these quarters habitable, yet a modest form of family home would create greater community stability and happiness, said Mrs Blackburn

"I would like to know whether the municipality has informed those men who have been in their employ for more than 10 years that they are now eligible for permanent resident rights in terms of the influx control laws "

If these people were lucky enough to find "approved" accommodation, they were legally entitled to have their families living with them

She also asked if the council envisaged providing married quarters for those who qualified to live with their wives in Port Elizabeth under the present system

Little privacy here



Above: One of the open toilets in the old municipal hostel. None of the toilets in any of the units has doors. Below: Improved showering and washing facilities at one of the hostels belonging to a private firm.

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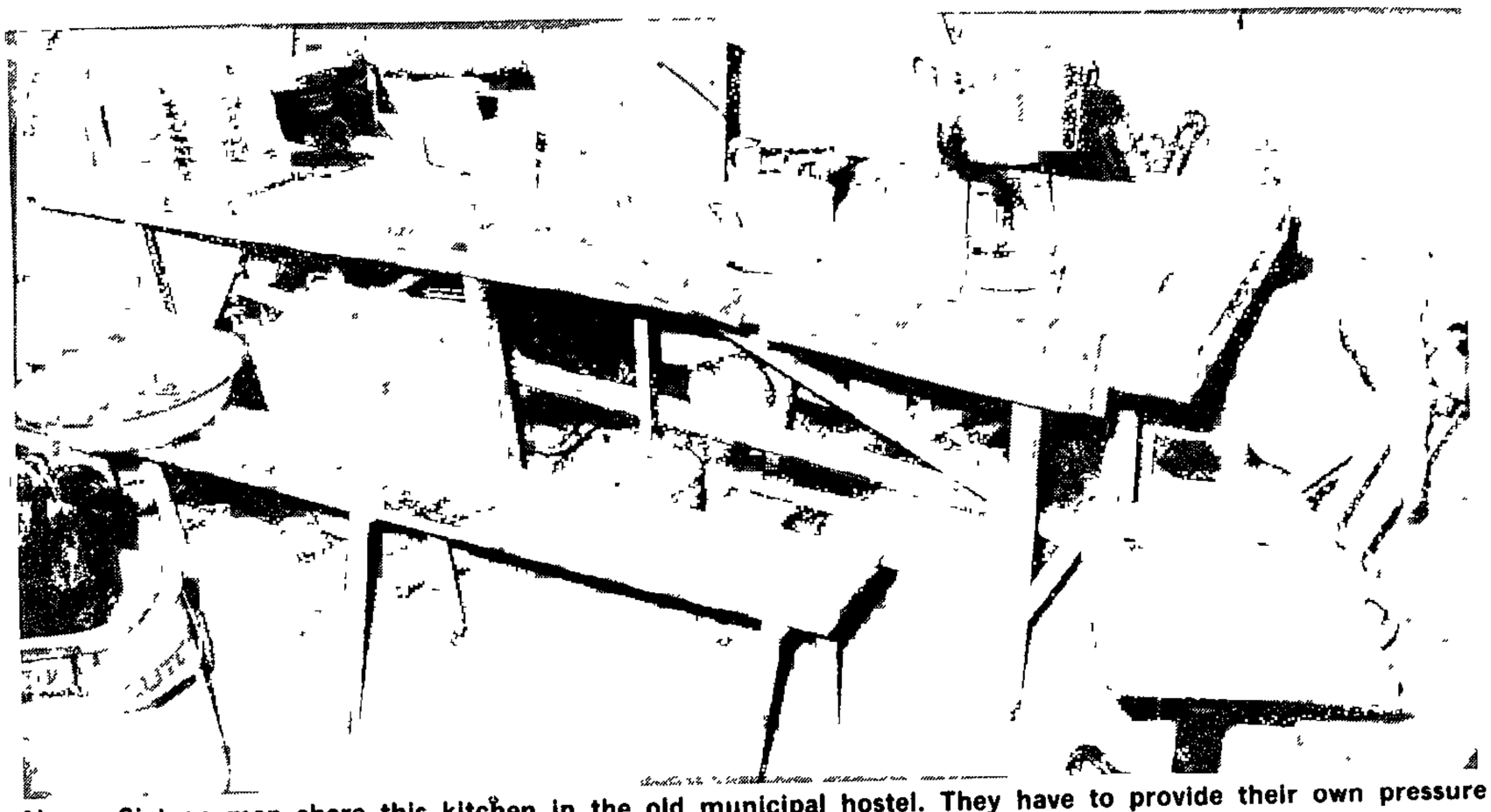
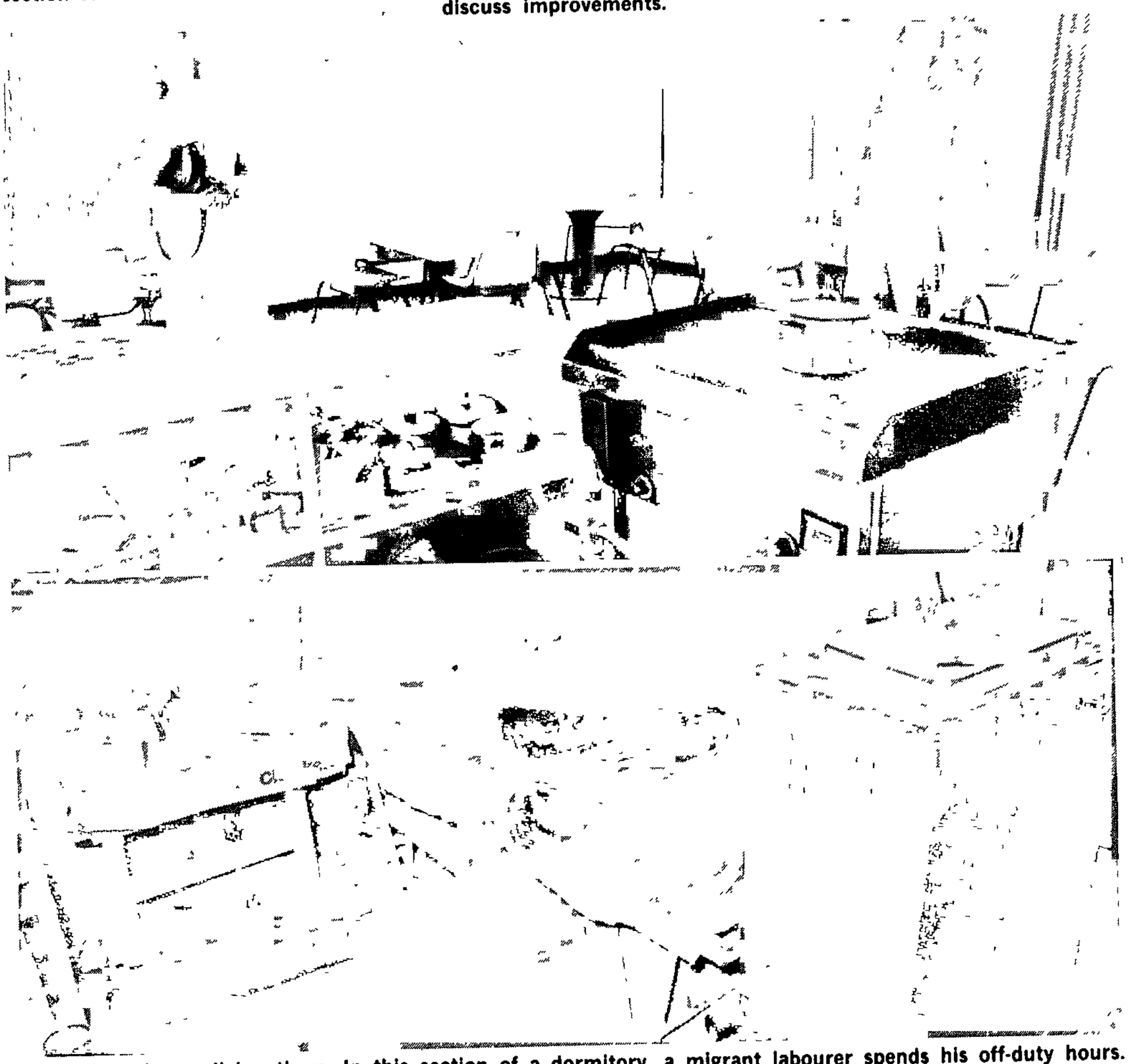
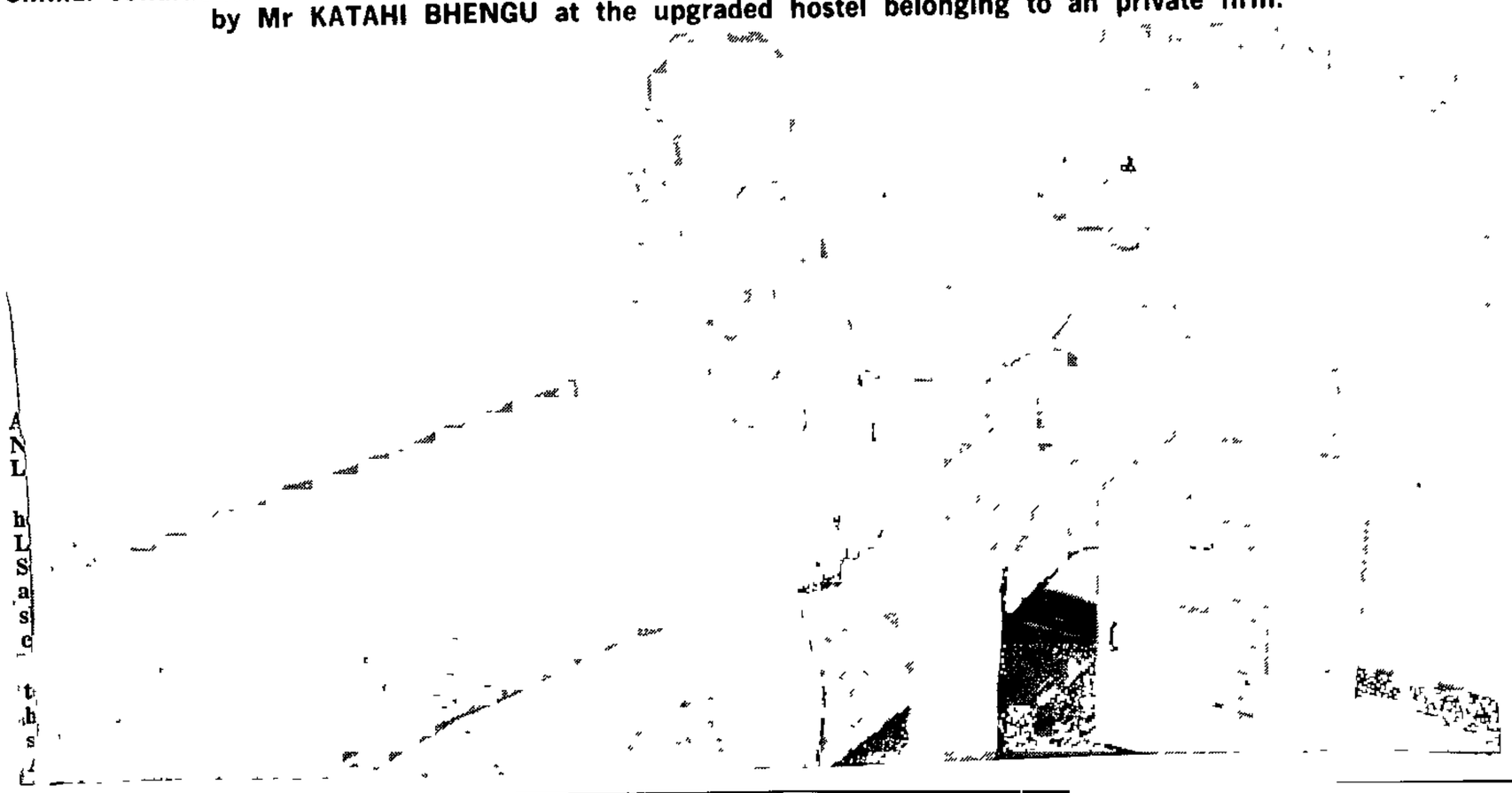


Above: Sixteen men share this kitchen in the old municipal hostel. They have to provide their own pressure stove and there are no washing-up facilities inside.

Below: The vastly improved kitchen which includes a stove, cupboards and a dining area in the upgraded section of the same hostel. In the background, Mrs MOLLY BLACKBURN, MPC for Walmer, and a hostel dweller discuss improvements.



Above: People are living there. In this section of a dormitory, a migrant labourer spends his off-duty hours. Similar conditions are found in all the old dormitories of the old municipal hostel. Below: A single room rented by Mr KATAHI BHENGU at the upgraded hostel belonging to an private firm.



Councillors to quit over rent

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Staff Reporter

TWO New Crossroads community councillors have vowed to resign and residents from the area last night demanded that the rest either resign or "move to Khayelitsha"

The call made by over a thousand New Crossroads residents at a meeting last night, followed a refusal by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, to scrap a R6 a month rent increase

The two community councillors said they would resign because they were also affected by the rent increase but had found themselves powerless and did not want to regarded as "enemies of the people"

Development Board officials on Tuesday told a delegation of residents protesting against the rent increase to make an appointment through the local community councillors, who they said approved the increases, if they wished to take the matter further

Three groups of youths were delegated by the meeting to fetch the community councillors

They later returned with a woman who denied being a community councillor and said she had not been consulted about the increases Other councillors could not be found

The residents also confirmed their decision not to pay rents until the increases made since 1980 are withdrawn

The meeting resolved to call the councillors to another meeting later this week

Speakers at the meeting also called on residents to join community organizations which would "take forward their struggles" and said that the problem of rent increases without consultation was a typical example of apartheid

Police seek Escom man

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Escom's former assistant chief accountant is being sought by police in connection with the R8 35 million allegedly stolen from Escom and transferred into a Swiss bank account

An Escom spokesman, Mr R E du Plessis, said the police would like to interview Dr Gert Johannes Rademeyer, 49

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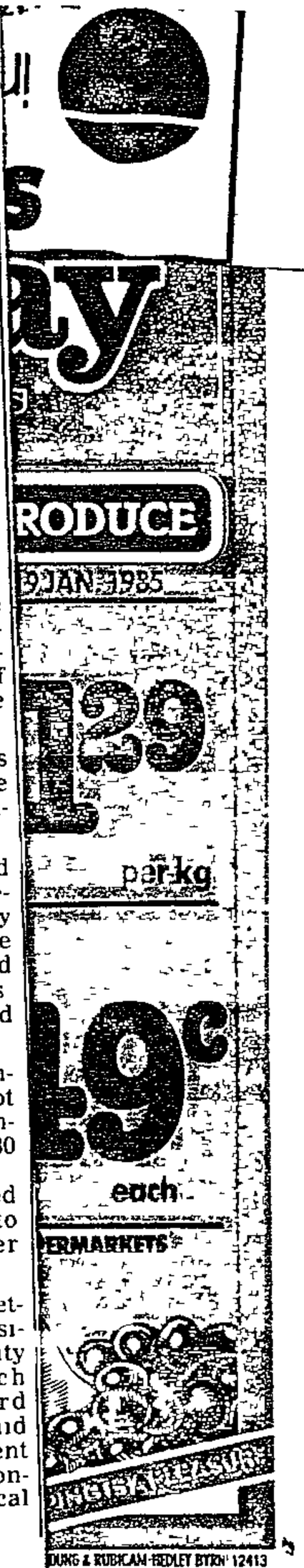

Tense after violent night

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Staff Reporters

NEW Crossroads township was tense today after a violent night in which two community councillors' homes were attacked Six people, including three policemen, were hurt in the fighting.

In violence which began late yesterday afternoon after a simmering rents dispute, 13 vehicles were damaged, several houses were set alight or damaged by stones and four people were arrested

The violence broke out after police arrested 169 women protesting against rent increases in New Crossroads

Captain Jan Calitz, police liaison officer, said six people were injured during violence between police and a stone-throwing crowd of residents protesting against the arrest of the women

The violence started about 3pm yesterday when a large group of women gathered in David Street, New Crossroads, to protest against rent increases in the township

People who gathered in the township later to hold a meeting were dispersed by police using rubber bullets, tearsmoke and a "sneeze machine".

The homes of two community councillors, Mr H Venfolo and Mr I Nkonya, were badly damaged in the violence

Residents in David Street, where Mr Venfolo lives, said youths threw stones at some homes and set five others alight.

Mrs N Mbobosi, a New Crossroads resident, said she and her two children had escaped from their house shortly before a crowd stoned it and set it alight.

Mrs Mbobosi claimed her home was a target because she was seen as an opponent of the "mayor" of Crossroads, Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, who has strong support in New Crossroads

A church worker, Mr Rommel Roberts, also accused Ngxobongwana supporters of "using the rents issue" to weed out opponents

Residents in New Crossroads today claimed police fired

tearsmoke and rubber bullets into the yards of houses last night and said three people had been taken to hospital.

Maximum

All those interviewed said they could not afford the rents increase and would refuse to pay unless the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, agreed to reduce them

Mr S Steenkamp, press liaison officer for the Western Cape Development Board, said the maximum rent in New Crossroads was R47,51 a month, paid by about 60 percent of the residents

People earning less than R150 a month paid about R18 a month in rent, he said

Mr Steenkamp said when people originally moved into New Crossroads in 1981 they agreed to a R6-a-year increase

"I don't know why they have now decided to throw stones instead of paying," he said

Violence: 'UDF to blame'

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Cape Times 23/1/85

By RIAAN DE VILLIERS and PETER DENNEHY

CONTROVERSY erupted yesterday following the rents unrest in New Crossroads during which 169 women were arrested and the houses of two community councillors and other leading residents burnt down

Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, top black affairs official in the Western Cape, accused the United Democratic Front (UDF) of "exploiting the rent situation to intimidate innocent, law-abiding citizens"

He said the violence had been triggered off by a meeting in the township on Sunday which had been addressed by Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana, chairman of the Crossroads executive committee as well as the UDF-affiliated Western Cape Civic Association

Mr Bezuidenhoud said he had evidence that Mr Ngxobongwana had "incited people" by giving instructions that community councillors and their supporters had to leave their houses by today

Some arson victims claimed they had no links with the community council and that the Ngxobongwana regime was "misusing" the rents protest to extend its influence and suppress opponents

Mr Jonathan de Vries, publicity secretary of the Western Cape UDF, said the UDF "dissociated itself from violence of this nature" and had never encouraged violent means to achieve political ends

The unrest began when 169 women who had met in the open to discuss their rent protest were arrested on Monday afternoon Police later dispersed crowds with teargas and rubber bullets

Captain Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer, said yesterday that three policemen had been injured in the stoning and that arsonists had set fire to seven privately-owned cars and five houses

169 women to face charges

Three more people had been held on charges of arson and one on a charge of public violence

He said the 169 women would face charges in the Langa Commissioner's Court today of attending an unlawful gathering

The township was quiet but tense yesterday Police watched as women met again in the open to discuss the rents issue Police vehicles patrolled the area

● A spokesman for the "Committee of Eight" at KTC — formerly led by Mr Oliver Memani — said yesterday that the group had been warned it would also be attacked following Sunday's meeting

● Mr Ngxobongwana acknowledged that he had addressed Sunday's meeting, but would not say more before "investigating the situation"

Cape Times 23/1/85

Project for squatter, housing problem

Staff Reporter

THE Divisional Council of the Cape has agreed to build 101 maisonettes on the hillside above the Hout Bay harbour as part of a pilot project to deal with the squatter problem and housing shortage in the area

This was told to a group of about 70 Hout Bay residents last night by Mr Len Pothier, divisional councillor for the Hout Bay and Llandudno area

Mr Pothier said the pilot project would have four main points

● A large piece of ground at the top corner of the harbour residential area had been levelled in preparation for the erection of the maisonettes to house residents in the existing overcrowded flats

● Sites on the periphery of this development would be set aside for the 53 "coloured" squatter families living in the Hout Bay area "on what amounts to a short-term lease" Facilities such as fresh water and basic sanitation would be laid on at a monthly rate of R12 a family

● The Divisional Council would provide transport and the necessary second-hand corrugated iron and timber from its own stocks which would enable the squatters to "rebuild decent shelters"

● As soon as the maisonettes were completed, within the next six to 12 months, special funding arrangements would be made to enable those who wished to do so to purchase their future homes, and as these new owners moved out of the existing flats, the flats would be made available to the squatters "at a heavily-subsidized rental of R25 a month"

Mr Pothier said that if the pilot scheme worked, it would open the door to the implementation of many similar schemes to house other squatters in areas like Noordhoek.

Residents, who were concerned that the squatters would be moved from the the "white" area to the "coloured" area of Hout Bay without adequate long-term housing being provided, questioned Mr Pothier on the scheme

He said R2,3-million had been promised by Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, for the project.

The meeting became heated towards its close with accusations of a lack of communication between the Divisional Council and residents

Mr Pothier suggested to the meeting that the community draw up a memorandum of its suggestions for alternative solutions to the problem

When asked to halt the entire project, he said he was prepared to ask the council to halt the maisonette project, but not the squatter transfer

(24) D. Dispatch 24/1/85

Rent backlog: 3 families locked out

EAST LONDON — Three Pefferville families were locked out of their homes yesterday because of rent backlogs —and the matter is likely to lead to a clash between the city council and the Coloured Management Committee

The city treasurer, Mr J Howell, confirmed that legal action had been taken against four families for rent arrears but that one family settled their account and were given back the key to the house.

Meanwhile the CMC issued a statement condemning the action with the claim that the city council had reneged on an 18-month-old agreement that no action would be taken against families before the CMC was consulted

Last night the chairman of the CMC, Mr Johannes Temmers, was trying to see what could be done for the families.

"We will try our best to see to it that these people are not left in the street," Mr Temmers said

The deputy chairman of the CMC, Mr Corrie Alexander, said "An agreement was reached between the municipality and the CMC that before anybody was evicted, we would be informed

"It is obvious that the municipality's housing department feels we are a subservient body and can be ignored"

Mr Alexander said the matters of rentals would be raised in the House of Representatives

He said he and Mr Temmers would go to Cape Town to consult the Minister of Local Affairs in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry

"Coloureds living in sub-economic units cannot afford astronomical rents We will have to settle this matter," he said

Mr Temmers said they had met the city council on the additional problems caused by evicting people and of handing them over to lawyers when their rent was not paid

"It was agreed that before people were handed over to the attorneys for rent backlogs, we would be consulted This worked well as we could then go to the people personally and shake them up

"But now we are not being consulted and I agree with Mr Alexander that the municipality has broken an agreement"

Earlier the director of housing and estates, Mr Ken Martinsen, said it was a matter of credit control and referred inquiries to the treasury department

"I cannot comment as I do not know the cases but I can say it is not a complete eviction The idea of locking doors is to avoid all the hardships that go with evictions" — DDR

CAPE TIMES 24/1/85

Rent: Council 'not to blame'

Political Staff

REPORTS implying that the Cape Town Community Council had been co-responsible for the increase in rents at New Crossroads were totally unfounded, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said in a statement yesterday.

The council had not been responsible for the adjustment of rents at New Crossroads against which residents were now protesting, he said

When people occupied the houses in New Crossroads in 1982/3, rentals were adjusted to the incomes of residents so that no-one had to spend an unacceptably large proportion of income on rent

"Rentals were determined by the government in accordance with the norms laid down by the National Housing Commission which provided the loan for the development of New Crossroads

"It was explained to the residents that the rentals would be increased at a rate of R6 per month each year in January so rentals could gradually be raised to an economic level Increases have accordingly already been implemented in January 1983 and 1984

"The Community Council did not participate in this arrangement because at the time it had no jurisdiction over New Crossroads," Dr Viljoen said

Since then, however, New Crossroads had been included in the area of jurisdiction of the Community Council and two representatives had been elected from New Crossroads to serve on the council

"It is therefore essential residents of New Crossroads should channel their representations in respect of problems they experience through the Community Council"

Unrest accused 'on hunger strike'

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TEN people arrested last week following the rent unrest in New Crossroads went on a hunger strike yesterday Mr Oscar Mpetha a president of the United Democratic Front said last night

The 10 including Mr Mpetha's son Themba, 28 appeared in the Langa Magistrates' Court on Friday on charges of public violence and arson

They were remanded in the Mitchells Plain police cells until January 30 pending a decision by the Attorney-General on whether they would be allowed bail

Mr Mpetha claimed the 10 — eight men and two women — were being "starved and were given only a slice of bread in the morning and another at night He also claimed the authorities had refused to accept food and clothing taken for the 10

'They finally decided to go on a hunger strike today' he said

A police liaison officer for the Western Cape Lieutenant A J Laubscher, denied last night that the prisoners had gone on a hunger strike and said the other allegations were also untrue

"The police in Mitchells Plain have a mess and from this mess the awaiting trial prisoners are provided with hot meals which include soup, bread and coffee

"The food is well prepared and all prisoners receive three hot meals a day

IMC concern over delay in building houses in Malabar

By RAYMOND HILL

THE deputy chairman of the Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee, Mr Jay Kathan, said yesterday he was "absolutely amazed" at the delay in providing extra houses in Malabar where there was an "abnormal" waiting list

Mr Kathan was speaking at the committee's monthly meeting in Korsten where it was learned that the building of houses in the suburb's Extension Three and Extension Four would take between 12 and 18 months

The Port Elizabeth City Council's Assistant Chief Estates Officer, Mr C J van der Berg, said the council was waiting for the allocation of funds from the Government before the first house could be built

Mr Kathan said "I am absolutely amazed at the situation pertaining to Malabar

"There is not just a normal waiting list, but an abnormal waiting list"

Mr Kathan said the time had come for the IMC to arrange a deputation to see the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, and the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, Mr B Dookie, about the matter

A member of the IMC, Mr K Padayachy, said he knew of people who had the necessary deposit for homes in the new extensions

They, however, had to spend it because of the long delay

Mr Padayachy criticised the authorities for not being able to tell the IMC and the community what the prices of the proposed new houses would be

The IMC decided to ask the City Treasurer, Mr Amandus Strydom, or his representative to interview a senior official of the relevant department in Durban about the matter after seeing Mr Raman Bhana, MP for Malabar, and Mr Dookie

The IMC yesterday decided to wait for a copy of an in-depth report from the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, regarding the opening of the Central Business District to businessmen of all races

In a letter to the committee Mr John Malcomess, Progressive Federal Party MP for Port Elizabeth, asked the committee to consider asking the Government to open the CBD to all races

The deputy chairman, Mr Jay Kathan, said he agreed that the area concerned should be open to everybody who wanted to trade there

Mr Kathan said "We should write to the relevant Government department requesting the opening of the Central Business District

"It is high time we got down to grass roots to assist all people"

Another member, Mr K Padayachay, said it was obvious the Port Elizabeth City Council was "dragging its feet" regarding the opening of the CBD

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Beaches: 'Don't hide behind laws'

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

DIVISIONAL councillors who opposed the scrapping of beach apartheid on the grounds that it was against the laws of the country were "hiding behind government legislation" to conceal their own racial prejudices, a meeting of Divco was told yesterday

Mr Neil Ross, supporting a motion calling on Divco to move away from its policy on racially-segregated amenities, quoted a report from the President's Council which found that local authorities tended to blame central government for separate amenities, to hide their own views

He said Divco was under no obligation to segregate its amenities and that the Provincial Administration had made no attempt to intervene in the Cape Town City Council's decision to open its beaches

Mr Stuart Collins, who proposed the motion, said beach apartheid had not been forced on the council by the government or the Province

"Divco approached Province to approve recommendations for the allocation of beaches to different races, not the other way round," he said

Mr A L J Powell opposed the motion on the grounds that it was "tantamount to inciting people to break the law"

The motion was defeated by eight votes to six after a division

● Bungalow owners at Clifton, Glen Beach and Bakoven are unlikely ever to be allowed to buy their properties

However, they will be offered a 20-year leasehold on the council land on which their houses stand, according to a recommendation from the City Engineer Mr Jan Brand

Mr Brand's report on the bungalow issue, which has been accepted by the Executive Committee, will be discussed at a meeting of the National Monuments Council today and will be put before the City Council at its monthly meeting tomorrow

The report will come as a blow to bungalow-owners who had set their hearts on being granted freehold rights to their properties

Mr Brand said sale to residents was "not desirable" as many tenants would have to leave because they could not afford the purchase price

He believed the long lease would be fair to tenants and would at the same time give the council the long-term option of using the public open space for other purposes

Included in other recommendations by Mr Brand were

● That residents be charged escalating rentals adjusted on a market basis every five years

● That the council pay no compensation to residents for improvements to the properties

● That the beachfront terrace in front of bungalows 51, 52, 53, 57 and 58 at Clifton's Fourth Beach be "cleared of illegal occupants and landscaped for public use"

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Bungalow dwellers say council's plan disastrous

By MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

ATLANTIC seaboard bungalow dwellers are disturbed by the City Council's recommendations to increase rentals and extend leases to 20 years, saying they will be "disastrous" for many tenants and cause "terrific loss"

They say the measures will erode bungalow dwellers' security of tenure further and market-related rentals will force out many tenants who cannot afford more

The Bungalow Owners' Association is meeting today to discuss the report by the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand

Public access

The honorary life president of the association, Mr Gerald Gordon QC, declined to comment until after the meeting

But other bungalow dwellers approached for comment expressed deep concern

The chief recommendations of Mr Brand's report, aimed at guaranteeing public access to the beaches and the council's right to use the land as well as the preservation of the area, are that rentals be increased from the present R75 to R90 to market-related levels and that leases be extended to 20 years

If, after 15 years, the council wishes to use the land for public amenities, it will give dwellers five years to make alternative plans

Bungalow dweller, Mrs Jacqueline Baker, who pays R75 a month rent, said "The council seems to be jealous about us being here and they want to get the most they can out of us

"We have been here for about 18 years and we have put all our savings into the bungalow We are still paying off a bond, we pay rates and the rent

"The new measures give us less security of tenure than at the moment Market-related rentals will force many people to move out The market here is inflated and many tenants could not afford paying more"

Bakoven tenant Mrs C A Pauw, who pays rent of R80 a month and R560 a year in rates, said "Nobody will be prepared to put 20 years' money into a home and then be told to leave It means we cannot leave our homes to our children

"These are not satisfactory measures The council must decide if we can buy the land or not I think it's very unfair"

Brand's comment

Commenting on the Bungalow Owners' Association's claim that "we are being forced every few years to rebuy sites", Mr Brand says "They have at no time paid the interest on the value of the sites, let alone capital

"A landlord dependent on the market could not have survived such rents (R90 a month) Few tenants would suffer hardship paying market rents"

Mr Brand also recommends asking the Government to remove the condition in a 1915 Crown grant that the Maiden's Cove, Camps Bay and Bakoven coastline may be taken over by the Government without compensation

20 000 boycott buses

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Mail Reporter

ABOUT 20 000 commuters boycotted Putco's bus service between KwaNdebele and Pretoria in protest against the company's 40% increase in fares which came into effect yesterday

This is the highest increase of all as bus fares went up by the maximum 10% in other areas

The Trade Union Council of South Africa (Tucsa) yesterday warned the Government that the increase in bus fares was not acceptable, and that means must be found urgently to lessen its impact on the community

Putco's public relations executive, Mr Pat Rogers, said boycotters had erected roadblocks on the two main routes from KwaNdebele, one at Enkeeldoorn and another at Tweefontein

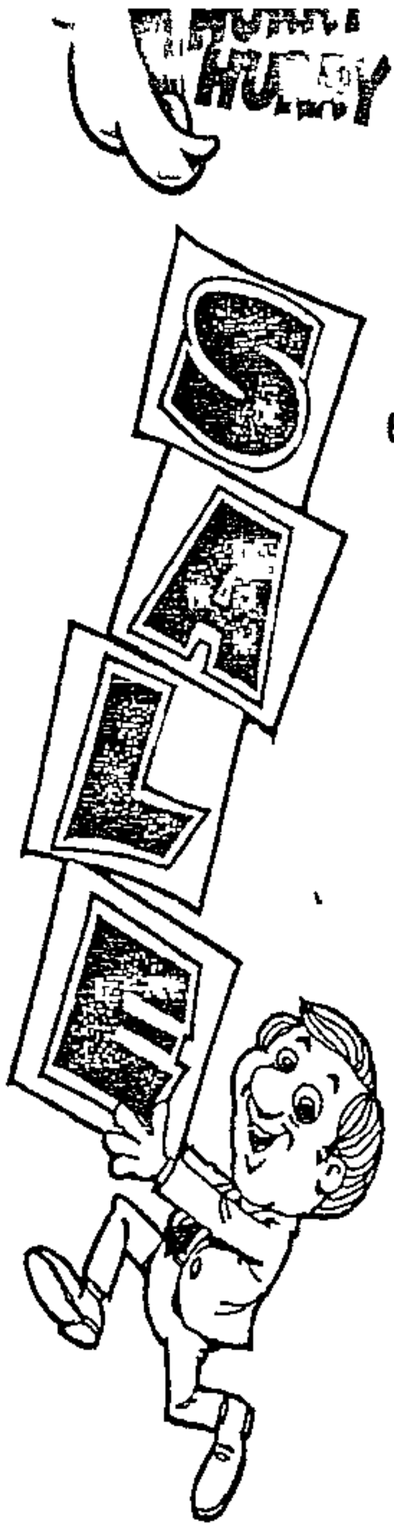
A meeting of KwaNdebele officials, Putco representatives and boycott leaders was under way in an effort to solve the deadlock.

He said Putco's fare increase of 10% amounted to more for some commuters using season tickets In the case of KwaNdebele the rise was the highest of all — 41%

This had come about because season tickets were subsidised by the Government

A weekly R37 season ticket covering 10 trips for Kwandebele commuters had cost the passenger only R9 in the past, with the Government contributing the balance of R28

A 10% increase on the R37 ticket amounted to R3,70, all of which the commuter had to pay, and this amounted to a 41% increase on the R9 previously paid; he said



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Man dies in shack blaze

EAST LONDON — A man was burnt to death when a wood-and-iron shack caught fire in C section of Ziphunzana in Duncan Village yesterday morning

He was identifed as Mr John Geba, 34, of C1025 Ziphunzana Two shacks were completely destroyed and another was partly destroyed by the fire

A neighbour, Mrs Noxolile Lawana, 38, said all her clothing and furniture were destroyed

Mr William Phandle, 54, whose one-roomed house was next to the shacks, said the fire brigade was summoned and arrived after the fire had been extinguished

He said the charred body of Mr Geba was discovered by the firemen He had been burnt beyond recognition

Mr Phandle said it was believed that the fire was caused by a paraffin lamp in Mr Geba's shack.

Mr Geba is survived by his wife and one child They live at Centani, Transkei

The regional police public relations officer, Lieutenant Dot van der Vyver, confirmed the incident yesterday and said the police were investigating — DDR

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Window-dressing won't help Bo-Kaap, says Khan

Municipal Reporter

WINDOW-DRESSING the Bo-Kaap as a tourist attraction is not going to solve the social and economic problems of the area, according to the chairman of the Schotsche Kloof Civic Association, Mr Hassan Khan

This week the managing director of Captour, Mr John Robért, suggested that the City Council develop the area to attract tourists ,

Mr Khan said the suburb would become a "natural tourist area" if the real needs of the people were seen to

Mr Robért said Captour had to discourage tourists from visiting the old suburb because it was not attractive and was unsafe

He said boosting tourism would stimulate residential and commercial development and suggested the council consider establishing a craft market there

"Captour and the City Council must get their priorities right," Mr Khan said "We don't need a craft market. we need better houses, a community centre, sports fields, a swimming pool and off-street parking "

He conceded the crime rate in the area was a problem but said neither the council nor the police seemed prepared to do anything about the situation

Mr Khan said community leaders in the area were prepared to discuss their problems with the City Council but were unlikely to co-operate with Captour because the organization had "never taken the trouble to approach them"

City councillor for the area, Mr Norman Osburne, said he supported Mr Khan

"The area must be improved, but it must be improved for the sake of the people who live there, not for the tourists," he said

E. Post

Sale of PEM's housing going slowly

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Weekend Post Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth Municipality hopes to sell 80% of the 6 000 economic and sub-economic houses for sale in the coloured areas despite the fact that they have sold only 1 722 during the past 15 months

The acting Director of Housing for the municipality, Mr Eddie Samuels, said although it was hoped to sell 80% of the houses, it was doubtful if they would be able to achieve this

The scheme, which forms part of the State's great house sale, has been extensively advertised by the Department of Public Works

So far the council has sold 20,1% of the homes for sale in the northern areas and 48,5% in the city areas

In Grahamstown only 70 of 464 homes have been sold

Although the present scheme was started in December, 1983, the municipality has been selling houses to tenants as "an ongoing thing since 1968"

The scheme has been described as "far more successful in Port Elizabeth than any other area in the country" Since 1968 the council has sold 6 000 houses

The houses are being sold to tenants at prices ranging from R3 000 to R7 000

The council has set up "information teams" in an attempt to get the tenants to buy the houses and "eliminate disinformation"

In addition, a study of Schauderville was undertaken to find out why the remaining tenants were not buying the properties

Of the tenants who had not yet bought, 60 % indicated they were willing to buy the homes

The main reason people were not buying was economic Mr Samuels said that in 133 cases people said their salaries were too low Seventy-nine tenants were unable to buy because they were in short-time employment

The main problem, Mr Samuels said, was that people were unable to raise the deposits However, some of the larger companies were helping their workers with deposits and loans

The Rev Sam Arends, chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, said "With the recession, people have no money to buy houses They are keen, but with the economic pressures they are afraid to get involved in expenditure when they do not know what the future holds"

Another reason given for not buying was that the structures of the houses needed improvement Some people felt that there was no space for building improvements Seven tenants said their homes were in a poor state of repair

In four cases the tenants were waiting for bigger properties.

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(1) Yes

(a) and (b) Where it could be ascertained beyond any reasonable doubt that candidates were guilty of irregularities, their examinations were cancelled In cases where teachers gave assistance to candidates only the subject concerned was cancelled

(c) Names of the schools cannot be released at this stage because investigations are still in progress and the matter must be considered *sub judice*

(d) Pupils will be allowed to enter for the examination in November 1985

(e) Officials of the Department, advised by examiners and moderators

(2) Yes

(3) No, except to enumerate some of the main measures taken

(a) *Examinationpapers*

(i) Clear directives exist for handling exam papers at various stages such as compiling, printing, storing and distributing.

(ii) Examinationpapers are kept under lock and key through the various stages

(iii) Involvement of senior officers of the inspectorate in the handling of exam papers to prevent leakage

(iv) All leakages are investigated to establish the source of the leakage and to improve the security on a continuous basis

(v) The Department prefer to dispatch examinationpapers by hand rather than by mail

(b) *Conditions at examination centres*

(i) Clear directives exist on procedures and measures of control These are regularly inculcated through guidance and training

(ii) Senior personnel are being used to excercise control

(iii) As far as possible the Department ensures that experienced and reliable invigilators are appointed

(iv) Where persons resort to negligence and irregularities strict measures are being applied

Copies of examination regulations are available to the hon member should he be interested

Hansard Q.61.76
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Natal/KwaZulu: consolidation

*27 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) whether the final consolidation proposals for Natal/KwaZulu have been completed; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that they will be completed,

(2) whether these proposals will be made available, if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) to whom and (c) in what manner?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) and (2) The report of the Commission for Co-operation and Development in connection with the consolidation of KwaZulu has just been submitted

to me The report will be submitted as soon as possible to Cabinet for consideration after which the Government's decisions will be announced in the customary way

These decisions will comprise proposals which will serve as basis for hearing evidence of interested and affected parties and bodies

After the evidence and the inputs obtained by the Commission for Co-operation and Development have been considered and evaluated and the necessary consultations have taken place, the Commission will submit a further report to the Government and the Government will take the final decisions in the matter

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Khayelitsha

*28 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

(1) Whether any progress has been made in the investigation into the provision of rail services for Khayelitsha, if not, why not, if so, what progress,

(2) whether any decisions have been taken in this regard, if not, when is it anticipated that decisions will be taken, if so,

(3) whether a rail service is to be provided, if not, (a) why not and (b) what arrangements will be made in respect of transport for residents of Khayelitsha, if so, (i) when, (ii) what will be the nature of the rail service and (iii) what is the estimated cost involved?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(1) Yes A report has been completed and was submitted to the Cape Town Metropolitan Transport Advisory Board on 24 January 1985

(2) No In terms of section 16(1)(a) of the urban Transportation Act, 1977 (Act 78 of 1977) the Cape Town Metropolitan Transport Advisory Board will now report to the Administrator who acting on the advice and with the consent of the executive committee, will in turn report to the National Transport Commission Although a final decision is expected soon exact dates cannot be submitted at this stage

(3) Falls away

For the honourable member's information I wish to indicate that I will cover this matter fully during the Transport Services' Budget Debate

Khayelitsha

*29 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development·

(1) Whether any houses have been completed at Khayelitsha, if not, why not, if so, how many (a) had been completed and (b) were occupied as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,

(2) whether occupants of houses in (a) Khayelitsha and (b) any other specified township in the Western Cape are able to obtain (i) 99-year leases and (ii) freehold title in respect of their houses, if so, since when if not, (aa) why not and (bb) when is it anticipated that a final decision will be made?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) Yes

(a) 3 573 and

(b) 647 on 5 Februarv 1985

(2) (a) (i) Yes

(ii) As stated by the State President in his address at the opening of the present session of Parliament, the Government is prepared to negotiate the matter with

the political leaders involved

(b) (i) The position in regard to each township is being considered on its own merits This is obviously an extensive task and is receiving urgent attention from the Department of Co-operation and Development

(ii) The reply to question 2(a)(ii) applies
(aa) and (bb) fall away

Langa/Guguletu/Nyanga: classrooms

*30 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education

(1) Whether any requests have been made for additional classrooms in 1985 for schools in (a) Langa, (b) Guguletu and (c) Nyanga by (i) officials of his Department and (ii) any other persons or organizations, if so, (aa) what requests, (bb) when were the requests made, and (cc) what was the decision, in each case,

(2) whether any additional classrooms are to be provided, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many, (b) when were they ordered and (c) when will they be ready for use?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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

(aa) For the provision of additional classrooms

(bb) October 1984

(cc) Additional classrooms have been approved for schools in Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga

(ii) No

(2) Yes

(a) 42

(b) 7 February 1985

(c) At the beginning of May 1985

Airports: advertisements for cigarettes

*31 Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Transport Affairs.

(1) Whether there are any advertisements for cigarettes at (a) Jan Smuts and (b) D F Malan Airport, if so,

(2) whether he will furnish the names of the companies advertising cigarettes at their airports, if not, why not, if so, what are their names,

(3) (a) where are these advertisements placed and (b) what total amount was received by his Department in revenue from these advertisements in 1984 or the latest specified 12 month period for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) (a) and (b) Yes

(2) Yes The concessionaire Messrs Transportation Posters (Pty) Ltd leases advertising space at the State Airports concerned to the following agencies—Rothmans of Pall Mall London Ltd, American Cigarette Company Ltd, Riggio Tobacco Corporation of New York Ltd, Winston Tobacco Company Ltd; Dunhill of London Ltd, and Liggett and Myers of Durham NC, USA, Ltd

(3) (a) (i) *Jan Smuts Airport*

Open parking area 3 on bill boards and 6 on dustbins,

Basement parking area 3 on dustbins,

Cape Town departures hall and veranda 2 medium and 3 small advertisements on walls and 6 on dustbins,

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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(a) and (b) Where it could be ascertained beyond any reasonable doubt that candidates were guilty of irregularities, their examinations were cancelled In cases where teachers gave assistance to candidates only the subject concerned was cancelled

(c) Names of the schools cannot be released at this stage because investigations are still in progress and the matter must be considered *sub judice*

(d) Pupils will be allowed to enter for the examination in November 1985

(e) Officials of the Department, advised by examiners and moderators

(2) Yes

(3) No, except to enumerate some of the main measures taken.

(a) *Examinationpapers*

(i) Clear directives exist for handling exam papers at various stages such as compiling, printing, storing and distributing.

(ii) Examinationpapers are kept under lock and key through the various stages

(iii) Involvement of senior officers of the inspectorate in the handling of exam papers to prevent leakage.

(iv) All leakages are investigated to establish the source of the leakage and to improve the security on a continuous basis.

(v) The Department prefer to dispatch examinationpapers by hand rather than by mail

(b) *Conditions at examination centres*

(i) Clear directives exist on procedures and measures of control These are regularly inculcated through guidance and training

(ii) Senior personnel are being used to excercise control

(iii) As far as possible the Department ensures that experienced and reliable invigilators are appointed

(iv) Where persons resort to negligence and irregularities strict measures are being applied

Copies of examination regulations are available to the hon member should he be interested

Hansard Q.61.76
12/2/85

Natal/KwaZulu consolidation

*27. Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) whether the final consolidation proposals for Natal/KwaZulu have been completed, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that they will be completed;

(2) whether these proposals will be made available, if not, why not; if so, (a) when, (b) to whom and (c) in what manner?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1) and (2) The report of the Commission for Co-operation and Development in connection with the consolidation of KwaZulu has just been submitted

to me The report will be submitted as soon as possible to Cabinet for consideration after which the Government's decisions will be announced in the customary way

These decisions will comprise proposals which will serve as basis for hearing evidence of interested and affected parties and bodies

After the evidence and the inputs obtained by the Commission for Co-operation and Development have been considered and evaluated and the necessary consultations have taken place, the Commission will submit a further report to the Government and the Government will take the final decisions in the matter

Hansard
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Khayelitsha

*28 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

(1) Whether any progress has been made in the investigation into the provision of rail services for Khayelitsha, if not, why not, if so, what progress,

(2) whether any decisions have been taken in this regard, if not, when is it anticipated that decisions will be taken, if so,

(3) whether a rail service is to be provided, if not, (a) why not and (b) what arrangements will be made in respect of transport for residents of Khayelitsha, if so, (i) when, (ii) what will be the nature of the rail service and (iii) what is the estimated cost involved?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

(1) Yes A report has been completed and was submitted to the Cape Town Metropolitan Transport Advisory Board on 24 January 1985

(2) No In terms of section 16(1)(a) of the urban Transportation Act, 1977 (Act 78 of 1977) the Cape Town Metropolitan Transport Advisory Board will now report to the Administrator who, acting on the advice and with the consent of the executive committee, will in turn report to the National Transport Commission Although a final decision is expected soon exact dates cannot be submitted at this stage

(3) Falls away

For the honourable member s information I wish to indicate that I will cover this matter fully during the Transport Services' Budget Debate

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(1) Whether any houses have been completed at Khayelitsha, if not why not, if so, how many (a) had been completed and (b) were occupied as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,

(2) whether occupants of houses in (a) Khayelitsha and (b) any other specified township in the Western Cape are able to obtain (i) 99-year leases and (ii) freehold title in respect of their houses, if so, since when if not, (aa) why not and (bb) when is it anticipated that a final decision will be made?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) Yes

(a) 3 573 and

(b) 647 on 5 February 1985

(2) (a) (i) Yes

(ii) As stated by the State President in his address at the opening of the present session of Parliament, the Government is prepared to negotiate the matter with

the political leaders involved.

(b) (i) The position in regard to each township is being considered on its own merits This is obviously an extensive task and is receiving urgent attention from the Department of Co-operation and Development

(ii) The reply to question 2(a)(ii) applies
(aa) and (bb) fall away

Langa/Guguletu/Nyanga: classrooms

*30 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education

(1) Whether any requests have been made for additional classrooms in 1985 for schools in (a) Langa, (b) Guguletu and (c) Nyanga by (i) officials of his Department and (ii) any other persons or organizations, if so, (aa) what requests, (bb) when were the requests made, and (cc) what was the decision, in each case,

(2) whether any additional classrooms are to be provided, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many, (b) when were they ordered and (c) when will they be ready for use?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(1) (a), (b) and (c)(i) Yes.

(aa) For the provision of additional classrooms

(bb) October 1984

(cc) Additional classrooms have been approved for schools in Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga

(ii) No

(2) Yes.

(a) 42

(b) 7 February 1985

(c) At the beginning of May 1985

Airports: advertisements for cigarettes

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(1) Whether there are any advertisements for cigarettes at (a) Jan Smuts and (b) D F Malan Airport, if so,

(2) whether he will furnish the names of the companies advertising cigarettes at their airports, if not, why not, if so, what are their names,

(3) (a) where are these advertisements placed and (b) what total amount was received by his Department in revenue from these advertisements in 1984 or the latest specified 12 month period for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS.

(1) (a) and (b) Yes.

(2) Yes The concessionaire Messrs Transportation Posters (Pty) Ltd leases advertising space at the State Airports concerned to the following agencies—Rothmans of Pall Mall London Ltd, American Cigarette Company Ltd, Riggio Tobacco Corporation of New York Ltd, Winston Tobacco Company Ltd, Dunhill of London Ltd, and Liggett and Myers of Durham NC, USA, Ltd.

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Divco to plead case of unemployed tenants

Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council is to ask the government to declare a moratorium on the eviction of unemployed people unable to keep up payments on houses bought from the council

The chairman of the council's housing committee, Mr H Langley said yesterday that Divco would ask for the period of repayment to be extended by the amount of time the house-owner was unemployed

The council was "very sympathetic" to the plight of both home-owners and tenants who were unable to pay rent because they had been retrenched, he said

"Despite all the negative publicity about Atlantis, the council has carried out no ejectments there"

Mr Lambert said tenants would be granted a

"measure of relief" by being given an extra three months to pay arrears in rents

Residents in the council's housing estates would, however, still have to pay for services like electricity and water

● Divisional Councillor Mr Neil Ross yesterday called for "direct participation" of coloureds on the council and warned Divco that it would be "compromising itself" if it allowed coloured management committees any more say in its affairs

Mr Ross launched a scathing attack on the management committee system at the council's monthly meeting, saying committee members represented "no-one other than a small clique"

The council was debating whether to improve its links with the management ccommittees by, in particular, increasing the number of liaison meetings between the council and the committees

"The management committee system stinks," Mr Ross said. "Quite frankly, I want nothing to do with it."

He said polls for the last committee elections in the Western Cape had been as low as 1,6 percent, and as the elections due last year had been postponed for four years, the members had even less of a mandate from the people they were supposed to represent

"The council is forced to deal with these people because of government legislation, but there is no reason why we should try and improve their status," he said

(2) Yes The procedure is as follows:—

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(124) Hansard Khayelitsha 19/2/85 O.Q.1.163

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(2) whether any other developments are scheduled for 1985, if not, why not, if so, what developments,

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) No

(b) Yes The planning of approximately 2 400 additional sites

(i) R89,5 million up to 31 March 1985

(ii) None Only another 2 400 serviced sites will be provided

(2) Yes The erection of a community centre, and a self-help centre and laying out of sports fields

(3) (a) Yes

(b) Yes In respect of the self-help centre

(i) Tenders for the community centre and sports fields close on 21 February 1985 and 6 March 1985 respectively

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The MINISTER OF EDUCATION

(1) Yes Although the Std 8 examination was abolished as a public examination, the Department co-ordinated the set of the examination papers to ensure uniformity

(a) and (b) In view of the fact that it is not a public examination the information is not readily available

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(3) 9 January 1985

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(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 34 on 20 June 1984, the Commission of Inquiry into the Promotion of Creative and Other Arts has submitted a report, if not, why not, if so,

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New deal for city blacks

Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu townships to get 99-year leasehold rights

By TOS WENTZEL, Political Correspondent

THE Government has finally approved the introduction of 99-year leasehold rights for blacks in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu and facilities there will be upgraded.

The Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, announced this today

He emphasised that this would apply only to "qualifying blacks" — those who were legally allowed to live and work in the Peninsula

The Minister's statement went a long way to reassuring residents of these areas that they would not be forced to move to Khayelitsha

The Minister also announced that he would soon meet representatives of different squatter groups in Crossroads

Dr Gerrit Viljoen ... "a sense of permanence and security".

Khayelitsha

It was announced earlier that 99-year leasehold would be introduced in Khayelitsha

President P W Botha announced last September that the principle of leasehold would be considered for black communities in the Western Cape.

Dr Viljoen said, "After considering strong appeals from the Cape Town Community Council and other interested bodies, the Government has now approved the introduction of 99-year leasehold rights in respect of qualifying black persons in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu

"Further development and upgrading of facilities and infrastructure will be undertaken within these townships

Strategy

"This decision, together with the earlier announcement introducing 99-year leasehold for Khayelitsha, should supply a sound basis for developing a strategy for orderly urbanisation of black people in the Cape Town area

"This is a task in which the black communities concerned and other interested bodies will be invited to participate

"I anticipate that these decisions will contribute to a sense of permanence and security among the residents of Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu

"In the light of these decisions I also now call upon the private sector, employers and financial institutions to throw in their support to make possible meaningful progress in home-ownership and development of facilities and infrastructure

Waiting lists

"It has also been decided, in response to requests by spokesmen of the groups involved, that the accommodation just completed in Khayelitsha will also be made available for qualifying residents who have long been on the waiting lists for a house

"I have furthermore arranged personally to meet within the next days representatives of the different squatter groups in the Crossroads area in order to seek their co-operation for a programme of urban renewal and improvement of their quality of life.

"I am hopeful that these discussions will produce positive results in respect of Crossroads," Dr Viljoen said

WE'RE BURSTING AT THE SEAMS!

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— but we can't find you homes, says Coun

"PLEASE give my children homes!" is the impassioned plea of a Bonteheuwel mother who says the City Council wants most of her 19-member family out.

By TYRONE SEALE

The problem is they just can't find anywhere else to live, she says

Included in the large family, who are cramped together at 256 Bonteheuwel Avenue, are five married couples Some of them say complaining that the living conditions are affecting their relationships adversely

To relieve conditions in the three-bedroomed house, Mrs Salama Ramzaan, 46, and her husband, Abdulhay, 39, have built a makeshift fourth bedroom in the backyard

Mrs Ramzaan said at the weekend "I have taken in my children, because they cannot find a place to live elsewhere Now the Council has told me to put them in the street Show me a mother who would do that!" Mrs Ramzaan said

Warned

Mrs Ramzaan, a cardiac sufferer, said that her doctor had also warned her that the crowded conditions at home would cause her health to deteriorate even further

Mr Ramzaan is sickly as well, having had three kidney transplants in recent years

The Ramzaans bought their house from the City Council recently

Mrs Ramzaan said that one of her daughters, Mrs Farieda de Morny, and her husband, Eugene, had been on the Council's waiting list for five years, but that they were told recently that they would have to wait "another four to six years" for a house

Besides the De Mornys and Mr and Mrs Ramzaan, there are three other married couples sharing the house

"Living like this places great strain on all of us," Mrs Ramzaan said "These conditions are particularly bad for the married couples Already, one of my sons is living here and his wife and child are with her mother most of the time, because there is simply no space for all of them here"

Mrs Ramzaan said that a building inspector had told her recently that they would have to replace the wood-and-iron bedroom in the backyard with a brick structure

"I don't know where I'm going to find money for that," she said

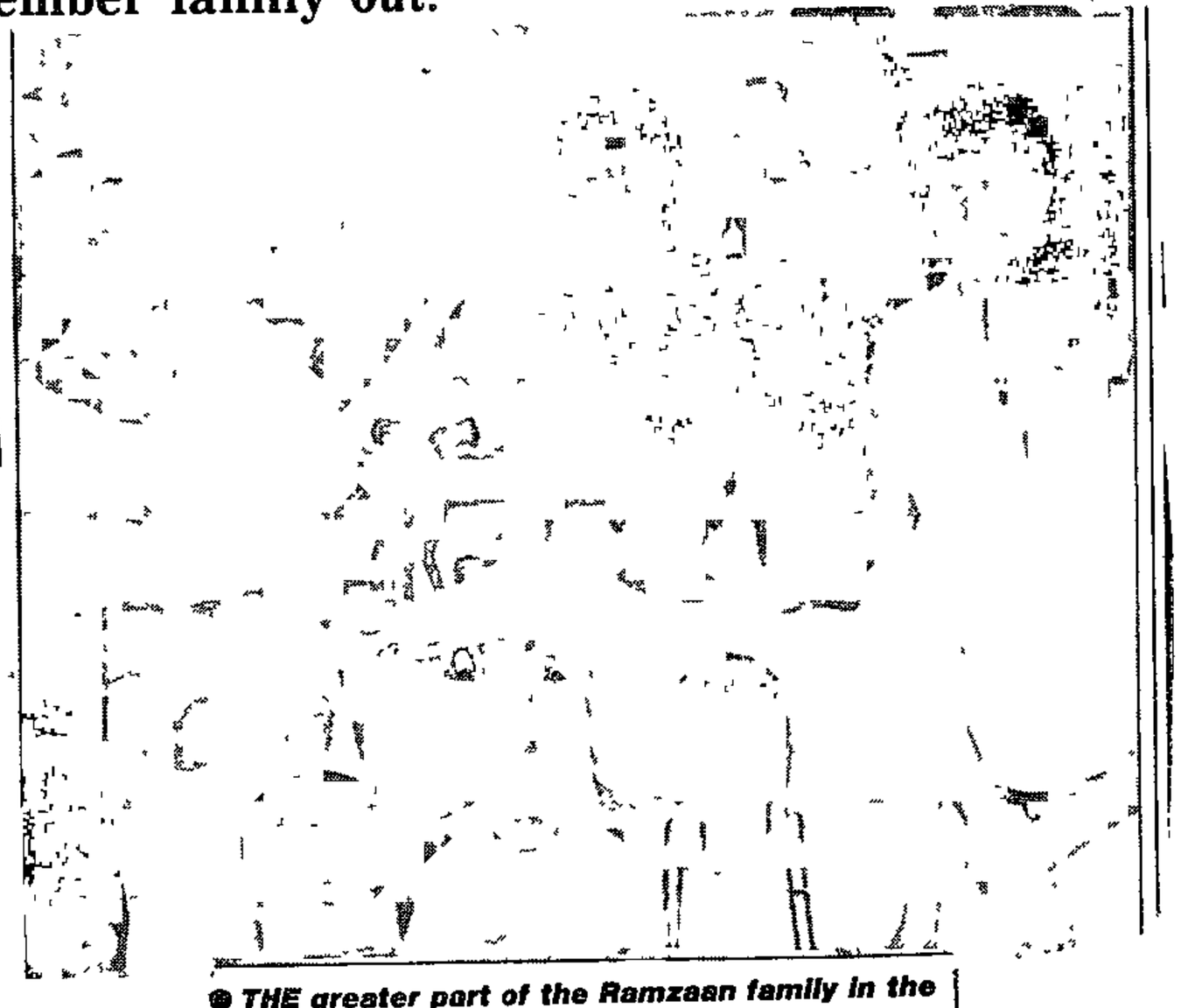
Offers

The woman said that her children had made several offers of rent to prospective landlords, but that their applications had not been successful

A Council spokesman, Mrs S Mulder, said that in the light of the current housing shortage, there was little the Council could do to help the Ramzaans

"Nowadays, we even have waiting lists for priorities The solution for this particular family (the Ramzaans) is for one or more of the married children to go out and find rooms, or separate quarters, or something of that nature," Mrs Mulder said

"While it cannot be disputed this is indeed a very difficult task, we must remember that other people have exerted themselves and have found accommodation"



● *THE greater part of the Ramzaan family in the makeshift fourth bedroom on Sunday morning.*

Dream of coloured 'reserve dies with 99-year-home rights

DR GERRIT VILJOEN
Years of uncertainty

THE extension of 99-year-leasehold rights to blacks in the established Cape Town townships is the deathblow for the quixotic efforts by Cape Nationalism to keep the Western Cape a "white-coloured" homeland

Dr Gerrit Viljoen, Minister of Co-operation and Development, announced this week that the government would be extending leasehold rights to the established townships, thus ending years of uncertainty

It also finally resolves a simmering policy dispute in National Party ranks over many years about the future of urban blacks in the Western Cape

But the announcement does not deal with the central problem — the position of the thousands of "illegals" living in the Western Cape who comprise the majority of squatters at Crossroads

The announcement this week by Dr Viljoen — after a week of unrest that has claimed 18 lives through police action — could partially defuse a Western Cape timebomb created by the government's signal failure to come to grips with the problems of urbanisation

Jubilant

This week senior National Party members were jubilant about the Viljoen announcement although it had been anticipated ever since President Botha revealed last year that leasehold rights were under consideration for Peninsula blacks

But this week also signalled the end of a remarkably cynical ploy to "persuade" people to move from the overcrowded existing townships of Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga to the new developments at Khayelitsha.

By BRIAN POTTINGER
Political Correspondent

In May, 1983, the government unveiled plans for the creation of a vast new black city on the False Bay coast at Driftsands between Atlantis and Somerset West

At the same time it was announced that residents of the existing black townships would all eventually be settled at Khayelitsha

The prospects of imminent removal, created real circumstances of uncertainty and unrest in the stable Peninsula black townships — not to mention the growing squatter population

In March last year the Cabinet decided to freeze all further developments in the already fatally over-crowded black townships.

The move was intended to "push" excess people to Khayelitsha "voluntarily"

At the same time there were the "pull" attractions of 99-year-leasehold, better facilities and cheaper housing.

But the increasing peninsula unrest, the style of the new regime at Co-operation and Development, and the flat refusal of township residents to go to Khayelitsha, has forced the government to abandon its gameplan prematurely

Staff shortages

85 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

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(a) 6 October to 31 December

1980	4
1981	16
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1983	49
1984	34

(1) (b) (i)

Number	*Cause of action*
12	unlawful
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1	breach of contract

(1) (b) (ii)

Claims settled out of court	Claims not furthered by the plaintiff	Claims pending	Claims dismissed
78	17	19	3

(2) (a) No

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

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(b)

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Atlantis evictions — cases viewed on merit

Argus 26/2/80 (124)

Tygerberg Bureau

MASS evictions are not being contemplated in Atlantis and each resident's case will be dealt with individually and on merit

This assurance was given by Mr W R Viviers, secretary of the Divisional Council of the Cape, when approached for comment on the situation in Atlantis where residents staged a demonstration at council housing offices and were dispersed by riot police.

He said in a written reply to The Argus "All complaints from residents receive attention if made in the recognised manner by the persons actually involved Each case is dealt with individually on merit and mass evictions are not contemplated"

At a meeting last night the Atlantis Residents' Association decided to approach the council again to arrange a meeting

Mr Noel Williams, spokesman for the association, said they would insist that the council listen to their grievances "as a group"

Police use teargas in Atlantis

Cape Times 26/2/85 (124)

Staff Reporter

ATLANTIS residents have called for an "urgent meeting" with the Divisional Council following yesterday's police action against an anti-evictions protest in the town

According to a member of the newly-formed Atlantis Residents' Association, police yesterday sjambokked protesters and fired teargas and rubber bullets into a crowd who gathered to demand the withdrawal of Divco eviction orders served on 365 families

Evictions were to be postponed "indefinitely", residents were told

The crowd went to the rent offices to try and get an evicted family re-instated Police gave them five minutes to disperse, but "after two minutes" they were charged and shot at, he claimed

● A police liaison officer for the Boland confirmed last night that police had used teargas but denied the use of rubber bullets

classification

Moves to block housing loophole

EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Committee wants to block a loophole whereby people are buying council houses and selling them later at an "exorbitant price".

The matter may become a national issue after four such cases in East London

This emerged at the IMC monthly meeting yesterday when the pre-emptive right of the city council on houses was discussed and the acting chairman, Mr Mike Williams, raised four cases where he said exorbitant prices were being asked

According to the pre-emptive right, an owner had to occupy a council house for five years before he could sell it and, if he wanted to sell it before that, council had the first option

Mr Williams raised the issue of four teachers from outside East London who had been allocated houses because they were needed at the East London High School and now wanted to sell the houses at a much higher price because they were being transferred.

The director of housing, Mr Ken Martinsen, said that because of the urgency of the situation, his department had approached the then Department of Community Development and had explained that the building society had refused to grant a bond unless the pre-emptive clause was waived

The department agreed and the council did not have any right over the houses now

Mr Williams said one house that had been bought for R21 000 was now being sold for R40 000

"This is unfair and the people of East London are suffering In future we are going to say that the government must provide houses if they want to house teachers from outside East London

"In future we have to build something into the deed of sale and I have already discussed the matter with the minister in Cape Town.

"We want to prevent the creation of glorified landlords and I hope the minister will implement the rule that no person will be allocated a house in a town while he still owns a house in a different town.

"I have been told that ownership of houses will be reflected on the computer with identity documents"

Mr Williams asked that any such sales in the future first be referred to the IMC — DDR

Call for same housing standard

EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Committee has called for the same type and standard of house that was built in Braelynn 4 to be built in Braelynn 6

The call came during a report from the director of housing and estates, Mr Ken Martinsen, on the progress in the new area

The report said the city engineers' department was commencing development of the first phase which would comprise 120 serviced erven

The report said that, according to the estimated costs, the people for whom the houses were being built would not be able to afford them

The engineers were in the process of calling for tenders for an in-fill scheme at Morningside where there would be identical units and the department wanted to use this as a possible guide for the 60 units in Braelynn 6

Mr Edward Vengadejellum said he did not know where the department got its information from but the people of North End could afford the housing

Mr Martinsen said that, according to the housing survey which the department had, the people could not afford the houses

The department had to build the houses according to what the people could afford

Mr Vengadejellum said the committee wanted tenders called for the houses because prices were escalating but Mr Martinsen said tenders could not be called until the infrastructure was laid

"The first step is the relocation of the coloureds from section 498 The next phase will be clearing the site and then we can call for tenders when the infrastructure has been laid," he said

The deputy city engineer, Mr F Bradfield, said Braelynn 6 layout had just been approved by the townships board subject to certain conditions

"We are not dragging our feet and are going ahead even before approval arrives," he said

Mr Mike Williams said the committee was not accusing anybody of dragging his feet The bone of contention was that members wanted the same type of houses built in Braelynn 6 as those built in Braelynn 4

"We want 60 homes that are acceptable to the community," he said — DDR

Indians 'angry' over City houses

CAPE TIMES 1/3/85 (124) (84)

Political Reporter and Sapa

HOUSE OF DELEGATES — Angry Peninsula Indians may march into Marks Building — headquarters of the House of Delegates — demanding houses, the Rev Edward Manikkam (Sol Rylands) said in the House yesterday

Speaking in the debate on the Additional Appropriation Bill, he said Rylands, just outside Cape Town, had been declared an Indian Group Area many years ago but only 400 houses had been built there, mainly for people displaced from white and coloured areas

There was talk in the community that the neighbouring Pelican Park area had been "stolen" from the community to house Indian MPs while families were forced to live in outhouses and garages in Rylands, he said

Mr Manikkam said the government and the Indian ministers in the House of Delegates should get their priorities right — and build houses before spending millions on other things such as schools

● Even if Indian MPs could not speak "on behalf of blacks" they could speak on "a human being's inalienable right to live a full life, free from fear of oppression and tyranny", Mr Ranji Nowbath (NPP nominated), said yesterday

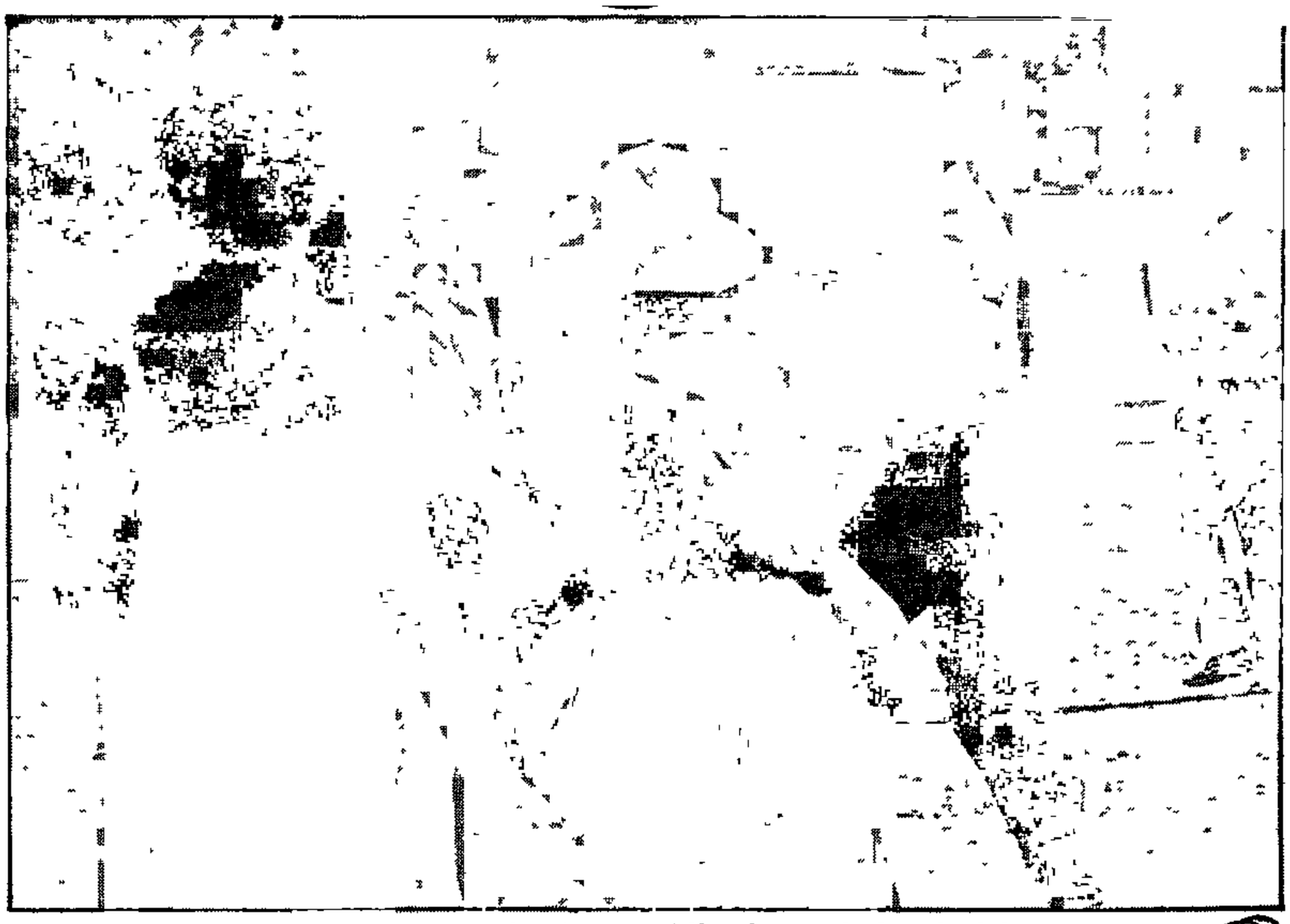
Mr Nowbath was reacting in an interview to criticism by extra-parliamentary organizations that coloured and Indian MPs did not have a right to speak on behalf of blacks — particularly with reference to recent events in black townships and Crossroads

● A new government move to scrap apartheid on first-class railway coaches was last night welcomed by Indian parliamentarians as an "encouraging step" in the reform process of the State President, Mr P W Botha

The Minister of Transport Affairs, Mr Hendrik Schoeman, told the House of Delegates yesterday that from now on anyone from any race could buy a first class rail ticket and be entitled to first class facilities.

Mr George Thaver, secretary of the National Peoples Party, the ruling group in the House, and a nominated MP, told Sapa he hoped the move would herald scrapping of all forms of discrimination in transport services, including buses

Mr Mahmoud Rajab, secretary of the opposition Solidarity, and its MP for Durban Springfield, said the government need not fear the move "as the airways had dropped passenger apartheid some time ago and the sky had not fallen" — Sapa



● *A RIOT policeman confronts one of the demonstrators in Atlantis.*

Herald 2/3/85

Police charge Atlantis demos

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By GARY VAN DYK

RIOT squad police charged Atlantis resi-dents demonstrating against evictions and high rents in a crowded Atlantis shopping centre on Monday

It happened shortly after about 200 people from the area had marched on to the projects offices of the Divisional Council, where they were told that all evictions would stop until further notice

The people then marched through the town to the office of the housing manager in the Avondale Shopping Centre They were met by a squad of riot police who gave them five minutes to disperse.

But while the people were moving out police suddenly started wading into them with short (plastic) whips

Most of their "victims" were women

TEARGAS

Rubber bullets and teargas were also used against the demonstrators Many of the people who were beaten were residents doing shopping and paying accounts at the rent office

● ***DESIREE Koza, who was caught up in the police attack, sobs as she shows the scars inflicted on her.***

One of the people who was injured in the police charge was Desiree Koza who was at the shopping centre to pay her electricity account She was repeatedly beaten across her chest and face while she was lying on the ground

"The police could see that I had been shopping but one of them just came up to me from behind and started whipping me.

"I shouted at him to stop but he just kept hitting me," she said

An old man who could scarcely walk was also a victim of the police attack

A young policemen beat him to the ground, ignoring his pleas for mercy

Mr Noel Williams, a civic worker in Atlantis, was appalled at the actions of the police

HITTING

"It was totally unnecessary for them to start hitting the people. All of them were on their way home after I had told them that we would be meeting to discuss the housing situation tonight," he said

At a meeting on Sunday, residents facing eviction met and formed a civic association A memorandum listing six demands was drawn up. These were

- that all evictions be stopped immediately,
- that those who have already been evicted be put back into their houses;
- that water and electricity not be disconnected,
- that rents be reduced,
- that levies on eviction notices be dropped,
- that people dealing with the Divisional Council officials be treated with respect.

A committee was also formed to represent and co-ordinate the various action committees in Atlantis

C. Herald 2/3/83 (124)

House of the rising DEBT?

THE problem of people falling behind with their bond repayments in Cape Town City Council home ownership schemes of was not as bad as it seemed, says the chairman of the Council's Housing Committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott.

Mrs Stott was reacting to an article in which we reported that more than 10 000 people – the majority of whom owned homes in Mitchells Plain — were at least one month behind with their repayments for January

The figures were obtained from a schedule of arrears for the Council's home ownership housing schemes, which had been tabled by the housing committee

Mrs Stott pointed out that the figures gave a wrong impression and could not be used as a barometer of how the recession was affecting the people

She said that most people went into arrears over Christmas and that January's figure was no different from previous years

We ascertained that the number of people in arrears with their bond repayments for January last year was 10 835 — 500 up on this year's number

Mrs Stott further explained that many of the 10 000 arrears on the schedule were not in fact so but were merely "book entry arrears"

She said that the Council closed its books on the 7th of the month and if a homeowner paid his instalment on the 8th he was reflected as being in arrears, when in fact he was not

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42 Langa families move out

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE government has allocated 1 000 core houses at Khayelitsha to "backyard" residents at Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu

The first batch of 42 families — all from Langa — left for Khayelitsha vesterday

The move, announced by the government's top Black Affairs official for the Western Cape, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, represents the first significant step to ease the desperate housing shortage and consequent overcrowding prevailing in Cape Town's established black townships

However, no decision has been taken at this stage to house all of the 8 000-odd families in the three townships currently on housing waiting lists

Only so-called "legal" residents are being considered for the move

Recent government policy has been that all houses at Khayelitsha — currently numbering about 5 000 — have been reserved for squatter

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This policy is known to have caused resentment among the thousands of inhabitants of Nyanga, Langa and Guguletu who have had their names on waiting lists, many for over five years Some have argued that squatters were being given "preferential treatment" to permanent residents who had legal status

Anxious

The move to make Khayelitsha accessible for the first time to thousands of blacks living in squalid backyard shacks is seen as a logical step following the recent announcement that 'qualifying" blacks in the three townships were to be granted 99-year leasehold rights

However, the government is also clearly anxious to get as many people as possible to move to Khayelitsha soon to rid the bleak new settlement of its ghost-town image

The first wave of families to move yesterday were identified by their community council Those families whose names had been on the waiting list longest were given preference

Both Mr Bezuidenhoud and the chairman of the Cape Town Community Council, Mr D R Ngo, emphasized that the families were moving of their own accord

The Community Council will continue identifying families to be moved to Khayelitsha throughout the week.

Appeal against Bishop Lavis plan

Political Reporter

MR Nic Isaacs, MP for Bishop Lavis, yesterday appealed to the government to halt attempts to demolish illegal structures attached to homes in his township until those affected were provided with alternative accommodation

In a memorandum advising the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry, of the township's plight, Mr Isaacs said "threats" had been made to demolish these structures

Applications to the Divisional Council and City Council to allow such shelters to stay were rejected, Mr Isaacs said

"The people have nowhere to go There are cases where families had become too big to stay in three- and four-roomed houses and parents were forced to erect illegal structures"

He added that the housing shortage in Bishop Lavis was "acute". Promises made to residents of Bishop Lavis in 1978 that they would qualify for 25 percent of each new housing development in Belhar, Valhalla Park and Elsie's River "never materialized"

"People were moved from Goodwood Acres and other areas to make the apartheid ideology work, but now 20 years later the whole fiasco is hitting back and people must bear the brunt," Mr Isaacs said

He also urged the minister to look into housing prices in the township where home-buyers were told to purchase the land separately from the house

The Housing League, which was responsible for the sale of the houses, claimed that they had permission from the Department of Community Development to do so since they bought the land from their personal funds, Mr Isaacs said

He said the government's prescribed "factor" for the sale of houses already included the price of the land Home-buyers were thus required to pay twice for the ground if they had to pay for it separately.

In the past the league purchased ground "to relieve" the overcrowded situation in the township, but on completion the same houses were sold to people from outside the area, Mr Isaacs said

Court sets rent increase aside

Cape Times 6/3/85 124

Staff Reporter

A SUPREME Court judge yesterday ruled that a decision in 1983 by the Western Cape Development Board to raise the rental for residents in the Mbekweni township, near Paarl, had been invalid

In his judgment yesterday afternoon, Mr Justice Nel, ruled that the board had failed to consult with the National Housing Commission (NHC) about the proposed increases They were therefore invalid and the increases were set aside

Three applications against the chairman of the Development Board and the Minister of Co-operation and Development, were brought before the court by members of the Mbekweni Residents Association, Mr T Bongo, Mr V Mbubu and the chairman, Mr G Bongo

They sought the setting aside of the decision by the board to increase house rentals, lodger fees and accommodation fees at hostels in the township with effect from October, 1983

Internal Security Act

In paper's before the court, they claimed that the increases had caused great dissatisfaction among residents and that following a march to the local Development Board offices, 171 residents had been charged in terms of the Internal Security Act

In opposing papers, the board and the minister claimed that rentals had not been increased but only service charges

The court found that in respect of Mr T Bongo's application and Mr Mbubu's application, house and hostel accommodation rentals had been increased and because it was common cause that the National Housing Commission had not been consulted the increases were therefore invalid

The court dismissed Mr G Bongo's application to set aside the increase in the lodger fee, after finding that the fee was not a rental

Mr J Gauntlett and Mr J Whitehead, instructed by the Legal Resources Centre, appeared for the applicants Mr L R Dison, SC, assisted by Mr J Foxcroft, instructed by Bornman and Hayward, appeared for the Western Cape Development Board Mr Foxcroft, instructed by the State Attorney, appeared for the Minister of Co-operation and Development

165 have asked for rent relief in Port Elizabeth

(124) EPost 12/3/85

Post Reporter

A TOTAL of 165 people have applied to the Port Elizabeth Housing Department for rent relief Of these, 141 are from unemployed tenants and 24 from people working short-time

A report to today's meeting of the Community Services Council by the Acting Director of Housing, Mr Eddie Samuels, outlines the department's attitude and emphasises that not drastic action has so far been taken in such cases

Difficulties were experienced in all housing schemes concerning the extent of un- or underemployment becuse parties did not notify area offices

In most cases economic hardships were only established during follow-up work done by the department in tracing rent/instalment defaulters

In many cases the lesees or purchasers were able to cope even though some of the wage earners were on short time or unemployed This did not apply where an only breadwinner was unemployed with no income coming in for the household

In such cases the housing department provided whatever assistance it could and referred the families to Government and private welfare agencies for material help

The committee will also consider a recommendation by Mr Samuels that Home Ownership Marketing Enterprises (HOME) be mandated to sell houses on behalf of the PE Municipality

(ii) No

(iii) No

(iv) No

(aa) An application was received on 9 July, 1984

(bb) Officials of Sasol were at liberty to testify provided that the State Department of the United States of America would undertake that the following conditions be complied with—

— all costs would have to be borne by the United States of America,

— the evidence should only relate to the Salem case and no questions be asked regarding South Africa's present crude oil supply sources and procedures, and

— indemnity be granted to the officials concerned that they would not be prosecuted if they should refuse to give replies to questions in view of the provisions of the Petroleum Products Act, 1977 (Act 120 of 1977), as amended

(2) No

Koeberg Nuclear Power Station

*36 Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs

(1) Whether the temperature of the seawater drawn into the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station of cooling purposes is monitored on a continuous basis, if not, why not, if so, what is the operating temperature range which must be maintained for such water in order that the power station may operate effectively,

(2) whether the temperature of the seawter which has been drawn into Koeberg for cooling purposes has ever risen above the desired range, if so, what was the cause of this variation in temperature,

(3) whether the temperature variation has caused any disruption in operations in Koeberg, if so, what is the nature of these disruptions,

(4) whether any steps have been taken to prevent recurrences in this regard, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b) with what result?

The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS

(1) Yes A maximum water temperature of 23°C

(2) No

(3) No

(4) Falls away

Schools for pedagogically neglected children

*37 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Health and Welfare

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Education and Culture to Question No 4 on 19 February 1985, his Department has finalized the appropriate regulations relating to schools for pedagogically neglected children, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that these regulations will be finalized, if so,

(2) whether these regulations have been promulgated, if so, when; if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that they will be promulgated?

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE.

(1) No

(a) The regulations are being redrafted in persuance of the comments received thereanent

(b) it is anticipated that the regulations will be finalized towards the end of the second quarter of this year

(2) Falls away

Senior certificate results

*39 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) Whether the 1984 senior certificate results of any Black pupils were cancelled or disallowed after these pupils had been informed that they had passed, if so, (a) how many pupils were affected, (b) what schools did they attend, (c) why were their results changed and (d)(i) who was responsible for the circumstances that gave rise to these results being changed and (ii) what was the nature of these circumstances,

(2) whether any action has been taken in this regard, if not, why not, if so, what action?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND OF CO-OPERATION

(1) No

(a), (b), (c), (d)(i) and (ii) Fall away

(2) Fall away

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99-year leasehold rights

*40 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) Whether any decisions have been made on the granting of 99-year leasehold rights to residents of all Black townships in the Western Cape, if not, (a) why not and (b) when will these decisions be made,

(2) in which Black townships in the Western Cape are (a) 99-year leasehold rights (i) to be granted and (ii) not to be granted and (b) in respect of which such townships have final decisions not yet been made?

†The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a) and (b) Decisions were made about Khayelitsha, Nyanga, Langa and Guguletu Applications from the other Black Townships in the Western Cape are still being considered on the merits of each township

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(ii) No

(iii) No

(iv) No

(aa) An application was received on 9 July, 1984

(bb) Officials of Sasol were at liberty to testify provided that the State Department of the United States of America would undertake that the following conditions be complied with—

— all costs would have to be borne by the United States of America,

— the evidence should only relate to the Salem case and no questions be asked regarding South Africa's present crude oil supply sources and procedures, and

— indemnity be granted to the officials concerned that they would not be prosecuted if they should refuse to give replies to questions in view of the provisions of the Petroleum Products Act, 1977 (Act 120 of 1977), as amended

(2) No.

Koeberg Nuclear Power Station

*36 Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs

(1) Whether the temperature of the seawater drawn into the Koeberg Nuclear Power Station of cooling purposes is monitored on a continuous basis; if not, why not, if so, what is the operating temperature range which must be maintained for such water in order that the power station may operate effectively,

(2) whether the temperature of the seawter which has been drawn into Koeberg for cooling purposes has ever risen above the desired range; if so, what was the cause of this variation in temperature,

(3) whether the temperature variation has caused any disruption in operations in Koeberg, if so, what is the nature of these disruptions,

(4) whether any steps have been taken to prevent recurrences in this regard, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b) with what result?

The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS

(1) Yes A maximum water temperature of 23 °C

(2) No

(3) No

(4) Falls away

Schools for pedagogically neglected children

*37 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Health and Welfare

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Education and Culture to Question No 4 on 19 February 1985, his Department has finalized the appropriate regulations relating to schools for pedagogically neglected children, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that these regulations will be finalized, if so,

(2) whether these regulations have been promulgated, if so, when, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that they will be promulgated?

†The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

(1) No

(a) The regulations are being redrafted in persuance of the comments received thereanent

(b) it is anticipated that the regulations will be finalized towards the end of the second quarter of this year

(2) Falls away

Senior certificate results

*39 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) Whether the 1984 senior certificate results of any Black pupils were cancelled or disallowed after these pupils had been informed that they had passed, if so, (a) how many pupils were affected, (b) what schools did they attend, (c) why were their results changed and (d)(i) who was responsible for the circumstances that gave rise to these results being changed and (ii) what was the nature of these circumstances,

(2) whether any action has been taken in this regard, if not, why not, if so, what action?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND OF CO-OPERATION

(1) No

(a), (b), (c), (d)(i) and (ii) Fall away

(2) Fall away

(124) Hansard Q.601.525 12/3/85

99-year leasehold rights

*40 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) Whether any decisions have been made on the granting of 99-year leasehold rights to residents of all Black townships in the Western Cape, if not, (a) why not and (b) when will these decisions be made

(2) in which Black townships in the Western Cape are (a) 99-year leasehold rights (i) to be granted and (ii) not to be granted and (b) in respect of which such townships have final decisions not yet been made?

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cation of whether he is talking of the first half of this year, later this year or sometime next year?

Hansard Col. 527 12/3/85

Crossroads/Khayelitsha (Site C)

*41 Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:†

(1) Whether a departmental committee has received instructions to move the residents of (a) Crossroads and/or Khayelitsha (Site C), if so, (i)(aa) when and (bb) who issued these instructions and (ii) what was the purport of the instructions,

(2) whether the instructions have been carried out, if so, what action has been taken as a result thereof,

(3) whether the instructions have been cancelled, if so, (a) why and (b) when?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION.

(1) (a), (b)(i)(aa), (bb) and (ii) An interdepartmental working group was appointed under chairmanship of the Director-General of Co-operation and Development to co-ordinate all the actions related to the settlement of people from Crossroads at Khayelitsha and Site C

(2) Yes, and the working group is proceeding with its activities

(3) Falls away.

At 14h47, Questions on General Affairs interrupted in accordance with Joint Rule No 57.

Khayelitsha (Site C)

*42 Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education:†

(1) Whether a (a) member of the Cabinet, (b) Deputy Minister and/or (c) official of his Department recently made a firm promise in respect of the distance between the location of Khayelitsha (Site C) and the main road from Cape Town to the Strand, if so, (i) who made this promise, (ii) to whom was it made and (iii) what distance was mentioned in this connection,

(2) whether the promise was kept, if not, why not,

(3) whether security considerations with regards to the proximity of the D F Malan Airport were taken into account, if so, what were these considerations?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a), (b), (c)(i) and (ii) No promise was made but I made a decision which, upon enquiry, was communicated to various people and bodies

(iii) 180 metres

(2) Effect was given to the decision

(3) Yes No problem was foreseen in this regard

Crossroads

*44 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) (a) How many persons were arrested at Crossroads during the period 18 to 23 February 1985, (b) what were the reasons for their arrest and (c) where are they being held in each case,

(2) whether any of these persons have been charged, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many and (b) what were the charges in each case?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) (a) 9

HoA

(b) Public Violence—8
Intimidation—1

(c) Pollsmoor Prison

(2) Yes

(a) 9

(b) Public Violence—8
Intimidation—1

Crossroads

*45 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether the South African Police arrested any Crossroads residents at any hospitals or clinics in the Western Cape during the period 18 to 23 February 1985, if so, (a) how many, (b) why, (c) at which hospitals or clinics, and (d) in terms of what statutory provision, in each case,

(2) whether these persons have been charged, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many and (b) what were the charges in each case?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

(a) 30

(b) and (d) Public violence

(c) Tygerberg hospital

(2) Yes

(a) 7 The investigations of the other 23 cases have not yet been completed.

(b) Public violence

Crossroads

*46. Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether the South African Police detained any persons in connection with incidents at Crossroads during the period 18 to 23 February 1985, if so,

(2) whether any such persons were detained in terms of security legislation, if so, (a) how many, (b) in terms of what statutory provisions was each detained and (c) for what period have they been held in detention in terms of this legislation,

(3) Whether any of these persons have been released, if so, when in each case?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

(2) No

(3) Falls away

HoA

Own Affairs

Orange Free State: prevocational schools

*1 Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Education and Culture †

(a) How many pre-vocational schools are there in the Orange Free State and (b) what total number of pupils is receiving training at these schools?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE.

(a) 6 and a section in a seventh school, and

(b) 1832 out of a total of approximately 75 000 pupils in schools of the Orange Free State Education Department, as on 25 February 1985

Promotion of the Density of the Population in Designated Areas Act

*2 Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Agricultural and Water Supply

(2) Yes, but the inquest has not yet been concluded

(3) Yes, in preparation of the inquest

(a) Chief Inspector R H J Harmse, District Detective officer, SWA Police, Otjiwarongo

(b) The findings will be placed at the disposal of the court for the purpose of the inquest

(4) (a) No

(b) No

(c) No foul play is suspected

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Namibia: detainees

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(a) How many persons who are being held under Proclamation AG 9 in South West Africa/Namibia have been in detention for more than 30 days and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The STATE PRESIDENT

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The MINISTER OF MANPOWER

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Family planning advertising

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The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

R1 600 000

Own Affairs

Johannesburg area: housing

6 Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

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The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

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were built for white occupation in the Witwatersrand area in 1984

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(3) Yes

(a) 2192

(b) 2203 as at 28 February 1985

Housing assistance

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The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

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Cape Peninsula: housing

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(1) (a) How many housing units for White occupation were built in the Cape Peninsula in 1984 and (b) what is the number to be built for members of this population group in 1985.

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The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

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Cape Town area: accommodation for aged persons

19 Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Local Government Housing and Works

(1) How many accommodation units for aged White persons had been built in the Cape Town municipal area with financial assistance from the State as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,

(2) how many of these units were built in each of the latest specified two years for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) As at 31 December 1984 new accommodation units were created for 1 776 aged Whites and existing buildings were purchased from State funds

to accommodate a further 192 aged Whites

(2) In 1983, new accommodation units were erected for 36 aged Whites, whereas existing buildings were purchased which can accommodate a further 89 aged Whites
In 1984, new accommodation units were erected for 76 aged Whites, whereas existing buildings were purchased which can accommodate a further 83 aged Whites

Commissions/departmental committees

25 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

(1) How many (a) commissions and (b) departmental committees of inquiry were appointed in respect of his Department in 1984,

(2) whether any of the reports of such commissions and committees have been completed, if so, (a) how many and (b) of which commissions and committees,

(3) whether any of the reports of such commissions and committees have been made public, if so, (a) how many and (b) of which commissions and committees,

(4) what is the total estimated cost relating to each of these commissions and committees?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) None

(2) Fall away

(3) Fall away

(4) Fall away

Hansard Q.Col. 619
123 13/3/85

Housing: shortage

39. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

HoA

(1) Whether there is a shortage of housing for Whites in the Republic, if so, what was the estimated shortage of housing for this population group in each province at the end of 1984,

(2) how many houses were provided in 1984 for this population group in each province by (a) the State (b) local authorities,

(3) when is it expected that the shortage will be eliminated in each province?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) An estimate of shortages of housing for Whites which is measurably reliable does not exist and I therefore cannot provide the requested figures It is the intention to undertake an extensive survey of shortages country wide where after the results will be made available

(2) (a) The State provided 237 houses in Transvaal, 386 houses in the Cape Province, 2 houses in Natal and 15 houses in the Orange Free State for Whites

(b) The Local Authorities provided 943 houses in Transvaal, 549 houses in the Cape Province, 74 houses in Natal and 103 houses in the Orange Free State for Whites Welfare housing for 1 552 persons in Transvaal 1 084 persons in the Cape Province, 296 persons in Natal and 152 persons in the Orange Free State was financed out of the National Housing Fund

(3) As soon as the shortages have been determined the necessary projection will be done and taking the funds position into consideration, the duration in which the shortage will be eliminated in each province can be provided

Economic/subeconomic housing

41 Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

(1) What are the rentals charged on each category of State-owned (a) economic and (b) subeconomic housing,

(2) what criteria are applied in respect of each such category to determine who qualifies for economic or subeconomic housing?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) and (2) Rentals of houses financed from the National Housing Fund varies in accordance with the lessee's income and/or the cost of the house concerned and is calculated as follows in respect of the respective income groups

Income Group	*Basis of Calculation*
Up to R150,00 per month	Basic rental equal to 5% of the lessee's income with a minimum rental of R2,50 per month
R151,00 to R800,00 per month	Basic rental equal to the annuity payment based on the cost of the house and calculated at in interest rate of
R151,00 to R300,00 per month	3% over 30 years
R301,00 to R350,00 per month	5% over 30 years
R351,00 to R450,00 per month	7% over 30 years
R451,00 to R650,00 per month	9% over 30 years
R651,00 to R800,00 per month	11,25% over 30 years
over R800,00 per month	16,50% (Ruling Treasury Rate) over 30 years

The terms economical and subeconomical housing are no longer in use Added to the above-mentioned basic rentals are amounts in respect of maintenance, administrative expenses, rent loss, insurance, community facilities and municipal rates and services

Persons whose bruto monthly income exceeds R800 00 per month, do not qualify to rent a house, but existing lessees whose income exceeds this limit can be permitted to carry on leasing the house at an increased rental calculated at the applicable interest rate as determined by the Treasury

Compulsory school fees

42 Mr H E J VAN RENSBURG asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether he intends to introduce compulsory school fees in all schools administered by (a) his Department and (b) the four provincial administrations, if so, (i) when, (ii) how is it intended that such fees will be levied and (iii) what will be the amount of the compulsory fees in respect of each specified type of school,

(2) whether schools will be allowed to determine their own fees, if so, how will this be controlled,

(3) whether any part of the compulsory fees will be returned to the schools, if not, why not, if so, what amount or percentage,

(4) whether schools will be allowed to request parents to pay additional levies, if not, why not, if so, (a) in what manner and (b) to what extent,

(5) whether the cost of (a) text and (b) exercise books will be included in these compulsory school fees, if not, (i) why not and (ii) what additional cost will this entail for each pupil per annum?

HoA

(2) Yes, but the inquest has not yet been concluded

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Hansard
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13/3/85 Q.601.615

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Hansard Q.601.
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(24) Hansard Q.601.617
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Q.601 618 13/3/85
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(2) In 1983, new accommodation units were erected for 36 aged Whites, whereas existing buildings were purchased which can accommodate a further 89 aged Whites
In 1984, new accommodation units were erected for 76 aged Whites, whereas existing buildings were purchased which can accommodate a further 83 aged Whites

Commissions/departmental committees

25 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

(1) How many (a) commissions and (b) departmental committees of inquiry were appointed in respect of his Department in 1984,

(2) whether any of the reports of such commissions and committees have been completed, if so, (a) how many and (b) of which commissions and committees,

(3) whether any of the reports of such commissions and committees have been made public, if so, (a) how many and (b) of which commissions and committees,

(4) what is the total estimated cost relating to each of these commissions and committees?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) None

(2) Fall away

(3) Fall away

(4) Fall away

Hansard Q.601.619
123 13/3/85

Housing: shortage

39 Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

(1) Whether there is a shortage of housing for Whites in the Republic, if so, what was the estimated shortage of housing for this population group in each province at the end of 1984,

(2) how many houses were provided in 1984 for this population group in each province by (a) the State (b) local authorities,

(3) when is it expected that the shortage will be eliminated in each province?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) An estimate of shortages of housing for Whites which is measurably reliable does not exist and I therefore cannot provide the requested figures It is the intention to undertake an extensive survey of shortages country wide where after the results will be made available

(2) (a) The State provided 237 houses in Transvaal, 386 houses in the Cape Province, 2 houses in Natal and 15 houses in the Orange Free State for Whites

(b) The Local Authorities provided 943 houses in Transvaal, 549 houses in the Cape Province, 74 houses in Natal and 103 houses in the Orange Free State for Whites Welfare housing for 1 552 persons in Transvaal, 1 084 persons in the Cape Province, 296 persons in Natal and 152 persons in the Orange Free State was financed out of the National Housing Fund

(3) As soon as the shortages have been determined the necessary projection will be done and taking the funds position into consideration, the duration in which the shortage will be eliminated in each province can be provided

Economic/subeconomic housing

41 Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

(1) What are the rentals charged on each category of State-owned (a) economic and (b) subeconomic housing,

(2) what criteria are applied in respect of each such category to determine who qualifies for economic or subeconomic housing?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) and (2) Rentals of houses financed from the National Housing Fund varies in accordance with the lessee's income and/or the cost of the house concerned and is calculated as follows in respect of the respective income groups

Income Group	*Basis of Calculation*
Up to R150,00 per month	Basic rental equal to 5% of the lessee's income with a minimum rental of R2 50 per month
R151,00 to R800,00 per month	Basic rental equal to the annuity payment based on the cost of the house and calculated at in interest rate of
R151,00 to R300,00 per month	3% over 30 years
R301,00 to R350,00 per month	5% over 30 years
R351,00 to R450,00 per month	7% over 30 years
R451,00 to R650,00 per month	9% over 30 years.
R651,00 to R800,00 per month	11,25% over 30 years
over R800,00 per month	16,50% (Ruling Treasury Rate) over 30 years

The terms economical and subeconomical housing are no longer in use Added to the above-mentioned basic rentals are amounts in respect of maintenance administrative expenses, rent loss insurance, community facilities and municipal rates and services

Persons whose bruto monthly income exceeds R800 00 per month do not qualify to rent a house, but existing lessees whose income exceeds this limit can be permitted to carry on leasing the house at an increased rental calculated at the applicable interest rate as determined by the Treasury

Compulsory school fees

42 Mr H E J VAN RENSBURG asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether he intends to introduce compulsory school fees in all schools administered by (a) his Department and (b) the four provincial administrations, if so, (i) when (ii) how is it intended that such fees will be levied and (iii) what will be the amount of the compulsory fees in respect of each specified type of school

(2) whether schools will be allowed to determine their own fees, if so how will this be controlled,

(3) whether any part of the compulsory fees will be returned to the schools if not, why not, if so, what amount or percentage,

(4) whether schools will be allowed to request parents to pay additional levies if not, why not, if so, (a) in what manner and (b) to what extent,

(5) whether the cost of (a) text and (b) exercise books will be included in these compulsory school fees, if not, (i) why not and (ii) what additional cost will this entail for each pupil per annum?

(2) Yes, but the inquest has not yet been concluded

(3) Yes, in preparation of the inquest

(a) Chief Inspector R H J Harmse, District Detective officer, SWA Police, Otjiwarongo

(b) The findings will be placed at the disposal of the court for the purpose of the inquest

(4) (a) No

(b) No

(c) No foul play is suspected

(i) and (ii) Fall away

Namibia: detainees

524 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the State President

(a) How many persons who are being held under Proclamation AG 9 in South West Africa/Namibia have been in detention for more than 30 days and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The STATE PRESIDENT

(a) 55

(b) 27 February 1985

Hansard
KwaNdebele
13/3/85 Q.601.615

645 Dr A L BORAINE asked the Minister of Manpower

How many residents of KwaNdebele received Unemployment Insurance Fund benefits as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF MANPOWER

For the period January to December 1984 unemployment insurance benefits were paid to 560 contributors in KwaNdebele

Family planning advertising

647 Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Health and Welfare

What was the cost to the State of family planning advertising in the 1983-84 financial year?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

R1 600 000

Own Affairs

Hansard
Johannesburg area: housing
Q.601.616 13/3/85

6 Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

(1) (a) How many housing units for White occupation were built in the Johannesburg area in 1984 and (b) what is the number to be built for members of this population group in this area in 1985,

(2) (a) what was the estimated shortage of housing for White families in the Johannesburg area at the end of 1984 and (b) when is it expected that the shortage of housing for members of this population group in this area will be eliminated,

(3) whether his Department keeps a waiting list of persons requiring assistance in regard to housing, if not, why not, if so, how many persons were on that list (a) on 31 December 1984 and (b) as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) (a) Figures for the Johannesburg area is not separately available, but 463 housing units and welfare housing for 356 persons

were built for white occupation in the Witwatersrand area in 1984

(b) It is expected that 461 housing units and welfare housing for 2060 persons of this population group will be built in 1985

(2) An estimate of shortages which is measurably reliable does not exist and I therefore cannot provide the requested figures It is the intention to undertake an extensive survey of shortages country wide where after the results will be made available

(3) Yes

(a) 2192

(b) 2203 as at 28 February 1985

Hansard Q.601.
Housing assistance
13/3/85 617

12 Mr G B D McINTOSH asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

What amount was spent by the State in respect of housing assistance to the White population group in the latest specified financial year for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

An amount of R71 211 992 from the National Housing Fund and Community Development Fund was spent in the financial year 1983/84 in respect of housing assistance to the White population group

(24) Hansard Q.601.617
Cape Peninsula: housing
13/3/85

14 Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

(1) (a) How many housing units for White occupation were built in the Cape Peninsula in 1984 and (b) what is the number to be built for members of this population group in 1985,

(2) whether there is a shortage of housing in the Cape Peninsula, if so (a) what was the estimated shortage of housing for White families in the Cape Peninsula at the end of 1984 and (b) when is it expected that the shortage of housing for members of this population group in this area will be eliminated?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) (a) 122 Housing units and welfare housing for 360 persons were built for Whites in the Cape Peninsula in 1984

(b) it is expected that 130 housing units and welfare housing for 2 308 persons will be built for this population group in 1985

(2) an estimate of shortages which is measurably reliable does not exist and I therefore cannot provide the requested figures It is the intention to undertake an extensive survey of shortages country wide where after the results will be made available

Q.601 618 13/3/85

Cape Town area: accommodation for aged persons

Hansard

19 Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

(1) How many accommodation units for aged White persons had been built in the Cape Town municipal area with financial assistance from the State as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,

(2) how many of these units were built in each of the latest specified two years for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) As at 31 December 1984 new accommodation units were erected for 1 776 aged Whites and existing buildings were purchased from State funds

Venda	Male	Female	Total
Agriculture	7 017	2 484	9 501
Mining and quarrying	5 124	97	5 221
Manufacturing	6 253	855	7 108
Electricity	2 829	75	2 904
Construction	6 538	271	6 809
Wholesale and retail trade	6 341	828	7 169
Transport	5 215	202	5 417
Financing and insurance	1 456	106	1 562
Domestic services	2 551	4 188	6 739
Other	6 356	286	6 642
Total	49 680	9 392	59 072
Zambia			
Agriculture	188	4	192
Mining and quarrying	492	—	492
Manufacturing	67	—	67
Electricity	3	—	3
Construction	33	—	33
Wholesale and retail trade	126	5	131
Transport	55	2	57
Financing and insurance	17	—	17
Domestic services	178	3	181
Other	101	—	101
Total	1 260	14	1 274
Zimbabwe			
Agriculture	1 051	3	1 054
Mining and quarrying	257	3	260
Manufacturing	356	2	358
Electricity	44	5	49
Construction	229	—	229
Wholesale and retail trade	200	—	200
Transport	695	1	696
Financing and insurance	278	2	280
Domestic services	3 773	13	3 786
Other	578	2	580
Total	7 461	31	7 492
Other			
Agriculture	28	19	47
Mining and quarrying	69 465	—	69 465
Manufacturing	198	52	250
Electricity	86	29	115
Construction	137	3	140
Wholesale and retail trade	102	75	177
Transport	119	130	249
Financing and insurance	41	50	91
Domestic services	82	296	378
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HoA

Q.Col 637 14/3/85

Old-age homes subsidies

121 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

What, in each category was the *per capita* subsidy paid to old-age homes for Blacks in 1984?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

R264 36 for the 1983-84 financial year With reference to the reply to Question No 10 on 7 March 1984 it needs to be mentioned that an audit revealed that the figure for the 1982-83 financial year should be R259 68 and not R387,92 per annum as mentioned in the reply to the question The reason for the discrepancy is that claims in respect of the previous year that were received late were brought into account in respect of the 1982-83 financial year

Hansard Q.Col 637

(124) **Langa/Nyanga/Guguletu: housing**

14/3/85

176 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(a) What total number of persons can be accommodated in the (i) houses and (ii) single quarters presently available in (aa) Langa, (bb) Nyanga and (cc) Guguletu without there being undesirable overcrowding and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

		(aa)	(bb)	(cc)
(a)	(i)	14 058	22 426	45 954
	(ii)	6 622	8 144	9 107

(b) 31 December 1984

Hansard

Pensions/grants

Q Col 637 14/3/85

202 Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) How many Black persons in the (a) Republic and (b) national states were (i) in receipt of and (ii) receiving the maximum amounts payable in respect of (aa) old-age pensions (bb) blind persons pensions, (cc) war veterans pensions and (dd) disability grants at 31 December 1984,

(2) what was the average annual amount paid *per capita* in 1984 to Black persons in respect of (a) each of these three types of pensions and (b) these disability grants,

(3) what will be the maximum (a) amount payable per annum to Black persons, and (b) free income allowed per annum to Black persons being paid the maximum pension or grant in respect of (i) old-age pensions (ii) blind persons pensions, (iii) war veterans' pensions and (iv) disability grants in the 1984-85 financial year?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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(bb) 4 456

(cc) 1 355

(dd) 107 434

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The statistics kept do not enable me to furnish an exact figure in this regard

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Hansard

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(iv) 1 April 1984 to 30 September 1984 R57 per month
1 October 1984 to 31 March 1985 R65 per month

(b) (i) R252

(ii) R252

(iii) R252

(iv) R252

(124) Hansard Q.601639
14/3/85

Eastern Cape: housing

206 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) (a) What amount was voted by the Government for use by the Eastern Cape Development Board for (i) housing and (ii) infrastructural development for such housing and (b) how much of this amount was voted, in respect of the 1984-85 financial year, in the form of (i) grants and (ii) loans,

(2) what was the interest rate in respect of each of these loans?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) (i) R19 031 636

(ii) R8 696 437

(b) (i) None

(ii) R27 728 073

(2) 11,25%

Hansard Q 601.640
14/3/85

Soweto: housing

215 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(1) How many family housing units were built in Soweto by (a) the West Rand Development Board and (b) private owners in 1984,

(2) (a) how many such units are being built at present by (i) the West Rand Development Board and (ii) private owners and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) 239

(b) 231

(2) (a) (i) 2 532

(ii) 1 376

(b) 18 February 1985

99-year leases

219 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(a) How many persons in Soweto proper, Dobsonville and Deep Meadow applied for 99-year leases in 1984 and (b) how many such applications had been granted as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(a) Soweto, Dobsonville and Deep-Meadow 16 460

(b) Soweto, Dobsonville and Deep-Meadow 16 409
as at 31 December 1984

A separate figure in respect of each of these townships is not readily available

14/3/85

Decentralization Board

Hansard Q.601641

264 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Trade and Industry

(1) How many applications were made to the Decentralization Board from 1 April 1984 to the latest specified date for which figures are available,

(2) (a) how many applications (i) were approved and (ii) failed to meet the requirements and (b) what was the value of the applications in each category,

(3) (a) how many employment opportunities were created in consequence of the approved applications that had been finalized and (b) what estimated number of employment opportunities will be created in consequence of such applications

(4) what was the total (a) number and (b) value of the applications involving foreign investors?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

(1) 1 200 during the period 1 April 1984 to 31 December 1984 in respect of the RSA and selfgoverning national states

(2) (a) (i) 942

(ii) 226, while 32 were held over pending the receipt of further information

(b) (i) R911 million (This figure relates to the capital investment involved)

(ii) The information is not being compiled

(3) (a) Not available yet Please see the reply to written question number 74

(b) 58 984

(4) (a) 31

(b) R53,7 million

Note In addition to the 942 applications approved, 80 applications for long term incentives to existing industries and 52 informal applications from small industrialists were approved

Hansard

Cape Town area accommodation for aged persons

Q.601642 14/3/85

274 Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) How many accommodation units for aged Black persons had been built in the Cape Town municipal area with financial assistance from the State as at the latest specified date for which figures are available

(2) how many of these units were built in each of the latest specified two years for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) Nil (31 January 1985)

(2) Nil (1983 and 1984)

Hansard Q.601642

Townships within corridor between Ciskei/Transkei

14/3/85

281 Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

What was the total amount received from each of the Black townships administered by the Eastern Cape Development Board within the corridor between the Republic of Ciskei and the Republic

(b) Disability grants R708

The reply to item (1)(b) above applies also to this item

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

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(124) Hansard Q.601.639
14/3/85

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(2) what was the interest rate in respect of each of these loans?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) (i) R19 031 636

(ii) R8 696 437

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(ii) R27 728 073

(2) 11,25%

Hansard Q 601 640
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(1) How many family housing units were built in Soweto by (a) the West Rand Development Board and (b) private owners in 1984,

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) 239

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(2) (a) (i) 2 532

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99-year leases

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(a) How many persons in Soweto proper, Dobsonville and Deep Meadow applied for 99-year leases in 1984 and (b) how many such applications had been granted as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(a) Soweto, Dobsonville and Deep-Meadow 16 460

(b) Soweto, Dobsonville and Deep-Meadow 16 409
as at 31 December 1984

A separate figure in respect of each of these townships is not readily available

14/3/85
Hansard Q 601 641

Decentralization Board

264 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Trade and Industry

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(2) (a) how many applications (i) were approved and (ii) failed to meet the requirements and (b) what was the value of the applications in each category,

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(4) what was the total (a) number and (b) value of the applications involving foreign investors?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

(1) 1 200 during the period 1 April 1984 to 31 December 1984 in respect of the RSA and selfgoverning national states

(2) (a) (i) 942

(ii) 226, while 32 were held over pending the receipt of further information

(b) (i) R911 million (This figure relates to the capital investment involved)

(ii) The information is not being compiled

(3) (a) Not available yet Please see the reply to written question number 74

(b) 58 984

(4) (a) 31

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(124) Hansard
14/3/85

Cape Town area: accommodation for aged persons

Q.601642

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) Nil (31 January 1985)

(2) Nil (1983 and 1984)

Hansard Q.601 642
14/3/85

Townships within corridor between Ciskei/Transkei

281 Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

What was the total amount received from each of the Black townships administered by the Eastern Cape Development Board within the corridor between the Republic of Ciskei and the Republic

(b) Disability grants R708

The reply to item (1)(b) above applies also to this item

(3) (a) (i) 1 April 1984 to 30 September 1984 R57 per month
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Hansard Q.601643

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124 D. Rispath 15/3/85

100 sub-economic houses to be built

EAST LONDON — The municipality is to build just on 100 additional houses in Morningside and Stoney Drift — two of its four sub-economic housing zones

This was confirmed yesterday by the city's Director of Housing, Mr Ken Martinsen, who said tenders have been called for the construction of 67 houses in Morningside and 32 in Stoney Drift

Plans have already been drawn up for the buildings and tenders will be accepted until midday on April 4

Would-be tenderers have been invited to a site inspection on March 21

Mr Martinsen said the municipality had already built 900-odd sub-economic houses in Morningside, Stoney Drift, Panmure and Brookville

Just on 45 per cent of these have been sold while the other 55 per cent are occupied by tenants

Mr Martinsen said that the sub-economic units were available in two-bedroom and three-bedroom structures and cash prices ranged from as little as R5 772 to a maximum of R17 346.

He said buyers could obtain as much as 35 per cent discount in certain cases

Mr Martinsen added that there was a waiting list of just over 400 for sub-economic houses. — DDR

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Representatives call for freeze on coloured rents

Parliamentary Staff

MEMBERS of Parliament have called for a freeze on coloured area rentals imposed by white local authorities

Speakers in the House of Representatives warned that exorbitant rent increases were causing tension which was exploited by political pressure-groups and troublemakers

The House unanimously adopted a private member's motion calling on the coloured Ministers' Council to discuss with the authorities concerned a revision of rent scales

The motion, from Mr Nicholas Isaacs (LP Bishop Lavis), also called on the Ministers' Council to take steps to ensure rents would not rise in 1985/86 The request was made "in view of high unemployment, short working hours and the poor economic climate".

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Mr Peter Mopp (LP Border) called for an "Nkomati Accord" between the Government and the coloured people

He said it would not help South Africa to conclude peace agreements with the outside world "while our people are dissatisfied to the depths of their souls".

Replying to issues raised in the debate, Mr David Curry said negotiations about rent structures had been held with the authorities concerned.

He said the new rent structure envisaged by the old Department of Community Development would not be implemented on July 1 as originally planned Rent structure and interest rates would be reviewed

Cape Times 16/3/83 (124) (2000

No accommodation built for aged blacks

Political Correspondent

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — Not a single accommodation unit for aged black persons had been built in the Cape Town municipal area with financial assistance from the State as of January this year, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, disclosed this week in reply to a question from Mr Colin Eglin (PFP Sea Point)

The Minister for Local Government, Housing and Works, Mr Amie Venter, told Mr Eglin that by the end of December last year 1 776 new accommodation units were erected for aged whites in the Cape Town area. Buildings had also been purchased with State funds to accommodate a further 192 aged whites.

Post Focus

'New home' takes shape

By SUE DENNY in Cape Town

THE first phase of the government's "new home" for blacks in the Cape Peninsula, Khayelitsha will be completed next month

It is envisaged that in years, Khayelitsha will consist of four towns, each with four villages About 40 000 houses are expected to accommodate 250 000 to 300 000 residents

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Mr H H SCHWARZ Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, were there any incidents where there was no prosecution but where the matter was settled by means of a composition in terms of the Customs Act and the payment of duties without the confiscation of vehicles and without prosecution?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, I am not aware of any such incidents but I will look into the matter and inform the hon member I might add that other criminal investigations are at the moment also under way

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124 Hansard
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Q.01.732 19/3/85

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The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

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Hansard Q.01 734
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124 Hansard Q 61 732 19/3/85

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20/3/85

Dismay at lack of housing funds

Municipal Reporter

THE fact that there could be no new housing provided during the next financial year was extremely disconcerting, said the acting Director of Housing, Mr Eddie Samuels, today.

Mr Samuels was reacting to the Port Elizabeth City Council's five-year housing programme

The programme was disclosed to the Policy and Resources Committee at its monthly meeting yesterday.

Mr Samuels said the programme was a matter for critical concern, if related to the growing housing shortage in all sections of the city

More than R5 million had originally been allocated for housing for 1985/86.

Mr Alan Ward-Able, chairman of the committee, said the city engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton, had reported that the R5 million might not be available.

The committee had decided that the Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, and local MPs would call on the State department concerned to make sure that Port Elizabeth would obtain the necessary housing funds

This would ensure the adoption of a realistic housing programme, which would be within the limit of the funds made available by the State.

Own Affairs

Veterinarians

47 Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) How many (a) White, (b) Black, (c) Coloured and (d) Asian veterinarians are being trained at present at each specified university falling under his Department,

(2) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) Of the universities falling under the Department of Education and Culture, only the University of Pretoria trains veterinarians The particulars are as follows

White	656
Black	Nil
Coloureds	2
Asian	1

(2) The information furnished, is in respect of 1983

WEDNESDAY, 20 MARCH 1985

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†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

Hansard Q Col. 783

"Transit"/"Daylight Sitter"

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325 Mr W V RAW asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

What profit or loss was made on (a) "Transit" and (b) "Daylight Sitter" trains in the latest specified (i) 6-month and/or (ii) 12-month period for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(a) A loss of R468 517 was sustained during the period 1 January to 31 December 1984

(b) A loss of R2 084 730 was sustained during the period 1 December 1983 to 30 November 1984

The economy of all rail passenger services is at present being analized with a view to rationalizing these services

Termination of certain services

327 Mr W V RAW asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

(1) Whether the South African Transport Services (a) have considered and (b) are considering the termination of certain services in (i) the Republic of South Africa and (ii) South-West Africa, if so, (aa) which services and (bb) when will they be terminated,

(2) whether an investigation has been made into the effect the termination of these services will have on the revenue and expenditure of the South African Transport Services, if so, what effect will it have on (a) the cost of road maintenance and (b) transport costs of present rail users?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(1) (a) (i) Yes

(a) and (bb) The following branch lines were closed as indicated

Estcourt—Weenen 1 September 1983

Fort Beaufort—Seymour 1 April 1984

Molteno—Jamestown 1 April 1984

(ii) (aa) and (bb) No

(b) (i) (aa) and (bb) The economy of all branch lines are being monitored continually in collaboration with the community concerned The closure of branch lines will only be considered when necessitated by prevailing circumstances and after all concerned have been notified in good time

(ii) No SA Transport Services' assets in South-West Africa are being transferred to the Government of South-West Africa with effect from 1 April 1985 from which date the Administrator-General will accept full responsibility for rail and road service matters in the territory

(aa) and (bb) Fall away

(2) (a) and (b) Yes Although the effect which the closing of branch lines has on the revenue and expenditure of Transport Services is calculated beforehand, the side effect on road maintenance is not calculable However, the closing of branch lines has no effect on former users of these services as traffic is now conveyed by road at rail tariffs

Commissions/departmental committees

409 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Home Affairs

(1) How many (a) commissions and (b) departmental committees of inquiry were appointed in respect of his Department in 1984,

(2) whether any of the reports of such commissions and committees have been completed, if so, (a) how many and (b) of which commissions and committees,

(3) whether any of the reports of such commissions and committees have been made public, if so, (a) how many and (b) of which commissions and committees,

(4) what is the total estimated cost relating to each of these commission and committees?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(1), (2), (3) and (4) In respect of the former Department of Internal Affairs and the present Department of Home Affairs no commissions of inquiry were appointed in 1984 Only one Departmental Committee, who investigated possible misconduct by certain officials, was appointed in 1984 by the then Director-General of Internal Affairs The report of the Committee has not been made public and the cost amounted to R2 070

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Natalia Development Board

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437 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) What was the total number of houses built in Black townships administered by the Natalia Development Board in the latest specified year for which figures are available,

(2) what number of houses are planned for the next five years,

(3) what is the estimated housing backlog in respect of these Black Townships?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) The latest year for which statistics are available in 1984 No houses were constructed in townships administered by this Board during 1984 The majority by far of the Black people who are employed in the area served by the Board reside in KwaZulu

(2) None at present The KwaZulu-Natal Planning Council under the chairmanship of Dr L F Rive is engaged in

an intensive investigation of the living conditions of residents of Black townships in Natal Planning of future schemes for the housing of families on a self-build basis will be possible after completion of the investigation, except in the case of Melmoth, in respect of which funds have been provided for the provision of infrastructure to 134 sites

Hambanati	200
Shakaville	210
Chesterville	525
Lamontville	258
Rest of Greater Durban	10 000
Klaarwater	64
Kokstad	205
Matatiele	70
Cedarville	2
Mooiriver	49
Greytown	70
Pietermaritzburg	110
Dundee	126
Glenco	12
Ladysmith	100
Colenso	30
Weenen	80
	12 111

Johannesburg-North, national monuments

490 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of National Education

Whether any properties in the electoral division of Johannesburg North (a) have been declared national monuments and (b) are currently under consideration in this connection, if so, which properties in each of the above categories in each of the suburbs comprising this electoral division?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION

(a) No

(b) No

Contracts awarded to certain firm

498 Mr J J B VAN ZYL asked the Minister of Transport Affairs †

(1) Whether any contracts in respect of construction projects were awarded by the South African Transport Services during the period 1 January 1980 to 16 March 1982 to a certain firm, the name of which has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purposes of his reply, if so, (a) what is the name of the firm, (b) how many contracts were so awarded and (c) what is the value of each contract,

(2) whether tenders were called for in respect of the contracts, if not, why not, if so, (a) who were the tenderers and (b) what were the tender prices in each case?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(1) Yes

(a) Boupen Construction (Pty) Ltd

(b) Two

(c) R868 921 for the erecting of 25 relay and battery rooms, and R437 389 for the design and erecting of a stores building at Jan Smuts Airport

(2) Yes

(a) Tenderers for erecting relay and battery rooms—	(b) Tender prices R
Boupen Construction (Pty) Ltd, Northcliff	868 921
Trust Home Builders (Pty) Ltd, Empangeni	1 106 516
Edda Construction (Pty) Ltd, Krugersdorp	1 083 268

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K G E Von Moltke Builders (Pty) Ltd, Bloemhof	1 037 750
Gilclark Consolidated Construction (Pty) Ltd, New Germany	1 149 808
Jan Kruger Building Contractor, Dundee	1 163 000
Tenderers for the design and erecting of a stores building at Jan Smuts Airport—	
Bakker and Griffioen (Pty) Ltd, Industria	403 160
Boupen Construction (Pty) Ltd, Northcliff	437 389
Mildura Construction (Pty) Ltd, Johannesburg	453 050
Fogolin Construction (Pty) Ltd, Sandringham	458 550
Trescon (Pty) Ltd, Johannesburg	461 295
L and F Metter (Pty) Ltd, Germiston	466 300
Tiber Bonvec (Pty) Ltd, Johannesburg	469 451
Dura Construction Company (SA) (Pty) Ltd, Rondebosch	472 675
Matsteel (Pty) Ltd, Krugersdorp	494 056
Steeldale Manufacturing Services, Johannesburg	501 501

The lowest tender was not acceptable as the design offered did not comply with the requirements laid down

Commuter trains: passengers killed/injured

504 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

(1) Whether any passengers travelling on commuter trains in the Republic were (a) killed and (b) injured in 1984, if so, (i) what was the cause of death or injury in each case and (ii) in which centre did each incident occur,

(2) whether any of these persons were (a) killed and (b) injured as a result of falling through open doors from moving trains, if so, how many in each case,

(3) whether any steps are to be taken to prevent commuters from keeping train doors open while trains are moving, if not, why not, if so, what steps?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(1) and (2) Yes Particulars of accidents that occurred in the working of SA Transport Services during 1984 were laid upon the Table on 7 February 1985

(3) No In cases of emergency passengers must be able to force the doors open Doors are closed by push-button control before trains depart and a back-up system which closes doors automatically when trains come into motion is also now being provided

Train manager

551 Mr W V RAW asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

(1) Whether the post of train manager has been upgraded on any trains, if so, (a) why and (b) how many persons are affected,

(2) whether such persons will be promoted to the upgraded posts, if so, (a) when and (b) what will be their salary scales, if not, why not,

(3) whether these persons will be replaced in their present posts, if so, by whom,

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CAPE Times 22/3/85

LP attack on City Council

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES — Labour Party MPs yesterday attacked white municipalities — including the Cape Town City Council — for ignoring coloured needs

Mr Jac Rabie (LP Reigerpark) urged that the City Council be "forced to new insights"

Moving his private member's motion in the House, Mr Rabie called on the government to expedite implementation of regulations designed to improve communication between local authorities and local management and affairs committees

Mr Rabie read a letter from the Cape Town City Council saying the council was consulting with the provincial Executive Committee to ensure smoother communication with management committees

"The largest amount of our people live under the Cape Town City Council's management It is of utmost importance that this council be forced to new insights"

Mr F L Erasmus (LP Gelvendale) said even in cities where regulations had been implemented allowing coloureds on to councils, the desired ends had not been achieved

Mr Jac Rabie

At the Cape Town City Council sub-committee meeting, on which four coloureds sat, none of the suggestions put forward by coloured members on Bonteheuwel were implemented They concerned improvements to lighting, sewerage and roads

"Coloureds also pay rates and taxes and then the City Council spends it in Cape Town

"We must riot to get something done We want to negotiate"

Mr Peter Mopp (LP Border) said although coloureds were allowed into the highest level of government, whites on city councils did not want "to know them"

He said the were sick of people who knew nothing about their living conditions — deciding for them

The Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry conceded there were white people who had gone out of their way to improve relations at the local level

The State President, Mr P W Botha, and the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, had even "put their heads on the block"

But local authorities were using "the big stick — and making radicals out of people walking the middle of the road

The local authorities should look closely at South Africa and see that unrest always started with rentals

Mr J D Johnson (LP Esselen Park) said there was a "verkrampte" element in local authorities which did everything possible to delay reform

"When you are travelling through a town and you are on a tar road, then you know you are in a white area But when the tar stops — that is where you will find us"

The motion was passed unanimously — Sapa

R100 000 donation for Steenberg scheme

Cape Times 22/3/85

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council's coloured self-help housing scheme to be built at Steenberg was given R100 000 by Sanlam for a community centre yesterday

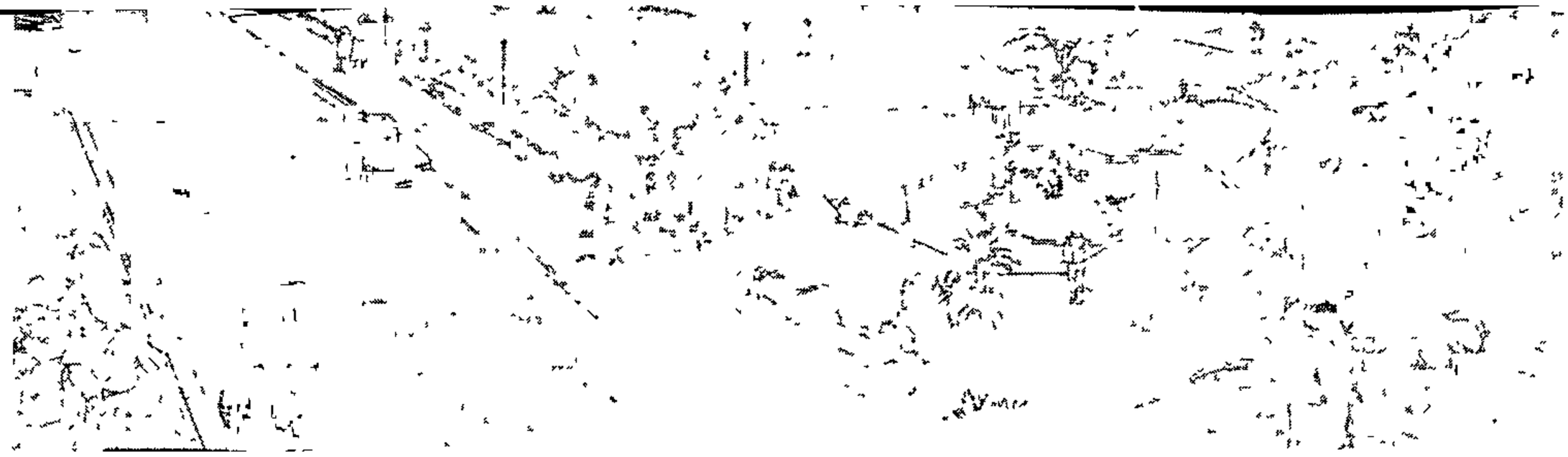
The donation was made to the Urban Foundation, which the council has appointed to implement the scheme

In addition to the 395 houses planned for the project, the township layout provides for a primary school, church site, sportsfields and playgrounds, according to an Urban Foundation press release

Sanlam's donation will be used for a building which will serve initially as a material store and community meeting place and will later form part of a large community complex

Six types of house have been designed for the project which will be simple and cheap to build but will allow for "individual expression, expansion and upgrading", according to the release

"Participants in the self-help scheme are being selected from persons living in the Steenberg-Retreat area whose names are already on the Cape Town City Council waiting lists"



Impression of the housing village for the elderly planned for central Bellville.

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R15-million housing project for Bellville

By TOM HOOD
Property Editor

A R15-million housing development in Bellville for 400 senior citizens — the largest of its kind in the country — was set in motion this week with the award of a R12,3-million building contract

A contract for the first phase was awarded by the developers, Utilitas Bellville, a non-profit-making utility company, to S Polera Construction

The target completion date is the end of January [illegible]

The "village" is on a key site off Durban Road in central Bellville and will contain a block of flats for letting to 310 people and 90 townhouses for sale

It will also cater for most of the health care and reacreational needs of the elderly, providing meals, medical treatment and security, says the managing director of Utilitas, Mr Andre van der Walt, MP for Bellville

CENTRAL KITCHEN

Benefiting from experiences in other blocks built for the elderly, the architects, Engelbrecht and Bester, have designed a building with plenty of lifts, ensuring that they are large enough to take stretchers and wheelchairs

A large central kitchen will offer meals to those who wish them delivered

There are also flats for the infirm on the second floor above the sick bay

The rented accommodation is mainly for social pensioners and could have been let twice over, he said

Forty of the 90 townhouses are already pre-sold, possibly because price levels are well below similar houses in the area. These are priced from R35 000 to R150 000, depending on size.

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The townhouses cannot be resold at a profit — a rule designed to prevent speculation — and must be sold back at the purchase price to the company.

The utility company has been working on the project for more than three years and ran against a major hurdle — finance

However, this has been largely overcome by a R12,3-million low-interest loan from the State to finance the letting accommodation, the largest contribution ever given to a single project

"This help in these difficult times is a demonstration of Government awareness of the needs of the elderly"

Office development in Constantia

Property Editor

WORK has started on a R3-million office development in the plum suburb of Constantia — the first office blocks to be built there

The two double-storey blocks will be ready for tenants in November with rents pitched at about R12 a sq m — almost as much as rentals for prime offices in central Cape Town

There will be two parallel rectangular blocks, linked by service cores at either end and forming a central courtyard which will be landscaped

Total area is 2 500 sq m, of which1 200 sq m is unlet

The project will be known as Ovcon House and Ovcon group will occupy the entire upper floor of both blocks as its head offices

Developer is Norwich Union Life Assurance Society, owner of the nearby Constantia Village shopping centre and townhouse development

The offices have been relocated 25 metres back from Constantia Road because the Cape Divisional Council decided the position would have been too conspicuous if the road is widened

The building was planned for a site between the large parking area and Constantia Road

Landscaped and brick-paved parking for more than 60 cars will be provided

The offices development is designed by KHM Architects, with quantity surveyors Leeuw, Walden and Colussi and consulting engineers Kantley and Templar.

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(3) whether he or any member of his Department has received any representations or complaints concerning the implementation of this change in policy, if so, (a) from whom, (b) when and (c) what was the (i) nature of the representations or complaints and (ii) response thereto?

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(b) 24 December 1984

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(d) The area of the Western Cape as defined in Regulation 1(xxxix) of Chapter I of the Black Labour Regulations and all the townships situated in that area

(2) Yes

(a) falls away

(b) falls away

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(4) whether agreement in this regard was reached with the pupils at the schools concerned, if not why not, if so, in what manner was it reached?

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Hansard Khayelitsha 26/3/85
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Education: communication structure

*26 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education·

Hansard Q.61.869
26/3/85

(1) Whether he or his Department has received any comments or representations in respect of the proposed communication structure for Black education dated 9 October 1984, if so (a) from whom, (b) what was the essence of the comments or representations and (c) when were they received,

*27 Mr P C CRONJE asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) Whether with reference to his reply to Question No 34 on 30 May 1984 the revision of the estimated cost of Khayelitsha has been completed, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that it will be completed if so

(2) (a) what was the (i) date of the original estimate, and (ii)(aa) date and (bb) amount of the revised estimate, of the cost of the first phase of the

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development of Khayelitsha and (b)(i) what total amount had been spent on the development of the first phase of Khayelitsha as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (ii) on what specified items had this money been spent?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education) (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

(1) Yes (a) and (b) falls away

(2) (a) (i) 28 February 1984

(ii) (aa) 21 June 1984

(bb) R80,5 million

(b) (i) R74,3 million up to 28 February 1985

(ii) R295 000—Investigation and compilation of structural plan and aerial survey
R4 447 000—Provision of services to 1 000 stands
R1 633 000—Access-road to Khayelitsha and provision of services to a hostel site
R535 000—Construction of a self-help centre and two stores for storage of materials for self-help housing schemes
R444 000—Construction of 30 demonstration houses with services
R97 000—Stabilization of area and planting of grass on sportsfields
R13 000—Construction of a community centre
R5 850 000—Earthworks and stabilization of 4 000 sites
R34 359 000—Provisions of services to 4 000 sites
R24 654 000—Construction of 5 000 core houses
R835 000—66 kv power line mains and 66/11-kv substations
R1 096 000—Temporary sewage purification works
R74 258 000—TOTAL

Dieldrin

*28 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Agricultural Economics

(1) Whether the registrar of agricultural and veterinary drugs has issued any special dispensations in respect of the sale of dieldrin in the Republic since 1 May 1981, if so, (a) in how many cases and (b) what was the nature of these cases,

(2) whether he will furnish the names of the (a) persons to whom and (b)(i) companies, (ii) organizations and/or (iii) countries to which dieldrin has been sold in terms of such dispensations since the above date, if not, why not, if so, what are their names,

(3) whether (a) he and/or (b) the said registrar has since the above date informed any other Government Departments of the (i) special dispensations issued and (ii) circumstances surrounding the issuing of such dispensations, if not, why not, if so, (aa) which other Government Departments, (bb) on what dates, (cc) in terms of what statutory provisions and (dd) what was the response of these Departments in each case,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

(1) Yes

(a) Two of 19 applications

(b) In view of the fact that no alternative remedy was available on 1 January 1982 for the control of white grub in pineapples and that the Eastern Cape pineapple industry would be placed in serious jeopardy without the necessary chemical protection, the Registrar approved on urgent representations by the Pineapple Growers Association and after consultation with the Standing Inter-departmental Advisory Committee for the safeguarding of Man against Poisons (on which the Departments of Agricultural Economics and Marketing, Environment Affairs and Health and Welfare are represented) that controlable quantities of Dieldrin be supplied by Shell SA (Pty) Ltd to the Association This permission would only be temporary until a substitute for Dieldrin was registered and marketed On 23 March 1984 the permission was withdrawn and a new product "Miral 500 EC" Reg Nr L2919 was registered for use against white grub in pineapples After inspections by Departmental inspectors during March 1984, the Shell Company removed all unused Dieldrin from the area

Dispensation was also granted to Shell SA (Pty) Ltd to sell Dieldrin to the Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Services and Nature Conservation of South West Africa and the Ministry of Agriculture of Botswana for the combating of tsetse fly

(2) See (1)(b) above

(3) Neither the Registrar or I is legally obliged to advise other Departments of such dispensations Interested Departments are however aware of such dispensations through their representation on the Committee referred to in (1)(b) above

(4) No, I issued a press statement on 5 February 1985

Dieldrin

*29 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Trade and Industry

(1) Whether in the light of his reply to Question No 24 on 12 February 1985 he requires to be informed of or consulted about the issue of any special dispensations by the registrar of agricultural and veterinary drugs for the sale of dieldrin in the Republic if so, (a) on how many occasions has he been informed of or consulted about the issue of such special dispensations, (b) when was each such dispensation issued and (c) what are the names of the persons companies or organizations to which the (i) dispensations were issued and (ii) dieldrin was sold if not why not

(2) whether he intends to take any steps to make it compulsory to inform him of or consult him about the issue of any special dispensations by any Government body for the sale of dieldrin if not, why not if so, (a) what steps and (b) when,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (for the Minister of Trade and Industry) (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

(1) No In terms of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, No 36 of 1947, the Registrar of Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies is not compelled to inform me of or consult me about such special dispensations This Act is being administered by the Department of Agricultural Economics and Marketing and it is, therefore, a matter which does not come within my jurisdiction

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away

(2) No, because the Registrar of Fertilizers Farm Feeds, Agricultural Rem-

ter of Co-operation, Development and Education

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(ii) R295 000—Investigation and compilation of structural plan and aerial survey
R4 447 000—Provision of services to 1 000 stands
R1 633 000—Access-road to Khayelitsha and provision of services to a hostel site
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Dieldrin

*28 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Agricultural Economics

(1) Whether the registrar of agricultural and veterinary drugs has issued any special dispensations in respect of the sale of dieldrin in the Republic since 1 May 1981, if so, (a) in how many cases and (b) what was the nature of these cases,

(2) whether he will furnish the names of the (a) persons to whom and (b)(i) companies, (ii) organizations and/or (iii) countries to which dieldrin has been sold in terms of such dispensations since the above date, if not, why not, if so, what are their names,

(3) whether (a) he and/or (b) the said registrar has since the above date informed any other Government Departments of the (i) special dispensations issued and (ii) circumstances surrounding the issuing of such dispensations, if not, why not, if so, (aa) which other Government Departments, (bb) on what dates, (cc) in terms of what statutory provisions and (dd) what was the response of these Departments in each case,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

(1) Yes

(a) Two of 19 applications

(b) In view of the fact that no alternative remedy was available on 1 January 1982 for the control of

white grub in pineapples and that the Eastern Cape pineapple industry would be placed in serious jeopardy without the necessary chemical protection, the Registrar approved on urgent representations by the Pineapple Growers' Association and after consultation with the Standing Inter-departmental Advisory Committee for the safeguarding of Man against Poisons (on which the Departments of Agricultural Economics and Marketing, Environment Affairs and Health and Welfare are represented) that controlable quantities of Dieldrin be supplied by Shell SA (Pty) Ltd to the Association This permission would only be temporary until a substitute for Dieldrin was registered and marketed On 23 March 1984 the permission was withdrawn and a new product "Miral 500 EC" Reg Nr L2919 was registered for use against white grub in pineapples After inspections by Departmental inspectors during March 1984, the Shell Company removed all unused Dieldrin from the area

Dispensation was also granted to Shell SA (Pty) Ltd to sell Dieldrin to the Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Services and Nature Conservation of South West Africa and the Ministry of Agriculture of Botswana for the combating of tsetse fly

(2) See (1)(b) above

(3) Neither the Registrar or I is legally obliged to advise other Departments of such dispensations Interested Departments are however aware of such dispensations through their representation on the Committee referred to in (1)(b) above

(4) No, I issued a press statement on 5 February 1985.

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(1) Whether, in the light of his reply to Question No 24 on 12 February 1985, he requires to be informed of or consulted about the issue of any special dispensations by the registrar of agricultural and veterinary drugs for the sale of dieldrin in the Republic, if so, (a) on how many occasions has he been informed of or consulted about the issue of such special dispensations, (b) when was each such dispensation issued and (c) what are the names of the persons, companies or organizations to which the (i) dispensations were issued and (ii) dieldrin was sold, if not, why not,

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE (for the Minister of Trade and Industry) (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

(1) No In terms of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, No 36 of 1947, the Registrar of Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies is not compelled to inform me of or consult me about such special dispensations This Act is being administered by the Department of Agricultural Economics and Marketing and it is, therefore, a matter which does not come within my jurisdiction

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away

(2) No, because the Registrar of Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Rem-

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Brown's Farm squatters have been rehoused and their shacks demolished

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Municipal Reporter

ABOUT half the squatters from the Divisional Council's controversial Brown's Farm site in Philippi have been rehoused elsewhere and their shacks have been demolished

This was disclosed in a report to the Divisional Council yesterday

Demolition raids at Brown's Farm in cold, wet weather last July drew strong protest from various quarters and squatters were granted a temporary reprieve until after winter

FAMILIES

The report said 53 families had been "rehoused or had moved of their own accord" by early February and 23 of the original 45 shacks had been demolished Families had been rehoused in Elsies River and Uitsig

However, the position of black squatters in Divisional Council areas is still not clear — pending an investigation by the Western Cape Development Board A report says, though, that the board indicated that blacks "living legally in the area would possibly be offered accommodation at Khayelitsha"

● No decisions are being taken on the future accommodation of Hout Bay squatters until a socio-economic study of the harbour residential area is complete Tentative proposals for housing them include a site and service scheme and proclamation of a second coloured group area there.

● Plans to build 300 houses in Bokram Village in Ocean View have run into trouble because Kommetjie ratepayers, opposed to it, say the council gave an undertaking no housing would be developed there

The housing committee is looking into this Also, on the suggestion of Mr H Langley, the committee will investigate using land east of Ocean View for housing — where a developer has withdrawn his option to mine kaolin.

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tenants hit by recession

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Staff Reporter

HOUSING Minister Mr David Curry is planning measures to help recession-hit tenants who are unable to pay their rents

Local authorities have been called on not to evict people until these steps are announced

Mr Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, said in a statement today that tenants in municipal housing schemes who could not meet their rent payments must submit proof of their situations to their local management committees without delay

RELIEF MEASURES

He called on local authorities not to evict tenants until the department announced relief measures under consideration

He had asked the National Housing Commission (NHC), which has funded most municipal housing schemes, to approve in principle the downward adjustment of rents on an ad hoc basis — so that where tenants could prove their earnings had dropped, they could pay lower rent as soon as the following month

POLICY

According to the chief director of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the administration of the House of Representatives, Mr Carel du Preez, the general policy of the NHC does not allow for this at present

Tenants' rents, which go towards repaying municipal housing loans from the NHC, were calculated in proportion to their income

Although some municipalities provided for rent reductions as soon as breadwinners' wages decreased, this was not generally done because it was not the formal policy of the NHC, Mr du Preez said

Sprawling, squalid townships help give rise to unrest

Architectural Correspondent

THE social unrest which South Africa is experiencing obviously has its roots in the historical, political and social structures of the country

As an architect, one cannot help believing that a sizeable contributory factor towards the unhappiness and frustrations of the deprived masses are the often abysmal township environments in which they have to live and rear their children

These vast, dreary, sprawling places with hardly a grace note to be seen anywhere — just squalor, dullness, monotony — are the products of high-powered, bureaucratic departments and planners

Security control

Experienced professional people take these vast tracts of land chosen by some powerful group or minister — Khayelitsha was located where it is as a result of a helicopter flight by Mr P W Botha — and proceed to design, if that is a word that can be used in this context without debasing it, a "city" for hundreds of thousands of people

Roads are planned, sewer and water lines laid out, sites allocated for schools, churches and public buildings, bearing in mind only such functional criteria as directions of the prevailing wind and rain, costs, security control, etc

And when all the planning and the building has been done, the numberless thousands are driven like sheep into their kraals

There is invariably the barest minimum of everything, maybe a street light every few hundred metres, a few pavements, very often no tarred roads

Khayelitsha

If one had to set about inventing a really bad environment for people to live in, could one conceive of anything worse than these townships

On the page facing my February 1 column on Groot Constantia in the Cape Times was a panoramic view of Khayelitsha in full colour

It gave me quite a shock to realize that, disgraceful though it is that Groot Constantia is being turned into a commercial hurdy-gurdy, this issue would be of no concern whatsoever to the millions whose lives of grey drudgery in places like Khayelitsha, Atlantis, Soweto, Langa and Guguletu don't even start to relate to such matters which are of concern only to the comfortable whites and their architectural correspondents

This picture said almost everything there is to say about the social evils that can be created by environments that seem to be nothing more than an endless assemblage of uniform boxes spreading as far as the eye can see

Endless sameness

The backdrop of Table Mountain, blue in the distance, merely served to emphasize the tremendous physical distance of the housing from the work places of the inhabitants

The basic housing units lacked all sense of individuality and any idea that each man and his family is a unique thing was totally and utterly absent. There was just the endless sameness, the materialization of the bureaucratic view of the people merely as ciphers and countable units

This is not an attitude peculiar to South Africa

Providing housing is an onerous business for any state and many mass housing schemes throughout the world, with a few notable exceptions, reflect something of the same awful dullness that seems now to be a universally accepted quality of state policy in this field

Obligation

I remember that great lady, Golda Meir, saying to the group of architects I was working with in Ashkelon, Israel, in 1952 that while she appreciated our efforts to adorn the new town, what she was *really* interested in as Minister of Labour was the quantity of housing units, their cost and he time it took to build them

Politicians have a heavy and pressing obligation to provide shelter of whatever quality and that seems, for them, to explain or justify forgetting about the social, aesthetic or human needs of the people who will be living in those towns

Khayelitsha is a copy-book example of a town devised by government and laid out by bureaucrats without consultation with the people concerned

Almost the only concern is that of providing physical shelter Engineers and planners, but as far as one knows no architects, were involved in its creation which goes some way towards explaining the practical but totally unimaginative results

More attractive

It is in the architects' special skill to understand and apply aesthetics in design

The few housing schemes which have benefited from architectural inputs can without much doubt be said to be far more interesting and attractive than those where they were absent.

This column is really a plea for there to be a far greater architectural contribution to the mass housing field

No effort should be spared to make the environments in which people have to live attractive and functional so that they can become the pride of their communities

In this way some little contribution will have been made to easing the ugly face of life for the poorest and most frustrated section of the community

No architect, of course, can correct the horrible error of siting Khayelitsha miles away from where people need to be, but she or he could certainly make the houses and the areas around them more attractive and livable — if allowed to do so

Bisho housing project: work to start soon

By ANDRE JORDAAN
Business Editor

EAST LONDON — Work is to start soon on the first phase of a large housing project at Bisho which is expected to make about 3 000 quality houses available for purchase over the next five years

The project is being undertaken by Bisho Development Corporation and a subsidiary of an Israeli company, Incoba, which is said to have extensive international experience in this type of development The land is being bought from the Ciskei Government via the Bisho City Corporation and the developers will be responsible for the entire project from the provision of infrastructure to the sale of houses to individuals

Financing for buyers will be arranged through the Ciskei Building Society

Details of the project were released yesterday by the consultants, ZIA, a multi-disciplinary firm which has an office at Bisho

The managing director of the firm's Cape operation, Mr Chris Swales, said the first development phase consisted of 200 sites, with infrastructure, and the construction of 64 houses A sod-turning ceremony would probably be held in May

Mr Swales and Incoba's managing director, Mr Uri Evan, said the development stages were designed to evaluate the demands of the market and provide housing options which were compatible with individual incomes and had a high standard of design and finish

Sites will vary in size from 288 to 500 square meters and all the houses will be of clay brick construction, plastered and painted, and have tiled roofs The first houses are expected to sell for between R35 000 and R40 000

Mr Swales said they had made a study of the likes and dislikes of potential buyers but these initial assessments would be modified where necessary to suit buyers' requirements The initial feedback will be obtained from six two and three-bedroomed show houses of various designs

The houses would be designed to accommodate future expansions and all roads in the development would be surfaced

"The developers' specific purpose is to reduce the critical housing shortage and provide potential buyers with suitable and acceptable accommodation," Mr Swales said

Arrest warrant cancelled

QUEENSTOWN — A warrant of arrest issued against a Mlungisi man, Mr Herbert Mafu, 67, has been withdrawn

The warrant was issued after Mr Mafu did not appear at a scheduled court hearing in connection with allegations of obstructing traffic with a makeshift shelter erected in front of his home from which he and his family of seven had been evicted in January

Court officials confirmed yesterday the warrant for Mr Mafu's arrest had been withdrawn and charges against him dropped — DDR

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Nyanga Bush squatters dig in over Khayelitsha

Staff Reporter

LEADERS of the 10 000 Nyanga Bush squatters at Crossroads are maintaining their demand for full residential rights before considering moving to Khayelitsha

The group's executive committee has told black affairs official Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud that they reject the Government's "new deal" offering 18-month temporary residence in exchange for moving to Site C, a site-and-service scheme at the new township

The group also reiterated a demand for a meeting with the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen

"Sorry"

After a meeting with the executive committee yesterday at which the offer was rejected, Mr Bezuidenhoud said he would relay their request to Dr Viljoen

He said he was sorry the group had rejected the offer, which represented the first attempt by the Government to address itself to the squatter situation "realistically"

The chairman of the Nyanga Bush committee, Mr Melford Yamile, told Mr Bezuidenhoud that if the Government wished to give the squatters 18-month temporary residence permits it could do so — but not on condition they moved to Site C

Seek work

Mr Bezuidenhoud said he told the executive committee that by rejecting the offer the group was interfering with people's rights to seek work, live in "decent" circumstances and have modern schools.

"I also told them they were standing in the way of the Government's fulfilment of its promise to upgrade the Crossroads and KTC camps, because upgrading cannot take place while thousands of people are living there," he said

They had remained adamant and he had promised to set up a meeting between them and Dr Viljoen, meanwhile appealing for them not to stand in the way of those who wanted to move to Site C

Three groups — representing a revised estimate of about 30 000 people — have so far accepted the offer Mr Bezuidenhoud claimed yesterday to have "signed" a further "couple" of groups

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(3) Yes

(a) Two Black detective constables have been suspended from duty

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(4) No not at this stage as I deem it inexpedient

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Hansard Q. 61.947
9/4/85

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The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS

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12/4/81 (124) D. Dispatch

Judgment postponed in rent test case

QUEENSTOWN — Judgment was postponed indefinitely by the chief magistrate here yesterday in a civil suit brought by the East Cape Development Board against Mr T Sondlo of Mlungisi for refusing to pay increased rental

The magistrate, Mr A C van Heerden, said the case would need some considering as the outcome "will be of great importance to both parties"

Mr Sondlo, who owes the development board R817,42 in back rental increases since 1978, told the court that before May 1977, Mlungisi residents had to pay rent of R1,15 a month

He told the court that a meeting was held on May 11, 1977, Mlungisi residents and the then Deputy Minister of Cooperation and Development, Mr Cruywagen, where the deputy minister proposed the introduction of a merit scheme in terms of which people would only have to pay rent according to their means

Also decided at the meeting was that the then advisory board together with co-opted members of the community would, in conjunction with the then administration board, conduct a survey of residents' income for the purposes of introducing the merit scheme

He said the board did not honour the arrangement and never participated in the survey, which the advisory board and co-opted members conducted after the meeting

Mr Sondlo said rentals were increased in May 1978 to R5 15, in April 1979 to R13,31 and in December 1981 to the present R16 31 He said nothing ever came of the scheme the deputy minister had proposed at the meeting and that he was not bound to the increases introduced from time to time since 1978 and had only paid the tariff valid before that time because, although the increases were done according to various laws they were not legal in so far as they were in breach of the spirit of the deputy minister's agreement.

A witness for the plaintiff, Mr G Taylor of the East Cape Development Board, said he could not remember anything about a meeting held in May 1977

The advocate who appeared for the development board, Mr C Jardin, said the increase in rental followed all the legal steps

The advocate who appeared for Mr Sondlo, Mr T Nsaluba, said that in terms of Section 44 (5) of the Black Community Development Act, the development board was entitled to remit the full amount on the grounds that Mr Sondlo was unemployed, received no pension, had no regular source of income and was therefore indigent

Mr Jardin said the court could not make such an order as Mr Sondlo should have appealed for remittance to the board in the first place

Mr Jardin was instructed by Fiveash and Marsberg and Mr Ntsaluba by the Sangoni partnership — DDR

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Maintenance blamed for rent backlog

12/4/85

EAST LONDON — Lack of maintenance had contributed to the more than R200 000 rent backlog for municipal houses here, the chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr Johannes Temmers, said yesterday

According to figures released by the city treasury department yesterday, a total of R217 128 is owed in arrear rentals

The figure is broken down as follows R61 852 current, R35 16830 to 60 days, R23 37760 to 90 days and R96 731 over 90 days

Mr Temmers estimates that more than R100 000 of the arrears is in the coloured areas

He says his claim of a correlation between maintenance and rent backlog is based on research into the British Housing Act

"This research shows that there is a definite relationship between the lack of maintenance and rent backlog and although it is based on Britain, it is definitely applicable to us

"In my approaches to people with rent problems, I have always chided them as being the main cause of their problems But since studying this research I have changed my mind because there are definitely other contributory factors

"It is also logical that if the municipality themselves neglect their own property, the tenant will have even less interest in it"

Mr Temmers said the research showed there were also another factor which qualified an area to be labelled a slum

"According to this research other factors include repairs, freedom from dampness, drainage problems and the number of people living in a house

"If one weighs up these factors, we can easily see why an area such as Pefferville — an area not more than 15 years old — has deteriorated into a slum area"

Mr Temmers said he conceded that the bad economic times as well as other socio-economic problems were also to blame for the big rent backlog

"The point I am trying to make is that we cannot only blame the people The municipality must also share some of the blame for the lack of maintenance"

He said the CMC was awaiting the city council's response to an invitation to tour the coloured areas

"We want to show them the problems Then maybe they will have a better understanding of the problems we are up against," he said

The director of housing and estates, Mr Ken Martinsen, was not available for comment last night — DDR

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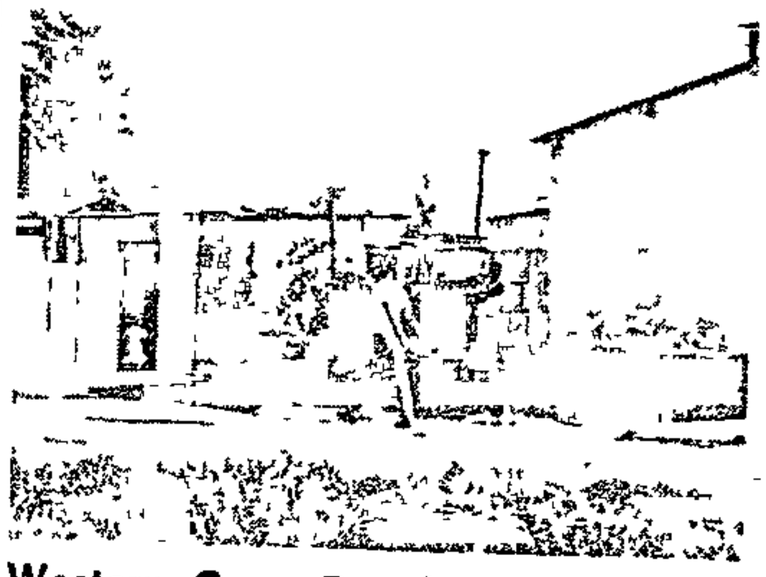
Paarl shack-dwellers win housing concession

About 300 backyard families in Paarl's Mbekweni township are erecting shelters next to the main road, where their housing problem "can be seen by the world".



Western Cape Development Board houses in Mbekweni accommodate only a fraction of the township's legal residents. Shacks have been erected in backyards to cope with the crisis.

Staff Reporter

COMMUNITY representatives of Paarl's Mbekweni township have met authorities to discuss short-term measures to alleviate the township's acute housing shortage

They agreed "in principle" that 63 families would move into one of four blocks of single quarters in Mbekweni

Members of the Mbekweni Residents' Association and the Paarl Community Council were invited to meet Government representatives after legal residents occupying backyard shacks in the township began squatting near a main road this week

Backyard shack-dwellers met on Monday to discuss 55 notices sent to their "landlords" — tenants of Western Cape Development Board houses — telling them to demolish shacks adjoining houses

"Our landlords were confused and afraid of being fined, so they asked us to leave

"We had nowhere to go from the backyards and decided to squat next to the road, where the world can see that we have a problem," said Mr George Bongo, chairman of the residents' association.

The township, which has fewer than 700 board-administered houses, has more than 600 families on the waiting list for dwellings

Up to five shanties have been crowded into some backyards

Last night's meeting in the board's Mbekweni offices — which was closed to the Press — was attended by the chief commissioner of the Department of Co-operation and Development, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, and board officials Mr Sampie Steenkamp (liaison officer) and Mr Graham Lawrence (director of housing)

After the meeting, Mr Bezuidenhoud said he was optimistic that a solution would be reached.

Mr Matthew Scott, Community Council chairman, said he saw the outcome of the meeting as "a small victory"

Mr Bongo said today that at a report-back meeting the squatters agreed to the proposal concerning 63 single quarters

They would remain where they were until the quarters were available The families who could not be accommodated in the block would continue squatting

He said Mr Bezuidenhoud had agreed to negotiate an alternative site, because the land on which they were squatting did not belong to the board.

(1) Whether his Department has made or will make provision to meet the increased demand for water that will result from the expected extension of the two Black townships near Dunnottar and Alberton; if so, what steps have been or will be taken in this regard,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS

(1) Yes, in respect storage in the Vaal Dam The distribution of water from the Vaal Dam in the PWV region is the reponsibility of the Rand Water Board The following steps have, *inter alia*, been taken in this regard

(a) Raising of the Vaal Dam—completion date October 1985, and

(b) raising of the Sterkfontein Dam—completion date June 1985

(2) No

Vaal Dam

*16 Mr J H VISAGIE asked the Minister of Water Affairs †

(1) Whether there are any (a) leakages and/or (b) cracks in the wall of the Vaal Dam, if so, what are the implications thereof,

(2) whether it is the intention to undertake repair work in this regard, if not, why not; if so, when (a) (i) will the repair work commence and (ii) is it expected to be completed and (b) what is the estimated cost thereof,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS

(1) (a) and (b) No.

(2) Falls away

(3) No

Hansard
Old Crossroads
Q-Col. 1492 14/5/85

*17 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether any persons were killed during the unrest in and around Old Crossroads during the period 17 February 1985 to 23 February 1985, if so, (a) what are the names of the persons killed, (b) when did they die, (c) what was the cause of death given on the death certificate in each case, (d) by whom was each death certificate signed and (e) how many of the persons killed were (i) over and (ii) under the age of 18 years?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes

(a) and (b) Except to state that 18 persons were killed on 18, 19 and 20 February 1985, respectively during the unrest in and around Old Crossroads, I consider it not to be in the public interest to furnish the required information

(c) and (d) Death certificates are issued only on conclusion of the inquests

(e) (i) 12

(ii) 6

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him whether it is now Police policy not only to keep secret the people they detain but also to keep secret people who are killed in the course of unrest, and secondly, whether in the light of his refusal to give this sort of information which enables people to pin down rumours, he can blame other people if false information is disseminated about the number of people killed in incidents?

†The MINISTER· Mr Chairman, it is a pity that the hon member uses question time

to make that kind of deliberate remark just for publicity outside the House [Interjections] That is the only reason why it is done He deliberately uses certain words to specifically convey that message to elements of the Press, and for no other reason [Interjections] The hon member knows full well that it is in the discretion of a Minister to decide to what extent he wants to answer or should answer a question As long as I exercise that discretion to the best of my ability I do not owe the hon member any reply [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I want to point out that it is in the discretion of an hon Minister to decide whether or not a matter should be disclosed No imputation whatsoever ought to be made when an hon Minister uses his discretion That has always been the rule of this House

Mr B R BAMFORD Mr Chairman, on a point of order Is it not also a rule of the House that a Minister must not indulge in commentary?

The CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE That is also true, the hon Chief Whip of the Official Opposition is quite correct Question time should not be used either by the questioner or by the person replying in any manner but to ask for information and to supply information

(124) Hansard
Khayelitsha
Q Col. 1493 14/5/85

*18 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) Whether (a) his Department and/or (b) the Western Cape Development Board has received any complaints regarding defects in houses in Khayelitsha from the occupants of such houses, if so, (i) when were the complaints received and (ii) what was the (aa) nature of the defects complained of and (bb) response thereto,

(2) whether any action has been taken in connection with these complaints, if not, why not, if so, (a) what action and (b) when,

(3) whether any of the houses at Khayelitsha are under manufacturers' guarantees, if not, why not, if so, (a) when do these guarantees expire and (b) what do they cover,

(4) whether any houses at Khayelitsha have been repaired since construction was completed, if so, (a) how many houses and (b) what was the (i) nature of the repairs and (ii) total cost involved,

(5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a) Yes The Western Cape Development Board received complaints

(i) During October, November and December 1984 and February 1985

(aa) The occupant of house No A211 and the Black Sash complained about defective roofs and doors, leaks from the water systems of certain houses and the absence of walls around some of the Besterecta houses The Black Sash also complained about high water bills

(bb) All the complaints received the attention of the Development Board

(2)(a) and (b) Yes The defective roofs and doors were repaired The asbestos roofing was left to cure Water leaks were repaired immediately

The Besterecta houses were provided with a minimum of protective walling and an additional R2 million were approved for the construction of extra walls to prevent wind erosion of

foundations and to prevent drift sand from penetrating the roofs of the houses The problem of wind erosion is receiving continued attention from the Development Board and its consultants

The complaints relating to high water bills were investigated and the necessary adjustments were made

(3) Yes

(a) Six months after the official handing over of the houses

(b) All aspects of construction and materials

(4) Yes

(a) The houses about which complaints were received were repaired The exact number is not known but it was normal for a project of this size

(b)(i) and (ii) The repairs were effected by the contractors concerned at their own cost

(5) No

Mackenzie Street, Cape Town: blocks of flats

*19 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Public Works

(1) Whether the State owns any blocks of flats in Mackenzie Street, Cape Town, if so, (a) which blocks and (b) who occupies each of these blocks,

(2) whether any of these blocks were (a) renovated and/or (b) painted during the past three years, if so, (i) which blocks (ii) when and (iii) what was the total cost involved,

(3) whether any of these blocks are due to be (a) renovated and/or (b) painted during the next three years, if so, (i) which blocks, (ii) when and (iii) what is the total estimated cost involved?

†The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

(1) No

(2) and (3) Falls away.

Soweto: population

20 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

What was the population of Soweto as at 31 December 1984?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND OF LAND AFFAIRS

Population statistics in respect of urban Black townships are kept on an annual basis for the period April of the previous year to March of the current year and not on a calender year basis Population figures for Soweto up to 31 March 1985 have not yet been compiled by the local authority concerned and figures are consequently furnished as at 31 March 1984

Male	*Female*	*Children*
180 569	186 055	161 804

Mr H H SCHWARZ: Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, would he give some indication as to the basis on which these figures are arrived at because anybody who knows anything about Soweto, must accept these figures as bearing no relation to reality?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, I request the hon member to put this question to the hon the Deputy Minister who is responsible for that on another occasion when he is present in the House

*21 Mr P G SOAL—Co-operation, Development and Education [Reply standing over]

Council dealing with standards/evaluation/certification

*22. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education:

(1) Whether he has taken or intends taking steps to establish a council dealing with standards, evaluation and certification, if not, why not, if so, (a)

what will be the (i) name and (ii) functions of the council, (b) what categories of educational institutions will be affected by these functions and (c)(i) when will the council come into operation and (ii) where will it be established,

(2) whether any bodies have been or are to be consulted prior to the establishment of this council, if so, what bodies,

(3) whether the establishment of this council will have an effect on the continued existence of the Joint Matriculation Board, if so, what effect,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The Minister of National Education

(1) and (3) Yes The Government has approved a bill with regard to the mentioned matters As this bill is to be submitted to Parliament during the current session, it is not considered advisable to provide fragmented information at this stage

(4) No

(Rest of reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

(2) Yes The following bodies submitted comments on a first draft bill

Department of Education and Culture (Administration House of Assembly)
Department of Education and Culture (Administration House of Representatives)
Department of Education and Culture (Administration House of Delegates)
Department of Education and Training
Auditor-General
Commission for Administration
Treasury
Committees of Heads of Education Departments
Committee of University Principals
Committee of Technikon Principals
Joint Matriculation Board

Inanda Dam

*23 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Water Affairs

(1) Whether he or members of his Department have (a) been approached by and (b) received any representations from any person or group of persons regarding the utilization of the banks of the Inanda Dam, once it has been completed, for recreational and/or environmental conservation purposes, if so, (i) when, (ii)(aa) by whom were the approaches made and (bb) what proposals were put forward and (iii)(aa) from whom were representations received and (bb) what was the nature of these representations,

(2) whether he will consult other bodies or groups of persons prior to taking a decision on the matter, if not, why not, if so, (a) what other bodies or groups of persons and (b) when is it anticipated that he will take a decision,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS

(1) (a) Yes

(b) No

(i) The dates are unknown, as the enquiries were of an informal nature in the form of telephonic discussions

(ii) (aa) Private individuals and the Natal Chamber of Industries

(bb) No proposals were made The parties concerned were only inter-

4 280 homes to be built

Political Reporter

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES — An estimated 4 284 houses will be built for coloured people during 1985 in the Cape Peninsula, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry, said yesterday

Replying to a question by Mr M D Arendse (LP, Tafelberg), Mr Curry added that a total of 2 149 houses were built in the Peninsula for coloured people during 1984

The figures given were only for housing from State funds

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Doors close on tenants earning more than R800

Municipal Reporter

MANY City Council tenants have been refused council houses to rent or buy because they earn more than the housing code limit for subsidised housing

And it has been suggested that many others have turned down wage and salary increases just to rent houses or to retain their options to buy

Housing staff say, however, that the R800 housing code limit does not affect all tenants and that the 99 people turned down over the past year represent a small percentage of people seeking accommodation

But the National Housing Commission is considering increasing the limit

The housing code is a formula setting out what rentals each wage category should pay

Flat or house tenants earning more than R800 a month must pay rent equivalent to the building society interest rate, higher than other council rents

The housing code limit was last increased in 1983 — from R650 to R800

Interim committee elected

A JOINT interim committee representing hostel dwellers in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu was elected at a meeting in Langa on Saturday.

Chairman of the committee, Mr Johnson Mpukumpa, also national president of the General Workers' Union, said a constitution was accepted at Saturday's meeting and the organisation would be formally launched at the beginning of June

The organisation already has 800 members from Nyanga and has a potential membership of 27 000

It aims to fight for family rights for hostel dwellers, a review of the qualifications for contracts for migrant workers and improvements in the conditions and facilities at hostels

The Herald 20/4/85

Hostel quarters for squatters

LEGAL squatters in the Paarl township of Mbekweni have agreed that 63 families should move into one of four single quarter hostels. The decision follows a meeting between the Mbekweni Residents' Association, the Paarl Community Council and members of the Western Cape Development Board on Thursday.

Thursday's meeting, also attended by Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commisioner for the Department of Co-operation and development in the Western Cape, came after the squatters refused to move to a new site offered by the Development Board.

Mr George Bongo, chairman of the Mbekweni Residents Association, said the squatters had accepted accommodation in the hostel "on principle"

SUITABLE

The 63 families would move in, but the rest would continue to squat at their present sites until the Board found a suitable alternate site.

"The Board has proposed a site but people have turned it down because they say the place is too small. The also claim that the people who live in the houses around there don't want them to move onto the open ground.

"Now they have agreed that 63 families will move into Hostel A. The people living in this hostel will be moved out to other hostels here.

Mr Bezuidenhoud also said at Thursday's meeting that he would talk to his seniors about getting leasehold rights for Paarl so that people can build their own houses"

Rent hikes 'a breach of faith'

IN ONE of the most crucial civil test cases of its kind, a Queenstown magistrate has postponed judgment indefinitely against a Mlungisi resident who has refused to pay increased rentals imposed by the East Cape Development Board.

By BENITO PHILLIPS

T Sondlo owes R817,42 in back rental increases, which he has refused to pay since 1978

Mr Sondlo said that, before May 1977, Mlungisi residents had to pay rent of R1, 15 a month.

On May 11, 1977, a meeting between Mlungisi residents and the former Co-operation and Development Deputy Minister S Cruywagen agreed that residents would pay rent according to their means, based on a merit scheme

The township's rents were increased in May 1978, and again in April 1979

Mr Sondlo said he was not bound by the increases and had only paid rents in force at the time of the agreement with Mr Cruywagen

He said the increases since May 1978 were in breach of the spirit of the agreement with Mr Cruywagen

G Taylor, appearing for the board, said he could not remember "anything about a meeting held in May 1977".

Button up with ...

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Salvation Army seeks shelter for the homeless

Post Reporter

PORT ELIZABETH desperately needed a "goodwill centre" which would provide temporary accommodation for homeless individuals and families, according to the divisional commander of the Salvation Army, Major James Durant

Major Durant said the centre was needed because unemployment had left many people homeless and they had nowhere to go

The Salvation Army had been searching for suitable premises, which would cater for about 40 homeless people, for many years.

A centre formerly owned by the Salvation Army in Dawson Street was inadequate and had been closed down more than a year ago

Since then Port Elizabeth had lacked a facility which catered for the deprived and homeless

Major Durant said he was investigating the use of the Clarendon Creche, owned by Child Welfare, as a possible venue for a centre.

He had written to the Community Chest, requesting their assistance and was hoping the response would be favourable.

"The proposed centre will have a transit section for people requiring shelter for one or two nights, a section for those people needing longer-term accommodation, and a family section," he said.

The Salvation Army hoped to receive assistance from welfare organisations, Government departments and the Community Chest for this purpose

The establishment of a goodwill centre was a matter of urgency as the Salvation Army received at least one call a day from individuals and families who were desperate for shelter, Major Durant said.

Survey shows 27 live in one flat at Hout Bay harbour

By MICHAEL MORRIS, Municipal Reporter

THE Hout Bay harbour community is living in conditions which are so over-crowded that one flat is housing 27 people, a Divisional Council survey has found

Plans to proclaim more land for coloured people in Hout Bay have been submitted to the Government and more houses are being built as a result of the survey, which showed that 450 houses, a school and three playgrounds were needed.

Divisional councillor Mr Len Pothier says the Hout Bay coloured community is "bursting at the seams and needs more space"

BUILDING 101 MAISONETTES

"Expansion must happen. There are probably more coloured people living in the harbour area than whites living in the rest of the valley

"We are looking at a time-scale of five years for our plan to provide more housing and facilities — two years to plan, find funds and buy the land and three years to build the township.

"In the medium term we will be building 101 maisonettes to relieve the shortage in the harbour area and money is being set aside for other improvements."

Mr Pothier said the report on the survey had been handed to Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, who would present it to Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

NEW COLOURED TOWNSHIP

The report calls for a new coloured township in Hout Bay and suggests various sites but, Mr Pothier said, details would remain confidential to prevent the upset of any necessary property deal

A new township would require proclamation of a new group area

● In another development, 40 squatter families living near the harbour community are being moved to a site-and-service scheme at Philippi

Mr Pothier said this followed "threats of court action from North Shore residents and police over shebeening, drug-abuse and prostitution by squatters".

Huge PE black housing backlog

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Post Reporter

BLACKS in the Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage complex have only half the houses they need, a guide to housing produced by the Urban Foundation reveals

Another 35 500 houses are needed to meet the immediate backlog, it says

It will be necessary to build at least 5 000 houses a year to eliminate it

The guide, which has been prepared for employers,states "Any company which investigates the housing conditions of its employees is likely to find a large number of them live as lodgers or in shacks, or as lodgers in someone else's shack under severely substandard conditions"

In mid-1984 there were about 460 000 blacks in the area, requiring a total of nearly 70 700 homes — more than double the number available

The Government builds houses only for people earning less than R150 a month — which means that in this area 55% to 60% of the blacks will not qualify for a Government home

There are 21 400 shacks in the area

The guide illustrates clearly the responsibility for black housing that will fall on the private sector

HOUT BAY

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Trouble in paradise

In the plush affluence of Hout Bay there is also overcrowding and squalor. Staff Writer SYDNEY DUVAL reports.

THE OAK-LINED road to Hout Bay leads to a community with a split personality, one fair, the other scarred and ugly

Much of the beautiful valley breathes semi-rural prosperity and affluence In other parts a suburbia is developing in the wake of the bulldozers that are carving up the celebrated landscape

But there are other areas, some visible beside the harbour and some invisible among the kloofs, mountain bush and river courses, where a community of poverty and squalor festers with anger and discontent

So it must be a shock to many white residents, who feel acutely the lacerating disfigurement of their valley, to hear that 27 people in the harbour community live in one flat, that coloured housing is bursting at the seams, that one undersized sports field must serve a community of 4 198, that its roads are cleaned by about four sweepers, that Hout Bay has both its splendour and its horror — with all the attendant social problems

Mrs Barbara Hibling, a resident whose health work takes her into homes in the Hangberg Estate, says she delays her visiting time in winter "to avoid stepping over the bodies still sleeping on the floors"

"Overcrowding is the core problem that causes other social problems," she says

Church worker Dan Le Cordeur, known for his prodigious Samaritan efforts among the squatters and the poor, says the tragedy is that whites in Hout Bay don't know what is going on in the troubled areas

"Yet we are one community sharing one valley Whites around here care a lot about the trees and dolphins and roads but what about the people living up here? There could be trouble here if problems are not looked at realistically, yet residents won't know why there's trouble," he says

Mr Le Cordeur deplores "the lack of information about the overcrowding and socio-economic problems'

Mr Dickie Meter is a spokesman for the Hout Bay Action Committee, a local civic body representing residents of Hangberg Estate, the privately-owned coloured area Hout Bay Heights and squatters

He wants the Divisional Council to listen to people, to be more sensitive to their needs and to work constructively at providing more land and upgrading existing housing schemes

Local churches have formed a united front to build a better Hout Bay

Loved

Mrs Jill McKay is a former social welfare worker now working voluntarily among peripheral squatter and farm communities Her Christian group uses "soup and prayer, followed by community activities" to show a rejected people, "people on the edge", that they are loved

"Some situations are like walking into a hell of poverty, squalor, overcrowding, illegitimacy, child abuse, family breakdown, borderline delinquency, corruption," she says

A property owner and businessman living near Hangberg says the problem is big — "it needs a rational approach"

"What's been going on at Kadotskloof is a disgrace — prostitution, drugs, alcohol by the truckload, filth and noise Why should decent property owners put up with that?" he says

Mrs Ann Whitton, editor of the local Sentinel newspaper, helps out at the creche Many children come from poorly educated homes What money is earned from the seasonal fishing industry is spent badly, often on drink With the young it's drugs

She has great faith in the church night school for adults now being run at the harbour school, and in the literacy classes at the creche "It is one of the good things in the pipeline for the harbour people"

Other community workers agree the night school means new hope and new light Even for the man with no legs who has decided to fight his misery with education

Mr Len Pothier, divisional councillor for Hout Bay, says the problems that exist there and in other areas within the division are the result of years of neglect and the withholding of adequate funds by central Government

"A measure of this neglect is that we haven't even been able to keep pace with the natural population growth, let alone the drift from the country areas to the city So when young couples marry they have no option but to move in with in-laws They have to raise families in one room in a tiny flat," he says

Divco is now battling with a waiting list of 25 000 names In Hout Bay only 71 families are housed satisfactorily and 517 dwellings are overcrowded, with 654 families living in overcrowded conditions

Yesterday in Parliament

Development planned for areas where housing is needed

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Six sex-law offenders in jail

CAPE TOWN—Extensive development is to take place in four areas where there is a desperate need for Indian housing, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr Baldeo Dookie, announced yesterday.

Housing call to Indians

RICH Indians should provide money to house the poor in Durban's new Cato Manor, Mr A G 'Atomic' Joosab (NPP Brickfield), said in the House of Delegates yesterday.

Speaking on the housing vote in the Own Affairs budget, he said this could be done by auctioning a third of the plots, the profits being used to finance low-cost housing

Another third of the plots should be serviced and sold at cost to middle-income families, and the rest, with ready-built, low-cost houses, should be available to sub-economic group families — (Sapa)

Speaking in the debate on the Own Affairs housing vote, he said the four areas earmarked for development were Pelican Park in the Cape and Richards Bay, Cato Manor and Inanda in Natal

Housing catering for all income groups would be provided where possible, and it was hoped that some of the longstanding problems of the Indian community would be resolved

Rural communities would be helped to upgrade their dwellings when the departments of housing and health and the provincial administration would introduce minimum health and building standards

Then piped water would be laid on Once funds were available, the programme would be implemented in Etete, Blackburn and Welgedacht

Investigation

Later, upgrading of roads and storm water drainage would be undertaken in an effort to achieve an integrated rural development programme

Mr Dookie said an investigation was underway into the rent-deposit system for housing

He warned Indian landlords to maintain fair rents, otherwise he would recommend the re-examination of the whole issue of rent control 'in order to bring about discipline'

It had also been decided to change the allocation procedure for land and housing From July 1, only the Book of Life number would be accepted on applications Those with old identity cards who had already applied for land or housing should apply for Book of Life numbers and change their application forms accordingly.

Attention was being given to the desirability of Indian officials recommending to local authorities who should be given allocations.

Exploiting

'There are too many allegations and one Supreme Court action pending on the issue of allocations,' he said

People receiving housing subsidies were exploiting the situation by owning a number of homes The system envisaged would detect any attempt to get more than one allocation

Progress was being made with finding accommodation for sugar estate pensioners in Natal, Mr Dookie said

Six sugar companies had responded to a survey on the matter and the first development would take place at Craigieburn, Umkomaas. The Department had agreed to lend R1 100 000 to the Development and Services Board for the construction of 74 low-cost housing units, 37 of which would be for pensioners and their dependents — (Sapa)

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30% more flats, houses built in PE

Post Reporter

THERE was a 30% increase in flats and houses constructed for whites in the Port Elizabeth metropolitan area last year, a survey just released by the Institute for Planning Research at UPE has found

The survey found the median value of dwelling units constructed in PE last year to be R41 250 for new houses and R33 108 for new flats Altogether R35 370 848 was invested in new houses and flats

There was a 37,5% increase in the number of dwelling units constructed in PE since 1970 However, the average growth rate of 3,5% between 1970 and 1975 declined to 1,58% over the 1975-80 period and even further to 1,3% from 1980 to 1984.

According to the survey, the rate of development in the East London-King William's Town region last year was more than double that of 1983 In East London almost triple the number of houses and flats were constructed in 1984 as in 1983 In total 2 021 units were constructed in the Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage and East London-King William's Town region last year Of these, 1 818 units were built for whites, 649 more than the previous year

The number of new flats (including townhouses) built in 1984 was 227 for the entire region, an increase of 67% from 1983

In Uitenhage the number of new dwelling units increased from 111 in 1983 to 180 in 1984, while 76 new flats and houses were constructed in Despatch over the same period

The overall median value for new houses in Uitenhage was R42 000 — R2 000 less than in 1983 For Despatch it was R29 300

Since 1970 the number of houses and flats in Uitenhage and Despatch increased by 35,3% and 47,2% respectively, which represented an annual growth rate of 2,2% and 2,8%

Shock report on housing crisis in WC

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Professor Pieter le Roux and Ms Amanda Younge, of the University of the Western Cape, with the Western Cape housing report, which took two years to complete

RESEARCHERS of the University of the Western Cape (UWC) have released a report giving a shock perspective on the housing crisis in the Western Cape.

In their long-awaited report, they paint a black picture of housing needs in the region. In particular, it also shows there is insufficient provision for the needs of single-parent families, the aged, and other single people

The report is considered to be the most-comprehensive research using sophisticated statistical techniques and computers yet done on housing in the Western Cape

It took more than two years to complete, and was done by Professor Pieter le Roux, Ms Amanda Younge and Mr Lieb Loots, all of the UWC Institute for Social Development

By HENRY LUDSKI

Bleak facts

Among the bleak findings of the report are

- The shortage of housing in the Cape Metropolitan area varies from below 30 000 units to above 50 000, depending on what one assumes to be the desired household composition,
- Under all circumstances, the total need for rooms in family housing is above 170 000;
- Surveys show there are more than 10 000 two-parent families living as lodgers in somebody else's overcrowded home,
- More than 20 000 one-parent families need homes, and their financial positions are particularly precarious,
- More than 21 500 aged people and nearly 90 000 single people live in family housing. Of these, 7 000 of the aged and 65 000 of the single people live in overcrowded homes;

Roux, the people most in need of housing are those least likely to be able to afford it

"There is a tremendous shortage of alternative accommodation such as flats for single people, and a significant shortage of old-age homes" says Prof Le Roux

Prof Le Roux says that, although estimates have often been made of the housing shortage, their report gives a more-reliable breakdown of the nature of the shortages for the first time

"It is now possible to make more-sophisticated estimates on the basis of 1970 and 1980 census data, housing data of the various municipalities, and surveys conducted by the institute"

Black housing

He stresses that the housing crisis in the black community gives even more cause for concern, but explains their report focuses solely on "coloured" housing needs, because data was available for only this group.

The report, part of a five-volume study done on housing in the Western Cape and related issues and due to be released soon, confirms there is a significant shortage of housing for those classified as "coloured"

The overall report is anticipated as being regarded as the most-comprehensive combined studies undertaken in the Western Cape on socio-political issues related to housing

were considered, it was found the housing situation for families above the poverty datum line had improved, while it had worsened for families below the line.

Prof Le Roux says it is apparent that, in recent years, a moderate improvement in the provision of housing has been achieved, but this has been accompanied by a clear priority for private enterprise and economic housing

Prof Le Roux says the provision of housing for the poor will have to receive urgent consideration in the near future, because it is a critical determinant of the quality and the very fabric of our society"

- Although the shortage of family units varies significantly, there are too many two-bedroomed and one-bedroomed dwellings; and,
- There is a significant shortage of three- and four-bedroomed houses

Prof Le Roux says "Thus, it would be short-sighted to build additional one- and two-bedroomed family homes."

The researchers calculate that at least 15 000 — and probably more than 20 000 — homes of three- and four-bedroomed houses need to be built

Add bedroom

They recommend that the situation in many households could be improved if one bedroom was added to each of the overcrowded homes

This would mean there would be a decrease in the surplus of one- and two-bedroomed houses and a decrease in the shortage of three and four-bedroomed homes

The addition of a room, the researchers say, would be the most cost-effective way of providing more adequate housing

According to Prof Le

Crime fear

It includes a report by UWC researcher Mr Wynand Louw on the crime element of the housing crisis, which shows the Cape Flats is paralysed with fear of violence

In his report on the housing needs, Mr Loots, senior researcher at the institute, made similar estimates of the housing shortage on the basis of census data

Some of the estimates were made for Greater Cape Town, which includes areas in the urban periphery such as Wellington, Cape Town and The Strand, together with the Metropolitan area

It was found that family accommodation of more than 40 000 units was needed, and about another 60 000 of other types of accommodation was needed, as well.

Increase

Prof Le Roux says an interesting general finding of the report is that the larger and poorer the family, the less provision is made for them

The shortage of subsidised housing increased from 25 percent in 1979, when most of the estimates were made, to 33 percent in 1983

He says that when developments up to 1983

Khayalitsha ... departure from the old ways

5 000 houses for R95m

By Ciaran Ryan

PHASE 1 of the Khayalitsha township development near Cape Town has been completed in only 37 weeks at a cost of R95-million.

The 5 000 houses and a shopping centre were built by three major contractors — Wimpey, Besterecta and Murray & Roberts

An estimated 2 000 families have moved into Khayalitsha from the nearby Crossroads squatter camp

The next phase of development is expected to start later this year and will cost R110-million

R20 rent

Khayalitsha will ultimately accommodate 250 000 people in 40 000 dwellings. Completion of the township will take 10 years

Occupants rent houses at R20 a month compared with an economic R120.

This raises a question mark as to whether there will be many takers when the houses are put up for sale under 99-year leasehold because bond repayments will far exceed R20 a month

This could present the Western Cape Administration Board with severe liquidity problems, delaying development until funds are available.

Landscaping

Controversy has arisen over what some critics call the bleak and windswept site chosen for Khayalitsha near False Bay, 35km from Cape Town.

The Western Cape Administration Board replies that conditions at Crossroads can no longer be tolerated and that Khayalitsha is the only available site large enough to accommodate 250 000 people.

Each house has two rooms covering an area of 27m² and each stand covers 80m². Khayalitsha represents a departure from the familiar four-by-four, row-on-row housing developments that have characterised black townships

Urban designer VZS Consultants says each unit can be extended in a variety of ways at little inconvenience or expense to the occupant.

Tony van der Spuy, of VZS, told Business Times: "The township incorporates parks and walkways and R1-million is being spent on landscaping. The lesson of past mistakes in black township planning helped in the urban design of Khayalitsha."

Four towns

Khayalitsha will comprise four separate towns and a central business district when complete. A major drawback of black township design in the past has been the absence of commercial centres, underlining their dormitory nature.

The houses will sell for about R13 000 when 99-year leasehold rights are granted later this year. Employers and building societies will be asked to help workers to buy houses

In what appears to be recognition of the semi-permanence of squatters, up to 6 880 "illegal" families will also be accommodated in Khayalitsha in tents on concrete blocks. But that is insufficient for the estimated 20 000 "illegal" families at Crossroads

EDUCATION

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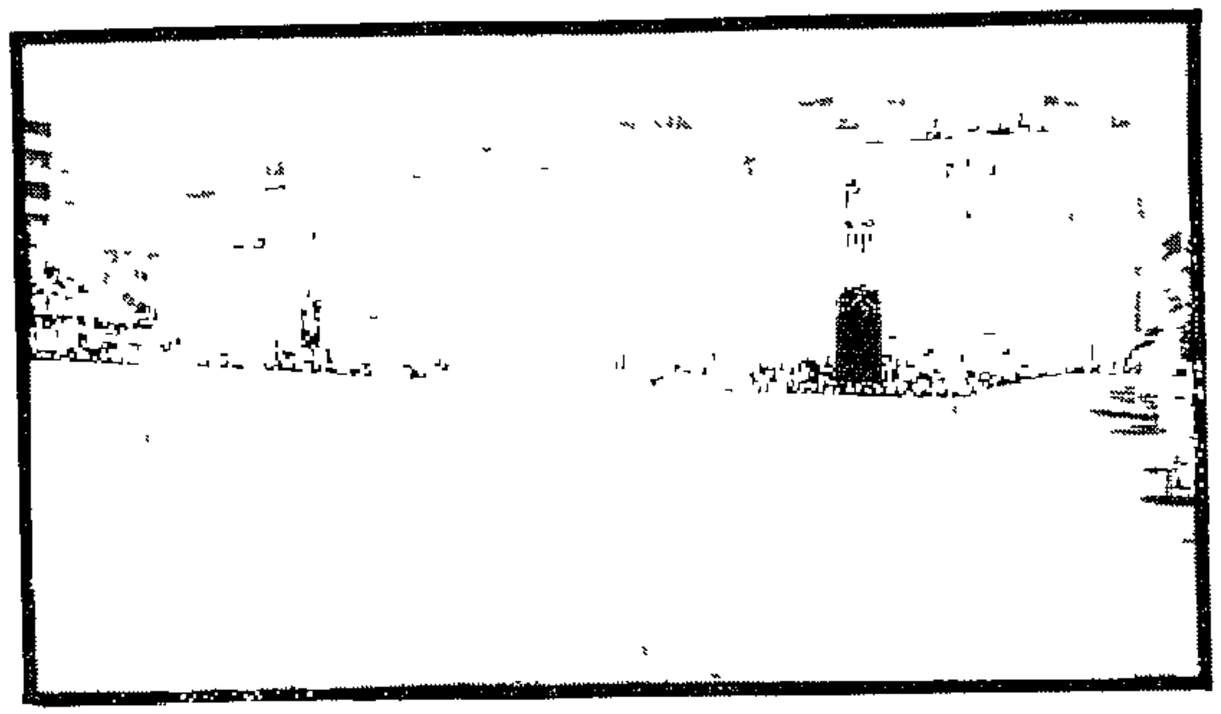
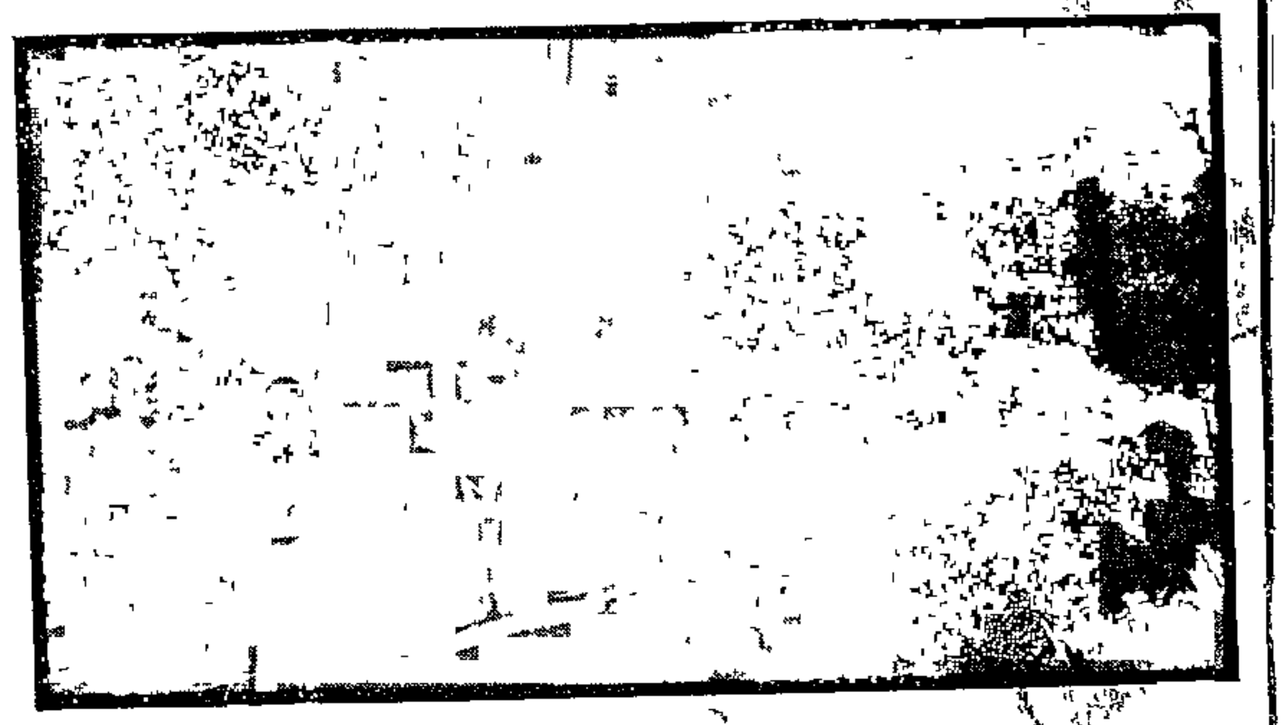
The burning problem of co-ed high schools

Education Reporter GAYE DAVIS investigates the possible amalgamation of Sea Point Boys' High School and Ellerslie Girls' High.



Sea Point Boys' High School



Ellerslie Girls' High School

THE question of a co-educational high school for Sea Point smouldering for years, is developing into a burning issue

The debate centres on the possible amalgamation of Sea Point Boys' High School and Ellerslie Girls' High, both overstaffed and underutilised following a drastic decline in pupil numbers

The reason for the fall-off was the advent of sectional title in the area 10 years ago when young families, until then happy to rent, balked at buying a flat only to have to move as their families expanded

Their exodus to other suburbs caused a fall-off of enrolments at Sea Point schools Newcomers were retired couples, wealthy holidaymakers and single people with no children to replace those lost and last year two single-sex primary schools merged as a result

Now the high schools face the same fate — but parents and the school committees are fiercely divided

Cape School Board figures show that Sea Point Boys' High, built for 550 more than 100 years ago, has had no more than 260 boys for the past five years

Ellerslie, 85 years old, can cater for 380 Enrolment fell to 230 in 1980 and is now at 226

About 170 pupils from the area attend other schools — there is no zoning for white schools in the Cape — with 126 at the nearest co-educational school, Camps Bay High

The school board sees this as an indication of parents' desire for a mixed-sex school in the area but can't act unless agreement is reached

Those pushing for amalgamation believe it is only a matter of time before teachers are lost and their children's choice of subjects curtailed Merging would ensure high-quality education for their children and future generations, supporters say

Others simply prefer co-education for their children — but Camps Bay High is overflowing and must give priority to children from areas nearby where no high schools exist

Ellerslie supporters fear for the loss of their school and doubt the merits of mixed-sex schools, although it is State policy that each new school built be co-educational

"They are asking that we give up our grounds and facilities to fit in at the boys' high as best we can We believe marketing the schools to boost numbers would be a more postive approach," said Ellerslie's school committee chairman Mr Norman Beattie

Research cast doubts on whether girls did as well at a mixed-sex school and there was a difference in attending a school planned for both sexes from one altered to make do, he said

But the pros and cons of co-education are not the issue, according to Sea Point Boys' High headmaster Mr Christopher Murison

"Ideally, every parent should have the choice of a single or mixed-sex school for their child

"We're concerned about the future quality of education in the face of declining enrolments

"The Department of Education has allowed overstaffing at both schools by the grace of its goodwill Considering the main thrust of the De Lange report on education, we're living in a fool's paradise to think we can maintain the staff-to-pupil ratio we're now enjoying and which is ensuring the schools' reputations of academic excellence," he said

"Sea Point Boys' High can't go it alone — in terms of Department policy no new school can be built if it might drain pupils from an existing school or if facilities have to be duplicated"

Building a new high school is out of the question There are no funds or ground available and other areas without high schools must get priority, according to school board chairman Mr Dick Friedlander

Concerned about the drop in pupils, the Cape School Board last year polled parents' opinion on amalgamation

Of 722 parents of pre-schoolers, primary schoolchildren and high-schoolers at Sea Point and neighbouring schools, an average of 69 percent said yes and 31 percent said no

But Ellerslie parents' protests made it clear the community was divided

The Board decided to review the matter annually and is now to consider a vote which went 88-57 in favour of amalgamation at a recent parents' meeting, amid protests from Ellerslie supporters that they are being rushed into a decision

A suggestion from Sea Point MPC Mr Herbert Hirsch that both sides elect a joint committee to investigate all aspects of the issue, was not voted on

Until parents agree, the Department will not act, although — according to a school board spokesman — it sees amalgamation as the only solution

'Self-help the answer' to housing crisis

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Municipal Reporter

FLEXIBLE planning, secure tenure and research into cheap alternative building materials have been identified as vital aspects in promoting self-help housing as an answer to the urban accommodation crisis

Speakers at a conference on urban housing in Cape Town yesterday highlighted the role of self-help schemes, but emphasised other aspects which they believed would help this strategy work better

Professor Gavin Maasdorp, director of the economic research unit at the University of Natal, said "All the evidence is that low-income householders prefer self-help approaches rather than drab public housing which is poorly designed and, in every sense, inadequate to meet their needs"

But, he said "we must be prepared to let housing, transport and employment markets work, provide secure tenure, allow people to build rooms for rental, allow lower standards of services, invest public funds in services rather than bricks and mortar, tap financial institutions and ensure sound managerial and technical administration"

"Real option"

Professor Maasdorp said "Continued work is necessary into low-cost materials and fittings"

Mr Matthew Nel, general manager of the Family Housing Association, said the challenge in South Africa was to mobilise the public and private sectors to complement each another in making self-help a "real option" for poor people

He said "Housing standards are still too high and there is no real facility yet for households to construct permanent shelter incrementally over a period of years — the only way in which even self-help will be affordable for the majority of black urban households'

He said it was necessary to allow a "gradual house-building process as well as the upgrading of existing informal settlements"

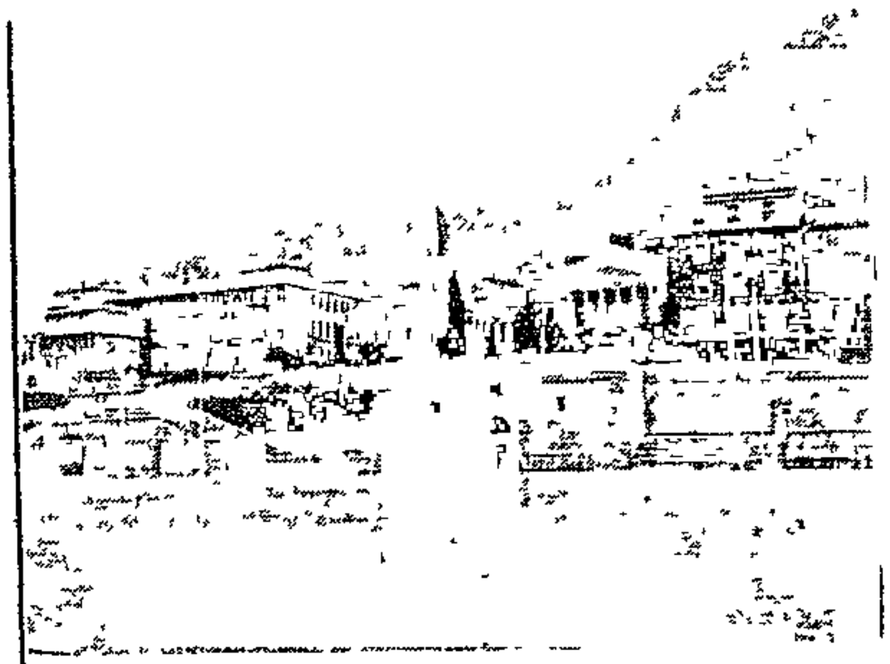
"Positive force"

He believed self-help schemes had the potential to become a positive force in cities "for consolidating new migrants into the city system"

The Divisional Council's chief town planner, Mr J C Sullivan, presented a case study of the council's self-help scheme at Grassy Park

He said this alternative approach cost less and was a source of affordable housing

Mr Sullivan said "It should be encouraged because it represents participation — the basic human desire to exercise control over making one's environment — which may be especially important both to those who have relatively fewer economic options in life and to those who wish greater personal fulfilment"



UCT applies for open residences

Cape Times 8/5/85

Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — The University of Cape Town has applied to the government for its residences to be opened to students of all races

But no decision has been taken yet and the application was still under consideration, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday

Mr Heunis said only UCT had applied for an exemption from the application of the Group Areas Act for its residences

Replying to a question tabled by Mr Roger Burrows (PFP Pinetown), Mr Heunis said UCT had applied for a blanket exemption from the provisions of the Group Areas Act

Mr Heunis confirmed that the restrictions in the Group Areas Act governing residential occupation by "disqualified person' were applicable to university residences

He refused to make a statement

With an increasing number of coloured, Indian and black students registering at white universities, the problem of accommodation for these students has become serious and it is clear that the universities concerned will take a close interest in the government's decision on the UCT application

Cape Times 10/5/85

Housing needs can't be met

Municipal Reporter

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W Cape house prices 'drop'

Staff Reporter

HOUSE prices in the Western Cape dropped only marginally in the first quarter of 1985, according to the United Building Society's latest Quarterly Housing Review

The report, which was released last week, said house prices throughout the country were expected to continue to taper off during the second quarter of the year but a moderate rise could be expected in the second half of the year

For prospective homeowners looking for finance the picture was mixed — for those seeking bonds of over R60 000 mortgage finance was "readily available" said the UBS chief economist, Dr Hans Falkena

But finance for smaller-sized bonds, particularly for those with a bond rate of between 18,25 and 21 percent, was expected to remain "limited" throughout the year

Dr Falkena said the bond rate could decline this year by some 2 percent for mortgagers with larger bonds (currently paying 21 percent or more) but those who paid lower interest rates because their bonds were smaller should not anticipate much relief because this rate was already much lower than the ruling money-market rate

'Moderate rise'

The report said the "moderate" rise the UBS expected in house prices during the second half of the year would be caused mainly by the high inflation rate which was expected to be set at around 15 percent for the year

If, however, house prices remained at present levels this would imply that the real value of residential buildings had dropped by nearly a quarter in just 24 months, it continued

The report said demand for housing was expected to remain depressed as many people were unable to afford bond repayments at rates in excess of 20 percent

(1) Whether his Department has made or will make provision to meet the increased demand for water that will result from the expected extension of the two Black townships near Dunnottar and Alberton, if so, what steps have been or will be taken in this regard,

(2) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS

(1) Yes, in respect storage in the Vaal Dam The distribution of water from the Vaal Dam in the PWV region is the reponsibility of the Rand Water Board The following steps have, *inter alia*, been taken in this regard

(a) Raising of the Vaal Dam—completion date October 1985, and

(b) raising of the Sterkfontein Dam—completion date June 1985

(2) No

Vaal Dam

*16 Mr J H VISAGIE asked the Minister of Water Affairs †

(1) Whether there are any (a) leakages and/or (b) cracks in the wall of the Vaal Dam, if so, what are the implications thereof,

(2) whether it is the intention to undertake repair work in this regard, if not, why not, if so, when (a) (i) will the repair work commence and (ii) is it expected to be completed and (b) what is the estimated cost thereof,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS

(1) (a) and (b) No

(2) Falls away

(3) No

Hansard
Old Crossroads
Q.Col 1492 14/5/85

*17 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether any persons were killed during the unrest in and around Old Crossroads during the period 17 February 1985 to 23 February 1985, if so, (a) what are the names of the persons killed, (b) when did they die, (c) what was the cause of death given on the death certificate in each case, (d) by whom was each death certificate signed and (e) how many of the persons killed were (i) over and (ii) under the age of 18 years?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes

(a) and (b) Except to state that 18 persons were killed on 18, 19 and 20 February 1985, respectively during the unrest in and around Old Crossroads, I consider it not to be in the public interest to furnish the required information

(c) and (d) Death certificates are issued only on conclusion of the inquests

(e) (i) 12

(ii) 6

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, may I ask him whether it is now Police policy not only to keep secret the people they detain but also to keep secret people who are killed in the course of unrest, and secondly, whether in the light of his refusal to give this sort of information which enables people to pin down rumours, he can blame other people if false information is disseminated about the number of people killed in incidents?

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, it is a pity that the hon member uses question time

to make that kind of deliberate remark just for publicity outside the House [Interjections] That is the only reason why it is done He deliberately uses certain words to specifically convey that message to elements of the Press, and for no other reason [Interjections] The hon member knows full well that it is in the discretion of a Minister to decide to what extent he wants to answer or should answer a question As long as I exercise that discretion to the best of my ability I do not owe the hon member any reply [Interjections]

The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! I want to point out that it is in the discretion of an hon Minister to decide whether or not a matter should be disclosed No imputation whatsoever ought to be made when an hon Minister uses his discretion That has always been the rule of this House

Mr B R BAMFORD Mr Chairman, on a point of order Is it not also a rule of the House that a Minister must not indulge in commentary?

The CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE That is also true, the hon Chief Whip of the Official Opposition is quite correct Question time should not be used either by the questioner or by the person replying in any manner but to ask for information and to supply information

124 Hansard
Khayelitsha
Q2.Col 1493 14/5/85

*18 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) Whether (a) his Department and/or (b) the Western Cape Development Board has received any complaints regarding defects in houses in Khayelitsha from the occupants of such houses, if so, (i) when were the complaints received and (ii) what was the (aa) nature of the defects complained of and (bb) response thereto,

(2) whether any action has been taken in connection with these complaints, if not, why not, if so, (a) what action and (b) when,

(3) whether any of the houses at Khayelitsha are under manufacturers' guarantees, if not, why not, if so, (a) when do these guarantees expire and (b) what do they cover,

(4) whether any houses at Khayelitsha have been repaired since construction was completed, if so, (a) how many houses and (b) what was the (i) nature of the repairs and (ii) total cost involved,

(5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a) Yes The Western Cape Development Board received complaints

(i) During October, November and December 1984 and February 1985

(aa) The occupant of house No A211 and the Black Sash complained about defective roofs and doors, leaks from the water systems of certain houses and the absence of walls around some of the Besterecta houses The Black Sash also complained about high water bills

(bb) All the complaints received the attention of the Development Board

(2)(a) and (b) Yes The defective roofs and doors were repaired The asbestos roofing was left to cure Water leaks were repaired immediately

The Besterecta houses were provided with a minimum of protective walling and an additional R2 million were approved for the construction of extra walls to prevent wind erosion of

foundations and to prevent drift sand from penetrating the roofs of the houses The problem of wind erosion is receiving continued attention from the Development Board and its consultants

The complaints relating to high water bills were investigated and the necessary adjustments were made

(3) Yes

(a) Six months after the official handing over of the houses

(b) All aspects of construction and materials

(4) Yes

(a) The houses about which complaints were received were repaired The exact number is not known but it was normal for a project of this size

(b)(i) and (ii) The repairs were effected by the contractors concerned at their own cost

(5) No

Mackenzie Street, Cape Town: blocks of flats

*19 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Public Works

(1) Whether the State owns any blocks of flats in Mackenzie Street, Cape Town, if so, (a) which blocks and (b) who occupies each of these blocks,

(2) whether any of these blocks were (a) renovated and/or (b) painted during the past three years, if so, (i) which blocks, (ii) when and (iii) what was the total cost involved,

(3) whether any of these blocks are due to be (a) renovated and/or (b) painted during the next three years, if so, (i) which blocks, (ii) when and (iii) what is the total estimated cost involved?

†The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

(1) No

(2) and (3) Falls away

Hansard
Q-w No. 1496 14/5/85

Soweto: population

*20 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

What was the population of Soweto as at 31 December 1984?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AND OF LAND AFFAIRS

Population statistics in respect of urban Black townships are kept on an annual basis for the period April of the previous year to March of the current year and not on a calender year basis Population figures for Soweto up to 31 March 1985 have not yet been compiled by the local authority concerned and figures are consequently furnished as at 31 March 1984

Male	*Female*	*Children*
180 569	186 055	161 804

Mr H H SCHWARZ Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, would he give some indication as to the basis on which these figures are arrived at because anybody who knows anything about Soweto, must accept these figures as bearing no relation to reality?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, I request the hon member to put this question to the hon the Deputy Minister who is responsible for that on another occasion when he is present in the House

*21 Mr P G SOAL—Co-operation, Development and Education [Reply standing over]

Council dealing with standards/evaluation/certification

*22 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education

(1) Whether he has taken or intends taking steps to establish a council dealing with standards, evaluation and certification, if not, why not, if so, (a) what will be the (i) name and (ii) functions of the council, (b) what categories of educational institutions will be affected by these functions and (c)(i) when will the council come into operation and (ii) where will it be established,

(2) whether any bodies have been or are to be consulted prior to the establishment of this council, if so, what bodies,

(3) whether the establishment of this council will have an effect on the continued existence of the Joint Matriculation Board, if so, what effect,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The Minister of National Education

(1) and (3) Yes The Government has approved a bill with regard to the mentioned matters As this bill is to be submitted to Parliament during the current session, it is not considered advisable to provide fragmented information at this stage

(4) No

(Rest of reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

(2) Yes The following bodies submitted comments on a first draft bill

Department of Education and Culture (Administration House of Assembly)
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Department of Education and Culture (Administration House of Delegates)
Department of Education and Training
Auditor-General
Commission for Administration
Treasury
Committees of Heads of Education Departments
Committee of University Principals
Committee of Technikon Principals
Joint Matriculation Board

Inanda Dam

*23 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Water Affairs

(1) Whether he or members of his Department have (a) been approached by and (b) received any representations from any person or group of persons regarding the utilization of the banks of the Inanda Dam, once it has been completed, for recreational and/or environmental conservation purposes, if so, (i) when, (ii)(aa) by whom were the approaches made and (bb) what proposals were put forward and (iii)(aa) from whom were representations received and (bb) what was the nature of these representations,

(2) whether he will consult other bodies or groups of persons prior to taking a decision on the matter, if not, why not, if so, (a) what other bodies or groups of persons and (b) when is it anticipated that he will take a decision,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS

(1) (a) Yes

(b) No

(i) The dates are unknown, as the enquiries were of an informal nature in the form of telephonic discussions

(ii) (aa) Private individuals and the Natal Chamber of Industries

(bb) No proposals were made The parties concerned were only inter-

Khayelitsha roof-leaks

CAPE TIMES 15/5/85 (12C)

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — Defective roofs and doors, as well as water leaks, at new houses in Khayelitsha were repaired after complaints had been received, Dr Viljoen said in reply to another PFP question Adjustments to water bills were made after complaints about high bills had been received, he said An additional R2 million had also been approved for the construction of extra walls to prevent wind erosion of foundations and to prevent driftsand from penetrating the roofs of houses

R2,5m housing boost for East London

CAPE TOWN — An amount of R2,5 million is to be spent this year on housing for whites in East London, the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, said here yesterday.

There was also the likelihood that the development of North End would be speeded up to make it available for light industrial and commercial purposes before the end of the year

The funds for housing would be spent on.

● Milner Estate R800 000 This would be used for the upgrading of existing housing units

● Stoneydrift R350 000 Thirty-two dwelling units would be erected An application for a further 66 units was also under consideration.

● Garcia Flats R142 000 This would be used for additions and alterations

● A sum of R1,2 million, which would be used mainly for providing housing for the lower income group, had also been allocated by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works The municipality would make representations to the department to finalise approval for appropriate housing schemes

From ROY DOWLING

Mr De Pontes said the money had been made available "despite the present shortage of funds"

A delegation from the East London City Council, consisting of Mrs Elsabe Kemp, chairman of the housing committee, and Mr Ken Martinsen, director of housing, yesterday met the Own Affairs Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works, Mr Ami Venter, and other senior officials in the department for talks over the allocation of funds and the development of North End for industrial and commercial use

Mr De Pontes, who arranged the meeting, said the R1,2 million for lower income housing would be welcomed "by the people who find it difficult to obtain accommodation because of the high prices of housing"

An undertaking had been given that the development of North End, to make land available for purchase by the private sector, was a "top priority" "Urgent discussions will be held to find ways in which this can be achieved in the shortest possible time"

He said there had been "tremendous interest" shown in North End as a light industrial and commercial area and "we cannot delay any longer" The families still living in the area would be provided with alternative housing and would not be affected if the project was speeded up

Mrs Kemp said there was great need for additional low cost housing "We already have a waiting list of 340 families The allocations will go a long way in helping us to achieve the ideal of providing everyone in East London with suitable and affordable housing"

Work on housing project to begin

(124) D. Dispatch 17/5/85

Reports by MATTHEW MOONIEYA

EAST LONDON — Private sector partnership with the government to provide houses for middle-income earners will reach fruition here on Monday when work on a more than R1 million housing project is scheduled to begin

The project, born out of the Good Hope conference and the government's appeal to the private sector for involvement in housing, is being undertaken by a non-profit organisation, Aloe Gardens Housing Association

The association's initial two-phase project will provide 27 brick-under-tile houses in Laban Place in Buffalo Flats Extension 4

The first phase comprises 15 single story houses The first dwelling will be completed by August

The second phase comprises 12 double storey houses

The plot sizes range from 200 to 430 square metres

Prices in the first phase will be from about R43 000 depending on plot size

In an interview, the general manager of the association, Mr Gordon Johnston, announced what he called an exciting package deal for carefully selected buyers

The association will organise the bond in conjunction with building societies which require 20 per cent deposit,

First time buyers are entitled to a 33⅓ per cent government subsidy providing they do not receive any other subsidy,

The chance to live in a carefully selected community where security has been emphasised in the construction

Mr Johnston explained the housing concept and outlined plans for other areas in East London

Buffalo Flats Extension 4 is a deunitised home ownership area and the company took the opportunity to design an integrated housing project offering the best possible level of accommodation at the lowest cost

"A high value was placed on aesthetics and the houses will be well built"

Mr Johnston explained the houses were aimed at families who had been edged out of the market through escalating housing costs

"It is a service based on social responsibility to earners between R800 and R1 700 These people fall out of the ambit of government assistance and are supposed to see to their own housing

"The idea is to fill the gap with a house that the couple can afford and develop as their own home The houses will have all the basic amenities with the idea of leaving room for additions and improvements The association also hopes to cater for the full life cycle in housing young couples, couples with children and pensioned couples

"The houses will be carpeted throughout, fitted with simple light fittings, wooden doors and window frames The kitchen will have basic cupboards with space for the owner to build more cupboards later There is also space in the bedrooms to fit built-in cupboards later

"The bathroom is not fully tiled but has splash tiles around the basins

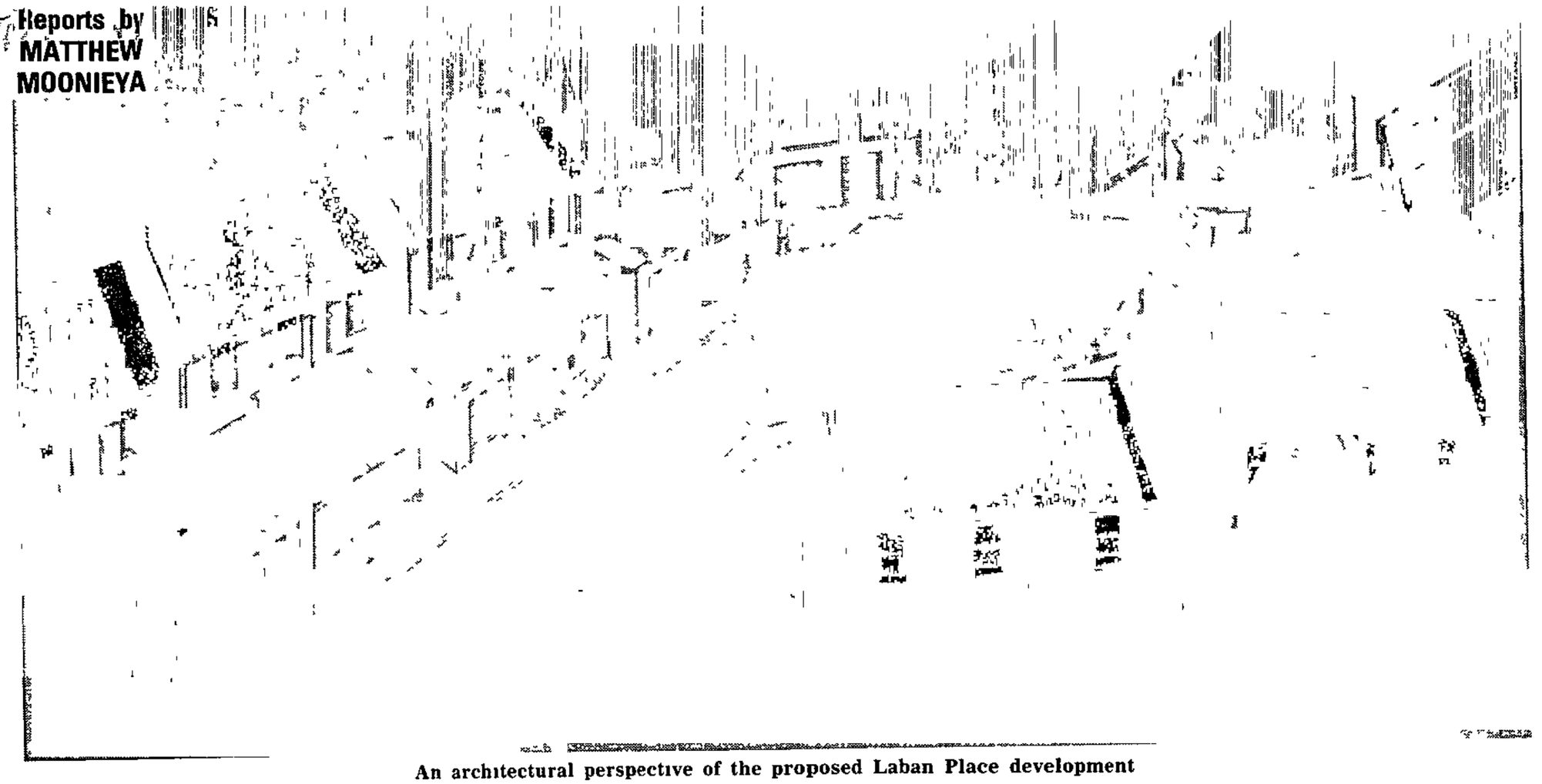
"The emphasis has been on reducing costs while leaving the opportunity for later do-it-yourself improvements The same applies to the roll-up garage door on the pavement which opens onto an open space in the yard but provides security for the owner's car A full garage can be built if required but would obviously cost more"

Mr Johnston announced that similar projects would be built at Braelynn A total of 18 dwellings would be built for middle-income earners in Extension 6 and about 40 for upper middle-income earners in Extension 7

"We are also negotiating for land in the Chiselhurst area where some residents have expressed opposition largely because they did not have the necessary details of the project

"The majority now support the proposal after discussion with the company," he said

The association hoped to look at other areas in East London



An architectural perspective of the proposed Laban Place development

Firm's partnership with govt explained

EAST LONDON — The notion of a housing company in partnership with government has been constantly misconstrued, the general manager of Aloe Gardens Housing Association, Mr Gordon Johnston, said

"The company was born out of a government appeal in 1981 for the private sector to share the responsibility in providing housing for the middle income group

"In response to the appeal, the East London municipality took the initiative and organised a series of meetings and seminars which resulted in a board of directors establishing the association

"The company is established in terms of Section 21 of the Companies Act as "an organisation not for gain"

"At the Good Hope conference, the then Prime Minister, Mr P W Botha, gave his full backing to the concept of the company and promised that the state would use its best endeavours to assist in the formation and assist financially within the limits of its available funds"

Mr Johnston said the company did make a surplus which was used to cover the administrative costs and to be ploughed back into the company to promote its objectives

The essential difference with an ordinary profit-makin company was that it had no shareholders and no dividends were paid The company was also exempt from tax if the government was satisfied with its bona fides

The object of the company was to provide housing at the lowest possible cost and to aim for those markets which the government did not normally assist and the speculative developer did not provide for

"It must be emphasised that the company's role is not to provide low cost housing Our consumer group consists of those whose earnings are in excess of the limits laid down by the National Housing Commission which subsidises housing provided by the municipality, but whose incomes at the same time are not sufficient to enable them to participate in the open market

"We aim to build a range of homes in East London to suit different income levels We hope ultimately to operate throughout the Border

"It must also be emphasised that we do not compete with the municipality or the free market

The directors of Aloe Garden Housing Association are Mr J Orpen (chairman), Mr M Milburn-Pyle (vice-chairman), Mrs E Kemp MPC, Mr A Beaumont, Mr M Belchers, Mr L du Plessis, Mr K Martinsen and Mr R Stanford. — DDR

Plot sizes cause concern

EAST LONDON — Strong opposition was voiced yesterday at a meeting of concerned prospective buyers about the sizes of the 300 homeownership plots in Buffalo Flats and the method of allocation

A committee of prospective buyers was formed yesterday to approach the authorities on the matter

The liaison officer for the committee which will seek an interview with the responsible authorities, Mr Raymond Rayner, said their objection was based on a thorough study of the proposed plans for the area

"The size of the plots is to us clearly unacceptable and according to our information, does not adhere to the responsible authorities' stipulations"

Mr Rayner said they rejected the statement by the deputy city engineer, Mr Fraser Martin, that service costs to a smaller plot were cheaper than costs to a larger plot

Mr Martin had explained the size of the plots to the Coloured Management Committee and had said that the smaller the plot, the cheaper the service costs

Mr Rayner said "To our knowledge, servicing a plot entails supplying water, sewerage and electricity This, we understand, is actually paid by the owner of the plot Additional costs according to our information will only be of benefit to the supplier of the services In this case it is the municipality

"We have also noted Mr Martin's statement that the plots can be consolidated

"The question here is who will bear the cost of the consolidation? We feel that because the size of the plot was not designed by the consumer, it exonerates him from any additional cost Why should the consumer bear the costs for an error in which he had no part?

"If any public official entrusted with onerous public affairs is responsible, then that person should bear the responsibility Costly errors to an entire community should entail drastic action"

Mr Rayner said the high population density factor, and its potential to create slum conditions, should also be considered

"It is a fact that high population density bears with it the potential to create slum conditions Because of this we are surprised that a non-profit organisation such as Aloe Garden Housing Association should lend a hand to a situation which has all the potential to create such a situation To us it creates a hollow claim of social responsibility

"According to our information, a national stipulation is that an owner can build living quarters on only half the size of his plot The question arises whether there are different sets of stipulations for different consumers"

Mr Rayner said the prospective buyers had also objected to the secrecy surrounding the prospective buyers

"Constant requests for a list of prospective buyers have been refused by the municipal authorities We do not understand this refusal

"We have been told that all applicants for plots must present themselves at the Billy Francis Centre in Buffalo Flats on Saturday morning where the plots will be allocated

"We also understand that the plots will be allocated according to a certain system, of which we have no knowledge Our attempts to consult all the prospective buyers have been thwarted by officials by a system of secrecy This to us does not accord with the system of fair play and justice

"We base this assessment on the fact that secrecy in allocation lends itself to all forms of injustices We understand that there are some prospective buyers who already have plots

"This negates the very instruction from the municipality that if a person owns a plot anywhere in South Africa, [illegible] not entitled to another plot Justice must be seen to be done and in accordance with this stipulation which we see as an attempt to see to it that all people have a chance to attain a plot

"If there is no secrecy in the allocation of the plot, we will have no argument in its allocation

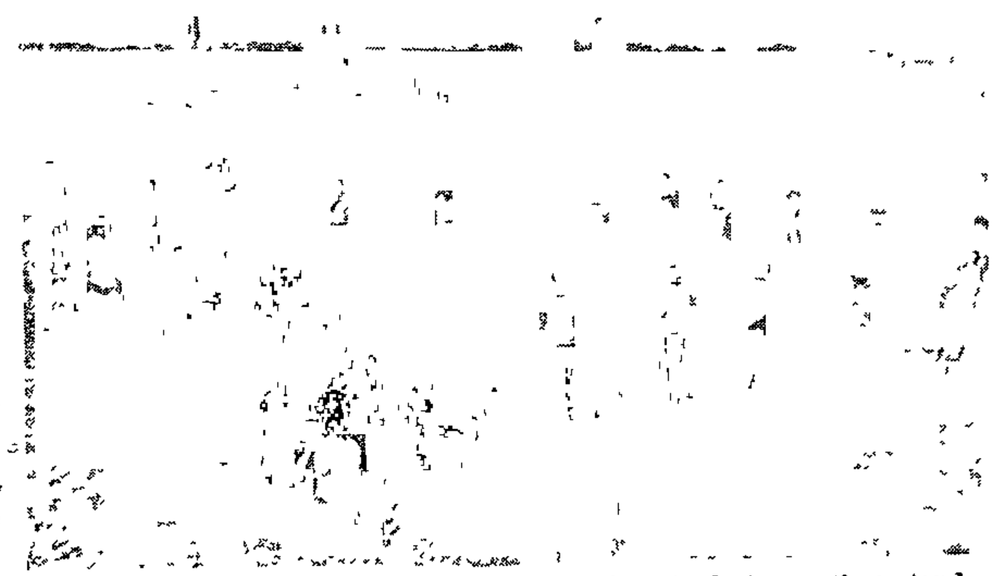
"Openness is to us the essence of the democratic allocation of the plots and allows the due process of fairness to take its rightful course under scrutiny"

Mr Rayner said they also objected to the manner in which the plots had been allocated to companies

"We understand that the authorities have said they erred in not giving the people first opportunity to acquire a plot, but we feel the matter should not end there

"The person who made the error has made an error that is a lifetime scare for the people concerned For such a person to continue in public life in any key position would to us be a grave compounding of the error The necessary action should take its course"

Mr Rayner announced that they would hold further meetings and try to see the authorities on



A group of prospective buyers who attended yesterday's meeting stand around a plot in Buffalo Flats Extension 4 to indicate its size

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Cape Times 21/8/85 ("124/3")

3 158 housing units for blacks

Political Correspondent

A TOTAL of 3 158 housing units for occupation by blacks would be built in the Cape Peninsula this year, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, announced yesterday.

Replying to a written question from Mr Colin Eglin (PFP Sea Point), Dr Viljoen said that at the end of 1984 the estimated shortage of housing for black families in the area was 7 825

He could not say when the housing shortage would be eliminated as this would depend on the availability of funds Dr Viljoen said 1 875 housing units had been built for blacks in 1984

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MGNS 21/5/85

More relief on coloured housing recommended

Political Correspondent

FURTHER relief for coloured tenants and homeowners has been recommended by the House of Representatives and a commission is to carry on a further investigation into coloured housing

The report of a select committee on housing projects has been tabled in the House by the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry

The House today accepted the report

The committee came to the conclusion that rentals should be linked to income only and not to the cost of the project

Administration costs

It recommended that tenants with an income of up to R200 a month should pay one percent, up to R450, three percent, up to R600, five percent, up to R1 000, seven percent, up to R1 500, nine percent, and above R1 501, 11 percent

It also recommended relief measures in respect of contributions to the maintenance, rental reserve and community facility funds, as well as administration costs which are added to rentals

It recommended definite and wider executive powers for management, local affairs and consultative committees

It also felt that these committees should have the final say over land sales and that all plots should be sold at a fixed price and not by public auction or public tender

The committee investigated ways in which the present selling campaign for houses could be promoted

The committee recommended that

- No deposits be required with the sale of houses, and
- Further incentives be tried to esablish community life in order to bring about stability in residential areas and an improvement of the quality of housing by means of the promotion of house ownership

The report follows recent rent-relief grants to recession-hit coloured tenants

Cape Times 21/5/85 (124)

Govt withdraws housing finance

Municipal Reporter

IN a shock move, the government has reversed its decision to provide Cape Town City Council with money for a low-cost coloured housing scheme at Blue Downs.

The Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, told the council yesterday that the State had withdrawn its offer of money for land, the infrastructure and materials for the project

The council has already raised R50-million in overseas loans towards construction of the houses

Mr Curry also told the council that Stellenbosch Divisional Council had withdrawn its agreement to cede the northern part of the area to the Cape Town municipality

Other land originally earmarked for coloured housing, including the area set aside for a nature reserve and land east of the airport, "also now seemed to be no longer available", according to a council statement

The statement says Mr Curry suggested the council "withdraw" from the Blue Downs scheme and that the government negotiate with private developers and other local authorities for the development of the land as housing

The council has expressed "great concern" that it is being "forced" to abandon the scheme "at a time when there is a desperate need for housing" because of the lack of State funds and sufficient land

Mr Curry has suggested that the council consider using its loan funds to develop land within the Cape Town municipal area

He said he would be "prepared to consider any proposals the City Council may wish to make in this regard".

There are currently 37 000 coloured families on the council's housing waiting list

Mrs Eulalie Stott, who chairs the council's housing committee, said last night it was "wretched" to find one could not get enough land or money to build houses when there were thousands of families with small incomes whose lives were "intolerable" because they had no homes of their own.

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Rents delegation brings out riot squad

Staff Reporter

A MISUNDERSTANDING about the number of representatives required for a rents meeting had the police riot squad patrolling the City streets yesterday The squad was put on alert when a group of more than 100 residents of New Crossroads gathered near Adderley Street soon after 3pm and began making their way in small groups to the offices of the Legal Resources Centre at the corner of Long and Church streets

When bright yellow vehicles began to cruise the streets, shops emptied and people began collecting in small groups speculating on what had brought out the police in force However, a spokesman for the Legal Resources Centre explained that the centre had arranged a meeting with "a number of representatives" to discuss the rent increases facing New Crossroads residents

"We were expecting about 17 people but at least 80 turned up," he said

A police spokesman said police had not been aware of the meeting and had taken "precautionary action"

City rates up 17%

Rents, electricity, water up — more increases feared — in tough budget

BY MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

A SHOCK 12 percent rates increase, two electricity tariff increases this year and a rise in rents have been announced in a tough City Council budget.

Electricity tariffs will rise by 10 percent this month and possibly a further 14 percent later in the year

Water tariffs were increased by six percent in April and no further rise is envisaged at this stage

Capital expenditure — excluding the R130,6-million for housing — amounts to R118-million, which is 14 percent more than this year.

Beach control

A key item of capital spending is the 50 percent increase for beach facilities and control measures

Mr Muir said the extra expenditure was accommodated through cutbacks on capital allocations for other services, "a simple example of priority budgeting" which would become increasingly important in future

He said capital spending was falling behind the city's development requirements, but high interest rates were forcing deferment of major projects as well as long-term loans from the money market

Some relieving features were that Government rates payments for the current year were about R1,3-million higher than expected and rates income for 1984/85 about R2-million more than estimated

In addition, stricter control over filling vacancies and creating new posts had shaved about R3-million from last July's estimated salary increase burden of R21,5-million

Presenting the R853,8-million budget for the 1985/86 financial year — "undoubtedly one of the most difficult the city has faced for many years" — the chairman of the executive committee, Mr John Muir, said today he was unable to deliver a message of optimism

The city had been "assailed by the slings and arrows of penal interest rates, soaring inflation and insatiable demands on its purse" It was impossible to provide services and facilities at no extra cost to the ratepayer

Pruning

Fuel and GST increases, inflation, staff salary increases and expansion and maintenance of services had pushed the budget up 21 percent over this year's R704-million package, in spite of being "subjected to a succession of pruning processes", he said

The R132,3-million needed from rates is 16 percent higher than this year's requirement

The general rate goes up from 2,58 to 2,89 cents in the rand and, with last year's 26 percent rebate on residential properties remaining unchanged, the residential rate is being increased from 1,91 to 2,14 cents in the rand

This 12 percent increase is the biggest since 1981 It was eight percent last year Further rebates of 20, 30 and 40 percent to aid the elderly remain unchanged

Rents up

Cape Flats housing rents will rise by about five percent, while spending to meet the growing housing crisis is being increased 38 percent, from this year's R94,2-million to R130,6-million

● More city budget reports, Page 7

Milnerton keeps rise down to 2%

Staff Reporter

THE Milnerton Town Council has restricted its rates increase to two percent for the second successive year

A capital expenditure budget of R7,2-million has been approved, of which R1-million will be spent on completion of the new library complex and R3,1-million on the reconstruction of roads in Table View

Rates are due on July 1, and the payment deadline is September 30

Govt 'confusion, delays' — only 401 houses built

Argus 23/5/85 (124)

Municipal Reporter

GOVERNMENT "confusion and delays" in providing housing funds and approving schemes are the reason for only 401 houses being built last year to meet the accommodation crisis for 38 000 waiting-list families

Presenting Cape Town's budget, executive committee chairman Mr John Muir said "The late allocation of funds totalling R62-million from the National Housing Commission was compounded further by confusion and delays in approvals for specific schemes.

"As a result, intended 'housing starts' were deferred and only R28-million of the allocation was taken up In the light of the critical housing shortage it is, therefore, extremely depressing to, record that only 401 houses were constructed during 1984."

And a question mark is hanging over the huge Blue Downs housing scheme being planned near Kuils River because of difficulties in State financing.

The council is pumping R130,6-million into housing in the new financial year — 38 percent more than this year Rates from the city will contribute about R1,6-million to housing

However, continually increasing day-to-day running costs of the housing service have necessitated a five percent increase in rentals from July

Mr Muir said "Compared with the general level of inflation, this is a modest increase, although any increase is likely to add to the problems of many tenants in the current economic climate."

Some rental relief would be available to tenants who had had salaries cut or had lost jobs

The housing service will cost about R40-million to run during the next financial year — 31 percent more than this year — and will generate income in rents and other charges of about R38,9-million, R10-million higher than 1984/85

Contributions in lieu of rates from housing will be about R5,5-million.

Shock secret report on rents

Cape Times 24/5/85

By EBRAHIM MOOSA

A CONFIDENTIAL Cape Town City Council report has disclosed that high rentals — in contrast to tenants' income — are being paid in some of its housing estates

Yesterday, shocked Labour Party MPs strongly condemned the rentals and vowed to fight for a rental system which was linked to income levels, particularly for the poor

Among the LP MPs who criticized the current rental structure was Mr David Curry, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture

"We cannot have socialism for whites or the 'haves' while the poor must dig up the money to pay for it," Mr Curry said

The report disclosed that tenants occupying economic houses in the coloured areas of Parktown in Athlone paid rents of R150 a month for a three-bedroom home while they had an income of up to R250 a month Those who had an income of between R451 and R650 a month had to pay a rent of R232 a month in the same area

In Bokmakierie, tenants of three-bedroom houses with an income of between R350 and R450 paid rentals of R208 a month

However, in Albow Gardens — a white group area — tenants with an income between R651 and R800 a month paid rentals of R102 a month for a three-bedroom flat

Mr Curry described the City Council as an "oppressive structure" and said it was "killing" the poor

Civil servants

The City Council was aware of the high rentals, he said "Why do they not show the differences in rentals to the public? Why is everything on green papers?

"The government subsidizes everyone — from cabinet ministers, civil servants, university lecturers to teachers, but the most important sector of our society — the poor — have to pay"

A parliamentary select committee report tabled in the House of Representatives this week suggested that rentals be linked to incomes

Mr Peter Mopp (LP Border), a member of the select committee on rentals, said the LP had proposed a uniform pattern of rentals A tenant with an income of R300 for example should pay a rental of 3 percent of his income which ranged between R31 and R39 a month

The LP report suggested that the percentage of income to be spent on rentals should range between 3 and 11,25 percent

It was now up to the Treasury to support the LP's proposals in terms of rentals in the form of subisdies, Mr Mopp said

"If the new deal was to give any meaning to the man in the street, the LP's initiative should be supported by the government," he said

"The government will have to pay for the years of apartheid we had to endure in poverty We want to get our people out of the sub-economic cult because we are tired of administering our own poverty"

Housing: Call for 'reversal'

Cape Times 24/5/85 (12)

Municipal Reporter

THE City's housing crisis can only be alleviated by a "complete reversal" of the government's housing policy, the Exco chairman, Mr John Muir, said at the council's budget meeting yesterday

In a gloomy forecast of prospects for the provision of low-income housing during the coming financial year, Mr Muir said the housing operation needed "a massive ongoing allocation of subsidized capital finance"

"This is a problem that cannot be solved at local-government level, it cannot be solved on a self-help basis, and it cannot be solved by private enterprise," he said

Mr Muir confirmed that the government had allocated only R43m for coloured and Indian housing schemes, with a probable additional allocation of between R8 and R10m

This would do no more than meet existing contractual agreements and would satisfy only a "fraction" of the housing demand

'Stop-go'

Mr Muir criticized the government's "stop-go" approach to the planning of housing and called for a three- to five-year "planning horizon"

"Projects cannot be implemented overnight should funds be provided unexpectedly and neither can they be shelved at a moment's notice if funds dry up"

Cost escalations were continuing to force up the prices of houses so that they were approaching the position where "we may be building houses for the poor that they cannot afford without massive subsidies"

● During the budget debate, a number of councillors slated the government for withdrawing finance for the council's housing project at Blue Downs

Dr John Sonnenburg described the government decision as a "public disgrace"

Rates warning for City

Cape Times 24/5/85

Municipal Reporter

FUTURE rate and tax increases are likely to be "formidable", the chairman of Exco, Mr John Muir, said yesterday

Introducing his budget speech, Mr Muir said the City had been able up to now to restrict rate increases to less than the rate of inflation only by cutting its operating expenditure "to the bone"

"There is absolutely no chance that it will be possible to limit future rate and tariff increases to relatively modest increments," he said

'Formidable'

"On the contrary, I believe that, with the ever-decreasing proportionate subsidies received from the State and the Province and failing the acquisition of supplementary sources of income, future rate increases are likely to be formidable"

Mr Muir criticized a "minority" of citizens who feel the council should be able to provide all desirable facilities "at minimal or no extra cost to the ratepayer"

He said department heads had been instructed to exercise "stringent economy" Original estimates for the 1985/1986 budget from the various departments gave "an honest assessment of service requirements" but had to undergo "a succession of pruning processes"

Blue Downs turnabout slammed

Argus 24/5/85 (12)

Staff Reporter

THE Government's turnabout on the Blue Downs housing scheme was criticised by city councillors during the debate on the City Council budget

The council had raised R50-million through overseas' loans for the planned Blue Downs housing project on the False Bay coast

The Government promised to fund services for the scheme, but announced last week that funds were no longer available

The council's contribution of only 401 homes to the acute Peninsula housing crisis during the past year was described by Mr Tom Walters as a "disgrace"

Mr Gordon Oliver saw this as an "obstructionist attempt by the higher levels of government to thwart our efforts in this city because of a difference in our political and philosophical stand"

Dr J T Sonnenberg said "Nowhere has this new constitutional dispensation been shown to be more ineffectual than in the Blue Downs fiasco"

"The hopes of families waiting for houses have been dashed," he said

Khayelitsha Q-601
24/5/85 1587

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

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Hansard Q. col 1567
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Number of officials in each of the occupational classes seconded to the self governing national states as indicated

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Grassy Park project for self-help housing

Cape Times 13/3/80

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Municipal Reporter

DETAILS of the Divisional Council's first self-help housing scheme in Grassy Park were spelt out yesterday by a senior official who said such schemes could play a very meaningful role in the provision of housing

Speaking at a symposium held by the Urban Foundation and the South African Institute for Housing yesterday, Mr N Maneveld said the Department of Community Development had asked Divco early last year to undertake a pilot self-help project to guage the reaction of the community An amount of R500 000 was made available, he said

'First step'

"The first step was to win the hearts and minds of the community and to encourage them to not only accept the concept but participate in it."

The project would be open to people earning up to R800 a month, he said Interest rates on land and building material loans would be determined on a sliding scale depending on the size of the loan

Participants will not have to pay interest and redemption payments for the first year so that they can make maximum use of wages and savings to cover labour costs during the building of their houses

A R300 participation fee will be charged for drawing up the plans and their approval, preparation of bills of quantities in respect of the building material loans, providing technical advice and for accounting and administrative services

"Participants will have the option of erecting a temporary dwelling on-site during building operations Nightsoil and refuse removal services will be provided on the understanding that the wetcore of the dwelling has to be completed within 12 months," Mr Maneveld said

A bulk store for building materials has been built on site and will be open at all reasonable times

'Creche'

"The store has been designed in such a way that it could be used as a creche or for other community activities on completion of the project. Technical staff will be available at all resonable times during building operations and on-site training will be continuous," he said

Mr Maneveld said participants had been selected from Divco's waiting list for houses

Another Divisional Council official, Mr W Coetzee, said the response to the scheme had been overwhelming

Cape Times 28/5/85 (124)

Give housing subsidies to the poor — Curry

Political Reporter

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES — Housing subsidies enjoyed by the rich should rightfully be given to the poor, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry, said yesterday

Indicating that he was prepared to practice what he preached, he said

"I am prepared to give up my subsidy"

The report of the special select committee on housing projects tabled in Parliament last week was adopted yesterday

Mr Curry pointed out that there were serious discrepancies in the methods by which rentals for coloureds and whites were calculated

Coloured rentals were calculated in terms of the construction costs whereas that of whites was calculated in terms of income, he said

The report suggested that coloured rentals be calculated in terms of the income level of the tenant

In the past the Nationalist government used state funds to improve the living standard of "poor whites" and the same had to be done for coloureds, Mr Curry said

He was aware that this would mean that subsidies would increase

Civil servants, teachers and others received subsidies, "but when it comes to the poor we say it is inflationary"

People living in the townships were "punished twice" since they had to pay a community development fee as well as rates, both of which formed part of their rental

A commission investigating the housing crisis in detail will be appointed, Mr Curry said

The major thrust would be to enable tenants to purchase dwellings at the price of the original erection costs

Deposits to purchase the homes also had to be waived, the report suggested

Those who had been affected by the Group Areas Act will receive special consideration in the allocation of homes

(1) (a) (i) Yes

(ii) Yes

(iii) Yes

(b) Yes

(c) Yes

(aa) Falls away

(bb) Information besides that supplied above is not readily available

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124 Hansard
Khayelitsha 28/5/85
Q. Col. 1607

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(a) Yes

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(b) No.

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Hansard
Unlawful road transportation
Q. Col. 1609 28/5/85

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(a) How many persons or companies charged with alleged unlawful road transportation during each quarter of the 1984-85 financial year were (i) acquitted and (ii) found guilty and (b) what was the sentence imposed on each person or company convicted of this offece?

†The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Transport Affairs) (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

(a) *First quarter—1 April to 30 June 1984*

(i) 138

(ii) 979

Second quarter—1 July to 30 September 1984

(i) 175

(ii) 1 081

Third quarter—1 October to 31 December 1984.

(i) 219

(ii) 1 345

Fourth quarter—1 January to 31 March 1985

(i) 167

(ii) 1 236

(b) The required information cannot be readily ascertained It can, however, be mentioned that the fines imposed by the courts, varied between R100 and R2 000 and amounted in total to R772 452

*5 Mr E K MOORCROFT—Constitutional Development and Planning [Reply standing over

Hansard
Orange/Fish/Sundays River irrigation scheme
Q. Col. 1610 28/5/85

*6 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Water Affairs

(1) Whether additional funds were recently allocated to the Orange/Fish/Sundays River irrigation scheme, if so, (a) what total amount and (b) when,

(2) whether this money will be used to construct the high level canal to Wellington Grove, if not, (a) why not and (b) for what purpose will this money be used,

(3) whether the total area of land available for irrigation purposes under this scheme will be reduced if this canal is not constructed, if so, by how many hectares?

The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS

(1) No the announcement by the State President on 22 April 1985 of the allocation of an additional amount of R6,5 million was in respect of the Lower Sundays River and the Lower Fish River Schemes

(a) and (b) Fall away

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Unlawful road transportation

Q Col 1609 28/5/85

*4 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

(a) How many persons or companies charged with alleged unlawful road transportation during each quarter of the 1984-85 financial year were (i) acquitted and (ii) found guilty and (b) what was the sentence imposed on each person or company convicted of this offece?

†The MINISTER OF MINERAL AND ENERGY AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Transport Affairs) (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

(a) *First quarter—1 April to 30 June 1984*

(i) 138

(ii) 979

Second quarter—1 July to 30 September 1984

(i) 175

(ii) 1 081

Third quarter—1 October to 31 December 1984

(i) 219

(ii) 1 345

fourth quarter—1 January to 31 March 1985

(i) 167

(ii) 1 236

(b) The required information cannot be readily ascertained It can, however be mentioned that the fines imposed by the courts, varied between R100 and R2 000 and amounted in total to R772 452

*5 Mr E K MOORCROFT—Constitutional Development and Planning [Reply standing over

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Orange/Fish/Sundays River irrigation scheme

Q Col 1610 28/5/85

*6 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Water Affairs

(1) Whether additional funds were recently allocated to the Orange/Fish/Sundays River irrigation scheme, if so, (a) what total amount and (b) when,

(2) whether this money will be used to construct the high level canal to Wellington Grove, if not, (a) why not and (b) for what purpose will this money be used,

(3) whether the total area of land available for irrigation purposes under this scheme will be reduced if this canal is not constructed, if so, by how many hectares?

The MINISTER OF WATER AFFAIRS

(1) No the announcement by the State President on 22 April 1985 of the allocation of an additional amount of R6,5 million was in respect of the Lower Sundays River and the Lower Fish River Schemes

(a) and (b) Fall away

(2) No

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Questions for written reply

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Luckhoff

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With reference to his reply to Question No 21 on 15 June 1984, (a) what is the (i) nature and (ii) amount of compensation paid to residents of Luckhoff and (b) to how many persons was compensation paid?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(a) (i) Cash

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(b) 25 persons

Housing/infrastructure

616 Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a)	(i) 649	(b)	(i) R4 478 100	(ii) R2 271 500
	(ii) None		(i) falls away	(ii) Nil
	(iii) 108		(i) R248 400	(ii) R452 030
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The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

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The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

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SPECTRUM ISSUE: Homes crisis

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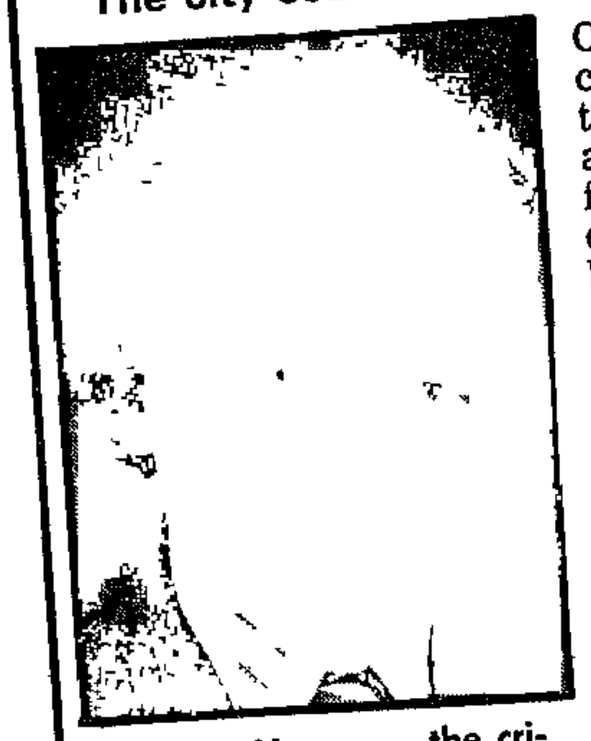
Plea for housing subsidy plan

The city council is caught between the desperate need for houses and an unpredictable supply of funds. By Municipal Reporter MICHAEL MORRIS.



Mr John Muir ... the crisis can be tempered only by a complete reversal of government housing policy

CAPE Town's grave housing crisis has billowed beyond the scope of city resources and a plea has been made for a big Government subsidisation programme to bring it under control

City council plans to tackle the crisis are in a "state of limbo" caught between the desperate need to build thousands of houses and an unpredictable supply of funds directed by a State policy that rejects mass housing provision

Sketching a stark scenario, executive committee chairman Mr John Muir told councillors during his budget speech "There is very little that the council can do to ameliorate the situation, let alone to rectify it"

There was insufficient land, capital sums were so vast they would absorb the city's entire capital budget for many years and the cost of finance would put the price of housing far beyond the means of those who needed it

"This is a problem that cannot be solved at local government level It cannot be solved on a self-help basis and it is unlikely to be solved by private enterprise

"The crisis, and it is nothing less than a crisis, can be tempered only by a complete reversal of Government housing policy and a massive on-going allocation of subsidised capital finance"

Mr Muir observed "It seems incredible that the basic need for shelter seems to rank so unimportantly on the national scale of priorities"

Against the background of a steadily swelling demand for houses — reflected in a growing council waiting list of 38 000 applicants — Mr Muir told the council that only 401 houses were built last year an "extremely depressing record"

Current contracts for about 4 900 houses in various areas would provide some relief but would satisfy only a fraction of the housing demand

However, longer term planning needed to alleviate the housing shortage was not assisted by the State's stop-go policy in allocating finance and approving schemes

Local housing authorities needed a three to five year planning horizon and a guaranteed minimum level of funds for large-scale cost-efficient projects

Uncertainty over funds "presents a distinct impediment in the orderly provision of mass housing"

"Projects cannot be implemented overnight should funds be provided unexpectedly and neither can they be shelved at a moment's notice if funds dry up

"It would be far better to have an assured supply of finance even if this is less than required to meet the need, rather than to have a plan in a state of limbo"

Cost escalation, which continued to force up prices, further reducing housing standards and making affordability questionable, compounded the issue

"Capital costs of R25 000 a house are typical in smaller contracts, requiring minimum monthly rentals of over R50

"A tenant in the R151 to R300 income bracket, however, must find over R150 for his rental, which is impossible without family support

"Large scale contracts bring costs and rentals down but nevertheless we are approaching the position that we may be building houses for the poor that they cannot afford without massive subsidies or without our encouraging overcrowding to boost household income"

CITY/NATIONAL

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Up go rates, refuse and water fees in Bellville

Tygerberg Bureau

BELLVILLE property owners will pay 8,36 percent more in rates from July and refuse removals and water tariffs will increase

According to the municipal budget, approved yesterday, the capital programme for 1985/1986 is R12 089 712 — 7,3 percent higher than last year's

Land will be taxed at 2,538c in the rand (up by 10,35 percent) Residential buildings' taxation goes up to R1,6c/rand (5,96 percent increase) and non-residential building rates go up to 2,01c/rand (9,24 percent increase)

Mr J H J Theart, chairman of Bellville's finance committee, said household refuse removal rates would be increased from R15,84 to R17,76 for each drum every three months The water tariff goes up from 28c to 30c/kilolitre up to 150 kilolitres, and 42c/kilolitre thereafter

He said the rates increases would bring Bellville additional income of R781 632

● Goodwood has not increased property rates

But many property owners in the town will pay more because a revaluation has increased the taxable value of their properties — up to 140 percent in some cases

Firefighting

Some ratepayers could find their bills reduced by the revaluation

At a budget meeting last night the council said firefighting charges would be dropped, but other service tariffs — in common with most other Tygerberg municipalities — will go up

Sewerage services will cost R9 quarterly, an increase of R1

Refuse removal will cost R15 a quarter for twice-weekly service and the water tariff goes up from 29c/kilolitre to 30c/kilolitre

Goodwood's total budget was R10 510 061, a 9,9 percent increase on last year's budget

● Durbanville has raised property rates by 12,5 percent and water tariffs by 10 percent Durbanville's total budget is about R7,4-million

● Kraaifontein property rates increase by 15,6 percent and service tariffs go up by an average of 22 percent

Sewage

Refuse removals increase from R48 to R60 annually, sewage from R120 to R154 annually and water from 37c/kilolitre to 43c/kilolitre

The town's total budget is about R8,3-million

● Brackenfell Municipality has increased property taxation and service tariffs by 7,5 percent The total budget is R4-million, an increase of 9,5 percent on last year's budget

● Kuils River is increasing property rates by 9,7 percent, and service tariffs also go up

The town's budget for next year is R6 265 780

Property rates are discounted by 30 percent for pensioners

Service tariffs for water are increased by 6,45 percent — for the first 50 kilolitres from 31c to 33c/kilolitre Above 50 kilolitres will cost 38c/kilolitre

Sewerage rates go up by 3,19 percent Refuse removal will cost home-owners 9,6 percent more than last year's tariff

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'Small gains in extending bond period'

Financial Editor

THE Government's proposal to allow all building society bonds to be repaid over 30 years will have only a marginal effect on the house-buyer, according to Mr Kingsley Loney, Natal Building Society regional manager for the Western Cape

The proposal is contained in the Financial Institutions Amendment Bill published yesterday

Mr Loney said that at current interest rates the extension of the repayment period of a bond from 20 to 30 years would save the mortgagor about 22c a month for every R1 000 borrowed It would reduce the monthly repayment from R18,17 to R17,95 on every R1 000 to be repaid

Monthly instalments on a R60 000 bond would drop from R1 090,20 to R1 077 — a saving of R13,20

On the other hand, extending the bond from 20 years to 30 years would greatly increase the amount of interest

Repayments on a R60 000 bond over 30 years would total R387 720 The cost of paying off the same bond over 20 years would be R261 648 — a saving of R126 072

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CAPE FLATS RENTS

Landlords 'cashing in . . . charging exorbitant rents'

Staff Reporter SHARKEY ISAACS investigates allegations of excessive rents being charged by some landlords on the Cape Flats.

SOME landlords on the Cape Flats are "cashing in" on the housing shortage and charging tenants exorbitant rents

This claim is made by Miss Lorna Pastor of Mitchell's Plain and Mrs Felicity Rich of Grassy Park who say some landlords are "exploiting desperate home-seekers"

They came face to face with the accommodation crisis while helping an office colleague search for a home

They discovered

● A rent of R110 a month was charged for a room (including R10 for electricity and the use of the telephone) in a house for which the owners paid the council a "rent" of R25 in home ownership scheme

● A renovated single garage, converted into a bedroom, kitchen, bathroom and toilet was let at R250 a month

● About R200 a month was charged for servants' quarters

● Houses in Mitchell's Plain were bought for the sole purpose of re-renting them at a profit and some landlords let them at R300 a month

● The average home seeker spent several months looking for a place to live

● Desperate people grabbed whatever they could get, even if it meant stretching budgets and forcing young mothers to work

They say the housing scarcity has forced many newlyweds and young families to live in servants' quarters and garages converted into flatlets

Miss Pastor said "There is apparently nothing legally wrong with the high rent practice but I feel it is morally wrong for landlords to cash in on the housing shortage"

"Greedy landlords, who say they are being oppressed by the Government, are themselves oppressors of their own people

"They are exploiting people by charging about R110 a month for one room The people who are forced to live in these rooms are those for whom the city council cannot provide houses and who cannot afford to buy their own homes"

Miss Lorna Pastor ... "I feel it is morally wrong for landlords to cash in on the housing shortage."

She also deplored the practice of selling houses at a large profit, citing an example of a house in Mitchell's Plain bought for about R12 000 which had recently fetched about R33 000

"Mitchell's Plain was created to help people without homes of their own to buy houses and selling at big profits is therefore also morally wrong," she said

Mr Stan Fisher, chairman of the Mitchell's Plain Ratepayers' Association, said he was fully aware that high rents were being charged for accommodation and a committee had been appointed to investigate complaints.

● The first home-owners who moved into Mitchell's Plain in 1976 had clauses in their deeds of sale giving the city council a five-year option to buy back houses

A council housing spokesman said transactions after June 1983 included a 10-year pre-emptive clause and a selling deterrent This gave the Government a percentage of profits if a house was sold during the first 10 years

If it was sold in the first year, the owner would have to give 90 percent of the profit to the Government The percentage diminished annually by 10 percent and fell away after 10 years

City Council rent to rise by up to R10

Cape Times 31/5/86 (124)

Municipal Reporter

RENTALS in the City Council's coloured housing estates will increase by up to R10 a month from July this year

Mrs Eulalie Stott, who chairs the council's housing committee, has described the increase as "regrettable"

It was necessitated by increasing running costs resulting from salary and wage increases, the recent increase in rates, higher GST, the petrol price and the shortening of the loan repayment period for the income group R151 to R250 "as determined by the government"

'Difficulties'

The council was aware of the financial difficulties facing tenants and had decided to limit all increases to a maximum of R10 a month

In Mitchells Plain, where rentals were already high, the increase would be limited to a maximum of R7 50

People earning between R151 and R250 a month, who will have to carry the burden of the govenment's amended rental policy, would have to a pay a maximum of R5 a month more

Mrs Stott said the council had increased the maintenance contribution from the rates account by 50 percent

This was necessary as the government had not changed the maximum amount for maintenance allowed to be included in rentals and unless more money was provided, maintenance work carried out by the council would be reduced to an "unacceptable level"

However, ratepayers could not be asked to contribute more to running the housing estates when they were also faced with problems of "fixed income, unemployment and short time"

● The City Council must "fight the government" for more money and land for housing, the chairman of the executive committee, Mr John Muir, said yesterday

Mr Muir told the council's monthly meeting that the need for houses was so critical that the council could not stop fighting "even if it is up against a brick wall"

The council has requested a meeting with the State President, Mr P W Botha, the Minister of Finance, Dr Barend du Plessis, and the Minister of Local Government, Agriculture and Housing, Mr David Curry, to discuss State aid for housing

The City has a current housing backlog of almost 38 000 units

Mr Muir described as "unrewarding and disappointing" last month's meeting with Mr Curry, in which he informed the council that the government had decided not to help finance the 8 000-house Blue Downs scheme

However, Mr Muir said, the council must "disregard the fact that it had been categorically informed by a number of people that it would not get more money for housing"

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Atlantis can't pa

Health fears after year without water

By ROBERT HOUWING
Weekend Argus Reporter

RESIDENTS of strife-torn Atlantis who cannot afford to pay their water bills have had their supply cut off by the Divisional Council and fear health difficulties — particularly for their children

Some residents of the depressed town — plagued by unemployment and mass retrenchments — have been without water for up to a year but a number had their supplies stopped this week

The Divisional Council, which responds to Press queries by telex, said the connections were cut "due to non-payment of accounts — this is the council's normal practice'

Many residents approached said they couldn't afford to pay for their water at the same time as other essentials like the rent, lights and electricity

Survival

"We are fighting a battle for survival, it boils down to a monthly choice between these and food for some people," said Mrs Sylvia Brand, a community worker in the Atlantis Residents' Association

"You will understand why residents can't pay their water accounts when you go to the supermarket here and see their children picking up scraps from the bread-cutting machine

"There are literally hundreds of people here in arrears with the council, which shows no sympathy at all and controls our way of life"

She said many of the families without water suffered through the main breadwinner being unemployed "Once the water has been cut off it is particularly difficult to get it back due to the R10 reconnection fee'

Mrs Brand said residents without water were "terribly anxious" about their children's wellbeing "It s so unhealthy not being able to wash properly or flush the toilet, particularly when the children get upset stomachs"

The Divisional Council's deputy medical officer of health, Dr S Fisher, said those whose supplies were cut off "always had neighbours" so he did not envisage health problems

Dr Fisher said the council's health division was kept informed of water stoppages, and that if health problems seemed likely, the supply would be "immediately restored"

Mrs Brand said neighbours were "not always co-operative," and that they sometimes locked their taps in the evenings

Five months

A resident in Penelope Street, Mrs Elizabeth Coenraad, has five children and has been without water for the last 10 days and without lights for five months

Another Penelope Street resident, Mrs Alette Moses, said she was also without water and had to collect it in buckets from her mother's house in another part of Atlantis

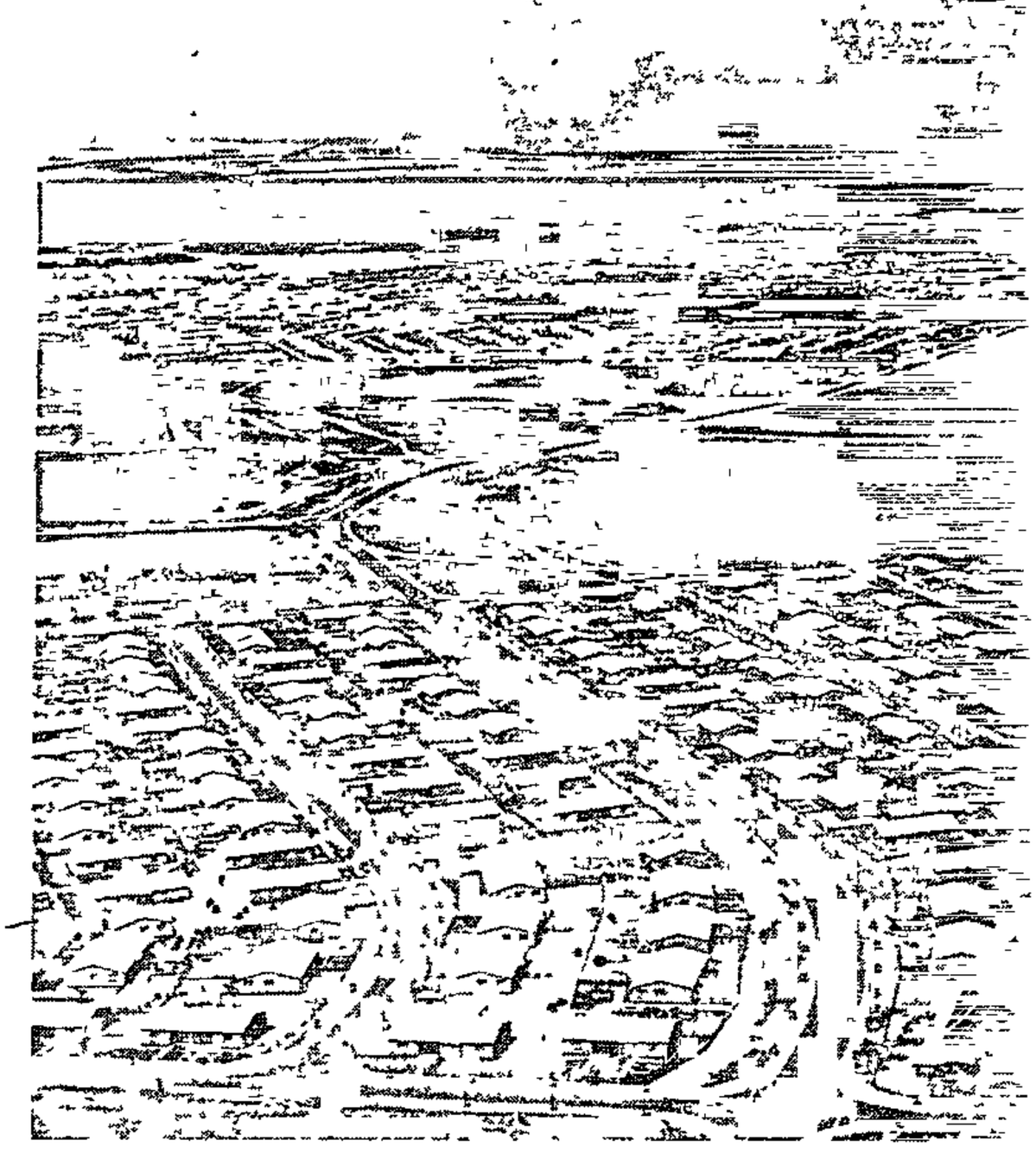
Mr Willem Peters, of Bittern Crescent, said he had been without water since Monday "Fortunately my neighbours are very good to me, but at night I have to walk into the bushes to go to the toilet For hot water, I have to make fires outside"

A Geranium Crescent resident, Mrs Miriam Jacobs, has not had water for a full year, and uses that of her neighbour, with whom she shares the cost

She suffers from heart trouble and is pregnant with her second child, but carries heavy buckets between the two houses

Mrs Susan Green, a mother of six from the same area, was visited by a council employee at 8 15 on Thursday morning "He told me I was in debt and immediately cut the supply — he wouldn't even allow me to fill up a final bath of hot water"

The secretary of the Residents' Association, Mrs Sybil McKinna, said even those with a regular water supply experienced problems "The water is often brackish — I have to boil mine before I can drink it"



An aerial view of the sprawling tow

Only 20pc gain urban rights

Staff Reporter

ONLY one in five migrant workers in the Western Cape who applied for permanent urban rights under the Rikhoto court ruling over a 20-month period had been granted this status

This is one of the key findings of the latest publication from the University of Cape Town's Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU)

According to Mr Mandla Seleoane author of the SALDRU publication Nyanga East Men's Hostels The Condition Of Migrant Workers', only 2 226 or 21,3 percent of the 10 474 applications for permanent urban rights received between July 1983 and February 1985 were approved

Acclaimed as breakthrough

Nearly 70 percent of the applications (7 230) were rejected and 1 018, or 9 7 percent, were still under investigation

The Rikhoto ruling of 1981 in which permanent urban rights were granted to migrant worker Mr Tom Rikhoto, was widely acclaimed at the time as a breakthrough for more than 140 000 migrant workers then in urban areas

In terms of the ruling annual vacations to renew employment contracts did not constitute breaks in the continuous employment — either with one employer for 10 years or in the same area for 15 years — required by law to gain Section 10 (1) (b) rights

However, complicated application procedures and "extremely narrow administration board interpretation" of the ruling have prevented thousands of migrant workers from gaining permanent urban rights, Mr Seleoane found

He estimated that 77 percent of those he interviewed while researching the conditions of migrant workers were eligible for these rights

"The bureaucratic attitude to the acquisition of 'Rikhoto rights', therefore has stood the government in good stead in ensuring that the number of people applying for these rights, to say nothing of those who acquire them, does not escalate," said Mr Seleoane

His study into the Western Cape hostels, home to more than 25 000 people, concluded that overcrowding was inevitable under current conditions

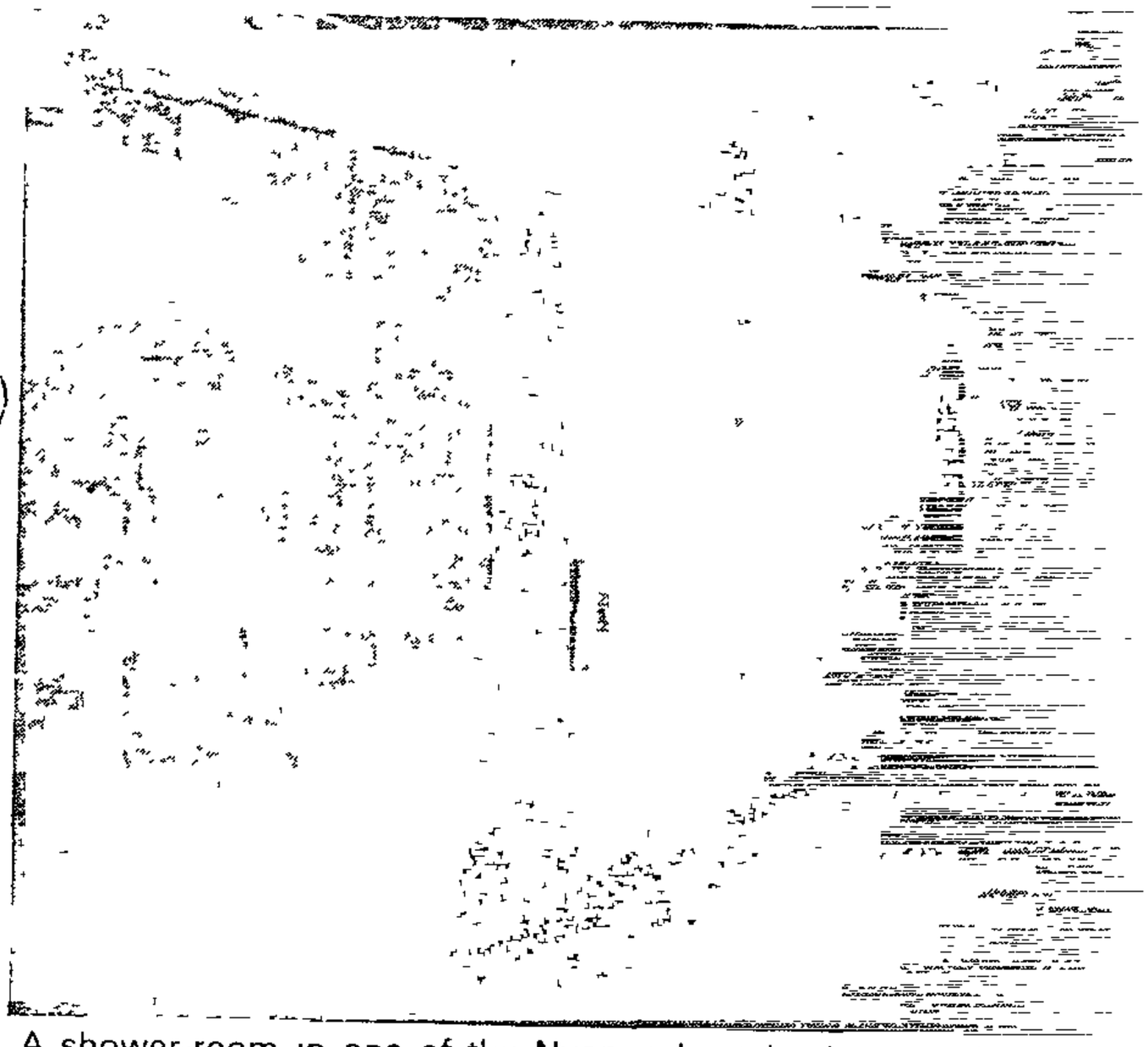
Separated by ceiling boards

He found that in one hostel 356 people occupied 245 beds, including a number of double-bunk beds

In a "room", measuring about four metres by 2½ metres and separated from the next by cardboard boxes or ceiling boards, were between one and four beds and on average three to four people

Other major findings of the study include

Most hostellers pay for and do their own repairs to hostels most installed their own ceilings to protect belongings from dirt falling from asbestos roofs, most hostel blocks had only one or two taps, many toilets in hostel blocks were out of order, very few hostel rooms have electricity (seven out of 96 rooms), and street lamps in areas where hostels are located are seldom in operation ("for the two months during which the interviews were conducted, there was not one night on which these lamps were on")



A shower-room in one of the Nyanga hostels showing the poor c facilities endured by many hostel-dwellers

Professor Francis Wilson (left), director of the Southern Africa Labour Research Unit (SALDRU), hands over a research paper to Mr Super Nkati Mpukumpa (right and far right), who represent the Western Cape Men's The newly-formed association, to be launched today, commissioned S, the paper which will be used in its campaign for improved living co residents Next to Professor Wilson is Mr Mandla Seleoane, autho

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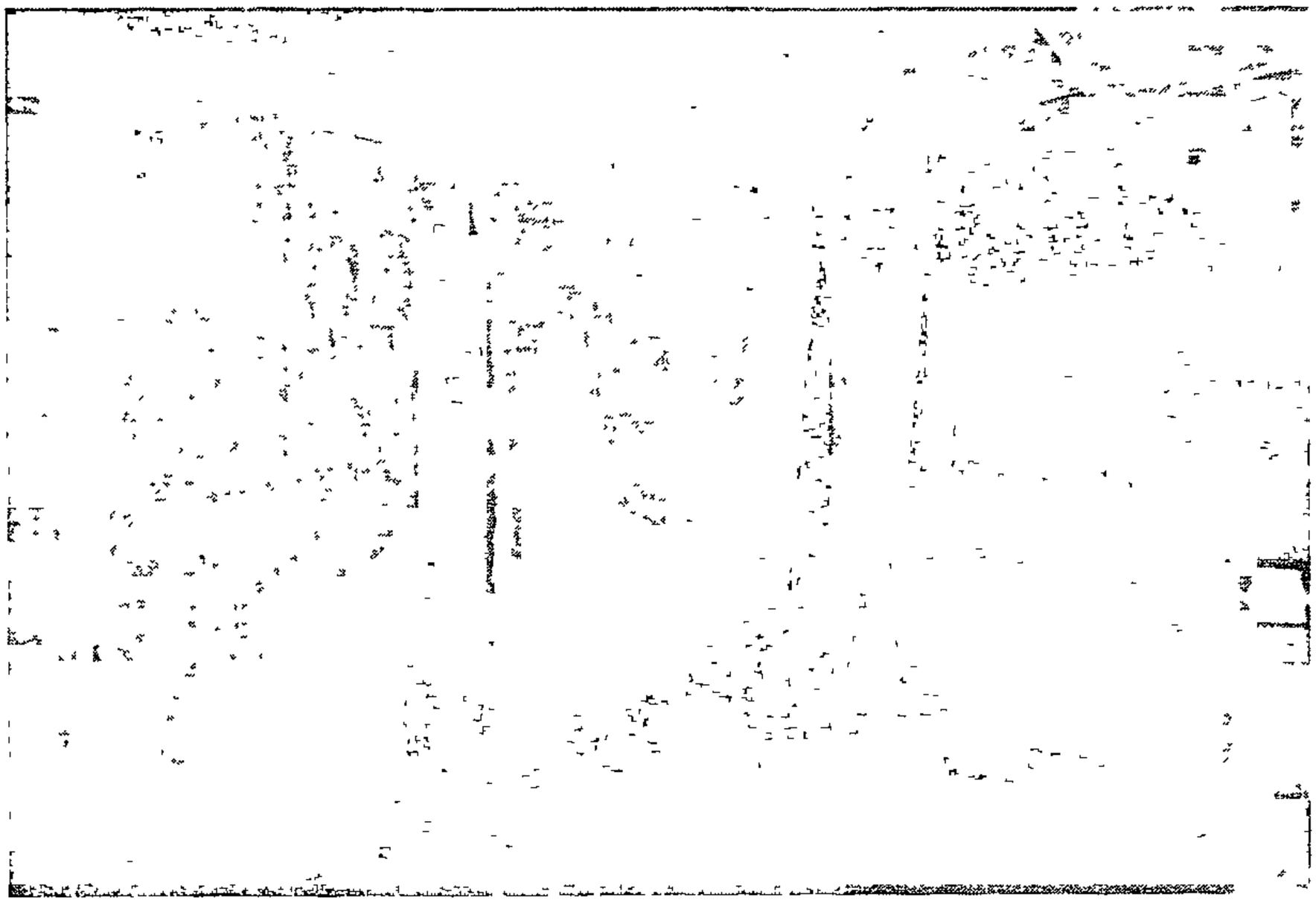

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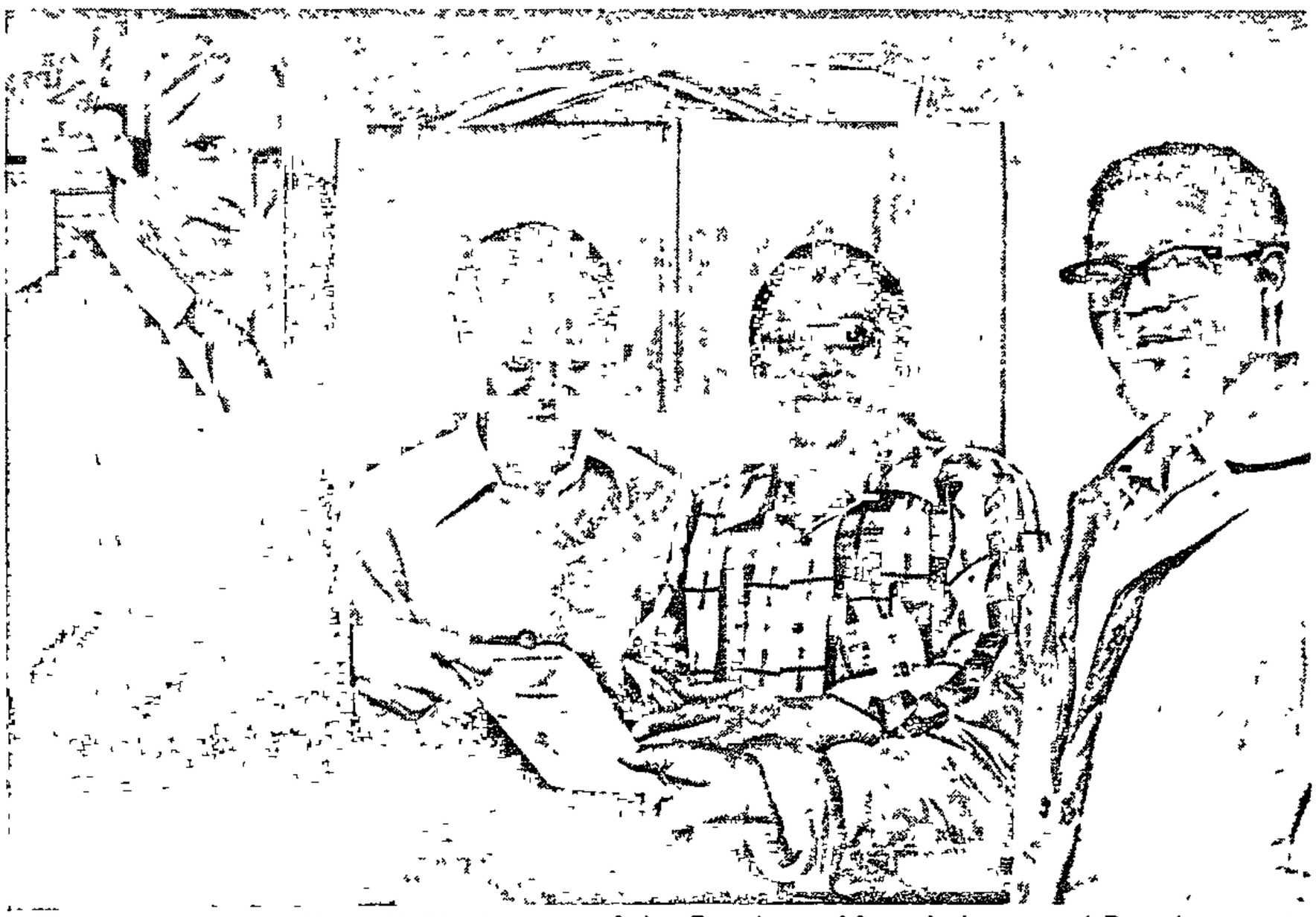

Professor Francis Wilson (left), director of the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU), hands over a research paper to Mr Super Nkathzo and Mr Johnson Mpukumpa (right and far right), who represent the Western Cape Men's Hotel Association The newly-formed association, to be launched today, commissioned SALDRU to research the paper which will be used in its campaign for improved living conditions for hostel residents Next to Professor Wilson is Mr Mandla Seleoane, author of the paper

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Workers claim hostels inhuman

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE "inhuman" conditions in single-sex hostels and the destruction of family life by influx-control laws were highlighted at the launching of the Western Cape Men's Hostel Association (WCMHA) at the weekend

Almost a thousand migrant workers gathered in and around the Presbyterian Church Hall in Langa on Saturday to register their support for the founding of the first community organization geared primarily to fight for the rights of migrant workers in the black townships

The launch of the WCMHA, which dedicated itself to fighting for a better deal for the roughly 25 000 hostel dwellers of the Western Cape, was also attended by representatives of various trade unions, churches, community bodies, Azapo, the Black Sash and local universities Messages of support were also received from a number of community organizations, including the UDF

'Horrible'

Mr Andy Johnson, spokesman for several Western Cape unions, said the "horrible conditions" that prevailed in single-sex hostels — including gross overcrowding, lack of privacy and separation from families — were not chosen by workers

"Workers are forced to live in hostels because the government, through the influx-control laws, ensures that all Africans who want to come to the 'white' areas can be controlled

"These laws form the cornerstone of apartheid in that they enforce the government's divide-and-rule policy," he said

Mr Johnson said influx-control laws could also be blamed for the faction fighting and killing that took place in the compounds, because the system was responsible for migrant labourers living under constant stress

The WCMHA publicity secretary, Mr Johnson Mpukumpa, said the burning issue facing the association was how to reunite with their families bachelors at present confined to single-sex hostels

Despite the "inhuman and cramped" conditions hostel dwellers had to endure, they paid among the highest rents in the Western Cape, he said

Hostel accommodation often lacked ceilings, lights and many other facilities

"People who live under these conditions must have one voice to be listened to by those in power The time has come for someone to stand up for the rights of the migrant worker"

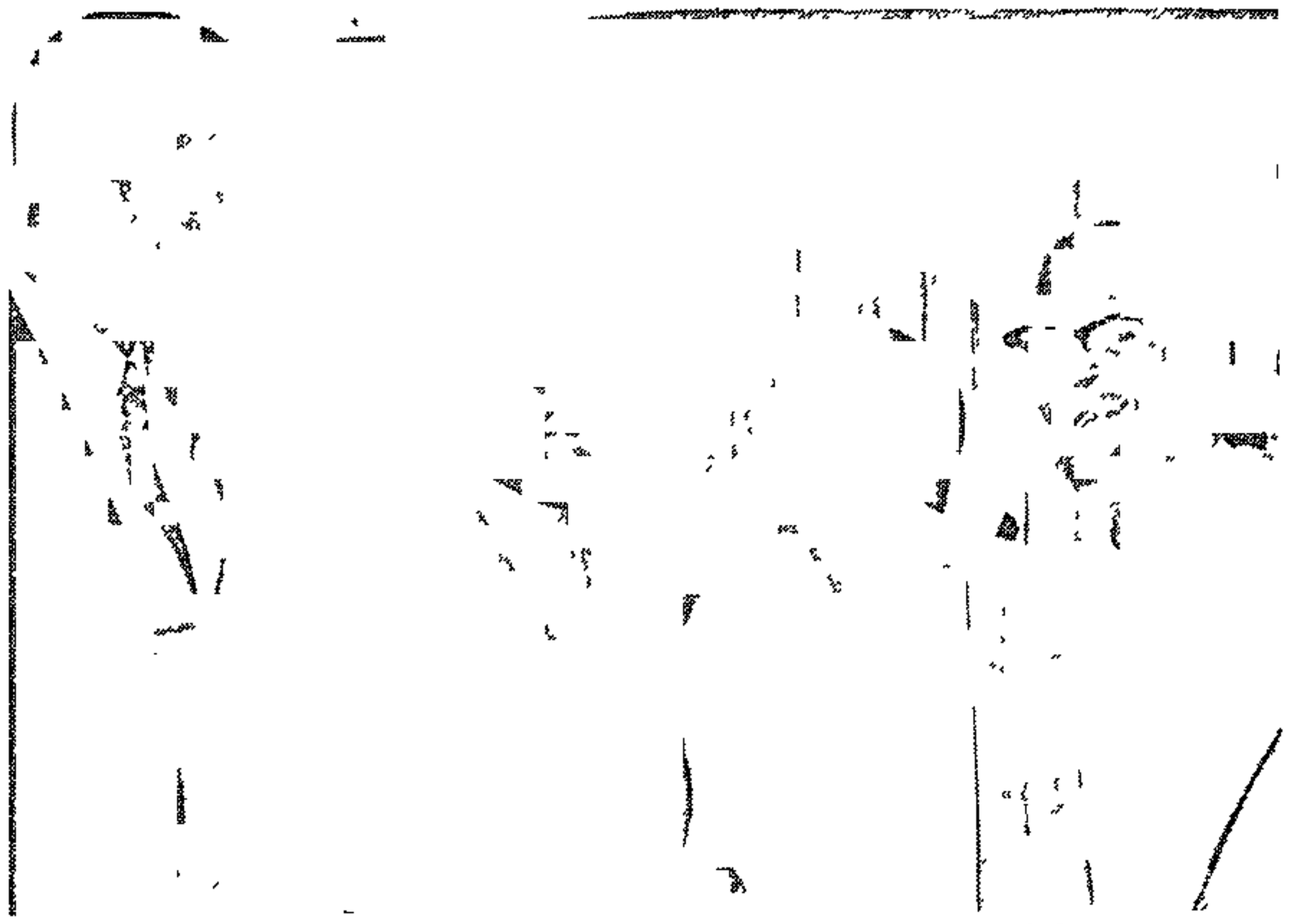
Mr Walter Lefuma of the Western Cape Civic Association said that in the past, migrant workers had often not been united with other community organizations in their struggle against injustice

'Struggle'

"South Africa belongs to all of us and it is important that WCMHA has now joined the struggle They have come back to the people and we welcome the WCMHA into the fold"

Bishop Patrick Matolengwe said the hostel system violated Christian principle because it forced husband and wife to live apart "We must not rest before we can get the right to live with our families," he declared

The WCMHA elected the following office-bearers at the weekend Mr Clarence Mahamba (chairman), Mr Welcome Zenzile (vice-chairman), Mr Super Nkatazo (secretary), Mr Willard Nodlela (assistant secretary), Mr Nicolas Maphundu (treasurer), Mr Johnson Mpukumpa (publicity secretary and organizer) and Mr Lucas Mbebe, Mr Robert Qhubilanga, Mr Samson Phike and Mr Stanford Gatyeni (committee members)



Executive members of the Western Cape Men's Hostel Association welcome guest speaker Bishop Patrick Matolengwe (second from left) at the launching of the association at the Presbyterian Church Hall in Nyanga on Saturday The WCMHA's newly elected office bearers are (from left) Mr Clarence Mahamba (chairman), Mr Super Nkatazo (secretary) and Mr Johnson Mpukumpa (publicity secretary and organizer)

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Q. Col. 1671 4/6/85

Maize

*23. Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Agricultural Economics·

(1) Whether any maize was imported into South Africa in 1984; if so, who initiated these imports,

(2) Whether any South African shipping lines were asked to transport any of this maize; if not, why not, if so, which shipping lines,

(3) whether any South African insurance companies were asked to submit quotations for the insurance of these shipments, if not, why not, if so, which insurance companies,

(4) whether the charters were arranged from South Africa, if so,

(5) whether this was done in order to keep the brokerage fee in South Africa, if not, why not,

(6) (a) what was the landed cost of the maize in South Africa, including insurance costs but excluding dock charges or wharfage, and (b) what percentage of this amount was paid to South African organizations?

†The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

(1) Yes, the Maize Baord

(2) and (3) No, the maize was imported on a c i f basis

(4) No, the charters were arranged by the sellers.

(5) The maize was imported on a c.i.f basis

(6) (a) The average c i f price was R235,84 per ton for the 1984/85 season

(b) Payment of the c.i f. price was made to local registered companies in all cases.

Q. Col 1672 4/6/85

Old Crossroads: unrest

*24. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether certain persons, whose names have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, were killed during the unrest in and around Old Crossroads during the period 18 to 20 February 1985, if not, which of these persons were not killed,

(2) whether inquests were or are to be held in respect of all persons killed in this unrest, if not, (a) why not and (b) in respect of which cases will inquests not be held,

(3) whether any inquests had been held as at the latest specified date for which figures are available, if so, (a) what were the names of each of the persons concerned, (b) when was each inquest held and (c) what were the findings in each case,

(4) whether the family of the person concerned was represented at the inquest in each case, if not, why not,

(5) whether any action has been taken as a result of the inquest findings, if so, what action,

(6) whether any inquests have yet to take place, if so, (a) why, (b) what are the names of the persons concerned and (c) when is the inquest due to take place in each case?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes, except B Yengwa and A Arosi of whom the police have no knowledge and M Kelly and N Pini who died on 26 March 1985 and 22 February 1985, respectivtely, but who could not be connected with the riot situation

(2) Yes, inquests will be held in all the cases.

(3) No, the cases are still being investigated

(4), (5) and (6) Fall away

Mr K M ANDREW· Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he tell me by when it is anticipated that these inquests will have been held?

The MINISTER Mr Speaker, these matters are being expedited as far as possible but unfortunately I, cannot give the hon member any date at this stage

Wine: cartels/other restrictive trade practices

*25 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Trade and Industry

(1) Whether his Department and/or the Competition Board has received any representations concerning the alleged existence of (a) cartels and (b) other restrictive trade practices in respect of the (i) retail and (ii) wholesale distribution or sale of wine in the Western Cape, if so, (aa) when, (bb) what was the nature of the representations, (cc) what action was taken as a result and (dd) to what effect was such action taken, if not,

(2) whether any investigations have been undertaken in this regard, of so,

(3) whether these investigations have been completed, if not, when is it anticipated that they will be completed, if so, (a) when and (b) what were the findings,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS (for the Minister of Trade and Industry)

(1) (a) and (b) No

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Q. Col 1674 4/6/85

Portland Cement site

*26 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education·

(1) Whether, with reference to his replies to Question No 108 on 14 March 1985 and Question No 26 on 19 March 1985, the (a) Portland Cement site (bordering on Nyanga) and (b) 26 hectares of privately owned land adjacent to Old Crossroads were offered to his Department or the Western Cape Development Board during the past five years, if so, (i)(aa) for what purposes, (bb) on what terms and conditions and (cc) on what dates were these offers made and (ii) what was the response to these offers,

(2) whether his Department or the Western Cape Development Board is the owner of the above-mentioned pieces of land if not,

(3) whether he will furnish the House with the names of the owners concerned, if so, who are the owners,

(4) what is the size of the Portland Cement site referred to above,

(5) whether his Department or the Western Cape Development Board has made any approaches to (a) purchase and/or (b) lease these sites, if so, (i) on what dates, (ii) what was the nature of the approaches made and (iii) what was the outcome, if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a) and (b) Yes, but it must be pointed out that the Portland Cement site bordering on Nyanga and the 26 hectares of privately owned land adjacent to Old Crossroads, referred to in the question, are in fact one and the same piece of land

(i) (aa) For lease

(bb) At a nominal rental for an unspecified period

(cc) 20 September 1984

(ii) The Western Cape Development Board made contact with the Portland Cement Company and negotiations are in progress

(2) No

(3) National Portland Cement Company Limited

(4) Approximately 26 hectares

(5) Because until recently, due to the large-scale planning of development at Khayelitsha, land in the area was not needed the Department of Co-operation and Development and the Development Board did not take the initiative to acquire land. The owner, however, offered the land and negotiations about it are now taking place

South African National Boxing Control Board

*27 Mr M A TARR asked the Minister of National Education

Whether his Department is involved in the appointment of members to the South African National Boxing Control Board, if so, (a) what is the nature of this involvement and (b) in respect of how many members of the said Board is his Department so involved?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (for the Minister of National Education)

Yes

(a) The Department is only involved administratively. Appointments are made by the Minister.

(b) In terms of section 4(2) of the Boxing and Wrestling Control Act (Act 39 of 1954), the Minister appoints two persons of whom he designates one as chairman, as well as four members nominated by the different provincial boxing control boards.

Commission of Inquiry into the Promotion of the Creative Arts

*28 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education

(1) Whether the Government intends to issue a White Paper on the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Promotion of the Creative Arts, if not, why not, if so,

(2) whether members of the public will be afforded an opportunity of (a) making representations on and (b) reacting to this report prior to the issuing of the White Paper, if not, why not, if so, when,

(3) whether any organizations have been invited to react to this report, if so, which organizations,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

(1) So far, no decision has been taken in this regard. After the report has been studied together with the recommendations and comments received from the organizations concerned, the Government will decide whether or not to issue a White Paper.

(2) The report has been available from the Government Printer since its Tabling and any person may comment or make representations thereon

(3) The following interested organizations were requested to comment:

all universities
all Technikons
HSRC
SABC

Co-ordinating Performing Arts (SACPAC)
Regional Councils for the Performing Arts
The Treasury
all Government Departments
Provincial Administrations
Declared Cultural Institutes
Federasie van Afrikaanse Kultuurverenigings
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SA Artists' Guild
SA Music Rights Organization (SAMRO)
Dramatic, Artistic and Literary Rights Organization (DALRO)
SA National Youth Orchestra Foundation
SA German Cultural Association
1820 Settlers Foundation
Margo Commission

(4) No

Own Affairs

Rent Control Act: amendments

*1. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works:

Whether he intends issuing a proclamation in terms of the Rent Control Act, No 80 of 1976, to amend the (a) income limits applicable to persons qualifying for protection in terms of the said Act and (b) definition of "monthly income" as set out in Proclamation No 99 of 1983, if not, why not in each case; if so, (i) what will be the purport of these amendments, and (ii) when will they be effected, in each case?

†The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(a) and (b) I informed the hon member by letter on 14 February 1985 that while it is possible that the State President may on my recommendation by means of a proclamation extend the provisions of the Rent Control Act No 80 of 1976, by raising the income limit for protected tenants, this matter could not be pursued further until in-depth research had indicated the desirability of such an action During the discussion of my Vote the hon member was given the assurance that his proposals are being considered

The income limits and definition of monthly income are closely related and as this is a complex matter requiring thorough investigation it is not possible at this stage to furnish the information called for

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Minister's reply can he explain to us why the income levels applicable is a complicated matter when inflation is fairly simple to calculate?

The MINISTER Mr Speaker, the reply is indeed not simple In fact, I should like to give the hon member more information on this The reasons are extensive and I will inform the hon member in this connection on a later occasion after the investigation

*2. Mr R M BURROWS—Education and Culture—[Reply standing over]

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For written reply
General Affairs

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National states: employment opportunities

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It is to be hoped that the Association will make headway in securing improvements But the ultimate goal is achievement of the right of family life for all workers The hostel-dwellers are to be congratulated on their initiative It is gratifying to note that they are also intent upon establishing good relations with the more established inhabitants in the black townships and are determined to avoid the tensions between migrants and urban Africans which have caused friction in the past All this should contribute to the maintenance of peace in the Cape Peninsula townships Happily, the endemic disorder of the Eastern Cape and the Vaal Triangle has not taken root in the Western Province Let it stay that way

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NE 1/B/6/1	R8,67-R14,14	R60,96	R81,82	R99,69	R119,01
8	R8,67-R14,14	R53,84	R72,27	R88,05	R105,12
1A/T	R8,67-R14,14	R37,14	R49,85	R60,74	R72,51
2A/T	R8,67-R14,14	R47,31	R63,51	R77,38	R92,38
3A/T	R8,67-R14,14	R55,09	R73,94	R90,09	R107,56

After the completion of New Crossroads in 1982 an agreement was reached between the Residents Committee, the Western Cape Development Board, the Department of Community Development and the Department of Co-operation and Development according to which it was agreed that an economically justifiable rent would not be introduced, but that all residents would initially pay the rent as laid down in the table for tenants earning less than R150 a month

This rental would be increased annually at the rate of R6,00 per month until the tenant paid the rent applicable to the income group in which he falls, as is set out in the table

Rentals were consequently adjusted upwards by R6,00 per month annually in respect of tenants in the income groups above R150 a month, while tenants with an income of less than R150 a month still pay the minimum rental

(b) Service charges—R9,62 a month

(2) (a) (i) and (ii) No The rentals were not increased but were introduced gradually as is set out in (1)(a) above

(b) Service charges remained constant at R9,62 a month

(3) (a) and (b) The Residents' Committee agreed in 1982 to the arrangement and to its gradual introduction

Hansard

Trading licences

Q. 61 1702 4/6/85

870 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 718 on 26 April 1985, he will furnish information on trading licences in

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Maize

*23 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Agricultural Economics

(1) Whether any maize was imported into South Africa in 1984; if so, who initiated these imports,

(2) Whether any South African shipping lines were asked to transport any of this maize, if not, why not, if so, which shipping lines,

(3) whether any South African insurance companies were asked to submit quotations for the insurance of these shipments, if not, why not, if so, which insurance companies,

(4) whether the charters were arranged from South Africa, if so,

(5) whether this was done in order to keep the brokerage fee in South Africa, if not, why not,

(6) (a) what was the landed cost of the maize in South Africa, including insurance costs but excluding dock charges or wharfage, and (b) what percentage of this amount was paid to South African organizations?

†The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS.

(1) Yes, the Maize Board

(2) and (3) No, the maize was imported on a c i f basis

(4) No, the charters were arranged by the sellers

(5) The maize was imported on a c i f basis

(6) (a) The average c i f price was R235,84 per ton for the 1984/85 season

(b) Payment of the c i f price was made to local registered companies in all cases.

Old Crossroads, unrest

*24 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether certain persons, whose names have been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, were killed during the unrest in and around Old Crossroads during the period 18 to 20 February 1985, if not, which of these persons were not killed,

(2) whether inquests were or are to be held in respect of all persons killed in this unrest, if not, (a) why not and (b) in respect of which cases will inquests not be held,

(3) whether any inquests had been held as at the latest specified date for which figures are available, if so, (a) what were the names of each of the persons concerned, (b) when was each inquest held and (c) what were the findings in each case,

(4) whether the family of the person concerned was represented at the inquest in each case, if not, why not,

(5) whether any action has been taken as a result of the inquest findings, if so, what action,

(6) whether any inquests have yet to take place, if so, (a) why, (b) what are the names of the persons concerned and (c) when is the inquest due to take place in each case?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes, except B Yengwa and A Arosi of whom the police have no knowledge and M Kelly and N Pini who died on 26 March 1985 and 22 February 1985, respectively, but who could not be connected with the riot situation

(2) Yes, inquests will be held in all the cases

(3) No, the cases are still being investigated

(4), (5) and (6) Fall away

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, can he tell me by when it is anticipated that these inquests will have been held?

The MINISTER Mr Speaker, these matters are being expedited as far as possible but unfortunately I, cannot give the hon member any date at this stage

Wine, cartels/other restrictive trade practices

*25 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Trade and Industry

(1) Whether his Department and/or the Competition Board has received any representations concerning the alleged existence of (a) cartels and (b) other restrictive trade practices in respect of the (i) retail and (ii) wholesale distribution or sale of wine in the Western Cape, if so, (aa) when, (bb) what was the nature of the representations, (cc) what action was taken as a result and (dd) to what effect was such action taken, if not,

(2) whether any investigations have been undertaken in this regard, of so,

(3) whether these investigations have been completed, if not, when is it anticipated that they will be completed, if so, (a) when and (b) what were the findings,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS (for the Minister of Trade and Industry)

(1) (a) and (b) No

(1) (aa) to (dd) Fall away

(2), (3) aan (4) Fall away

Portland Cement site

*26 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) Whether, with reference to his replies to Question No 108 on 14 March 1985 and Question No 26 on 19 March 1985, the (a) Portland Cement site (bordering on Nyanga) and (b) 26 hectares of privately owned land adjacent to Old Crossroads were offered to his Department or the Western Cape Development Board during the past five years, if so, (i)(aa) for what purposes, (bb) on what terms and conditions and (cc) on what dates were these offers made and (ii) what was the response to these offers,

(2) whether his Department or the Western Cape Development Board is the owner of the above-mentioned pieces of land, if not,

(3) whether he will furnish the House with the names of the owners concerned, if so, who are the owners,

(4) what is the size of the Portland Cement site referred to above,

(5) whether his Department or the Western Cape Development Board has made any approaches to (a) purchase and/or (b) lease these sites, if so, (i) on what dates, (ii) what was the nature of the approaches made and (iii) what was the outcome, if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a) and (b) Yes, but it must be pointed out that the Portland Cement site bordering on Nyanga and the 26 hectares of privately owned land adjacent to Old Crossroads, referred to in the question, are in fact one and the same piece of land

(i) (aa) For lease

(bb) At a nominal rental for an unspecified period

(cc) 20 September 1984

(ii) The Western Cape Development Board made contact with the Portland Cement Company and negotiations are in progress

(2) No

(3) National Portland Cement Company Limited

(4) Approximately 26 hectares

(5) Because until recently, due to the large-scale planning of development at Khayelitsha, land in the area was not needed the Department of Co-operation and Development and the Development Board did not take the initiative to acquire land The owner, however, offered the land and negotiations about it are now taking place

South African National Boxing Control Board

*27 Mr M A TARR asked the Minister of National Education

Whether his Department is involved in the appointment of members to the South African National Boxing Control Board, if so, (a) what is the nature of this involvement and (b) in respect of how many members of the said Board is his Department so involved?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (for the Minister of National Education)

Yes

(a) The Department is only involved administratively Appointments are made by the Minister

(b) In terms of section 4(2) of the Boxing and Wrestling Control Act (Act 39 of 1954), the Minister appoints two persons of whom he designates one as chairman, as well as four members nominated by the different provincial boxing control boards

Commission of Inquiry into the Promotion of the Creative Arts

*28 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education

(1) Whether the Government intends to issue a White Paper on the Report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Promotion of the Creative Arts, if not, why not, if so,

(2) whether members of the public will be afforded an opportunity of (a) making representations on and (b) reacting to this report prior to the issuing of the White Paper, if not, why not, if so, when,

(3) whether any organizations have been invited to react to this report, if so, which organizations,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION (Reply laid upon the Table with leave of House)

(1) So far, no decision has been taken in this regard After the report has been studied together with the recommendations and comments received from the organizations concerned, the Government will decide whether or not to issue a White Paper

(2) The report has been available from the Government Printer since its Tabling and any person may comment or make representations thereon

(3) The following interested organizations were requested to comment

all universities
all Technikons
HSRC
SABC

Co-ordinating Performing Arts (SACPAC)
Regional Councils for the Performing Arts
The Treasury
all Government Departments
Provincial Administrations
Declared Cultural Institutes
Federasie van Afrikaanse Kultuurverenigings
Committee of University Principals (CUP)
Committee of Heads of Education Departments (CHED)
Committee of Technikon Principals
National Advisory Committee for Museums
Advisory Committee for the Performing Arts
SA Association of Arts
Afrikaanse Skrywersgilde
SA Artists' Guild
SA Music Rights Organization (SAMRO)
Dramatic, Artistic and Literary Rights Organization (DALRO)
SA National Youth Orchestra Foundation
SA German Cultural Association
1820 Settlers Foundation
Margo Commission

(4) No

Own Affairs

Rent Control Act, amendments

*1 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

Whether he intends issuing a proclamation in terms of the Rent Control Act, No 80 of 1976, to amend the (a) income limits applicable to persons qualifying for protection in terms of the said Act and (b) definition of "monthly income" as set out in Proclamation No 99 of 1983, if not, why not in each case, if so, (i) what will be the purport of these amendments, and (ii) when will they be effected, in each case?

†The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(a) and (b) I informed the hon member by letter on 14 February 1985 that while it is possible that the State President may on my recommendation by means of a proclamation extend the provisions of the Rent Control Act No 80 of 1976, by raising the income limit for protected tenants, this matter could not be pursued further until in-depth research had indicated the desirability of such an action During the discussion of my Vote the hon member was given the assurance that his proposals are being considered

The income limits and definition of monthly income are closely related and as this is a complex matter requiring thorough investigation it is not possible at this stage to furnish the information called for

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Minister's reply can he explain to us why the income levels applicable is a complicated matter when inflation is fairly simple to calculate?

The MINISTER Mr Speaker, the reply is indeed not simple In fact, I should like to give the hon member more information on this The reasons are extensive and I will inform the hon member in this connection on a later occasion after the investigation

*2 Mr R M BURROWS—Education and Culture—[Reply standing over]

*3 Mr R M BURROWS—Education and Culture—[Reply standing over]

For written reply
General Affairs

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National states: employment opportunities

4/6/85

298 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(a) How many new employment opportunities were created for Blacks in

An end to the Clifton ...

The controversy over Clifton bungalow freehold selling has raged since the 1940s. By Municipal Reporter MICHAEL MORRIS

DECADES of controversy over the 170 sea-front bungalows in Clifton, Glen Beach and Bakoven — provisionally declared a national monument last year — could end this year if the mounting campaign for freehold succeeds

Freehold-supporter, Sea Point councillor Mr Chris Joubert believes the campaign will succeed and he cites with confidence the support most councillors gave at a recent meeting to the principle of allowing bungalow tenants to buy

Heaps of reports document the freehold controversy that extends from the late 1940s Mr Joubert says there is a good chance it will finally be granted this year

After sharp city council reaction to the National Monuments Council's provisional declaration of the bungalow areas in December last year opposition among councillors to granting freehold appears to have dissipated

And the city engineer Mr Jan Brand has been asked to report on the mechanics of selling at least some of the sites and reserving others for possible future development

New hope

For the bungalow owners, there is now new hope that they will be unshackled from what they consider an unsatisfactory leasehold agreement

But freehold, detractors say, will cost the city an invaluable option on the popular Atlantic coastline for future public amenities development

The 170 cottages — which have changed hands in recent years for between R150 000 and R400 000 — have evolved from rough wood and iron structures erected as a temporary emergency response to a severe post-World War 1 housing shortage.

Today they are much-sought after and it is one of the most costly spots in the Peninsula

Serenity pervades this seafragranted enclave and if bungalow dwellers have no security of tenure, there is certainly a sense of contentment in the community

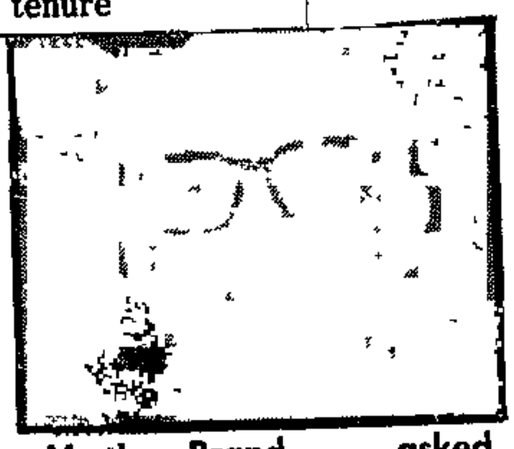
Doors stand open to absorb the morning warmth and the soothing wash of the sea sieves the traffic noise of busy Victoria Road — a bustling tourist artery in season when visitors crowd to this summer mecca

Now and for the rest of winter the beach is almost the sole preserve of the bungalow dwellers who have paid thousands of rands to live in this much-vaunted idyll

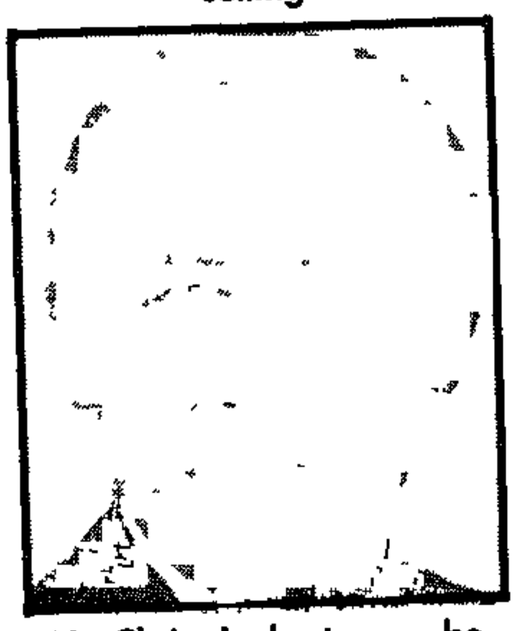
Bungalow dwellers are known, Glen Beach tenants say in jest, by their long arms the result of having to carry everything down a steep slope from the road to their front doors

But they all agree it's a small price to pay for the peace, for waking up to sea-sounds, for walking the dogs on the beach before work and dipping into the waves at the end of the day

They fear, though, that their considerable investment in these shore-line homes could end up on the rocks if they are not granted secure tenure



Mr Jan Brand ... asked to report on mechanics of selling



Mr Chris Joubert ... believes campaign will succeed

Mrs Brigitte Parfitt of Glen Beach, a bungalow dweller for a year, says it is a rare pleasure to "live so close to the city, but, at the same time, so far away" and she is appalled at the consequences of tourist development

However, Mrs Parfitt, like other tenants in Glen Beach, Bakoven and Clifton, are particularly alarmed at the personal cost of uncertain tenure

"If this structure was in the Karoo it would be little more than a farmer's tool shed Here, it is an extremely valuable investment which has cost us thousands of rands in improvements and upkeep, but an investment that will never be secure until we own the ground under our feet"

After the intervention of the National Monuments Council — which raised hopes for freehold — city engineer Mr Jan Brand re-investigated the issue and, rejecting the principle of selling the land, suggested a 20-year lease and higher market-related rentals

His plan was geared to guarantee public access to the beach, preserve the area and guarantee the council's right to use the land for future development

He believed selling sites would find many tenants unable to afford their bungalows as well as "a weakening of control over re-development and virtual closing of options to use any area for public open space or amenities in future"

But bungalow dwellers approached yesterday said they were prepared to pay and believed an extended 20-year lease would merely prolong the uncertainty

Uncertainty

Uncertainty pushed Mrs Paula Phillips and her husband of Glen Beach to the brink and they almost sold their beachfront cottage, the family's home for the past 12 years

She said "I am quite prepared to pay a fair market price for the land It would make this a meaningful investment and we would then be in a position to sell

"Most importantly, it would relieve us of worrying about the day somebody could come to the door and say 'You have to move out because your bungalow is going to make way for amenities'

"We have put everything into the place, emotionally and physically"

Another tenant, Mrs Merle Fine, said "Every resident would be keen to pay as long as the council provides a fair way to pay"

Mr Joubert is recommending an option for elderly people who have spent many years in the bungalow area and who would be unable to afford buying to continue leasing at a reasonable rental for life

'Fair price'

Retired Mr Donald Strachan and his wife Edna of The Ridge in Clifton welcomed the prospect of freehold and said they would be happy paying a "fair price" for their site

Mr Strachan said "We accept that this is council land, but I think for the length of time people have lived here and the development they have undertaken, the time has come for change, for the council to sell us the land

"We feel we deserve the opportunity to live here permanently because we have done a lot to make the area the pretty, peaceful place it is"

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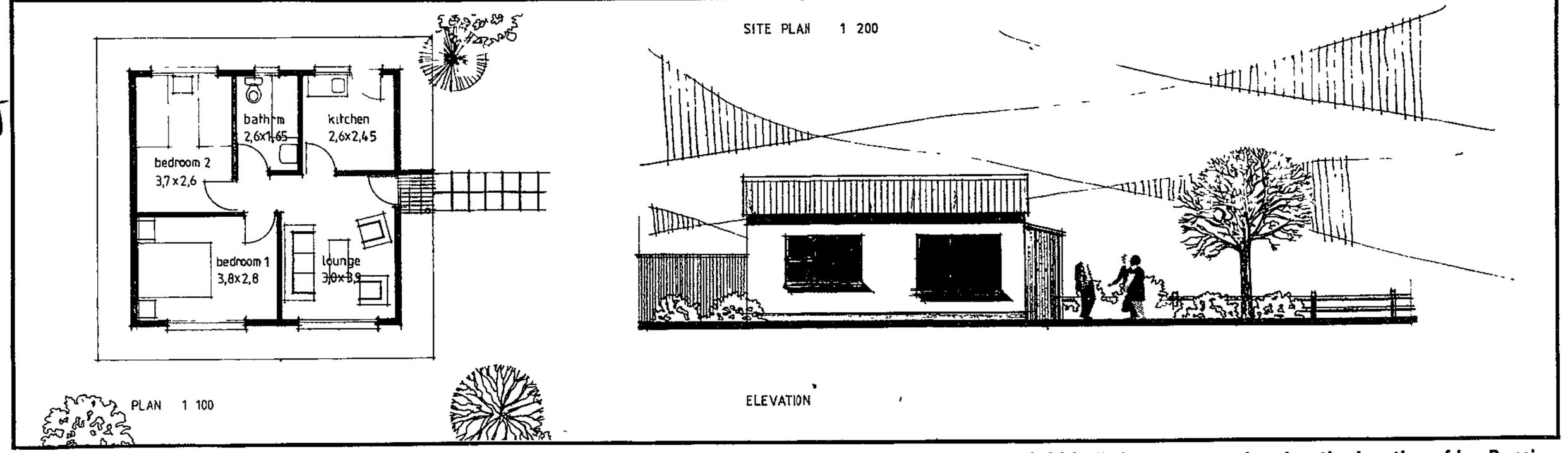
UF calls for help in homes scheme

This house can be self-built for about R10 000



A plan and an artist's impression of the type of self-built house envisaged for kwaDwesi,which will cost about R10 000. Below, a map showing the location of kwaDwesi.

By Louis Beckerling

Business Editor

THE Urban Foundation (UF) this week appealed to local businessmen to back a concerted drive aimed at housing black workers in a co-ordinated self-help housing scheme

The location earmarked by the foundation for such a scheme is kwaDwesi (see map), on the banks of the Chatty River, where some 2 000 sites are to be serviced by the East Cape Development Board with funds provided by the National Housing Fund

Servicing of an additional 900 sites in the area earmarked for development by the Urban Villages Utility Company has already reached an advanced stage

"The remaining 2 000 sites at kwaDwesi offer an ideal opportunity to translate the latest initiatives aimed at promoting a joint public and private sector housing campaign into reality," said Urban Foundation regional director Mr Roger Matlock

Speakers at the industrial development seminar held in Port Elizabeth this week identified housing as one of the major challenges facing the area, and expressed concern that the good intentions mobilised by the conference be translated into action

Essential features of the project envisaged by Mr Matlock and Urban Foundation residential manager Mr Peter Arton-Powell are

- The co-ordinated construction of self-built or contract-built housing units at unit costs of around R10 000 (which would translate into a monthly bond repayment, plus site and service charges of about R150 after allowing for a 33% interest rate subsidy paid to first-time homeowners)

- Co-ordination to be done by Urban Foundation, which will negotiate bulk-buying discounts, extend bridging finance where necessary, and provide on-site technical supervision to comply with Building Society requirements

- The provision of building society bonds secured by guarantees from employers

The UF is currently implementing a housing scheme for Ford, providing the technical expertise and administration for the construction of 64 units at kwaFord

A recent brochure on black housing in Port Elizabeth prepared by the Urban Foundation identified an immediate need for some 35 000 housing units and an annual increment of 5 000 units to cater for population growth

The brochure detailed the obstacles hindering this development as ignorance and suspicion in the minds of prospective home owners, procedural and technical ignorance in the minds of both prospective home owners and employers, and a lack of finance and land To counter these problems an education programme and provision of finance was required

The brochure, freely available from the foundation, outlines the housing problems likely to be faced by both employers and employees, details options open to employers to help their employees, gives guidance on how an employer can evolve a housing policy, and finally provides practical guidelines on how such a policy can be implemented

"The East Cape Development Board is now making serviced land available and the foundation is willing to act as implementing agents to co-ordinate a self-help housing scheme," said Mr Matlock

"We hope also to make available the bridging finance required to fund the purchase of materials and construction of the houses, until such stage as bonds can be secured from building societies

"The net result is that where employers wish to house their workers but have neither skills, finance nor confidence to proceed on their own, they can hand the matter over to the Urban Foundation •

"Under these circumstances all that will be required of employers is to identify the workers whom they would like to house, contribute a relatively modest management fee to Urban Foundation for its services, and undertake to stand as guarantors of the bond which will eventually be secured from Building Societies

The benefits arising from such a co-ordinated scheme, said Mr Matlock, were that

- Approved and tested low-cost plans for the houses would be made available by the Foundation

- These plans incorporated low-cost materials and provision for extensions once the home-owner could afford to expand his home

- The units would be built en masse, under the supervision of skilled technical supervisors placed in the field by the Urban Foundation

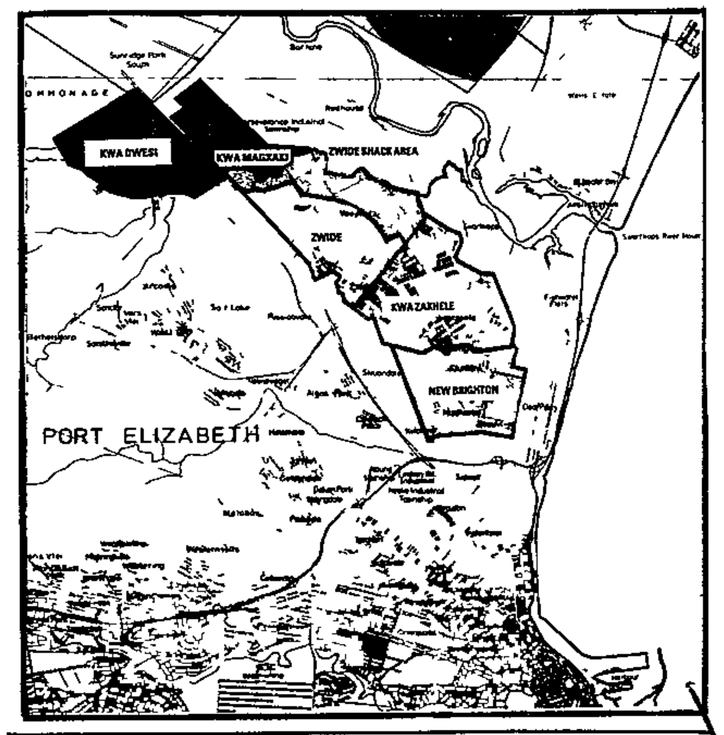
- Building societies had indicated their support in principle for such a co-ordinated scheme, and would extend bonds — of up to 100% — where employers were prepared to stand guarantee for the loans

"Since the cost of the land is built into the initial leasehold payment and subsequent monthly service charge, the additional costs involved are materials, management and administration, labour, and service and legal fees," said Mr Arton-Powell

"Areas where savings can be secured are in bulk buying arising from the scale of a co-ordinated programme — and the current recession in the building industry suggests that now is the appropriate time to be assisting merchants in de-stocking their expensive inventories.

"Savings can also be achieved in spreading the management and administrative costs of the program over a large number of houses, and, finally, in allowing owners to invest their own time and labour in the units, thus cutting down on labour costs

"This would suggest that employers anxious to house their workers would benefit enormously from participating *now* in a scheme of this nature, and we urge them to contact the Urban Foundation without delay"



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R90m homes boost for Bisho

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — A massive housing development project costing about R90 million will be launched in Ciskei's capital, Bisho, on Monday

This was announced this week by Ciskei's President Lennox Sebe, who said the scheme involved the construction of about 3 000 houses in the next seven years.

The project, along with other development already under way, would allow the new town of Bisho to outstrip neighbouring King William's Town in size in the next six years.

President Sebe said the latest development had been undertaken by a private company, the Bisho Development Corporation, using its own funds

The corporation is supported by the Development Bank of Southern Africa, of which Ciskei is a member.

The first phase of the project, a residential suburb called Lolo Park in memory of President Sebe's deceased son, will comprise about 180 houses at an estimated cost of R5,5 million.

Of this amount, the Development Bank of Southern Africa will provide R640 000 toward servicing of sites.

The rest of the money will be provided by the developers, who will also buy the land at its commercial value.

The houses, when completed, will be sold to private buyers.

Later phases will include low-rise flats and other types of residential units. These phases would produce about 420 units a year.

The houses will cater for all income groups, with the units of the first phase expected to be in the R25 000 to R40 000 price range.

In addition to this project, several other developers have started building houses at Bisho.

All projects combined — together with houses built by individuals — will give Bisho about 5 000 new units within the next five years.

Several commercial and office blocks, including a civic square, will also be built in Bisho in the next three years.

The cost of developing the Government buildings — excluding privately developed shops, offices and commercial centres — will be R52 million over the next four years

President Sebe said the development finance being pumped into Ciskei by the private sector in a time of recession clearly indicated confidence in the future of the country.

"The large percentage of investments presently flowing into Ciskei from overseas is a motion of confidence from the international business community in the economic reforms recently implemented here," he said.

The managing director of the Ciskei National Housing Commission, Mr Peter Bowen, said residential sites at Bisho were in short supply as they were bought as soon as they became available.

Many people of all races had shown an interest in buying houses at Bisho.

"Similarly, office space in Bisho is at a premium and the majority of office buildings still to be erected are fully booked even before construction starts," Mr Bowen said.

R90 million housing project at Bisho

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EAST LONDON — Major developments at Bisho, which would see the provision of about 5 000 houses over the next five years, meant that the Ciskei capital would outstrip King William's Town in size in that time, the Ciskei Government announced at the weekend

By ANDRÉ JORDAAN
Business Editor

A R90 million project for 3 000 houses at Bisho will be launched today

President Lennox Sebe said the houses would be built over the next seven years by a private company with private funds The project would be supported by the Development Bank of Southern Africa, of which Ciskei is a member state

The first phase of the project is a residential suburb of about 180 houses at an estimated cost of R5,5 million The Development Bank will provide R640 000 towards servicing the land

The project is being undertaken by a company called Bisho Development Corporation, a subsidiary of an Israeli company, Incoba, which is reported to have considerable international experience in this type of development

A Ciskei Government statement said the developers would buy the property at commercial value and the houses would be sold to private owners in all income groups with prices in the first phase expected to be between R25 000 and R40 000

The building rate over the next seven years is expected to be about 420 units a year and later phases will include low rise flats and other types of residential units

Together with other houses built by private developers and government agencies, it was expected that about 5 000 new homes would be built at Bisho over the next five years

In addition, several commercial and office blocks, including a tower block and a civic square, were to be built in the next three years

The cost of government buildings alone in the next four years would amount to R52 million

Pres Sebe said the huge injection of private sector finance at a time of general recession was an indication of confidence in Ciskei's potential and its capital city

"The large percentage of investment presently flowing into Ciskei from overseas is a motion of confidence from the international business community in the economic reforms recently implemented in Ciskei," he said

The managing director of the Ciskei National Housing Commission, Mr Peter Bowen, said residential sites at Bisho were bought as soon as they became available and there was interest from all race groups in housing there Office space was also at a premium and office buildings had been fully booked even before construction had started

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Lodgers fees ..	4 659
Entrance permits	73
Water sales ..	272
House rent	1 939
School levy funds	6 228
Cemetery fees	38
Total .	182 006

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(c)	(i)	Salaries	21 123
		Printing and Stationary	9
		Uniforms/Protective Clothing .	40
		Legal Fees	239
		Insurance ..	13
		Agency costs. Housing ..	35 897
		Capital Development Fund Interest	772
		Total .	58 093

Operating costs for the townships were as follows

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Sanitation	33 817
Storm-water .	2 400
Refuse removal	5 287
Water	24 204
Housing	1 936
Schools	6 228
Clinics	681
Cemetery	504
Community Council	19 688
Total	94 745

(ii) Development schemes 79 905

(2) (a) (i) Nil The building and renovation of schools are not financed with any of these funds but with funds from the separate budget of the Department of Education and Training

(ii) R17 361

(b) R35 108

(c) R21 076

(d) R 5 287.

Functions of officers who were transferred

839. Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice

(1) With reference to paragraph 1 4 on page 5 of the Report of the Department of Justice of the Republic of South Africa for the period 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984, (a)(i) how many of the 570 officers transferred from the Department of Co-operation and Development to his Department are performing the same functions as they did prior to being transferred and (ii) which specified categories of functions are involved in respect of these officers and (b) in respect of those performing different functions subsequent to being transferred, what different functions do they perform at present,

(2) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(1) and (2) Judicial as well as administrative personnel were transferred from the Department of Co-operation and Development to the Department of Justice These officers were also subjected to the same evaluation as any other person who is interested in employment in the Department Cases occurred where it was decided to use an officer concerned in an administrative rather than a judicial capacity and where it was necessary to give training The transferred staff now form an integral part of the Department of Justice

The Department of Justice naturally provides in-service training to all its officers on a continuing basis Public prosecutors attend courses from time to time and there are even magistrates who attend refresher courses

It must be realized that it will almost be attempting the impossible to try to ascertain precisely what each of the 570 officers did before and after they have been transferred. Some of them surely have already changed posts on more than one occasion and some of them may even have left the Department already An informed estimate however shows that of the 570 officers 100 are doing full or part-time judicial work and that 161 are acting as full or part-time prosecutors at present.

Reference books/influx control

902. Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) What total number of persons was arrested by officials of the Eastern Cape Development Board for offences relating to reference books and influx control during 1984 or as at the latest specified date in 1984 for which figures are available,

(2) (a) how many persons appearing in each specified commissioner's court in this area for such offences were (i) acquitted and (ii) found guilty, and (b) what total amount was paid in fines by these persons, during the above year or period?

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(2) (a) and (b) Since 1 September 1984 the holding of Commissioner's Courts is no longer a function of the Department of Co-operation and Development and the Department consequently no longer keeps statistics in that regard During the period 1 January 1984 to 31 August 1984, 6 018 persons were arraigned for these offences in such Courts in the Eastern Cape Area, of which 2 814 were convicted

Except for the above further information is not readily available

Purchase of houses

905 Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education.

(a) How many persons in each specified township falling under the control of the Eastern Cape Development Board lodged applications with the said Board to purchase houses in 1984, (b) how many of these applications had been granted as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (c)(i) what total number of houses have been purchased in each of these townships and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

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	(a)	(b) As at 31 December 1984
Adelaide	1	1
Alexandria	1	1
Alicedale	9	9
Burgersdorp	17	17
Cradock	25	25
Grahamstown	27	27
Molteno	22	22
Motherwell	741	741
Port Elizabeth	305	305
Queenstown	17	17
Somerset East	1	1
Uitenhage	33	33
Total	1 199	1 199

(c)	(i)	Adelaide	1
		Alicedale	15
		Alexandria	1
		Burgersdorp	20
		Cradock	39
		Grahamstown	56
		Molteno	2
		Port Elizabeth	454
		Motherwell	1 272
		Queenstown	17
		Somerset East	5
		Uitenhage	60
		Total	1 962

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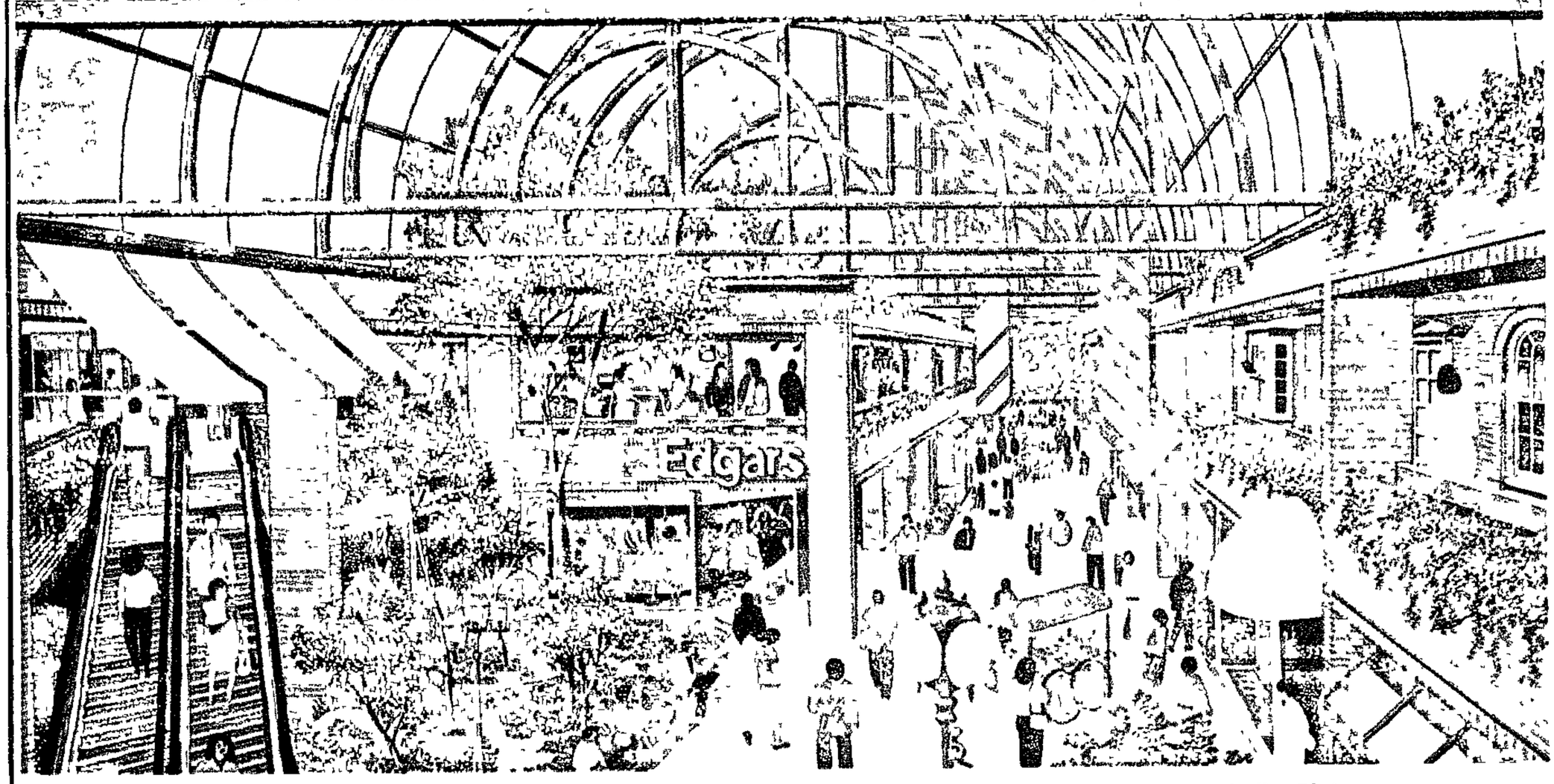
MITCHELL'S PLAIN DEVELOPMENT

Warning on Plain complex

The group planning to build a shopping centre and housing complex at Mitchell's Plain say they will withdraw if the council halves the size of the project. By Municipal Reporter MICHAEL MORRIS.



An interior mall perspective of the proposed "upmarket" shopping complex planned for Mitchell's Plain.

An artist's impression of new housing development planned to accompany the new complex.

PLANS for a multimillion-rand shopping complex and housing development in Mitchell's Plain will be scrapped, the developers warn, if the City Council sticks to a recommendation that the complex be more than halved in size

Controversy is brewing over plans for this R75-million venture in Weltevreden Valley with disagreement between the developers and city engineer Mr Jan Brand on its size

Mr Brand commends the developers for taking an initiative that will encourage construction of more houses but says the gross leasable area of the complex should be cut from 27 000 to 10 000sq m

The developers, Kirsh Property Projects, say this will make the scheme uneconomic and warn they will pull out if forced to slash the project

The proposal is for two phases of residential development totalling about 600 single and high density houses and a shopping complex about the size of Blue Route Centre in Tokai

The complex is to have a department store and supermarket, about 60 line shops and cinemas, gymnasium, a discotheque, banks, doctor's rooms, a creche and community room

Developers will also bring in services for R1,5-m to open up the area for new projects that could total more than 4 000 houses in future

But conflict has arisen over the size of the shopping complex

While developers say there is scope for 27 000sq m Mr Brand suggests it should be limited to only 10 000sq m

Executive director of Kirsh Property Projects Mr Eddie Magidsaid "I am not happy with the report from the city engineer If the Cape Town City Council accepts his recommendation on cutting floor space we will not come to Cape Town

Mr Magid said the project would boost employment and housing needs and a scheme was being "worked on" to give Mitchell's Plain residents a "financial stake" in the venture

However, in an extensive analysis of the commercial scope of Mitchell's Plain, Mr Brand says 31 000sq m of additional shopping development is planned over the next two years and it is possible the Westgate complex will adversely affect these projects and existing shopping centres

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Housing study 'delights' Stott

Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S housing estates contain "a surfeit of totally inadequately-sized houses", according to the chairperson of the council's housing committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott

Mrs Stott was responding to a report from researchers at the University of the Western Cape on the coloured housing crisis in the Peninsula

The reseachers found that one of the main causes of over-crowding in coloured houses was the fact that not enough three- and four-bedroomed houses were available

"I am delighted that an independent and authoritative group has at last come to the same conclusion which all senior members of the housing department and the housing committee reached a long time ago," Mrs Stott said

Mrs Stott, who succeeded in changing the council's policy of not building any three-bedroomed sub-economic houses some years ago, said the problem had been aggravated by the government's insistence that 25 percent of the houses built in Mitchells Plain be two-bedroomed

"There are 15 000 families on our waiting list for transfers to bigger houses — that is more than a third of our total housing stock," she said

"It makes sense to transfer people from over-crowded houses to bigger ones, and give the smaller houses to people who have no houses of their own at all"

Responding to the UWC report's finding that there was a drastic shortage of housing for coloured people in the Peninsula, Mrs Stott said there were 37 000 families on the waiting list for houses

"At the moment we are only building 4 000 and we only have land for six to eight thousand more — depending on the size of the plots"

Mrs Stott described the government housing subsidy as "wholly inadequate"

She said the sub-economic income limit had not been adjusted since 1977.

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'Desperate shortage' of coloured housing

A University of the Western Cape report has shown a critical lack of accommodation for coloured families, single people and the elderly. By Education Reporter GAYE DAVIS.

AT LEAST 100 000 homes are needed to eradicate the critical shortage and severe overcrowding of coloured housing in the Western Cape, according to a pioneering report by the University of the Western Cape's Institute for Social Development

The report reveals a desperate lack of housing for families, and especially for single people and the elderly, thousands of whom are living in overcrowded conditions

It debunks the traditional approach to providing housing, which has long rested on planners' assumptions of the size and make-up of families, and starkly illustrates how types of housing most needed — those catering for people other than families — has not been provided

The report forms part of a five-volume study commissioned by the Human Sciences Research Council, which is expected to rank as the most comprehensive research yet carried out on coloured housing in the region

Expected to be generally available within the next few weeks, the report offers the first in-depth focus on the specific housing requirements of coloured people in the Western Cape

Its authors were the institute's director, Professor Pieter le Roux, senior researcher Mr Lieb Loots and researcher Miss Amanda Younge, who is now attached to the City Council's Department of Housing

Among its findings are

● The housing shortage in the Cape Metropolitan area is anything from 30 000 to more than 50 000 units, depending on families' make-up Households surveyed were made up of nuclear families, single-parent families, single men and women and the aged and about 170 000 extra bedrooms would be needed to accommodate them, Professor Le Roux said

● Of 90 000 single people over 35 years old, 65 000 were living in overcrowded conditions and 7 000 of more than 21 500 elderly people were in similar circumstances,

● Surveys showed that more than 10 000 two-parent families were lodgers in other families' overcrowded homes,

● More than 20 000 single-parent families in financial straits need homes

However, to simply build more one and two-bedroomed homes would be short-sighted, Professor Le Roux said

"There are too many of these and not enough three and four-bedroomed houses which is resulting in the overcrowding

"The problem lies in the fact that planners of housing schemes simply made assumptions about the number of people in the families destined to live in them," he said

One solution would be adding bedrooms to overcrowded homes but there was also a "tremendous shortage" of alternative accommodation such as flats for single people and old-age homes, he said

However, the people most in need of housing were likely to be those least able to afford it

Professor Le Roux based his research on 1970 and 1980 census data, surveys and information on housing from the various municipalities

His colleague, Mr Loots, used census data to estimate housing needs for Greater Cape Town, including areas such as Wellington, Cape Town and the Strand His research revealed that

● More than 40 000 homes for families and 60 000 other housing units, mainly for single people and the elderly, are needed,

● The shortage of subsidised housing increased from 25 percent in 1979 to 33 percent in 1983,

● Developments considered up to 1983 showed the situation for families living above the poverty datum line had improved, while for those below it had worsened

5 000-home garden city planned for Blackheath

Property Editor

A NEW garden city to house 5 000 coloured people is to be built near Blackheath by Garden Cities, the Pinelands-based non-profit development organisation.

About R33-million will be spent on the project, sited on 72 hectares between Gaylee and Kleinvlei.

Size of houses will range from 70sq m to 100sq m, depending on design and the number of rooms. Plots will vary from 200sq m to 500sq m.

Prices will be between R24 000 and R33 000, estimated at present-day costs and include land.

Houses will be sold mainly to first-time home buyers and the first group will be ready for sale early next year, says Mr A F Donovan, general manager of Garden Cities.

The company will arrange for 90-percent bonds.

	(1)(a)	(1)(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Stanger	287	Nil	1	1	1
Tongaat	553	Nil	2	2	1
Durban Lamontville	2 758	Nil	6	5	2
Durban Chesterville	1 139	Nil	3	2	1
Pinetown Klaarwater	301	Nil	7	2	1
Kokstad	725	Nil	1	2	1
Mooi River	453	Nil	1	1	1
Cedarville	75	Nil	Nil	1	1
Greytown	623	Nil	2	3	1
Howick	137	Nil	2	1	Nil
Matatiele	153	Nil	Nil	1	1
Pietermaritzburg	1 094	Nil	2	2	1
Vryheid	870	Nil	Nil	2	2
Ladysmith	973	Nil	1	2	1
Glencoe	530	Nil	Nil	1	1
Paulpietersburg	305	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Colenso	151	Nil	1	1	Nil
Dundee	894	Nil	1	2	1
Umzinto	26	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	12 047		30	32	17

Regarding (1)(b) above figures are given in respect of houses built with state funds only and it needs to be mentioned that state funds are mainly used in Black townships for the provision of serviced sites, which are made available for self-build purposes and for the erection of houses by the private sector

Northern Cape Development Board: housing/education

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849 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the Northern Cape Development Board as at 31 December 1984 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1985,

(2) what total number of (a) creches and (b)(i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each such township as at that date?

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	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Barkly West	548	175	Nil	2	1
Britstown	110	32	Nil	1	Nil
Danielskuil	293	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
De Aar	942	241	Nil	2	1
Delportshoop	369	25	Nil	1	1
Douglas	249	21	Nil	1	Nil
Griekwastad	200	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Jan Kempdorp	265	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Kimberley	8 194	Nil	4	16	4
Olifantshoek	194	20	Nil	1	Nil
Petrusville	188	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Philipstown	241	Nil	Nil	5	1
Postmasburg	803	Nil	1	1	1
Prieska	375	20	Nil	1	Nil

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	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Reivilo	119	32	Nil	1	Nil
Ritchie	301	40	Nil	1	Nil
Upington	1 236	253	Nil	2	1
Vryburg	972	200	1	4	1
Warrenton	1 148	50	Nil	2	1
Windsorton	70	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	16 817	1 109	6	46	12

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Residential areas comprising fewer than 450 houses are not given priority for the establishment of primary schools and residential areas of fewer than 1 350 houses are not given priority for the establishment of secondary schools

Eastern Cape Development Board: housing/education

850 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the Eastern Cape Development Board as at 31 December 1984 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1985

(2) What total number of (a) creches and (b)(i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each such township as that date?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Aberdeen	239	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Addo (Emergency Camp)	682	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Adelaide	618	226	Nil	3	1
Alexandria	279	Nil	2	1	Nil
Alicedale	360	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Aliwal North	930	Nil	1	4	2
Barkley East	467	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Bathurst	274	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Beaufort-West	612	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Bedford	521	Nil	1	2	Nil
Burgersdorp	717	68	1	2	1
Cathcart	429	366	Nil	1	1
Colesberg	675	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Cookhouse	493	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Elliot	501	168	1	1	Nil
Fort Beaufort	1 107	Nil	1	3	2
Graaff-Reinet	1 167	Nil	1	1	1
Hankey	267	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Hanover	296	20	Nil	1	Nil
Hofmeyr	415	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Humansdorp	316	226	Nil	1	Nil

HoA

	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Indwe	547	Nil	1	2	Nil
Jamestown	112	30	Nil	1	Nil
Jansenville	304	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Jeffreys Bay	24	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Kareedouw	85	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
King William's Town	719	Nil	1	3	1
Kirkwood	763	Nil	Nil	6	1
Knysna	715	Nil	1	1	Nil
Komga	257	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Klipplaat	341	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Kei Road (Emergency Camp)	52	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Kenton-on-sea (Emergency Camp)	500	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Lady Grey	423	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Maclear	403	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Middelburg	508	Nil	Nil	3	Nil
Molteno	877	Nil	1	3	Nil
Mossel Bay	542	77	1	1	Nil
Noupoort	583	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
East London Duncan Village	3 306	Nil	2	12	2
Oudtshoorn	427	Nil	1	2	1
Paterson	229	Nil	1	1	Nil
Pearston	298	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Port Alfred	1 279	Nil	Nil	2	1
Port Elizabeth Motherwell	2 047	Nil	Nil	79	17
Queenstown	2 842	Nil	2	9	1
Rhodes	37	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Richmond	161	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Somerset East	724	Nil	1	3	1
Sterkstroom	321	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Steynsburg	1 028	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Steytlerville	159	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Stutterheim	640	Nil	Nil	2	1
Tarkastad	587	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Tylden	12	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Ugie	256	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Venterstad	166	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Victoria West	135	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Cradock	1 733	Nil	Nil	5	1
Port Elizabeth Kayamnandi	26 463	Nil	11	1	Nil
Uitenhage KwaNobuhle	6 249	500	2	14	2
Uitenhage Kabah	1 032	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Uitenhage Despatch	300	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Grahamstown	2 546	Nil	1	10	3
George	9	Nil	1	1	Nil
Total	72 106	1 681	35	214	40

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Residential areas comprising fewer than 450 houses are not given priority for the establishment of primary schools and residential areas of fewer than 1 350 houses are not given priority for the establishment of secondary schools

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Western Cape Development Board: housing/education

851 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the Western Cape Development Board as at 31 December 1984 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1985,

(2) what total number of (a) creches and (b)(i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each such township as at that date?

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	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Cape Town Guguletu	7 659	Nil	11	17	2
Cape Town Langa	2 775	Nil	5	5	1
Cape Town Nyanga	1 840	Nil	6	9	2
Cape Town Khayelitsha	1 875	3 158	Nil	1	Nil
Cape Town New Crossroads	1 731	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Stellenbosch Kaya Mandi	114	Nil	1	1	Nil
Stellenbosch Mfuleni	174	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Paarl Mbekweni	722	Nil	1	2	1
Ceres Nduli	94	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Robertson Nkqubela	89	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Ashton Zolani	158	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Worcester Zweletemba	1 036	Nil	1	2	1
Hermanus Zwelihle	113	Nil	1	1	Nil
Total	18 380	3 158	26	43	7

Regarding (1)(b) above figures are given in respect of houses built with state funds only and it needs to be mentioned that state funds are mainly used in Black townships for the provision of serviced sites, which are made available for self-build purposes and for the erection of houses by the private sector

Southern Orange Free State Development Board: housing/education

HANSARD 19/6/85 Q-w 1953

852 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the Southern Orange Free State Development Board as at 31 December 1984 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1985,

(2) what total number of (a) creches and (b)(i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each such township as at that date?

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	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Bloemfontein	14 425	Nil	3	22	6
Allanridge	130	250	Nil	Nil	Nil
Bethulie	429	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Boshoff	300	Nil	Nil	1	1
Bultfontein	628	Nil	Nil	1	1
Brandfort	750	Nil	1	1	1
Clocolan	633	60	Nil	2	Nil

HoA

Kruisfontein residents say they get a raw deal

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SHIRLEY PRESSLY investigates

RATEPAYERS from the sprawling coloured residential area of Kruisfontein, outside Humansdorp, claim that they are getting a raw deal from the Humansdorp Divisional Council

They are opposed to the decision to declare Kruisfontein, which borders on the neighbouring suburb, Arcadia, as a rural area They say the move prevents the building of more houses in Kruisfontein

They claim they are paying 1,02c in the rand in rates compared with 60c at Cape St Francis

Despite the high rates they do not have tarred roads, laid-on electricity or a proper water supply with purified water

Their main complaints are

- They are paying urban rates for rural services
- Lack of tarred road and proper services like electricity and water
- The water is not purified Water kept in a laboratory at a nearby school for three days in an experiment developed tadpoles
- Nightsoil from the P Z Meyer TB Hospital is dropped on a tip in a communal grazing ground above the hospital
- Potential home owners may not build on a stretch of open level veld at Kruisfontein Ground which has been set aside at nearby Arcadia is sloping and not suitable for agriculture
- The gravel roads are virtually impassable in heavy rains

Mr T A Liberty, treasurer of the Kruisfontein Ratepayers and Tenants Association, claimed that in the past 15 years no repairs had been done to homes hired from the Divisonal Council

In nearby Arcadia, tenants themselves fixed cracks in the outside walls and had to put up with the stench of the overflow from septic tanks which ran down the streets at times

Some home owners in Kruisfontein had paid up to R5 000 to have electricity supplied to their homes

Mr J A Stuurman, who runs the Kruisfontein Development Project, which is financed by Worldvision, said the project had been established with the aim of building a dam after drilling a borehole

The next phase of the project was kibbutz-type farming in Kruisfontein once there was sufficient water

He operates from offices in Kruisfontein from where he also distributes the post to Kruisfontein residents to save them travelling to Humansdorp

There is no postal service to residents of Arcadia, who collect their post in Humansdorp

There are 522 homes which are rented by the Divisonal Council in Arcadia

Mr S McKenzie, a roving pastor who has made his base at Kruisfontein said that the rental of the R500 000 Community Hall at Arcadia was prohibitive, the rental was R150 from 8pm to midnight with a deposit of R200

Some of the people who live in Kruisfontein work in Humansdorp and buy at the shops in the town

Others, who are mostly in the building trade, work in Port Elizabeth and come home at weekends

Many houses in Kruisfontein are being renovated and enlarged

The home owners do the work themselves and the artisans share their skills with their neighbours so that building becomes a community effort

Pastor A A Potgieter, chairman of the Development Project, said he knew of cases where eight people lived in one caravan and three families lived in a two roomed house

This was not because of economic circumstances but because they were being stopped from building new homes at Kruisfontein where they had grown up

They were reluctant to build at nearby Arcadia because it was not a community like Kruisfontein, but a collection of people from all over with a result that the crime rate was higher

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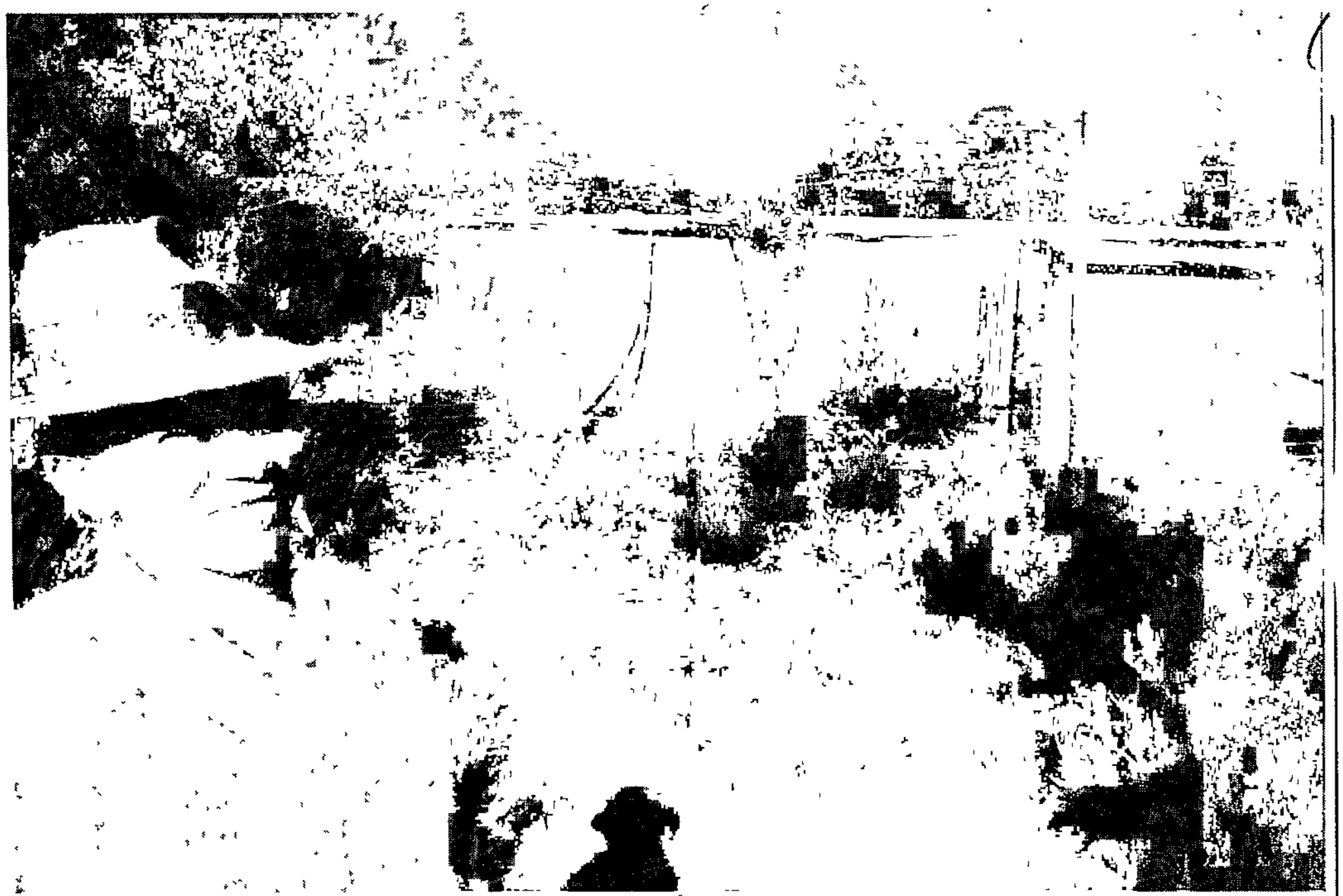


A minister of Kruisfontein, Pastor A A POTGIETER, is a stalwart campaigner for the improvement of living conditions in the close-knit rural community near Humansdorp. He is standing in front of a dam into which water is pumped from a nearby fountain. The water is not treated.

'We tried providing a high standard'

THE Secretary of the Humansdorp Divisional Council, Mr W L Basson, said in reply to complaints by Kruisfontein residents, that his council tried its utmost to provide the highest standard of services possible within the limitations of the financial situation

It also encouraged residents to write and tell the council about their complaints or to go through the Management Committee

His replies to the complaints lodged in the article alongside are as follows

● Kruisfontein was declared a local area in 1968 Houses could be built on proclaimed erven It was permissable to build two houses on an erf and some Kruisfontein erven were as large as 8 000 square metres There was nothing to stop these owners from subdividing at virtually no expense, because the council did not ask for any contributions for essential services

● The new area where plots would be provided had been chosen because the water supply came down with gravity A second reason for the location of the new extension at Arcadia was the existing infrastructure

● The Department of Water Affairs had been asked to conduct a survey for additional and alternate water sources in Kruisfontein Once these were found and if additional water could be obtained relatively cheaply, the council would again look at the provision of plots in Kruisfontein itself

● Kruisfontein ratepayers paid a higher rate than some other areas because the valuations of the ground and properties at Kruisfontein were much lower The total rateable valuation for Kruisfontein was R2 million for the next year, bringing in an estimated rates income of R20 400, while the rateable valuation for land and buildings at Paradise Beach was R6,5 million, which would bring in an estimated R22 000

● One householder in Arcadia who worked in PE during the week pumped his septic tank illegally into the street The council had already started taking action against this resident

● He said if there was a need for sanitary buckets to be removed more frequently than twice a week, then an arrangement could be made He had not received any complaints about the sanitary services

● Tariffs for the hire of the community hall would be decreased from July 1

● Mr Basson said nightsoil from the hospital was taken to the municipal sewerage works Bathwater and laundry water from the hospital was thrown out at the tip He said he would investigate the fact that toilet paper was strewn around where a recent dump was made

● Houses were being sold at Arcadia in terms of the Government house sale Owners could apply to have the purchase price reduced if they repaired cracks themselves or the cracks could be repaired by the council Anyone who had cracks, which had not been repaired, was welcome to contact the housing office at Kruisfontein

● Water supplies at Kruisfontein were chlorinated either in tablet form or by means of an automatic chlorinater plant The fountain was covered and there was no danger of pollution to one of the reservoirs

● The complaint about the tadpoles in the water supply had arisen more than a year ago and samples had been sent for analysis in PE, but nothing had been found

Inspecting a map of Kruisfontein are members of the community who are keen to improve living standards. They are (from the left) Mr S McKENZIE, a roving pastor, Mr T A LIBERTY, treasurer of the Kruisfontein Ratepayers and Tenants Association, Mr J A GESWINT, secretary of the association, Pastor A A POTGIETER, chairman of the Kruisfontein Development Project, and Mr HANNES STUURMAN, who runs the project.

200 left homeless after shacks burn

By WELLINGTON SANGOTSHA
Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — More than 200 people were left homeless when a fire destroyed about 40 wood-and-iron shacks in Duncan Village yesterday afternoon

The fire, which started at about 2 30 pm, destroyed the closely-packed dwellings between Ngsenyego and Tapa Streets

The cause of the fire is unknown, but residents in the area believe it was caused by a pressure stove which exploded in one of the shacks

No one was injured, a Duncan Village police spokesman said

A spokesman for the fire brigade said they had to battle for hours to extinguish the blaze

Most of the shack dwellers lost all their belongings in the fire Many were at work and few items were salvaged by those who were present when the fire started

Mrs Nombuyiselo Bungwe, 38, a mother of one child, said she heard an explosion and then saw smoke billowing from a shack

She said that when she went outside the adjacent shacks were already engulfed in flames The fire spread quickly to more than 20 shacks

Another resident, Miss Ethel Phantsi, 27, said she was in her shack when she heard people screaming She could only save three chairs and all her other belongings were destroyed.

An executive member of the Duncan Village Residents' Association, Mr Dudu Ngcaba, said that at a meeting on Thursday the association had declared that in future residents who had been affected by fire should not be resettled in Mdantsane

Mr Ngcaba said this would also affect the 200 people who had their shacks destroyed by fire yesterday

A member of the Duncan Village Community Council, Mrs Florence Mangala, who represents Ward One, the ward in which the fire occurred, said arrangements had been made temporarily to accommodate all those affected by the fire, in the community centre

She said this applied to everybody, whether they were in Duncan Village legally or illegally. The matter would be sorted out on Monday with the relevant authorities, Mrs Mangala said

Picture page 5.

KHAYALITSHA

Special report — MOIRA LEVY

'Squatter' leaders arrested

TWO CAPE Town "squatter" leaders may have fallen foul of the law.

Sisa Nyandeni and Mali Hoza – who earlier this year accepted a Government offer of 18-month resident permits in exchange for an agreement to move to Khayalitsha – are to appear in court this week in separate cases.

Mr Hoza faces charges of murder and intimidation following a shooting incident at a Cape Town disco last December in which two youths were wounded. He was arrested this week.

Mr Nyandeni, who was arrested on May 14, is out on R1 000 bail. He faces charges of intimidation.

Cops did not give any more details of his arrest.

FLUSHING R1-m DOWN THE DRAIN

MORE THAN R1-million is spent each month to clear the bucket toilets at Site C in Khayalitsha, where 30 000 Cape Town "squatters" have been "resettled".

The 3 400 buckets — one latrine for every two plots — are cleared twice a week, at R40 a time.

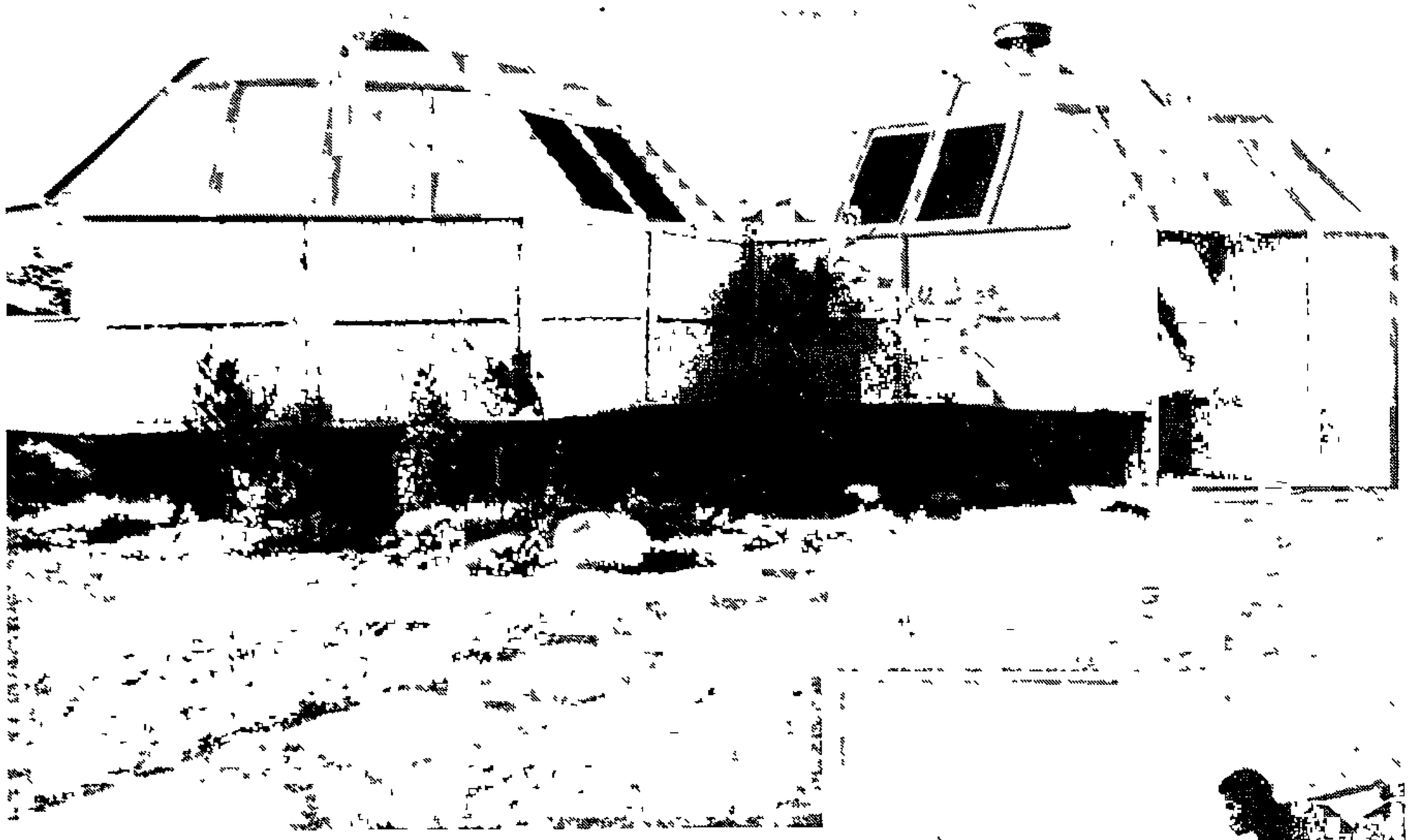
"Surely it would make more sense to install a proper sewerage system," said Laurine Platzky of the Surplus People's Project in the Western Cape.

The "squatters", who were moved last month, were allocated plots with 10m by 10m concrete slabs.

For this, they are to pay R12,50 a month from the end of June.

"Compare this to the R20 a month paid elsewhere in Khayalitsha for core houses which have running water and flush toilets," Ms Platzky said.

● It was reported in Cape Town this week that pit toilets at the Crossroads "squatter" camp, which had to be wired shut after the Divisional Council stopped clearing them, will be cleaned and re-opened in the next few weeks.



'Space-age' homes

KHAYALITSHA resident will soon be able to buy these space age huts for R7 500 each. Designed like a rural hut, the Hook House — named after the designer — has low doorways that require visitors to stoop. Fire-proof, water-proof and bullet-proof, they come in different colours. Solar heating panels provide electricity and heat. These huts are meant to give Khayalitsha — "new home" — a whole new meaning.

Water 'trickle' for unpaid bills

Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council may restore a "trickle" of domestic water supply to Atlantis households which have had their water disconnected as a result of being unable to pay their bills

The chairman of the council's health committee, Mr Clive Bilski, has suggested that the health problems that could arise from the disconnection of the supply could be "partially solved" by restoring a "trickle" supply sufficient to fill the lavatory cistern and for cooking and drinking purposes

'Inconvenience'

"It is reasoned that the resultant inconvenience to the occupants of an affected dwelling would cause a householder to settle any outstanding water accounts," according to a report from the committee

The report, to be considered by the full council tomorrow, says the Medical Officer of Health, Dr L R Tibbit, "realized that if a houseowner failed to pay a water account and a disconnection was refused by the Health Department on health grounds . many householders would not make any effort to pay outstanding or overdue water accounts"

The council has refused to supply water to 211 houses in Atlantis until their water accounts have been settled

Court told of arrest over rent

Court Reporter

A NEW CROSSROADS woman last week told a Wynberg magistrate that some of a 500-strong group of women were arrested while trying to petition authorities after a series of rent increases

Miss Winifred Nkosi was giving evidence in the trial of 27 New Crossroads women charged under the Internal Security Act with attending an illegal gathering

They are mesdames Angelina Shumi, 36, Virginia Sawutana, 32, Victoria Fomswa, 32, Agnol Mdekazi, 52, Mabel Gxasheka, 31, Cecilia Jaiava, 38, Notozamile Mdiza, 43, Norah Melani, 35, Nonezile Maguleni, 45, Nofezile Jita, 36, Jessie Ntsume, 42, Angelina Mbala, 42, Doris Stofile, 47, Julia Cabisana, 33, Nolesson Cekiso, 30, Nofikepi Bonani, 30, Nolidile Myeki, 40, Ivy Ngeju, 53, Nozungile Magongo, 35, Nosebenzile Mfundisi, 35, Beaty Frans, 35, Winifred Nkosi, 35, Notembile Nyoka, 48, Penelope Buhlungu, Beatrice Buhlungu and Dorris Tom

The magistrate, Mr P Engelbrecht, ordered that a warrant be issued for the arrest of Ms Nowalegeni Tshetshe and Ms Comeridge Matsona who were absent

The State alleges that they attended an illegal gathering in Davids Street, New Crossroads, on January 21 this year

Miss Nkosi said rents were increased on June 6 this year after earlier Western Cape Development Board promises that a people's committee would be consulted before such increases

Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Chief Commissioner of the Western Cape Development Board, had told them in 1983 "things will be sorted out" after rents were increased in 1982 Rents were increased again in 1984 and early 1985

About 500 women then decided to make representations to the board on January 7 Authorities told them the increases were made without their knowledge

On January 8 they spoke to Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud who told them he would speak to Mr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister of Co-operation and Development, but the minister could not be reached

She told the court that 500 women had met on the day in question after deciding to approach the board to inquire after a Mayor Njoli of the community council

After they had refused to disperse, the police had arrested only a portion of the group because they all could not fit into the police vans

Lieutenant Jacobus Oosthuizen said in evidence for the State that 40 of his men had formed a cordon around the women who had without resistance or instruction climbed into the vans

He said the group was rowdy but not violent

The hearing was adjourned to July 6 and bail of R50 for the women was extended

Mr M L Sher prosecuted Mr A Abercrombie and Mr P Sonn appeared for the accused

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METROPOLITAN

New Khayelitsha houses take soaking in wet spell

Staff Reporter

NEW core-houses at Khayelitsha did not weather winter rains well and numerous complaints about the buildings have been received from residents

The houses were built by Besterecta building contractors to government specifications, which specify asbestos roofs without ceilings or gutters

Mr Cecil Gobodo said he paid R378 to put in a ceiling which was damaged by rain water leaking through the roof

A section of plaster outside the house has fallen off and without guttering the water dripped straight into the foundations of the house, soaking through the bricks and causing damp patches on the walls

Several other Khayelitsha residents approached The Argus during an investigation of Mr Gobodo's complaint, saying their houses were leaking

Mrs Veronica Mbeni paid R450 for a ceiling "When it started raining I had to lift the ceiling to let the water run out," she said, adding that an official at the Khayelitsha rent board office had dismissed her complaint

"He told me he had inspected the place himself and there was nothing wrong with it," she said

Mrs Miriam Toleni stuffed newspaper into the gaps between the asbestos sheets on her roof where the rain was coming in

"There are no support beams for the roof and you cannot climb up there to fix it," she said

Chief architect at the Western Cape Development Board Mr Brian Gordon-Brown said tenants should not put ceilings into the core-structures

"None of those cores have been handed over to us yet and they are still under the contractor's six-month maintenance liability period"

Mr Gordon-Brown said there was no need for guttering on houses which stood on absorbent soil

He said it was unfortunate in some houses that the weather wall was only 90 mm because it was the extension side

The Government had no intention of extending the present cores — extensions had to be done by tenants

"Most tenants applying to extend their houses have been advised to wait until they can buy their homes on the leasehold system," said Mr Brown

The managing director of Besterecta, Dr J Evenwel, said complaints had been received where washers in the roofing screws had not been tightened properly These had been repaired

"Where a lot of people live together and stoves and heaters are used, condensation will occur inside the roof when it is cold," he said

Water poured into Mrs Veronica Mbene's home through a gap between the roof and the wall on the weather side of the house.

Mrs Miriam Toleni stuffed newspaper into the gaps between the roofing sheets to stop the roof leaking.

Homeless families screened by board

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Thirteen Duncan Village families whose homes burnt down last Friday were yesterday screened by the East Cape Development Board (ECDV) to find out which among them did not qualify for residence rights

The families were asked to report to the local office of the board, but only 13 of the 39 affected by the fire reported The rest have disappeared, said Mr D J Manthe, director of the ECDV.

He said the families would be screened to see whether any did not qualify to be in Duncan Village The "illegals" would be sent back to where they belong, he said

Those families which have disappeared are assumed to be part of a group living illegally in Duncan Village

Mr Manthe said the board was conducting investigations into how the families could be accommodated and would try to find suitable accommodation as soon as possible

He said the board would distribute food parcels to the families at the civic hall this afternoon

Mr D D Makatala, chairman of the Duncan Village community council, said he did not know what would happen to those families which do not qualify for residence. Some have opted to go to Mdantsane, others have started to rebuild their shacks

Mr Makatlala praised the residents of Duncan Village for providing the shack dwellers with blankets and clothing.

Meanwhile the fire victims have appealed to the public for aid

One of the victims Mr Luyanda Sithela said they would welcome donations of clothing, blankets and food He said those victims who were unemployed would also welcome casual jobs

He said they would only need aid until they were back on their feet

Another victim, Mrs Buyiswa Chungwana, the mother of a six-month-old baby, said her husband was a mine worker in Johannesburg and she had no one to help her rebuild her shack She said the fire had made it difficult for her to maintain her child

Mr Gordon Stanford, chairman of Hungerelief said his organisation had been in touch with the ECDV, and had offered to supply food parcels

He said they had problems with the actual number of people who needed help Development board officials had told them to supply food for 13 families, while they had originally been informed that there were 39 families involved

Mr Stanford said his organisation would welcome more help from the public since it would apparently take some time before the homeless families were settled elsewhere.

Hungerelief will distribute 500kg of food to the families

Duncan Village residents, left homeless when a fire swept through a row of shacks, where they once lived

Khayelitsha: '70 percent have not paid rent'

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 70 percent of the people living in Khayelitsha core houses have not paid rent, according to the chief architect of the giant housing project, Mr Bryan Gordon-Brown

Addressing members of the South African Institute of Housing yesterday, Mr Gordon Brown expressed fears that the scheme would fail

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Monthly rent of R20 was levied for each house, which cost the board R168 a month.

He said developers expected 99-year-leasehold for blacks to be introduced before the end of the year This would encourage core-house dwellers to add on to their two-roomed homes

A railway line to Khayelitsha was expected to be operating within a year, he said

The huge development is expected to house a quarter of a million people in 50 000 housing units

So far 5 000 core-houses have been completed The cost of installing services, preparing the sites and building the houses was about R80 million, Mr Gordon-Brown said

Only 1 800 have been occupied so far, with 3 200 standing empty

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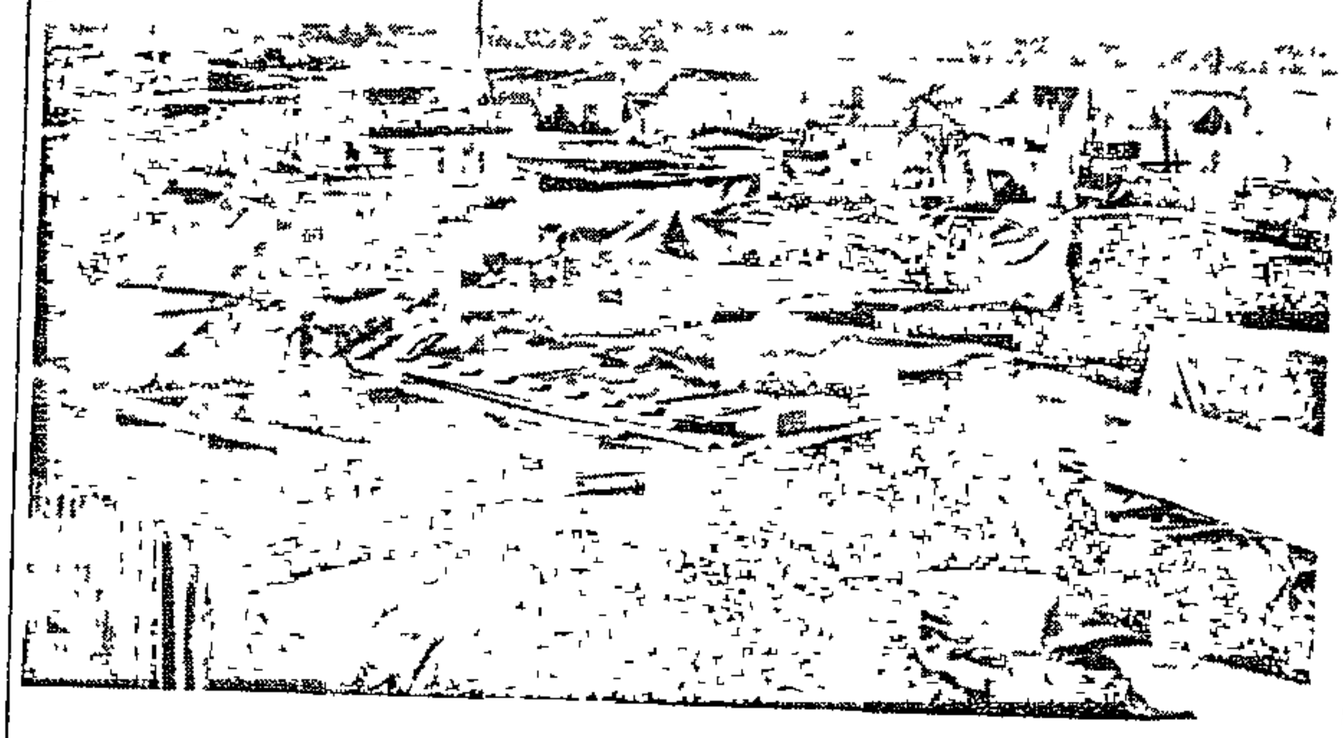
Plastic tent town grows at Khayelitsha's site C



Picture WILLIE DE KLERK, The Argus

Khayelitsha's squatter problem — about 900 families have erected shelters, with plastic the main building material, on an unserviced open area at Site C, Khayelitsha.

Staff Reporter

SITE C, Khayelitsha's controlled squatting area, has a squatter problem of its own

About 900 families have moved into the site-and-service area without the authority of the Western Cape Development Board, according to board spokesman Mr Sampie Steenkamp

He said that after arriving without building materials, they had bought tents from squatters legitimately moved to Site C

They put up plastic shelters after the board confiscated the tents last week

The removal operation from satellite camps at Crossroads to Khayelitsha has stopped while a second serviced area is being prepared The 7 000 sites at Site C have been filled

The "squatter" families have moved in to an unserviced open area set aside by planners for recreational use

With no toilets or taps, they have to use those at the serviced sites

Some of the squatters told The Argus they had come from Crossroads, but development board officials dispute this, saying they are new arrivals from rural areas

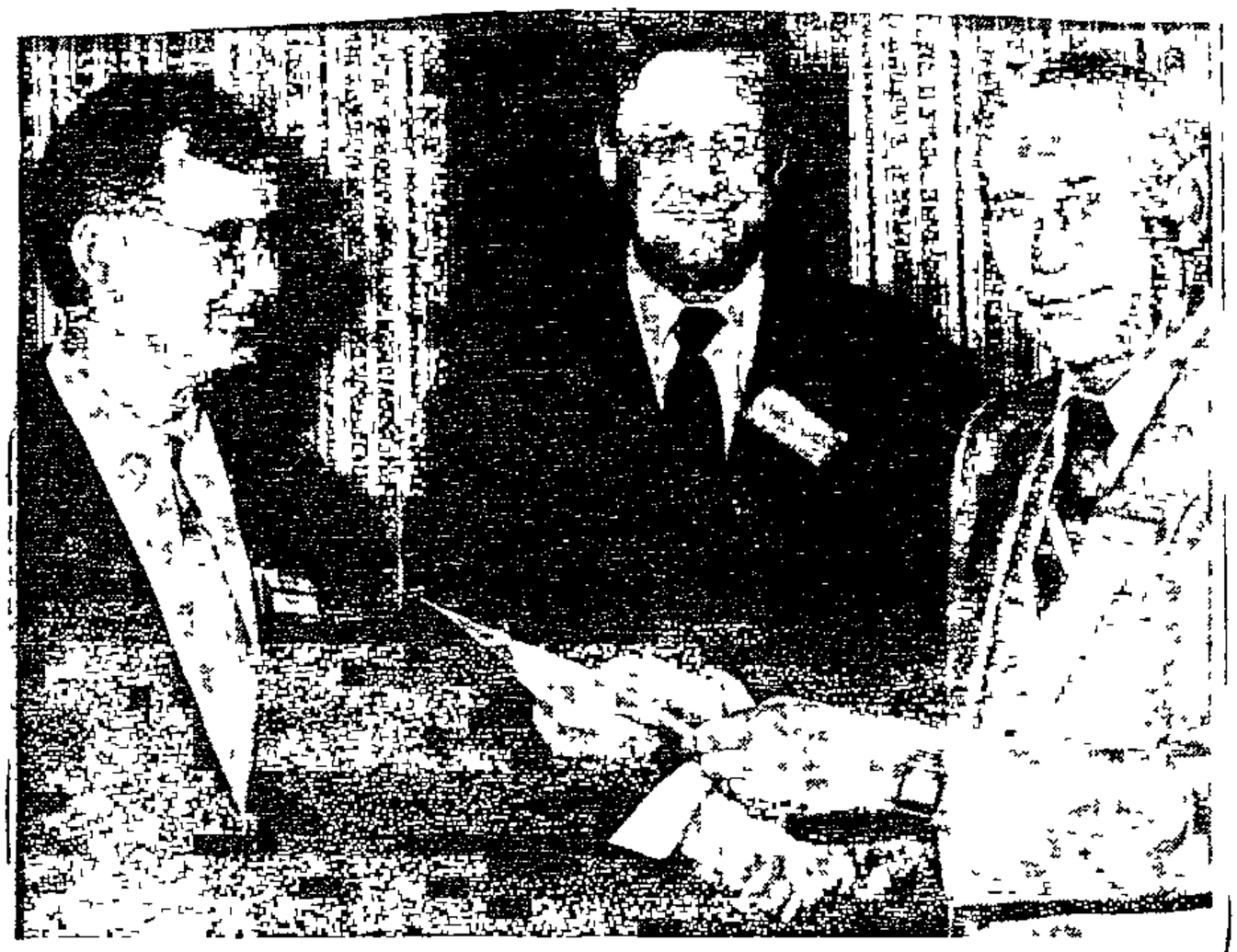
Strict control

New people arriving in the Peninsula could be experiencing increasing difficulty in setting up dwellings in the old squatter camps, according to Miss Vanessa Watson of the Urban Problems Research Unit

Board officials were exercising strict control at Crossroads and had cordoned off evacuated areas

The 18-month permits granted to legitimate occupants of Site C could also be an attraction for new squatters, Miss Watson said

She said the influx of people into Cape Town from the homelands and other rural areas had not decreased, with busloads of people arriving weekly



Mr Lou Wilking (right), outgoing managing director of General Motors South Africa, hands to the chairman of the Urban Foundation, Mr Justice Jan Steyn (centre), a R1,6m cheque for non-white housing. On the left is Mr Robert "Bob" White, who will assume MD responsibilities at GMSA in Port Elizabeth on Monday.

GM's R4m loan for living improvement

By BRIAN GROBBLER

LOW-INTEREST loans of almost R4 million to improve living conditions of non-whites in South Africa were announced by Mr Lou Wilking, outgoing managing director of General Motors South Africa, in Cape Town yesterday

Of the present R4m low-interest loans, R2,3m has been earmarked for South African educational institutions and charity organizations between now and 1988, and R1,6m for non-white housing development in the Port Elizabeth area

The loan, the biggest ever to the Urban Foundation by a single company, came mostly from the GM Foundation in the United States, Mr Wilking said

Mr Justice Jan Steyn, chairman of the Urban Foundation, a South African organization devoted to the economic and social advancement of non-whites, accepted a cheque from Mr Wilking for R1,6 to be used on housing by the Foundation It will permit the construction of 272 new homes and the improvement of 44 existing ones

Mr Justice Steyn described the loans as a "courageous investment" in South Africa

GMSA is "committed" to helping the non-white people of South Africa, Mr Wilking said, and has already provided more than R10m over the years In 1980 GMSA spent R9m to upgrade facilities for all workers at its Port Elizabeth plant and for additional training facilities to prepare greater numbers of blacks and other non-whites for supervisory and management positions

The funding by GMSA will carry forward and substantially augment existing programmes designed to enhance the upward mobility of blacks and other non-whites by providing greater educational opportunities as well as a better way of life outside the work environment.

The R2,3m contribution to educational institutions and charity organizations will provide university scholarships, overseas study and skills development, commercial college training, training of doctors, dentists, veterinary scientists and teachers, improved library facilities, small business development, legal advice and counsel, relief of hunger and malnutrition and maintenance of recreational facilities

Mr Wilking said the R4m reinforced GMSA's long-standing commitment to maintaining its leadership role in the advancement of blacks and other non-whites and would contribute to positive and peaceful change in South African social conditions

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Too high standards inhibit PE housing developments

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By KIN BENTLEY

MUNICIPAL standards governing engineering services such as roads, water reticulation and drains for self-help development areas in Port Elizabeth are too high and expensive and are inhibiting housing development

This is the belief of the residential manager of the Urban Foundation in PE, Mr Peter Arton-Powell, who was commenting on the implementation of two self-help schemes made possible by the R1,6 million low-interest three-year loan handed to the UF by General Motors South Africa in Cape Town on Thursday

He said the loan would be used to assist in two self-help schemes involving the building of 272 houses and the servicing of 44 sites on which houses were already built in the PE area

● The first scheme at Kleinskool, a coloured area, was divided into two

Services would be provided for Kleinskool Area A, a development started some time ago, but where the normal procedure of first providing infrastructure had not been followed

The UF, together with the SA Institute for Housing, in a "successful pilot experimental scheme to demonstrate the viability of self-help", organised the construction of 44 housing units at Area A on a self-help basis

As a result of this scheme's success, the PE Municipality had shown an interest and the council had resolved to adopt self-help and to "replicate" the UF's work on a large scale

At Kleinskool Area B, 72 sites would be serviced by independent contractors and new self-help houses built on them, he said

The funds would provide "bridging capital" until bonds had been acquired through building societies, some of which would only "post-bond" — supply bonds after the self-help houses were complete

● The second scheme was at KwaDwesi, on the Chatty River, he said

Here, the GM loan would be used as bridging capital in the building of 200 units on East Cape Development Board-serviced sites, near to the current Urban Villages Utility Company's 1 000 home scheme

The R1,6 million would be paid back to GM at a "very soft interest rate after the three year period expired, he said

To assist people in building their homes, he said, the Emthonjeni Training Centre and the Iqhayiya Technical College, both in Struandale, offered brick and block-laying courses at a total cost of between R40 and R90

In addition, he said, on-site technical supervisors from the UF monitored the building, which was done by the owner in his free time (The self-help scheme is only available to employed people)

The houses cost from R10 000 to R20 000

But one of the major factors inhibiting the self-help scheme, was the insistence by the PE Municipality that First World service standards be implemented in a Third World "high density sprawl" situation

He said for about half the cost, the authorities in Zimbabwe had been able to provide adequate services by not insisting on such high standards

'Many people simply can't afford the serviced stand"

Despite State subsidisation the high cost of the serviced site was also preventing the private sector from becoming involved to the desired extent

The regional chairman of the SA Institute of Housing, Mr Andrew Gibbon, agreed that servicing standards were often too high

He said according to research by the institute, there were about 6 678 housing units required by coloured people in PE, of which 2 458 were for people living in 'informal' housing and 4 220 for people in overcrowded conditions, mostly in the poorer areas There were also about 35 000 units required by black people and about 500 by Indians

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Malay Quarter to get 106 'period' houses

Municipal Reporter

CONSTRUCTION of 106 period-style houses in Cape Town's historic Malay Quarter — which came close to being cancelled when State funds were turned down — will now be funded from city council coffers

A stipulation that the houses be built in period style in keeping with the architectural character of the area has pushed up construction costs to about R50 000 a unit

This put the scheme beyond National Housing Commission limits, but, the council has agreed to raise a R5-million loan from its consolidated capital development and loans fund to finance construction

The houses will be sold "in the first instance" to buyers who can provide their own finance through building society loans

Townships face big increase in charges

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Staff Reporter

ABOUT 25 000 residents of the Western Cape black townships face a 20 to 30 percent increase in essential-service tariffs.

The increase applies to the townships of Lwandle near the Strand, Kayamandi at Stellenbosch, Zweletemba at Worcester, Mbekweni near Paarl, N'duli in Ceres, Zwelihle near Hermanus, Mfuleni at Eerste River, Zolani at Ashton and Nkqubela in Robertson

They come into effect on August 1

The chief director of the Western Cape Development Board, Mr H Gunter, said the increases would be between 20 and 30 percent and would differ from area to area

He said the tariffs for services in the board's rural areas had to be increased because of spiralling running costs

"Increased costs are now merely being passed on to residents who are at present paying tariffs below cost"

Increased fees are being charged for electricity, water, sewerage and sanitary services

Brought into line

Mr Gunter said electricity and water fees were being brought into line with service fees charged by Escom and the local municipalities which supplied the board with electricity and water

Fees for services in the Peninsula urban townships were being assessed

New fees have been advertised and are displayed at housing offices of the board in all the rural townships and at the head office of the board in Goulburn Street, Goodwood

Some examples of the new sevices fees at Mbekweni near Paarl are

- A basic service fee of R8,38 a month, plus 62c for interest redemption on a residential site.
- R1,60 for sanitation and refuse removal
- No charges are levied on what is described as "unmetered" water supply, but a basic fee of R1,60 is charged for water where meters have been installed and each kilolitre of water used costs 21c in a metered water supply.
- No charge is levied on unmetered electricity supply, but the basic charge for general consumers is R9,15 and R14,22 for consumers with a heavier supply

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28 families evicted from Atlantis

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Municipal Reporter

ABOUT 28 families have been evicted from their Atlantis homes this week and there are rumours in the hard-pressed community that more evictions will take place soon

Families have been evicted by the Divisional Council for not paying rent and instalments on homes

Community leaders say, however, that most of them are jobless and have little or no money They believe the Divisional Council should be more lenient

Chairman of the Atlantis Residents Association Mr Noel Williams said that according to an informed source, about 120 more families were to be evicted soon

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He said people owed in the region of between R600 and R700 and the council was insisting that evicted tenants pay a months' rent in advance and an additional R150 before being allowed to re-occupy their houses

Another association spokesman Mrs Sybil McKenna "Most of these people are jobless

"The council knows that, but they sent out their team of men to force people out"

She said "These people have nowhere to go and they will have to rely on neighbours taking them in One woman has a two-month-old baby and there are several young children involved"

"INSENSITIVITY"

Belongings were taken out and dumped on the pavement

The UDF has condemned the evictions

In a statement yesterday UDF spokesman Mr E Rasool said "The insensitivity with which the Divisional Council is approaching the problems which Atlantis residents face is appalling

"They are victims of economic problems not of their making It is the making the apartheid system

When an Argus reporter asked for comment from the Divisional Council earlier this week, he was told that the secretary, Mr W Vivier, would only reply to questions sent by telex The telex was sent immediately and followed up with another but no response has been received

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A decayed road in the C C Lloyd (Dunga) township where residents have waited five years for the area to be upgraded.

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Concern about EL slum

EAST LONDON — An area a few kilometres from the centre of the city which has been declared unfit for human habitation is posing a potential health hazard

Civic leaders have expressed concern over the conditions at the C C Lloyd township (better known as Dunga), and their concern has been corroborated by a report from the head of East London's health services, Mr J Claasse

Mr Claasse confirmed the area's health hazards at a recent Coloured management Committee meeting, and admitted that it was not fit to accommodate people

Report by NIKI KOTZE
Pictures by GARY HORLOR

Mr Claasse refused to elaborate on the issue this week and referred inquiries to the town clerk Mr Les Kumm who in turn referred to the director of housing Mr Ken Martinsen

Mr Martinsen said the city council had no jurisdiction over the area and was waiting for it to be deproclaimed

Until now it has been controlled by the East Cape Development Board

He said a written application was made to the municipal engineers to investigate the upgrading of the area, as well as the costs involved

The report would be submitted to the housing department of the House of Representatives which would allocate the necessary funds, Mr Martinsen said

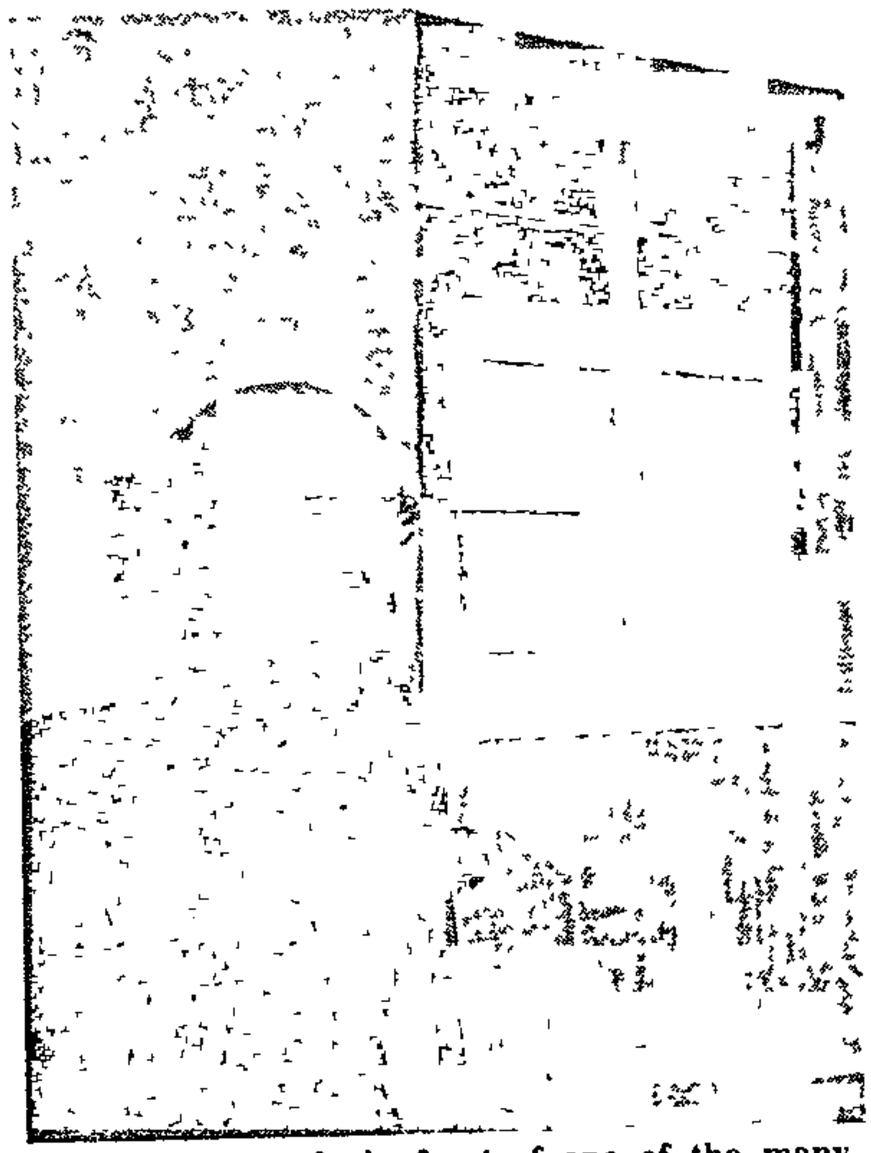
But he said there were no immediate funds for emergency work in Dunga

The vice-chairman of the Dunga Residents Association Mr Henry Kroutz, said the indecisiveness of political and civic leaders in accepting responsibility for Dunga had been at the expense of the residents

"The most despicable conditions have developed there, with burst sewerage pipes and refuse piling up The stench and the filth in the area is unbearable," he said

"How long must our people still endure the indignity and humiliation of living under these conditions?" he asked

Most people in Dunga were poverty-stricken, he added, and could not provide funds for repairs and maintenance



A resident stands in front of one of the many dilapidated Dunga houses

At play in the filth — one of the children who live in an area declared "uninhabitable"

"We're not in a war with the city council, but there must be some relief for these people

"If someone would only supply a temporary emergency service until funds are made available to the area, it would help to alleviate the misery of the people living there," he said

The acting chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr Corrie Alexander, said yesterday that the area was a slum

He said that for almost five years residents had waited for the upgrading of the area, and had only recently caught the attention of those in charge

"In the meantime the long wait and misery continues for these people," Mr Alexander said

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Landlords 'exploit housing shortage'

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By NOEL BRUYNS

THE SHORTAGE of accommodation for coloured people in the Peninsula has led to widespread exploitation by landlords who demand exorbitant rents from, and abritrarily evict, their tenants, it is claimed

Mr H P Ross, chairman of the Kensington Management Committee, said "There are some people in the Kensington area — I won't mention any names — who have bought property from other people leaving the country and who now demand a rent of R200 to R280 a month for a three-bedroomed house"

In other instances, tenants had to pay R100 for a single room without the use of basic facilities in the house

Mr Ross said the Administrator and the Department of Community Development had allowed people to live in garages, shacks and caravans at the back of other people's property because there was not enough ground alloted for housing the coloured people in the Western Cape

'An ongoing problem"

The chairman of the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee (Cahac), Mr Wilfrid Rhodes, also gave examples of exploitation

"There are more than 20 000 families on the waiting list of the Cape Town City Council alone Where are those people living in the meantime? In somebody's backyard Somebody is letting a room

"Many of these landlords are exploiting their tenants, charging between R60 - R150 for tiny rooms or for accommodation in garages, because there is such a shortage of accomodation", he said

The chairman of the Athlone Management Committee, Mr A Stanley, said tenants finding difficulties in paying their rent was an ongoing problem

"However, the Divisional Council and the City Council are not quick to evict people They give tenants time to get themselves on their feet financially, time to tide them over"

The City Council and the Divisional Council wrote off thousands of rands in lost rentals every year

The whole area of overcrowding had been a problem for more than 10 years, Mr Stanley said Even with the recent infill schemes, overcrowding was not being alleviated

He said that for coloured people, it was "near to impossible" for a single person to get a flat Families recieved preferential treatment

'All people have right to houses'

Young couples wanting to get married and have a house of their own faced difficulties that were often insurmountable

"Where do they still find plots? The few that are still available are too expensive How can artisans and clerical workers afford to buy property?" Mr Stanley asked

Coloured leaders said exploitation by landlords was the result of the government saying that private enterprise should be involved in financing housing Businessmen, however, invested their money where they could reap the best benefits For this reason, owners of flats and other accommodation demanded high rentals

They believed the government was the only body capable of overcoming the housing shortage. They called on the State to assume responsibility for the right of all people to houses, and to live in comfort and security

Saturday rent payments

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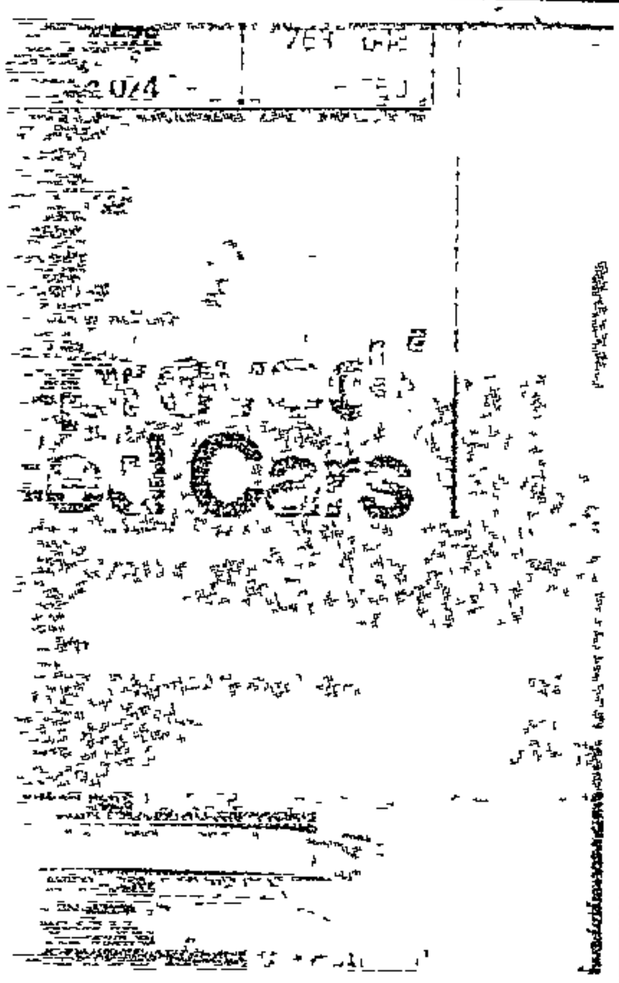
Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Coloured township residents will be able to pay their rent and other service charges on the first Saturday of every month at the Parkside housing office from August 3, this year.

This was announced by the acting chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr D W Alexander, who said the measure would greatly alleviate the problem of arrear rentals for most residents

He said it had been arranged with the treasury to keep the office open on a three month trial basis

It will be open between 8 am and 11 am



Plea for low-income housing

Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council is going to the Government to discuss cutting rents for low-income tenants and to get approval for low-cost housing in District Six

The council is alarmed at the possible effect on low income tenants rents of a Government decision to reduce housing loan interest rates from 3,5 to three percent and the loan period from 40 to 30 years

EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

A report says this will severely affect tenants in the R150-to-R300-a-month income group

The rental formula is being re-examined, but could take some time

The Executive Committee believes "everything possible should be done to alleviate the position of the tenants in the lower-income group"

Representations will also be made in response to a report from Government officials that no land in District Six may be used for low-cost housing

The council proposed building about 230 low-cost units there but Government officials gave a verbal indication that land would not be sold to the council for that purpose

District Six has been frequently singled out as ideal or low-cost housing for low and middle-income groups because of its proximity to employment opportunities

Community groups campaigning to have District Six opened as a mixed residential area say tenants there would not have to bear high transport costs

Plain may get 600 houses all at once

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Municipal Reporter

THE developers of the R75-million shopping centre proposed for Mitchells Plain may have to include 600 houses in the initial phase of their scheme to receive the go-ahead for the development from the City Council

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Rent control: owners warned

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Tenants of rent controlled flats or houses were sometimes given notice to vacate their premises because the owner wanted to sell the dwelling by means of share block or sectional title, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works, Mr Amie Venter, said in a statement.

This was done under the pretext that rebuilding or repairs would be undertaken, "with presumably sometimes the real motive of getting rid of the tenants to promote sales of the units."

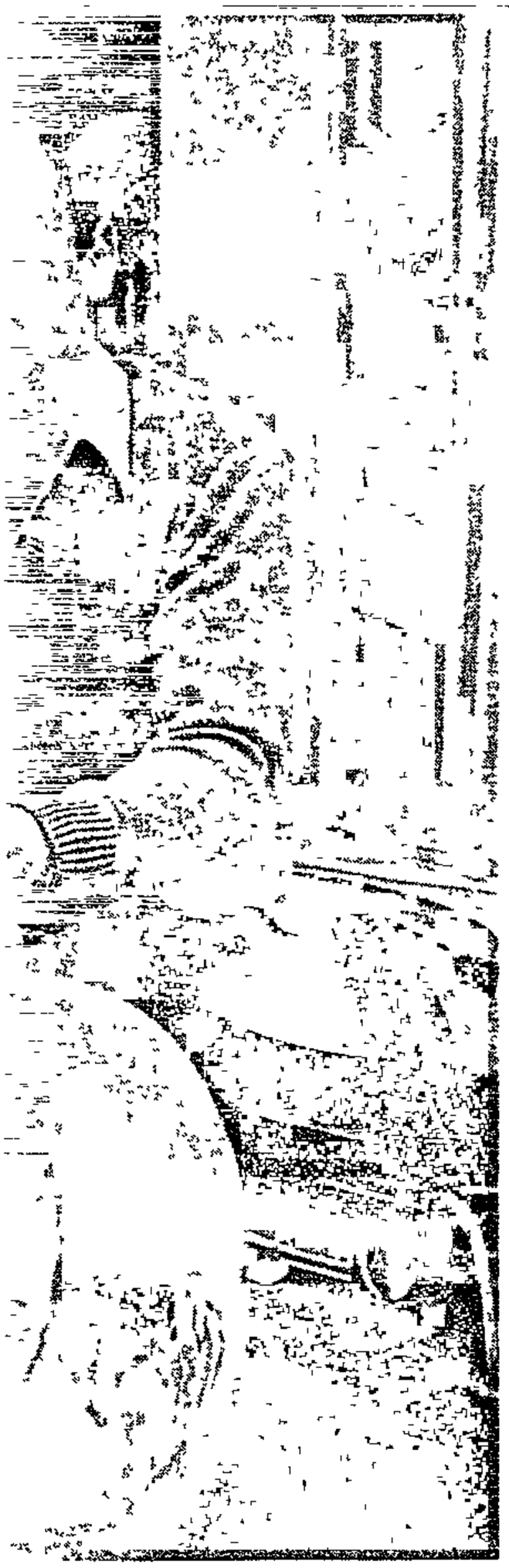
"This practice in some cases results in the vacation of dwellings by less affluent tenants without being aware of or availing themselves of the protection which the (Rent Control) Act provides."

The courts had to be satisfied that premises were "reasonably required" for rebuilding or repairs before an eviction order could be granted

"Should a tenant be obliged to vacate the premises for this purpose, the Act entitles the tenant to return after completion of the rebuilding or repairs"

The Act also required lessors to provide copies of notices to vacate rent controlled premises to the relevant rent board

The statement warned the department would in future "be actively identifying" owners or lessors who abused the provisions of the Act, and that the necessary action would be taken



Rent control abuses to be probed

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By RAYMOND HILL

OFFICIALS of the Rent Control Board are investigating a case where two blocks of flats in Port Elizabeth are being offered for sale after an application to have them decontrolled had been refused

This was stated today by Mr J A J Weyers, the local representative of the Administration of the House of Assembly's Department of Local Government, Housing and Works

Mr Weyers said the board had been told that tenants in the flats concerned had their rentals increased without the board's permission

This happened after ministerial approval to have the premises de-controlled was refused recently

Results of the investigation would be sent to the Public Prosecutor

This disclosure was made after the Minister of Local Government Housing and Works Mr A A Venter, said in a Press statement this week that a few cases of Rent Control Act abuse regarding flats had come to his notice recently

According to Mr Venter owners of flats had given tenants notice under the pretext of the need to renovate the premises concerned

However, sometimes the real motive was to sell the flats illegally

Mr Weyers said the board would in future take stricter action against owners of blocks of flats who gave tenants notice

A condition that landlords furnish the board with a copy of a court order after notice has been given had not been strictly enforced by the board in the past.

This condition would, however have to be complied with in all cases where notice to vacate was given in future

Mr Weyers said the court had to decide if it was necessary for tenants to vacate flats for repair purposes

It was known that flat owners sometimes falsely issued tenants with notices to vacate on the pretext that major repairs had to be done

The real reason however was that they wanted to get rid of the tenants and sell the units under Sectional Title

Mr Weyers explained that tenants in rent-controlled flats had to be given six months notice if the owner wanted to make extensive repairs and the court found it necessary for them to vacate it

The Rent Control Act allowed the original tenants to re-occupy the flat after it has been repaired

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No rise in City black rents

By BARRY STREEK

RENTS and service charges in black townships in Greater Cape Town will not be increased during the current financial year, according to the Western Cape Development Board press liaison officer, Mr Sampie Steenkamp.

Mr Steenkamp confirmed that service charges for residents of the black townships in Paarl, Worcester and Stellenbosch would be increased from August 1 by between R1,50 and R2 a month.

The Western Cape Civic Association branch in Worcester's Zweletemba township said in a statement yesterday that residents had not been consulted about the rent increases

The statement, issued by the chairman, Mr Abel Dlikilili, said the association said it wanted to complain about the rent increases.

"Jobs are very scarce in Worcester. People are earning from R25 a week. Nobody was consulted by the Western Cape Development Board about this increasing of rent," it said.

Sardines

In the Zweletemba location, the last improvements had been made to houses in 1953 and there were fewer than 1 100 houses.

"The population is more than 15 788 — living like sardines in small houses."

The association said the regional manager of Zweletemba had decided on the new rents without consulting or notifying the residents.

● The Minister of Local Government in the House of Delegates, Mr Baldeo Dookie, this week announced substantial rent decreases for the families of unemployed people in Indian municipal housing schemes throughout South Africa.

Residents fight sub-economic house scheme on banks of vlei

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Environment Reporter

RESIDENTS are fighting plans for a 220-unit sub-economic housing scheme for Indians on the eastern bank of Zeekoevlei

It forms part of the planned 600ha Pelican Park Indian residential area proclaimed in 1981

About 250 people packed a lively special meeting of the Zeekoevlei Civic Association last night and voted overwhelmingly in favour of a motion rejecting the plan

WHISTLES

The meeting — called to discuss development of the Zeekoevlei residential area — was addressed by senior city and divisional council officials

There were whistles and laughs from the audience when Mr P N Tomalin, Divisional Council director of planning, said the total population of Pelican Park would be about 32 000 by the year 2010

Mr John Wiley, Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism, drew loud applause when he said he believed it was wrong to introduce sub-economic housing to the area

"I don't think you want to bring sub-economic housing to a prime residential and conservation area," he said

"Those people are least likely to pay attention to preserving the standards of the environment around the vlei and it changes the character of the residential quality of the vlei"

At one point there was a sharp altercation between Mr Wiley and city councillor Mr Clive Keegan

Mr Wiley noted that Mr Keegan and Mr Peter Muller, both members of the city council's Executive Committee, were present and he asked them to "go back to Exco" and have the decision on sub-economic housing in Pelican Park reversed

Mr Keegan replied that the city council and Exco had not "laid down" the Group Areas Act and they were not responsible for the overcrowding which had resulted in Indian areas

- The proclaimed area of Pelican Park stretches from 8th Avenue in Grassy Park to Baden Powell Drive on the False Bay coast

SET BACK

- It incorporates an area originally planned as a coastal fynbos reserve, although no alternative reserve has been suggested
- Pelican Park housing on the the eastern bank of Zeekoevlei is being set back from the vlei south of 14th Avenue in Grassy Park and the open area on the bank will be for public use
- The city council is establishing a major domestic refuse site south of Zeekoevlei but only three hectares will be used at a time and it will be covered at the end of each day

Academic pleads for jobs, shops

Political Staff

THE challenge for urban growth in Greater Cape Town lay in the provision of jobs and commercial centres in the Mitchells Plain-Khayelitsha-Macassar-Belhar complex where 800 000 people could be living by 2005, according to Professor Wolfgang Thomas of the University of the Western Cape

The planning focus of Cape Town had now shifted from the Atlantis area to this complex, Professor Thomas has written in the magazine Energos

Although in the late 1970s it had been envisaged that Atlantis would become a town for 300 000 to 500 000 people, it now had 40 000 people, many of whom had to seek employment in Cape Town, and the prospects for industrial expansion were limited

Professor Thomas also said Cape Town's black population could easily reach between 450 000 and 500 000 people by the end of the century "Half of them might be in Khayelitsha and the rest in the remaining black townships or in other residential areas"

Professor Thomas said the government's policy of repatriating squatter communities to Transkei and Ciskei had "failed, not in the least due to the resistance of the governments of the independent states"

Within less than two years Cape Town's four existing townships had been significantly improved in status and would be supplemented by a major new town which had the capacity to accommodate about 250 000 people

"We now find a housing as well as site-and-service crash programme at Khayelitsha, upgrading plans for Crossroads and plans for the upgrading of the infrastructure in Langa and Nyanga How functional these programmes will be cannot be judged at this stage, yet they are a clear indication that realities are at last, being faced," Professor Thomas said

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Atlantis: 2 000 facing eviction

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

EVICTED tenants in Atlantis are defying the Divisional Council by moving their household goods back into their flats and houses as soon as they can

Tenants who have not paid their rents are being evicted daily, in spite of a council promise that it would stay evictions until September

Mr Chris Anthony, who was retrenched from a building firm four months ago and has been unable to find work since, said council workers had moved all his possessions out of his flat in Babblers Way yesterday morning

Can't sleep

Many of the flats in Atlantis have identical keys, and it is only a matter of time before evicted tenants' flats are opened by neighbours

Mrs Desiree Ghoso, who was also evicted yesterday morning, was back in her flat with her two children and all her possessions yesterday afternoon

Tenants say they can't sleep at night because they fear the council will return and evict them again

Some tenants have not been able to regain access to their flats and have spent the cold West Coast nights amongst belongings dumped in courtyards or on pavements

While scores of people are left without shelter, or crowd into the homes of friends, their former homes stand empty

All the people interviewed said they had made numerous approaches to the council, the council social worker and government departments to explain their inability to pay their rents — which average R80 a month — and to appeal for relief

The chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association, Mr Noel Williams, was warned by the police after helping to carry tenants' belongings back into their homes, and blocking a stairway with furniture to prevent council workers carrying more goods out

He estimated that about 2 000 people were under threat of eviction following notices sent out by the Divisional Council

6 months

"The council agreed to give the people six months' grace in which to pay their rents

"That period expires only in September, so we can't understand why they are evicting people now," he said

● A telex requesting an explanation for the evictions was sent to the Divisional Council secretary, Mr W R Vivier, yesterday morning It had not been answered by last night

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Rent: More evictions expected in Atlantis

Tygerberg Bureau

MORE evictions are expected this week in Atlantis, where authorities say householders have misunderstood the terms of a temporary Government concession to residents unable to pay their rents

Sixteen householders were put out of their rented homes last week and a community spokesman expects more evictions this week after residents refused to attend a discussion with authorities on the issue at the weekend

Mr W R Vivier, secretary of the Divisional Council of the Cape, said residents misunderstood the temporary relief promised recently by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture

Some householders in Atlantis have claimed the evictions contradicted the Government's promise to give six months' grace to tenants unable to pay rent because of the recession

Mr Vivier said postponement on payment of rent or interest and redemption applied only to tenants or home-owners who had lost their income or received reduced income because of circumstances beyond their control

He said the Atlantis residents who had been evicted still had heads of household who were employed or received an income, while arrear rents ranged from R128,93 (for three months) to R681,25 (for five months)

Mr Noel Williams, chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association, said hundreds of tenants were served with notices last Friday to discuss their arrear rent with officials of the council's rent office on Saturday

"As a form of protest no one attended," he said He expected "many more" evictions this week, probably from tomorrow

Council lashes Atlantis attitude

Staff Reporter

THE attitude of the Atlantis Residents' Association expressed in a report that more evictions were expected in Atlantis, was criticised at a Divisional Council meeting today

"This council is not in the business of evictions We are a body which provides housing and evictions are only carried out in extreme situations," said councillor Mr Neil Ross

He was reacting to a report that "hundreds of tenants" who were served with notices last Friday to discuss their arrear rentals had not attended a meeting with the council "as a form of protest"

He said he had a severe complaint about the Atlantis Residents' Association, which had advised people not to come to the council

"When people are in economic distress and come to this council they always get a sympathetic ear Evictions are a last resort and discussing matters with the rent office is a first line of defence Ninety-nine times out of a hundred the problem is solved and no evictions occur"

He said the association had acted in "gross dereliction" of its community duty

"The people being disadvantaged are the very people they are trying to help They are stopping people coming to the council to seek help to keep roofs over their heads"

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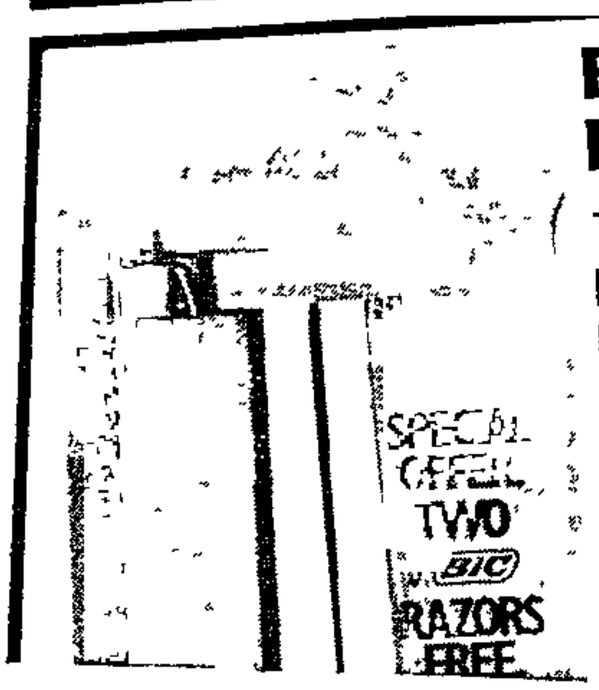

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Families to get trickle of water

Staff Reporter

FORTY-TWO Atlantis families whose water supply was disconnected when they failed to pay their water accounts, will receive water on a trickle system

Mr Neil Ross told a Divisional Council of the Cape meeting yesterday that of 269 problem water accounts in Atlantis at the last due date, 56 had not been disconnected, and only 42 consumers were still disconnected

"Disconnections have not been done regardless of health hazards," said Mr Ross

The council had looked at the health aspects and found that the families affected had made other arrangements for water supply and there was no hazard, he said

"The families have been hit by the general economic downturn and as a result have been unable to meet water payments

"They are suffering the inconvenience and if we could implement the trickle system it would be a step in the right direction"

The system, which uses a ring to reduce the aperture of the water outlet, was approved as an experiment because the high calcium content of the water in Atlantis might cause deposits to form and block the system

Nature jobs — but no pay

Staff Reporter

NATURE conservation students at the Cape Technikon may work in Divisional Council nature reserves during their final practical year

Students will be able to sign a contract with the council for work in the Cape Point or Rondevlei reserves without pay

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Tenants forced out face a leap in rents

Municipal Reporter

THE last coloured tenants being prised out of Harfield Village by the Group Areas Act face rents four times higher in the new homes they are obliged to accept

This emerges from a City Council report on the remaining 35 coloured families forced to leave Harfield because the neighbourhood is a declared white area

Tenants have been paying about R48 a month but face paying as much as R227 in their new houses

However, the council will ask the Government for subsidised rents of R66 a month

A report says the Government-proposed rents for homes provided for people forced to move because of the Group Areas Act are too high

During debate yesterday Mrs Eulalie Stott said she had received a letter from Mr Pen Kotze, former Minister of Community Development, saying the question of rents was receiving 'serious consideration"

She said most tenants were aged between 50 and 70

She told the council of one tenant, aged about 50, who had recently been promoted and had hoped to "live well" on his new salary

"He has children in high school For him suddenly to find his rent is going up from R48 to R227 a month is just not good enough"

Mr Jan van Eck, MPC, said the human cost of apartheid was "hate and anger" and financial costs were being borne by the taxpayers

"How long can we afford this?" he asked

Rent relief

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Municipal Reporter

TENANTS who are forced by the Group Areas Act to move out of their homes in Harfield Village to more expensive accommodation are to be given rent relief by the City Council.

The council has decided to charge former Harfield Village residents a rental of R66 a month, including rates, unless their rentals are below this amount

According to the chairwoman of the council's housing committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott, tenants who were paying R48 a month in Harfield are paying up to R227 a month for accommodation in other housing estates

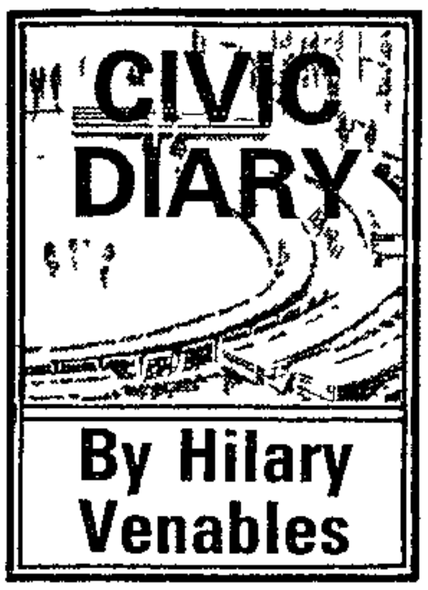
The council, which opposed the forced removal of people from Harfield, has repeatedly approached the government about granting subsidies to the 35 affected households, "without satisfactory conclusion"

It will continue to offer special rentals until it has negotiated a subsidy with the government

● The City Council is to consider holding its monthly meetings during the afternoon and evening so that members of the public can attend

The council yesterday approved a private member's motion from Mr Arthur Wienburg, calling on the executive committee to investigate the implication of changing the time of meetings, which begin traditionally at 10am

Forced to move — and to pay higher rent



By Hilary Venables

AFTER forcing families to move out of their homes under Group Area legislation, one would imagine the least the government could do would be to ensure that the victims of its iniquitous law would not be faced with increased rentals

However, the people who are being forcibly removed from their council-owned cottages in Harfield Village are having to be accommodated in new houses in the council's housing estates — where rentals are in some cases four times higher than those in Claremont

The council, which is forced to charge high rentals as a result of the government's outdated subsidy formula, has repeatedly approached the authorities in an attempt to secure some sort of rental relief for these families

No success

So far, their attempts have met with no success

As an interim measure, pending the outcome of its negotiations with the government, the council last week approved a recommendation from the housing committee that rentals for former Harfield Village tenants be set at a maximum of R66 a month

This is still higher than the R48 most tenants were paying for houses in Harfield, but it is a considerable improvement on the R227 many would have had to pay without this relief

Ratepayer's pocket

The money which will be used to finance this rental subsidy will have to come out of the City's own coffers, and ultimately out of the ratepayer's pocket

Although ratepayers in Cape Town are already chafing under the latest rates increase, there can be few people who would resent assisting former Harfield tenants in this way

What is unfair, however, is that Cape Town should have to spend money alleviating suffering caused entirely by the government's shortsighted and inhumane apartheid policies

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THE Divisional Council, having failed to persuade squatters at Disa River, Hout Bay, to move to its new squatter camp in Philippi, has passed the buck for removing the familes to local property owners, who now face prosecution if they do not force squatters off their land

'No alternative'

According to a statement from Divco chairman Mr G M Basson, the council has had "no alternative but to serve formal notice in terms of the Illegal Squatting Act on the owners of this property to remove the squatters"

"The said owners are therefore now responsible for the removal of these squatter families from the site and for the demolition of their unauthorized structures"

This move comes as a blow to the squatters who have repeatedly called for the provision of proper housing in the area, and who fear that once they have been moved to a "temporary" camp, out of the way of white Divco constituents, they will be forgotten, and their housing problem will never be solved

Not a solution

The chairman of the Hout Bay Action Committee, Mr Dick Meter, voiced the squatters' fears earlier this year when he said "Moving people to Philippi is not a solution It only solves the problem for the white ratepayers It takes the squatters out of their sight but it doesn't solve anything for the squatters"

The refusal of the council to meet a squatter delegation at its offices in Wale Street last month has added to the mounting anger among these people who have repeatedly accused Divco of failing to consult them on its plans for their future

Out-of-the-way

The councillor for the area, Mr Len Pothier, has justified the council's stance by saying there would be no point in talking to the squatters as there is "no other solution to the problem"

Other than depriving them of all shelter by having property owners throw them off their land, it seems

The squatters argue that the only solution is the provision of housing

And although many of them would be prepared to acknowledge that this will take time, money and land, they do not accept that they must be moved — for an indefinite period they fear — to an out-of-the-way camp, far from their places of work, until the white authorities decide to get their act together and build proper accommodation for them

82 houses for Belhar

Cape Times 7/1/85

Staff Reporter

THE Housing League is to build 82 new houses in Belhar.

The league has bought land off Symphony Way and hopes to start construction in September with the first homes ready for occupation early next year.

The 82 new homes will sell from R39 200 to R46 650 and have been architect-designed in a variety of styles. They will be three-bedroomed and mostly free standing with a few semi-detached dwellings.

Mr Johan Nel, deputy general manager, said yesterday that the new houses were aimed at the slightly upper income group where the monthly income was over R1 300 a month or where government assistance for home loans was available.

Mr Steve Zimri of the Housing League, ☎ 24-4061, is responsible for marketing the houses.

70 march over rent, evictions

Cape Times 7/8/85 (124)

By RENEE MOODIE

ABOUT 70 people yesterday marched on a City Council housing office in Mitchells Plain to protest against eviction notices and to demand a reduction in rents

The group, mainly women and children, marched from the Portland Anglican Church When they reached the housing office for Beacon Valley, Eastridge and Tafelsig, police arrived in patrol and riot vans

Mrs P Barron, district housing manager, said that the group had legitimate grievances

The police agreed not to interfere and left

Miss Shahieda Issel, of the Mitchells Plain Advice Office, said many in the Beacon Valley, Eastridge and Tafelsig areas of Mitchells Plain were unemployed and could not pay rent

Mrs Barron said the council recognized the problems of people who were entitled to rent reductions but who had not yet been granted them Because of a computer error, the correct amounts owing were not reflected on accounts

Twenty-five people left the office with immediate reductions in their rents, and the cases of other people are under review

● One of the marchers, Mrs J Jacobs, who is unemployed and has five children, said she had been on the waiting list for a house for over a year She was staying in one room in somebody else's house

Another, Mr P Lombard, said he had five children and was unemployed, apart from casual work and could not pay his rent last month

Mr Robert van Reenen said one of the problems faced by unemployed people in Mitchells Plain was that they were 20km away from places where they might get work, but they could not afford to get there to try for the jobs

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Home-building boom in coloured areas

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By TOM HOOD
Property Editor

HOUSES valued at more than R250 million were either completed or planned in coloured areas in the Western Cape in the first half of this year

Home-building has boomed — in contrast to white areas, where building activity is half what it was in the first half of last year

Plans passed for 1 331 new houses in coloured areas showed a 56 percent increase, outstripping 1 102 planned in white areas, estimates the Cape Metropolitan Planning Committee

The total of 948 houses completed rocketed by 42 percent, although well below the 1 488 completed for whites

NOT ENOUGH WORK

The pattern of a boom in coloured areas and depression in white areas happened before the late 70s, said a Metplan spokesman

"It could be that coloured building companies can't find enough work in the normally affluent and profitable white towns and suburbs and are going for much cheaper houses in their own areas"

However, the booming market may soon reach saturation and a number of builders could be putting their necks on the chopping block, warned Mr Dave Horwitz, managing director of Condecor, which builds for coloured buyers in several parts of the Boland

SUBSIDIES

"We are getting a little nervous about the amount of building going on Almost all the buyers were Government employees with subsidies and they are getting scarcer

"Most houses being built were in the R50 000 to R60 000 range, including land However, there was tremendous gap in the R39 000 to R43 000 bracket and that could present a large market for builders

"This company is switching to designing houses to suit what the owner can afford rather than try to meet his physical requirements

"We are telling people to forget about a second bathroom or garage until they can afford it"

Mr A U Barnetson, managing director of Ovland, said first-time buyers have come to accept that they really cannot afford the size and standard of home their parents had

A similar acceptance is now essential in the commercial field

"Office complexes with impressive marble-clad foyers, carpeting and expensive wall claddings will need to become the exception from now on

NEW GENERATION ARCHITECTS

"It is likely too that air-conditioning will come to be seen as a luxury, as it can comprise up to 20 percent of the total development bill"

The new generation of architects had already shown that attractive designs did not necessarily mean more money

Mr Barnetson said the property market probably bottomed out in May and from now on conditions are likely to get better, although slowly

This slightly more optimistic view of the future was based on the recent decline in interest rates and the fact that there had been a definite increase in market inquiries

"The recovery will be slowed down by an oversupply of accommodation

"I can see rentals firming up in the course of next year The next few months, therefore, are the right time to sign up new leases"

It seemed clear that R20-plus a square metre would become the standard rental for a medium to good office within the next few months

From a developer's point of view, now was the time to be designing new projects However, these were likely to require conasiderable scaling down in standard

"Spending on new projects will reflect the new political dispensation with a larger share of our resources allocated to the upgrading of the unskilled and the underprivileged"

Company cars: Workers face tax pitfall

By TOM HOOD

EMPLOYERS may be doing their staff a disservice by selling company cars cheaply to them as a perk

Tax offices are checking to see if cars are sold below market value Where they changed hands at less that the trade's book value, the new owners are being landed with more general sales tax than they expected

"We have seen instances in the Cape where the Revenue has insisted on tax being levied on a higher price than the price at which the car was sold," says Mr Doug Taylor, manager of Stannic's corporate marketing department

HIRE PURCHASE

"There is never an objection where a car is sold at higher than market value," he said at a Cape Town seminar on fringe benefits tax legislation this week

However, it could be advantageous for an employee to buy a car on hire purchase from his company

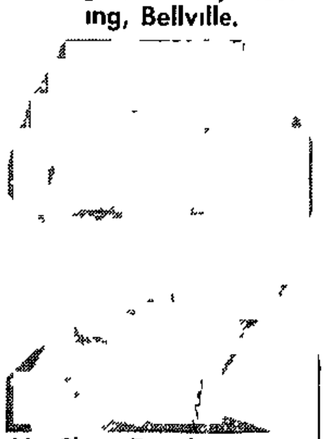
If the car was used for bona fide business travel, the buyer did not have to pay the usual 20 percent deposit, repayments rates could be lower than normal and there would be no maximum repayment period of financing — it could be up to five years

APPOINTMENTS

Mr Des Collins, Travel Care Insurance Brokers, Cape Town

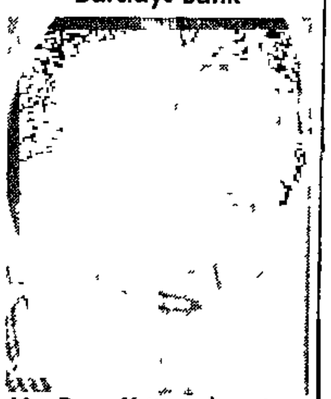
Mr Jan Tredoux, general manager, Marley Flooring, Bellville.

Mr Dick Pratt, managing director, Barlow Rand Properties



Mr Clem Douglas, manager, Hout Bay branch, Barclays Bank

Mr Bill Taylor has been appointed deputy managing director of Firestone



Mr Ron Kitto, director, Klerck & McCormac Recruitment Advertising (Cape)

Mr Pat Hart, chairman, South African Asbestos Producers' Advisory Committee.

Mr Robert Reddick, managing director, Klerck & McCormac Recruitment Advertising (Cape).

Property sales

Many hit in rent error

Staff Reporter

UNEMPLOYED people in Mitchells Plain should inform their local housing office of their joblessness so that their rent could be reduced, Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the City Council's housing committee, said yesterday

Mrs Stott's comments follow a march on the Beacon Valley, Eastridge and Tafelsig housing office on Thursday by 70 people protesting against eviction notices and requesting reductions in their rent.

"There has been a computer error affecting possibly as many as 1 000 people whose rent may not show the proper reductions on their accounts," Mrs Stott said

She apologized to those affected

Mrs Stott emphasized that no eviction notice would ever be sent the first time someone did not pay their rent, or to someone who had contacted the council and told them they were out or work.

"The requirement is that rent is to be paid on the first day of the month, although there is a seven-day grace period The council cannot be expected by telepathy to know when people have a problem

"They must make it their business to get in touch with us in the first seven days of the month, or as soon as they know they are unemployed," she said

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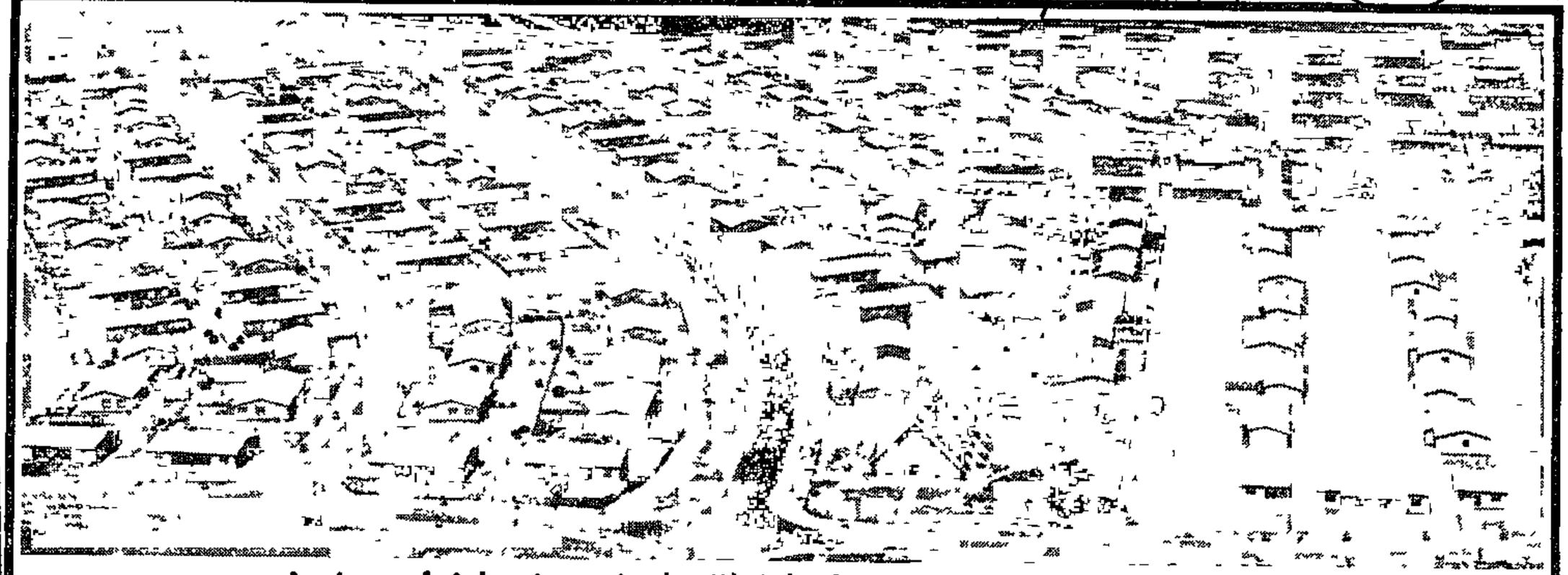

A view of Atlantis . . . is the "bright future" for residents dimming?

Atlantis survey: Unemployment, rent, pension and HP problems highlighted

Tygerberg Bureau

A DOOR-TO-DOOR survey investigating problems facing Atlantis residents has been undertaken by the Atlantis Residents' Association

Of the 200 Saxonsea families interviewed since the project was launched three weeks ago, about half had no income because breadwinners were unemployed, according to the association's chairman, Mr Noel Williams

He said the aims of the investigation were to gather information on difficulties being experienced in the town, advise people on how to overcome these hardships and to increase residents' awareness of their rights

RENTS, PENSIONS

"We want to teach people to stand up for themselves and speak for themselves," said Mr William Cloete, an association member involved in the survey

Some of the problems reported were concerned with rent, disability and maintenance grants, pensions, hire-purchase contracts and unemployment, Mr Cloete said

And unemployment has soared since Atlantis factories began retrenching workers last year

ADVICE OFFICE

Mr Cloete said families who could not pay their rent were advised to speak to Divisional Council officials about their problems in order to find solutions

In many cases residents were afraid to approach officials, and association representatives then accompanied them

The association has also set [illegible] an advice office which is [illegible] on Saturday mornings to help with almost any problems There are plans to extend this to a daily service before the end of the year

PAID OFF

Mrs Julie la Mont's household is an example of a family which has become a victim of the recession They moved to Atlantis in 1982 when the toy factory where Mrs la Mont's husband and two daughters worked was relocated there

"We thought we would be able to build a bright future in Atlantis," Mrs La Mont said

But last November her husband and one daughter were paid off The family has had to survive on the wages of the other daughter (R47 a week) ever since

OPEN FIRE

They have had to cook on an open fire since the electricity supply was disconnected three months ago

Mrs la Mont took her problem to the council housing officials, who made some concessions to ease the difficulties

● A Saxonsea resident, Mr J Fulmon and his family were ejected from their home last Thursday because of rent arrears However they were allowed to return to their house on Friday after Mr Fulmon's employers had reached an agreement with the council that the arrears would be settled

Some of the residents (top), and (bottom) a street scene in the town.

1 000 city construction workers call off strike

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Tygerberg Bureau

THE strike by about 1 000 Murray and Roberts construction workers has been called off.

The Cape Town branch organiser of the South African Allied Workers' Union, Mr Zezile Ramncwana, said the company had agreed to further discussion of workers' demands on Thursday. The union has to prove to the company that it is representative of its workers, he said.

Mr H E Minott, managing director of Murray and Roberts Buildings (Cape Town), said about 1 000 workers did not report for work yesterday and that "above average absenteeism" was experienced at the company's Tyger Valley shopping centre construction site in Bellville.

Among workers' gripes is that rent for the single men's hostels they occupy in Guguletu has been increased from R12,50 to R15,50

Police arrest jobless in rent march

Staff Reporter

ELEVEN unemployed Wanenburg residents, local Wanenburg Advice Office to Citizens Council Rents Office to ask for rent, were arrested by police after they refused to disperse and when carrying illegal banners. Three were women and three were men in their 20s and 30s. All seek-ing work, they de-manded to meet at the Office, after a group of residents who had been unemployed for two years had been charged with obstruction of the highway.

Camera

Police said that the 11 were arrested by a police video-camera crew and charged with obstruction. The police had been called to the scene, a witness said.

Police carrying placards, which read "We want jobs," and "We want low rents" — we need jobs, he said. Some of the unemployed, however, said they had been unemployed for two years and had been charged in connection with the march.

Some of those arrested had been unemployed for more than 40 months. Some of the group had been on the dole for two years and had been charged with obstruction of the highway.

Advice Office

Accordingly, the Advice Office had called a meeting at the Office, after a mass meeting of residents who had been unemployed for two years and had been charged with obstruction of the highway.

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KHAYELITSHA

1. INTRODUCTION

Removals, resettlement, relocations. These are the three R's that Africans in South Africa learn. The latest lesson is taking place right here in Cape Town, and it will affect people that we see and work with every day. All African people living in the Western Cape are to be removed from their present homes and relocated at Khayalitsha.

You have probably read about Khayelitsha in the papers. But did you know that it is 35 km. from Cape Town and at the moment there is no provision of any transport other than private buses? Or that it is designed to house 300 000 people within the next 15-20 years? Or that the present African townships will become housing for "coloured" people ?

Any resettlement of this size (300 000 people in roughly 40 square kilometres) obviously involves many problems of a social nature. We hope to illustrate some of these problems in the limited space available here. We also hope that, once you have read the articles and seen the maps and photographs, you will ask the question, "What can I do?" There are various ways in which you can make your feelings known. In your factory or business, find out what your African employees feel about having to move. Ask what your church is doing or planning to do. Speak to your friends and if you feel strongly enough, contact your member of parliament and demand to know what he is doing. Or contact us.

The AD HOC COMMITTEE ON KHAYELITSHA is made up of representatives from a host of churches, welfare organizations, civil rights groups, community organizations and inter-racial groups. It is non-denominational and is not affiliated to any political organization.

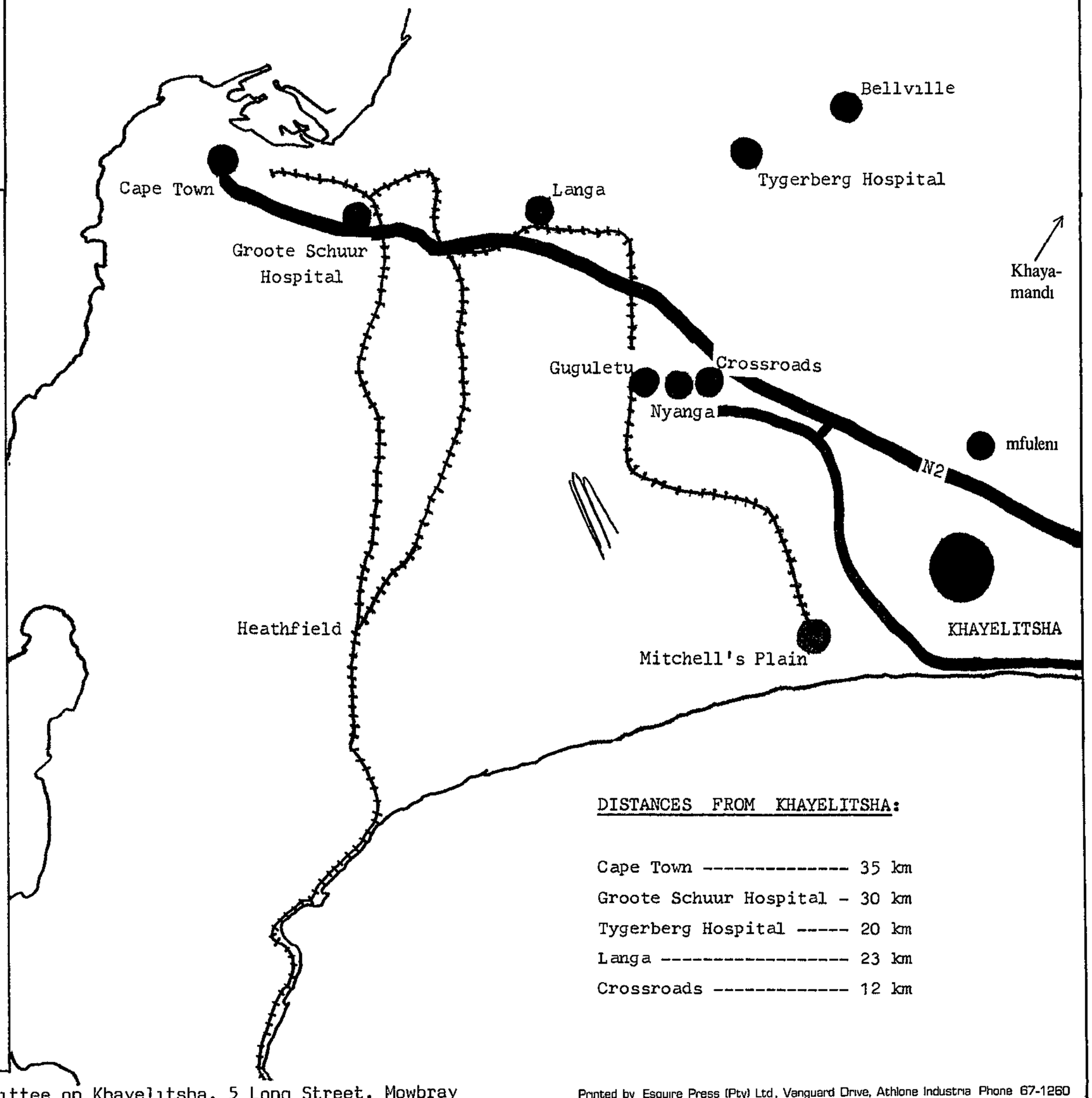
This Committee can be contacted c/o 5 Long Street, Mowbray.

THE DECLARATION OF RIGHTS OF AFRICANS IN THE WESTERN CAPE

1. South Africa is one undivided country: all people born within its borders are entitled to full and equal citizenship rights throughout the land.

2. All citizens have the right to freedom of movement - to live, work and retire where they choose.

3. All citizens have the right to family life and proper housing.



DISTANCES FROM KHAYELITSHA:

Cape Town	35 km
Groote Schuur Hospital	30 km
Tygerberg Hospital	20 km
Langa	23 km
Crossroads	12 km

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2. HISTORY

1900 10 000 Africans resident in Cape Town.
1901 moved to Ndabeni Location (now Northern Pinelands).
1923 Langa built. Ndabeni too close to white housing.
mid'30s Ndabeni closed. Langa housing most Western Cape Africans.
1939 First restrictions on African entry in to Western Cape.
1948 Restrictions reinforced. National Party Government, Apartheid.
1952 Influx control in all urban areas.
1955 2000 families in Langa. Many more in 'Emergency Camp' at Nyanga.
1957 Nyanga declared a township.
1963 Guguletu established
1965 Simonstown 'location' closed.
LANGA, NYANGA, GUGULETU all on outskirts of white residence areas and amenities.

1970's Number and size of squatter settlements increase dramatically. Demolitions, raids, the bussing of people back to Transkei and innumerable broken promises by authorities. 6 million 'pass laws' arrests - cost taxpayer R32 million.

June'76 National uprisings
Crossroads declared 'Emergency Camp'.
Government promises to 'investigate situation'
8 years later Situation still being investigated

1977 20 000 people living in shacks in Crossroads. 5 houses built for Western Cape Africans
78-79 R94 000 spent on housing. R650 000 spent on repairing liquor outlets, damaged in 1976, which the Board owns and makes a profit from.

Late 70's New Crossroads 1,2,3,4 announced to rehouse Crossroads residents.
Oct'82 Government announces only New Crossroads 1 to be completed.
March 1983. Idea of Khayelitsha made public.
The last six months have shown Khayelitsha to be another step to ensure that Western Cape Africans are kept at a distance from Cape Town. Their presence must not "interfere" with the day to day life of Capetonians.

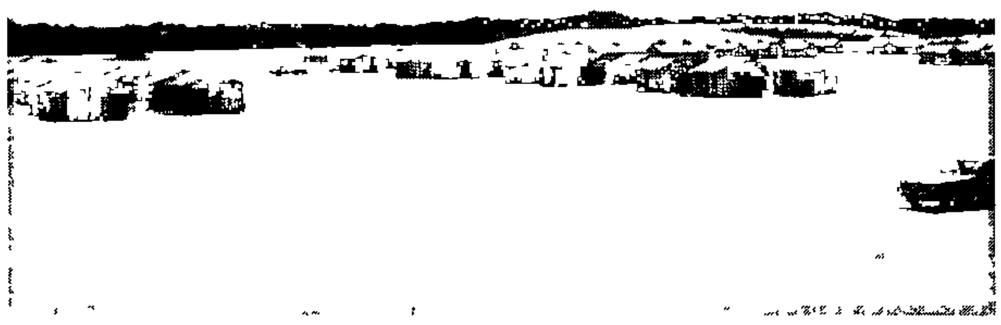
3. SOCIAL

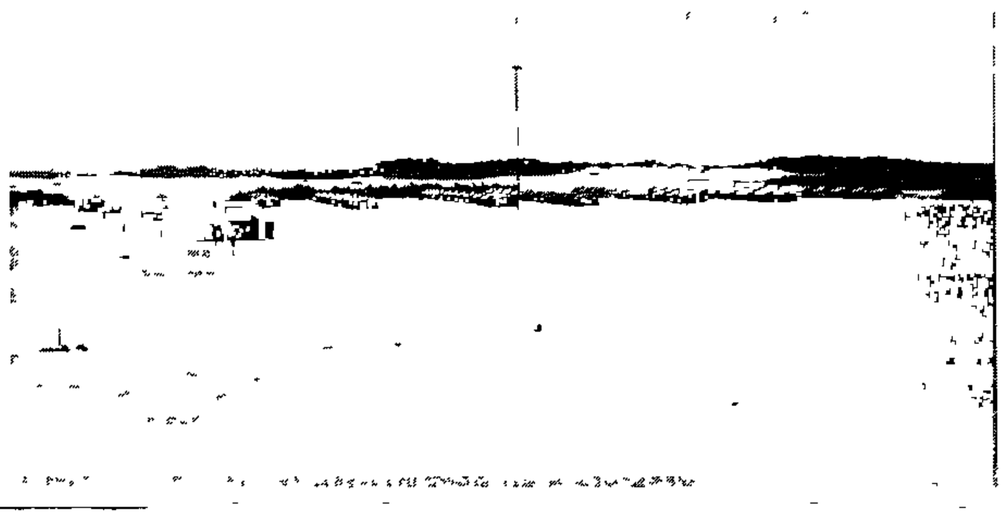
1. The creation of a mini-city on the outskirts of an existing one has a number of prerequisites.
* It must not be isolated from the "Mother City" -
* It must have recreational facilities -
* Employment opportunities must be provided -
* Services such as transport, hospitals etc, must be available -
If these minimum requirements are not met, Khayelitsha will become a dormitory for 300 000 people.

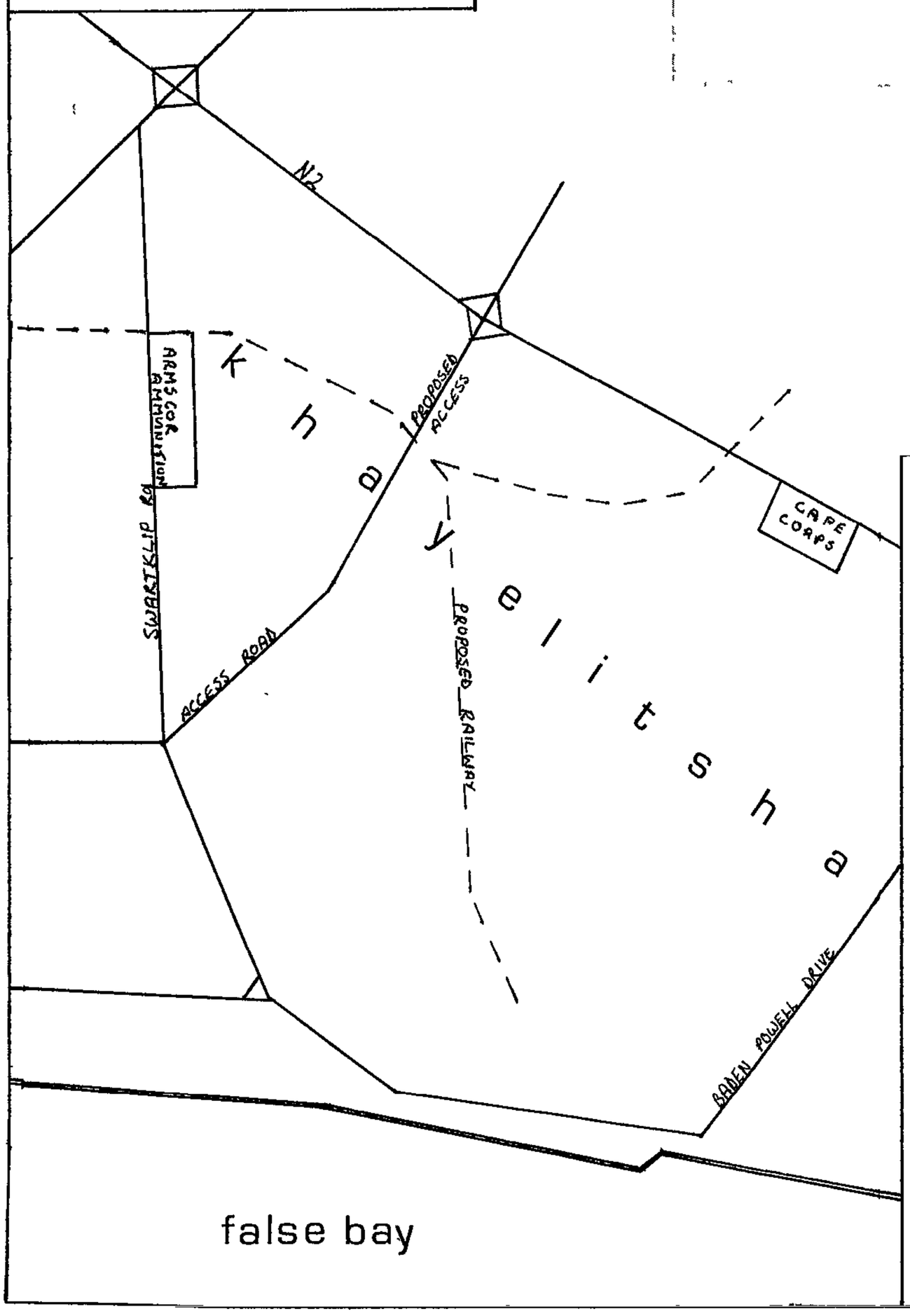
2. Certain problems are immediately apparent:
* Transport to and from Khayelitsha will be very expensive. (Up to 15% of people's wages)-
* The cost of the provision of electricity, water and sewerage such a distance from Cape Town will be enormous -
* The cost will have to be recovered in high service charges to the lowest income group in Cape Town -
* The proposed "Self-Help" housing scheme will not work because there is little likelihood of a leasehold being granted -
* People will not be prepared to improve houses which they do not own -

3. The result of this is that people will be living in a situation of instability -
* Their already low incomes will be further reduced by transport costs and high service charges -
* People will begin to move closer into the city in order to be nearer to their work place. This will be necessary to avoid spending 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. away from home -
* This will add to the squatter "problem" and will have a disastrous effect on family life -

4. Eventually, within 15 to 20 years, 300 000 people will be living in an isolated spot far from industry, hospitals and all the advantages of the city -







4. COMMENT

By now it should be clear to the reader that Khayelitsha is not what it seems to be.
*If it is a sincere attempt to solve the housing problem why not use land closer to the city?
*If it is supposed to centre on self-help housing why is there no provision of a leasehold?
*If a mini-city is to be developed why are there no plans for any industry?
*Why are there so few access roads for a proposed population of 300 000?

The true answers to these questions are obvious. It is at a distance from the city so that the people living there will, for practical purposes, be isolated. For the same reason access is limited. The authorities will be able to seal off the area very quickly and efficiently in the event of disturbances.

Regarding housing we can look back on the subeconomic housing provided for "coloured" people when they were relocated on the Cape Flats. In many cases this proved to be a sociological disaster. Without a leasehold and without any industry, can we believe that Khayelitsha will become anything more than a dumping ground for 300 000 people?

It is our belief that the Government will spend tens of millions of rands to make Khayelitsha succeed. An indication of how determined they are is that, in the face of a stated refusal to move, they are going ahead with plans to relocate 800 Crossroads families per month in Khayelitsha. Relocations will start in July according to the W.C.A.B. Nyanga, Guguletu and Langa will be next, and once this has been achieved, Western Cape Africans will have been shunted out of Cape Town yet again. This time further away and into circumstances far worse than before.

Cape Times, Tue 24

Judgment reserved on appeal of 73

Supreme Court Reporter

JUDGMENT was reserved in the Supreme Court yesterday on the appeal of 73 residents of Mbekweni, against their each for R30 (or 20 days) conviction upon pleading guilty to disturbing the peace.

They were among a group of about 300 people who had tried to take up their grievances with the administration board over a demonstration at his offices in Stevn, on September 1983.

Mr A M Omar, for the defence, argued that the common purpose — which was the basis of the charges against them — had been formed in the kraal of one of the accused, Mr Sonn and Mr Abercrombie, and not at the meeting.

Mr Omar submitted that the crowd had taken up an opportunity to give vent to their grievances in public. He said all they wanted to see Mr Steyn at once in the presence of the board was the presentation of a petition.

Mr Justice Baker found that the common purpose was not necessarily unlawful because it had been formed in the kraal of one of the accused.

Mr Justice Baker said

Contract for 99 houses

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city council last night awarded a R2,5 million contract to build 99 houses in Morningside and Stoneydrift for the white lower-income group

This was confirmed last night by the leader of the housing portfolio, Mrs Elsabe Kemp

She said 67 houses would be built in Morningside and 32 in Stoneydrift Work would start on the houses immediately and the contract time was just over a year

"These attractive houses will go a long way to easing the shortage of houses for whites in the lower income group," Mrs Kemp said and said there were 360 families on the waiting list for the houses.

● The council will absorb the over R4 000 costs to close the streets around the city hall during the carnival.

This was confirmed by the acting chairman of the action committee, Mr Ivan Zulman.

Mr Zulman said R545,88 for the hire of buses to transport workers at night and for the hire of plant equipment to drill holes had to be paid by the Greater East London Publicity Association

The other R3 552,47 were departmental costs relating to wages, transport and overheads.

The publicity association could not meet the costs and it was decided to absorb the costs, Mr Zulman said

It was also decided to increase the grant-in-aid to the association from next year because the carnival and the fireworks display were annual events.

Rentals for the stalls are to be increased

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Sites progress at Motherwell

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By KIN BENTLEY

MOVES to provide serviced sites for thousands of blacks living in crowded conditions in Port Elizabeth's townships are taking definite form at Motherwell

The managing director of Scribante Construction, Mr Celso Scribante, said yesterday that work on the the R5 million third phase (NU 3) of the development had been in progress for about six weeks

He expected the contract, to provide 1 254 serviced stands for self-help housing, to be complete by July next year

Mr Scribante said each stand in NU 3 would receive "full standard servicing", including waterborne sewerage, stormwater drains, water reticulation to each plot and ducting for electricity and telephones

A network of roads was also being laid, with fully fledged tarred roads on the main bus routes and "chip and spray surfacing with a slurry seal" for the secondary roads

Each plot would also receive a toilet block and would be fenced

The Chief Director of the East Cape Development Board, Mr Louis Koch, said the scheme was part of the Louis Rive Plan for the Eastern Cape, started last year and expected to be completed during 1988

It would provide a total of 14 884 sites, but allowing for flatlets — a new innovation in black housing in this area — should eventually provide housing for about 17 000 families

Mr Koch said there was a black housing backlog of about 22 000 in Port Elizabeth This figure would be met when the about 2 000 sites at Kwamaqxaki and the 3 000 at Kwadwesi were added

Mr Koch said sites could be bought under 99-year leasehold and sold for R1 a square metre for the 200 square metre sites Survey costs added about R90

At NU 2, he said, 2 147 shell houses were initially provided and later upgraded These had all been sold and were occupied

These were the only shell houses to be provided under the scheme

Mr Koch said the next stage would be the 856-stand, NU 4 project

The self-help project would be administered with flexibility, he said

He said there would be three areas There would be high density erven in NU 1, NU 2, NU 3, NU 4, NU 7, NU 8 and NU 9 (11 809 erven) and medium and low density erven in NU 5 and NU 6 (2 374 and 701 erven respectively)

Mr Koch said there was no limit on the amount earned by people wishing to acquire a serviced site Building standards would depend on differing incomes and individual preferences

Depending on the income of the person, different building standards would apply

He said there would also be no time limit, but the people would have to occupy their sites and be seen to be making progress in building their homes

The Housing Commission would make "material loans" available to those who could not get building society loans, he said

Mr Koch said that in Uitenhage over 3 000 serviced sites were already available

The Urban Foundation's Eastern Cape residential manager, Mr Peter Arton-Powell, said yesterday the foundation had assisted in establishing a black builders' association — the East Cape Building and Allied Contractors Association, comprising 52 builders from PE and Uitenhage

Core housing opened to township residents

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 3 000 core houses in Khayelitsha, previously reserved for resettling Crossroads squatters, have been made available to residents of Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga

Mr R Njoli, chairman of the community council of Cape Town, said yesterday this was the outcome of "intensive negotiations" between the council and the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen

It would "go a long way" to house about 7 000 families "living under appalling housing conditions in the townships"

Mr Njoli urged residents who wished to move to Khayelitsha to contact their ward councillors Transport would be arranged by the council

He appealed to residents not to go to Khayelitsha without arranging accommodation through the council

Dr Gerrit Viljoen

The council was attending to the implementation of the 99-year leasehold scheme which would enable residents to buy their homes, Mr Njoli said

"Certain areas" had been earmarked for immediate surveying and sale under leasehold while other areas would be released when a plan had been drawn up for the improvement of the townships

He said the council intended to improve "as far as possible" the infrastructure, housing and social environment of the townships but this presented "a number of major problems"

Open spaces in and around the townships would be developed for more housing as part of the improvement project, he said

The council was negotiating with Mr Heunis for the development of adjacent areas to establish light industrial sites for black businessmen and more housing

● The last of the 5 000 core dwellings which made up Phase One of Khayelitsha were completed in April and fewer than 2 000 have been occupied In March 1 000 units were allocated to backyard shack-dwellers from Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga

3 000 core houses released

Staff Reporter

AFTER "intensive negotiations" between the Minister of Co-operation and Development and the Cape Town Community Council, the minister had agreed to make 3 000 core houses in Khayelitsha available to residents of Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga, the council's chairman said.

In a statement on Monday, Mr R Njoli said these houses had been previously reserved primarily for the resettlement of residents from Old Crossroads

The council was "extremely pleased" about this development as it would go a long way towards solving the housing need of some 7 000 families living in "appalling conditions" in the townships.

Mr Njoli said residents who wished to be considered for housing at Khayelitsha should contact the councillors of their wards, and the council would arrange for transport to assist families with the move

The council was also giving attention to the implementation of 99-year leasehold, and certain areas had been identified for immediate surveying and release

Other areas would be identified and details released as soon as a basic plan for the upgrading of the townships had been completed.

These would include the development of the so-called "open spaces" in and around the townships to provide more houses

The council was also negotiating for the development of adjacent areas, particularly with a view to establishing light industrial sites for black entrepeneurs

freeway drivers the finer points of traffic behaviour.

Housing, jobs 'are city's priorities'

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town's most urgent priorities were housing and job creation, but the economic recession, unemployment and Government cutbacks in funds had worsened an "already critical situation", according to city engineer Mr Jan Brand

He said these factors would inevitably lead to an increase in overcrowding, vagrancy, crime and squatting

Delivering a paper entitled Facing the Vagrancy Problem in Cape Town at the annual meeting of The Haven night shelter last night, Mr Brand said vagrants were considered a "social problem" and that "little useful purpose" was achieved when they were arrested and prosecuted

"Quite clearly, a more rational and humanitarian approach will provide better prospects for success in handling the vagrancy problem in Cape Town, rather than a purely punitive approach," he said

Mr Brand said the City Council had a role to play in providing shelter and accommodation for the "steadily rising" number of vagrants in Cape Town

"The community has a certain responsibility for its 'failures' and therefore it should provide social and other services to assist the vagrant," Mr Brand said

"The rapid rate of urbanisation in South Africa represents a daunting challenge which, if taken up with courage and ingenuity, has a potential for improving the quality of life for everyone"

Mouille Point flats for the retired

Property Editor

The bank is offering a choice of

Govt extends 99-year leasehold to 34 towns

Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA — The 99-year leasehold system has been extended to 34 towns in what had previously been the coloured labour preferency area in the Western Cape

This was announced today by the Deputy-Minister of Education and Co-operation, Mr Sam de Beer

The system already applies to the townships of Khayelitsha, Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu in the Cape Peninsula

Surveying

Mr de Beer said serious representations received from the relevant black local authorities and community councils contributed largely towards the decision taken

There are about 152 000 inhabitants resident in these towns.

A start had already been made with the surveying of some of the 34 additional towns, which would be completed as soon as possible

Western Cape

With the exception of a few towns, the 99-year-leasehold system would apply throughout the country, Mr de Beer said

The areas under the jurisdiction of the Western Cape Development Board include Zolani (Ashton), Nkqubelo (Robertson), Zwelihle (Hermanus), Nduli (Ceres), Lwandle (Strand), Zwelethemba (Worcester), Mbekweni (Paarl) and Kaya Mandi (Stellenbosch).

TURF ROW

Courses for horses

The multi-million rand horse-racing industry in the Transvaal has undertaken to shell out a little hay — maybe as much as R14m — to establish or extend two racing centres near Johannesburg to keep Transvaal trainers and owners happy

And the move could significantly affect property values of land in the areas chosen for the new racing facilities

The decision is based on recommendations from Tony Bates, of Bates Management Consultants, who was commissioned by the Owners' and Trainers' Association of the Transvaal, in conjunction with certain Transvaal racing clubs, to find a way of appeasing owners and trainers

And in a further move to provide Transvaal racing with a leg-up, province has allocated R350 000 to assist breeders this year (*FM* August 23)

Commissioning the Bates report is seen as a virtual panic measure Owners and trainers recently came close to boycotting race meetings at the Turffontein, Newmarket, Gosforth Park and Vaal racecourses because of a lack of adequate, modern facilities

In his report, which was accepted a few days ago, Bates recommends that the money be used to buy one training facility and expand another One is to the north of Johannesburg, the other in the south

There is only one option given for the north of Johannesburg, where Bates recommends that the already well-established and developed 150 ha Randjesfontein Racehorse Training Farm in Midrand be bought for around R3,7m

Along with improvements, the total cost should come to around R6,6m That would turn Randjesfontein into a top-class establishment that could accommodate 500 horses

Paradoxically, the ground on which that facility is built was offered to the racing industry eight years ago "for almost nothing" by the present owners The offer was turned down since it was considered unnecessary at that stage

In the south, Bates offers two options One is the relatively undeveloped 384 ha Saroasfontein farm, over which the association holds an option and the more developed 330 ha Kentucky Stud Farm Asking prices range from R538 000 for Saroasfontein to R800 000-R1m for the stud farm

If, for example, the Owners' and Trainers' Association chooses Saroasfontein, he suggests that, including the purchase price, a total of R7,1m be spent on transforming it into an establishment capable of accommodating 500 horses

The Midrand property, on the other hand, was developed and is still owned by Keith Parker and Charles Lloys Ellis

It has stabling for 225 horses, all of which is spoken for, and can be expanded in the longer term to accommodate 1 000 horses Adjacent is 100 ha of vacant ground which has been set aside for a future racetrack

Predictably, the main problem now is funds A sub-committee has been formed under Ronnie Napier, deputy chairman of the Jockey Club of SA, to find them

Napier says there are some prospects, but details remain to be discussed One possibility is to raise the money through the Horse Racing Development Fund (HRD) The Transvaal province finances the HRD by allocating to it a small percentage of betting taxes based on a complicated formula

Allocation of these funds is determined by a committee representing all aspects of racing and appointed by the administrator The committee also recommends to the Transvaal Executive Committee how the money should be used ■

PROPERTY SIGNAGE

Jo'burg gets tough

The Johannesburg Municipality has appointed five new inspectors to crack down on the display of signboards used by estate agents and contractors in contravention of building by-laws

While the move is directed primarily at house sale boards, commercial and industrial signage — usually no more than free advertising — will also come under close scrutiny

The move is apparently a prelude to making it obligatory for all companies displaying advertising boards to obtain licences

The new municipal police team, under Nick Grobler, will have the job of roving the city and getting estate agents, pool builders, decorators, wall coaters and others with illegal display boards to remove them

The inspectors have the power to confiscate boards and return them to their owners only after payment of a R50/sign fine Council also has the option to leave boards in position and then send out R50 "tickets" each week to the offending parties

Builders, pool builders and decorators are obliged to advertise their names inside properties This is to enable "those who have a claim against them to know who they should claim from" But once contracts are completed, the signs have to be removed

The bigger property brokers and estate agencies support the municipality to a degree They think that several suburbs have been cheapened by a proliferation of property boards

Aida Estates' Aida Geffen says it should not be necessary for the municipality to police estate agents They should do it themselves

"There is no doubt that some are spoiling neighbourhoods I have seen up to 12 boards outside one house," she says

Further, council is to turn its attentions to boards advertising redevelopment of sites or the fact that properties have been "sold" or "fully let" Already some brokers have had their signs summarily removed and are predictably annoyed Business, they complain, is bad enough without the municipality making things even more difficult

"Those boards serve a purpose," complains broker Wilf Isaacs "Investors and anyone thinking of moving to a certain area like to be able to drive around and see what is available and what has been sold"

Estate agents with residential properties to sell are allowed to place "for sale," "to let," and "sold" notices inside the properties But, like pool builders and home decorators, they are technically debarred from displaying notices on municipal property — including pavements or islands dividing roads

In effect, this means that council may soon clamp down on the current practice of plac-

House signs . . . cracking down

ESCALATION CRUNCH

Office tenants take note: landlords can now be hammered on escalation clauses as well as basic rentals.

Tough as it might seem on the owners, this is the harsh reality of the current market slump and tenants should know about it, maintains Richard Ellis director Alastair Barclay, who made the point strongly at a Sapoa seminar in Cape Town last week.

City brokers tend to agree with him that tenants have tended to fight fiercely for the lowest base rental, and have then succumbed meekly to relatively severe escalation clauses.

Nobody is complaining about landlords' legitimate recovery of costs, but this is largely built into present day leases which usually make provision for rising rates, electricity and other operating costs A 10% annual escalation on top of that is probably not warranted and tenants should, of course, be wary

On the other hand, with inflation running at 15,9%, developers are likely to have a tough time enticing investors into projects featuring anything less than a 10% escalation

But then blood cannot be squeezed from stones

ing arrows at intersections to direct buyers to showhouses

Council rules that the size of a "for sale" or "sold" notice within a residential property may not exceed 600 mm by 400 mm and can be supported by two poles Once it has been sold, the "for sale" sign has to be removed It may be replaced with a "sold" notice, but this may not bear the name of the selling agent or any other advertising

On a commercial building, one hoarding per side, measuring up to 1,83 m by 1,22 m, may be fixed flush with the building to advertise that it is for sale or has been sold

Isaacs says he would like more consistency from the council In some areas it disallows boards which advertise, for example, that an office block is to be developed on a stand or that a certain party has bought the building Yet, in other cases, he says, it turns a blind eye ■

S M GOLDSTEIN

Cutting losses

Developing townships and spec homes may be good business in a rising market, but come the downturn, extended holding costs can prove a killer

S M Goldstein (SMG), for example, has just written off R2,8m of its township land portfolio, or some R11 600 on each of 240 stands Like many others, it seems Goldstein paid over the odds for land when demand was running high

The good news, says chairman Stan Goldstein, is that SMG subsidiary Gough Cooper Homes (GCH) will be in a much more competitive position to market its end product at the more realistic price level

Most of the stands were bought at the end of 1984 and the beginning of 1985, when prices had peaked Since then, the group has had to bear the brunt of the holding costs on land that could not be moved

Yet the overpriced stands are only one of SMG's housing problems Some 120 spec homes are still empty and unsold, says Goldstein, and have suffered from the general downturn in the market

In addition, SMG holds a stock of raw and proclaimed residential land which it plans to exploit when the demand for home construction picks up

Goldstein, though, believes that the group's housing division is on the mend since management has been restructured under returning CE Tony Acton

Part of Acton's plan is to re-assess the market for GCH products and to redesign its homes to meet current needs Greater emphasis, says Goldstein, will be placed on homes that, first, meet the needs of those who qualify for the government subsidy — R40 000 homes excluding the stand

In addition, it will also upgrade to appeal to buyers who don't qualify for subsidies but can afford better housing After 40 years, he says, the basic GCH home is to be changed

On the construction side, SMG has about R174m of work on hand, of which 75% is for the public sector The work, Goldstein notes, was won despite government cutbacks

One of SMG's biggest problems in its last financial year, in which it notched up a net loss of R1,4m in spite of a 34% increase in turnover, was a loss of about R3m on one job in Natal alone

Construction and the civil engineering side, says Goldstein, are likely to take longer to recover than housing which, he says, could start showing signs of improvement as early as next year ■

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Coloured clout

There is probably a message in this and some politicians will make a meal of it, but, yes, the coloured community in the Cape does appear to be weathering the recession considerably better than the whites If property is any guide anyway

A survey compiled by the Cape Metropolitan Planning Committee firmly indicates that the two racial groups are moving in diametrically opposite directions in the building and planning of new houses

The figures, covering 19 local authorities in the Cape metropolitan area including the entire peninsula, Gordon's Bay, Somerset West and northwards to Stellenbosch and Paarl, compare the first half of this year with the first half of 1984

And they show an increase of 56% (from 852 to 1 331) in plans passed for new houses in coloured areas White areas, however, show a 55% plunge (from 2 472 to 1 102) over the same period

Similarly, 42% (from 666 to 948) more new houses were completed in coloured areas during the first half of 1985 than during the same period of 1984 White areas, on the other hand, recorded a 43% drop from 2 613 to 1 488

Overall, private sector building activity in the metropolitan area saw R267,5m worth of buildings completed in the first half of the year, down 14% on the same period last year Much of the loss is attributed to the decline in the residential sector Building plans approved totalled R327m, a 27% year-on-year drop

Obviously the decline in plans passed will mean a commensurate slump in buildings completed during the rest of the year But, encouragingly, there has been a slight upturn in approvals in the second quarter of this year

Municipal Cape Town and the Divisional Council of the Cape logically comprise the largest proportion of building activities, but Bellville and the Stellenbosch Divisional Council are gaining consistently

The big question, however, is why the incredible divergence in coloured and white residential property activities?

One theory is that the coloured middle class does not enjoy anywhere near the same proportion of housing benefits as whites and their spirits have accordingly been less dampened by the introduction of fringe benefits taxes on housing

Another example, it seems, of how subsidies distort economic activity ■

STOCKS GROUP

Property push

Since the departure of former MD Brian Stocks six years ago, the property arm of the Stocks group — the largest private builder in the country — has tended to take a back seat to its highly successful construction division

No longer With the appointment of new MD John Mandy, the property division has been restructured as a prelude to an aggressive national development programme

Mandy's aim will be to find development opportunities for the construction arm — this time on a countrywide basis Until now, a good deal of its development activities have been Pretoria-based

Previous development schemes have been handled on an individual basis by Stocks &

recently, Viljoen said the necessary legislation to make it possible for blacks to own land in the townships would be introduced into Parliament next year — more than a year after Botha's announcement ■

WESTERN CAPE

No leasehold yet

Nearly a year after President P W Botha persuaded Cape Nationalists to accept 99-year leasehold for "qualified" blacks in the western Cape, the move — hailed, at the time, as a major reform — is only now about to be implemented

A spokesman for the Western Cape Development Board, Sampie Steenkamp, this week said he hoped the first 99-year leases in townships in the region would be registered within the next few weeks

Steenkamp blamed the delay on red tape at the Deeds Office and the outstanding approval of prices by the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Gerrit Viljoen

"We've had many enquiries, but we can't process applications until the prices are approved and announced There will be a full media briefing when this happens," Steenkamp said

Government's decision to extend 99-year leasehold to blacks in the western Cape — and thereby officially acknowledge their permanence in the region — was accepted by the NP's Cape congress in Cape Town last September

Smooth talking by Botha and Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis seemed to convince some rather reluctant delegates that it was the right move But there was grumbling in the ranks. Cape Nationalists had, until then, maintained a tradition of opposing any form of permanence for blacks in the western Cape

Another significant "reform" that seems destined to a similar lag between word and deed is the granting of freehold land rights to "qualified" blacks.

Botha announced his willingness to consider such a move at the opening of Parliament in January, pointing out that there was little difference between 99-year leasehold and freehold, but at the same time stressing that land ownership rights did not imply political rights.

In a written reply to a question later in the session, Viljoen told the PFP MP for Johannesburg North, Peter Soal, that the issue of freehold rights for blacks was "receiving attention"

In an interview broadcast by SABC-TV

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Leasehold extended to 34 towns

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PRETORIA — The 99-year leasehold system has been extended to 34 more townships in various parts of the Cape, allowing an estimated 152 000 black residents to own property in what were previously coloured labour preference areas, the Government announced today

Nineteen of the townships fall under the jurisdiction of the East Cape Administration Board

Mr Sam de Beer, Deputy Minister of Education and Co-operation said in a statement issued in Pretoria that the towns were situated south-west of the so-called "Eiselen Line' and inside "what was formerly known as the Western Cape coloured labour preference area'

The Government earlier this year said 99-year leasehold would be extended to the Cape Town townships of Khayelitsha, Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu, all situated in areas where the policy of favouring coloured labour previously applied

Mr De Beer said the 34 townships, which lie alongside towns such as Graaff-Reinet, Humansdorp, Middelburg and George, housed about 152 000 people

"With this decision the 99-year leasehold system will apply throughout the country with the exception of a few towns' he said

The 34 townships are

In the area falling under the East Cape Development Board — Thembalesizwe (Aberdeen), Sidesaviwa (Beaufort West) Kuyasa (Colesburg), George Umasizakhe (Graaff-Reinet), Hankey, Nompumelelo (Hanover) Kwanonzamo (Humansdorp) Kwazamukuoinga (Jansenville), Wongalethu (Klipplaat), Msobomvu (Knysna) Kwanonzame (Middelburg), Kwanonqaba (Mossel Bay) Kwazamuxolo (Noupoort) Bongolethu (Oudtshoorn), Khanyiso (Pearston), Sabelo (Richmond) Vuyolwethu (Steytlerville) and Masinvusane (Victoria West)

In the area under the Northern Cape Development Board — Paballelo (Upington), E'Thembeni (Prieska) Thembinkosi (Petrusville), Lukhanyisweni (Philipstown) Nonzwakazi (De Aar) Mziwabantu (Britstown) and Matlhomola (Griekwastad)

In the area under the Western Cape Development Board — Zolani (Ashton), Nkqubelo (Robertson) Zwelihle (Hermanus), Nduli (Ceres) Lwandle (Strand) Zwelethemba (Worcester) Mbekweni (Paarl) and Kaya Mandi (Stellenbosch) - Sapa

Duncan Village to be retained

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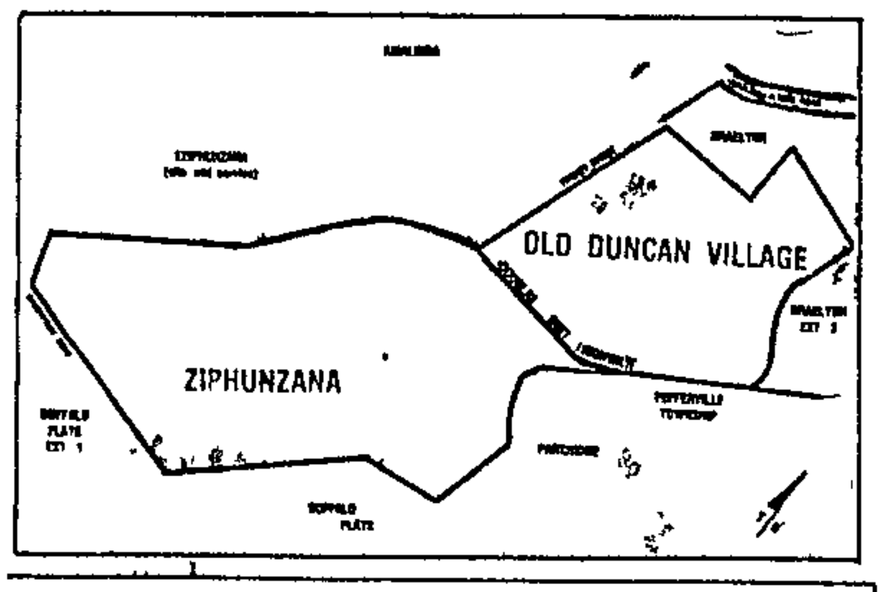

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The whole of Duncan Village is to be retained and the 99-year leasehold system will apply.

These major announcements on black urban rights in East London were made yesterday by the Deputy Minister of Education and Co-operation, Mr Sam de Beer

The full statement telexed from the minister s Pretoria office said

"The future of Duncan Village was discussed in depth on August 13, 1985 in East London with the community council of Duncan Village, the East London city council and the Eastern Cape Development Board.

"Regarding the section of Duncan Village known as Ziphunzana the government made known through the then Prime Minister on June 16, 1983, that it will be retained and upgraded

"During the discussions, the members of the community council strongly stated the feelings of the residents which they represent by pointing out that the community is overwhelmingly in favour of the retention of the entire area

"On the grounds of the well motivated representations made by the community council, which were also fully supported by the other bodies represented, the government was able to reconsider the matter

"It is therefore a pleasure to announce that it was decided that the entire Duncan Village is to be retained within its present boundaries

"The entire area is to be replanned and upgraded and the 99 year leasehold system will apply Residents who wish to settle in Mdantsane of their own free will will receive assistance and encouragement, but no forced resettlement will take place

"It is trusted that this decision will generate security among the communities of Duncan Village and East London and that the private sector, in co-operation with all the parties concerned, will endeavour to achieve peace, prosperity and progress in this area"

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DV's reprieve lauded

MR ZULMAN . . . wish residents well.

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Deputy Mayor of East London, Mr Ivan Zulman, yesterday welcomed the decision to grant Duncan Village permanent status and for residents to be eligible for 99-year leasehold

"I am sure I speak on behalf of all the citizens when I say we rejoice with the residents of Duncan Village

"Now we can all get on with the job of developing the township"

On Thursday the government reversed its intention to remove Duncan Village residents to Ciskei when the Deputy Minister of Education and Co-operation, Mr Sam de Beer, announced that the whole of the township would be retained and 99-year leasehold would apply He also said the entire area would be replanned and upgraded

Mr Zulman, who is standing in for the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, who is on an official visit to Taiwan and Hong Kong to promote the city as an industrial centre, said the council had assisted in the fight to retain Duncan Village "where we were able to

"We worked with the community council and the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, who put in a lot of effort

"We wish the people of Duncan Village well in the future"

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Hostel body worried by 'skollie element'

Staff Reporter

THE regional executive of the Western Cape Mens' Hostel Association has called on leaders in all communities in the region to come forward and discuss problems which have arisen as a result of the recent unrest

In a statement released yesterday the WCMHA said there was a need to discuss "certain problems" which had become evident during the unrest, particularly the fact that the "skollie element" was taking advantage of the unrest

"People are beginning to complain to us of problems experienced during unrest, particularly with the skollies We have had a number of complaints from taxi drivers and their passengers that they have been repeatedly robbed and attacked over the last few days, for instance," said the spokesman

The WCMHA would hold another meeting this week when further announcements would be made, said a spokesman

Civic leaders clash over DV takeover

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By MATTHEW MOONIEYA
Local Affairs Reporter

EAST LONDON — Civic leaders here clashed yesterday over a possible takeover of Duncan Village by the East London City Council from the East Cape Development Board

Three senior city councillors — the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, the chairman of the action Committee, Mr Donald Card, and the chairman of the finance committee, Mr Errol Spring — pledged that they would push for a municipal takeover of Duncan Village

The chairman of the community council, Mrs Mabel Mdaka, said her council would oppose any such move

The takeover debate comes against the background of

- A crucial meeting in Cradock on Monday where civic and business leaders decided to push for control of black areas to be vested in municipalities,
- A poser set by the director of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Len Dekker, that whether in hindsight, placing black areas under development boards was a good thing,
- A move by the Oudtshoorn town council to ask the government for the black area of Bongolethu to be placed under its control "to prevent it from going up in flames" and
- A growing body of opinion that takeover by municipalities would depoliticise local government and the supply of services

Mr Yazbek said "I am all for depoliticising local government and the supply of services I am very keen to restore confidence in Duncan Village and for life to return to normal there

"I have had repeated requests from residents of Duncan Village to help restore order in the area They were heart rending requests which we as civic leaders cannot ignore

"But if community councillors feel otherwise, we will have to sit down and talk about the matter"

On the financial aspects of such a move, Mr Yazbek said other municipalities such as Beacon Bay and Gonubie would have to meet their social responsibilities in helping out financially with the area

Mr Card said the council had not taken any decision on Duncan Village but he felt personally that control should be vested in the city council

"The community councillors still maintain they are in control of the area, but this is doubtful They are rejected by a large proportion of the people

"Naturally we must get people to lead the community and if the community councillors are not the proper leaders, the people's leaders must come forward and let us sit down and talk about restoring normality," Mr Card said

Mr Spring said he would push for control of Duncan Village

"My personal view is that it was the government's biggest mistake to hand over jurisdiction of the area to the East Cape Development Board

"I would like to see Duncan Village as a suburb of East London with its residents represented on the city council"

Mr Spring did not see any problems about finance arising because of a takeover

"The area has been badly neglected and basic services are not operating It will take a lot of money to restore it but we will have to insist that the money be made available in the interests of all concerned"

Mrs Mdaka said the community council should be given local authority status and could link up possibly with others in a Regional Services Council

"We will lose a lot of money if the development board goes Everything is set for normality to be restored in Duncan Village This will come in time when the hooligan element stops its actitivites"

Mrs Mdaka also revealed that Duncan Village would in future be known as Gompo

"We are just waiting The matter will be discussed in Pretoria soon with a delegation from the community councils' mother body, Ucasa"

Rejecting the city council's advances, Mrs Mdaka claimed it should not be forgotten that it was the same city council that had wanted the people of Duncan Village to go to Mdantsane

She said they were not physically in Duncan Village because their houses had been burnt down but they were in contact with the people who were getting impatient with the hooligan element.

"The government has given us R54 000 to create jobs for the unemployed in the area We have already employed 93 people to do jobs such as clearing up and restoring other facilities

"But the work is being hampered by the hooligans who are even trying to cut the electricity supply to the township," she said

"I am confident things will get back to normal but I cannot say when this will happen"

She said another drawback was that residents were divided over issues in the township

City's homes crisis grows

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JOHN YELD
Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town's critical housing backlog has not been reduced in five years and up to 38 000 families on the City Council's waiting-list for homes may have to be told nothing can be done for them.

A report by city engineer Mr Jan Brand says prospects for the immediate future are "even bleaker" and blames the Government because recent changes in policy on the provision of housing and job opportunities in greater Cape Town have had a "serious effect" on council planning.

The report cites a recent letter from the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning urging local authorities to acquire land for long-term coloured and Indian housing.

"Cape Town has been endeavouring to do just this for the past 20 years but has been continuously thwarted by unnecessary regulations and unheeding bureaucracy," the report says.

Changes in Government policy had led to a "somewhat muddled and confused chain of events" and little Government assistance for low-cost housing.

The report summarises the main decisions of the past five years.

URBAN SPRAWL

● A 1980 Cabinet policy statement estimated a shortage of 60 000 units for coloured people in the Peninsula but recommended that no further coloured residential areas be established here

Instead it suggested that growth be encouraged on the Atlantis-Saldanha axis and said development on vacant land east of Mitchell's Plain was "undesirable" as it would increase problems associated with urban sprawl.

● The council responded with a report recommending at least 6 000ha in greater Cape Town be made available.

It urged that land between Mitchell's Plain and Macassar and north of Milnerton be proclaimed for 300 000 people.

● In spite of its own 1980 statement and in conflict with the council's recommendations, the Cabinet decided to set aside land east of Mitchell's Plain for Khayelitsha, with a projected population of about 300 000.

● The council then applied for permission to develop the lower Kuils River Valley (Blue Downs housing scheme). The Government consented to the council raising a R50-million loan overseas towards financing the first 8 000 houses.

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The Government committed itself to financing the scheme partly but then withdrew. The council was also obliged to withdraw.

Mr Brand's report says: "The council now finds itself faced with the prospect of having to advise the 38 000 coloured families on its waiting list that little can be done for them . . . the council must therefore attempt to convince the authorities that alternative land should be made available immediately"

The report recommends that "urgent representations" be made to proclaim 2 875ha north of Milnerton.

The site straddles the new Cape Town to Atlantis railway line and is about midway between the two terminals.

The report recommends that the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture be asked to expropriate this land "without delay" and give the City Council "immediate beneficial occupation".

● The report was adopted at yesterday's executive committee meeting and will be considered by the full council.

New housing scheme planned

Municipal Reporter

AN ambitious plan to build a new coloured housing scheme the size of Mitchells Plain on a site north of Milnerton is being considered by the City Council in an effort to wipe out its massive housing backlog

The City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, says the council should make "urgent representations" to the government for 2 875 ha of land north of Milnerton to be proclaimed a coloured group area and made available to the City for housing.

According to his calculations, the City could wipe out its current backlog of 38 000 houses for coloured people if it was able to build on the site

The area straddles the Cape Town-Atlantis railway and is midway between the two cities

In his report on the current shortage of housing, Mr Brand criticizes the government for hampering the council's plans to alleviate the coloured housing crisis

The government's recommendation in 1980 that no more land be made available in the Peninsula for coloured housing, other than in exisiting coloured group areas, or areas "which constituted the logical rounding off of existing coloured group areas" had aggravated the shortage of land for low-cost housing, he said

He also criticizes the government for withdrawing its offer to assist the council with a major housing project at Blue Downs

Although the council raised R50-million towards the project in overseas loans, it was forced to abandon the scheme when the government, contrary to its earlier undertakings, failed to provide the balance of the money

Mr Brand's report was adopted by the Executive Committee yesterday and will be considered by the full council at the end of the month

Foundation's plans held up by freeze

Staff Reporter.

AS a result of the freeze on development in the existing black townships of Cape Town which applied for most of the past year, much activity planned by the Urban Foundation in these areas could not be implemented.

This has been stated in an overview of the activities of the Western Cape region of the Urban Foundation for the 1984/85 financial year by Mr C S Appleton, regional director

Exceptions to this were the completion of the housing project by the Uluntu Utility Company which is managed by the Foundation, a number of on-going educational programmes not requiring the construction of new facilities and the provision of emergency services in Crossroads.

"The freeze on development has now been lifted and planning and implementation of the delayed projects is proceeding," the report says

The report lists a number of achievements

No services provided

The populaton in KTC and Old Crossroads camps increased rapidly in the latter past of last year, the report says However, no services had been provided and severe overcrowding resulted

The Foundation, in consultation with the various leadership groups, levelled certain areas and installed taps and communal pit latrines in both squatter camps at a cost of R72 000

The Uluntu Utility Company completed its first housing scheme consisting of 156 houses at Malunga Park in Guguletu

In addition, 15 flats were built to accommodate single people and a storey was added to the block in Malunga Park built to accommodate 60 students of the University of Cape Town The total cost was R1 376 000

The Urban Foundation assumed the management functions of the Peninsula Community Association in 1983 to provide affordable housing for lower-income groups and to initiate self-help housing

During the past year, 28 houses were completed in Belhar and a further 39 were under construction The scheme, consisting of 227 houses, is planned for completion by March next year. Construction costs amounted to R1 350 000

Planning for a self-help housing project of 391 houses at Steenberg was undertaken with participants being drawn from the City Council's waiting list of people who live in the Steenberg/Retreat area

R10 million to be spent on Duncan Village

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Between R10 million and R11 million would be spent on upgrading Duncan Village township, the chairman of the East London Community Council, Mrs Mabel Mdaka, said yesterday in a statement DISPATCH

She said the government had made R300 000 available for the detailed design of the upgrading programme

"This figure represents only the beginning of a capital investment which will be in the region of R10 million to R11 million"

The government announced last month that Duncan Village and Ziphunzana townships would be retained and upgraded, and that a 99-year leasehold would apply

The statement said the money would be spent on upgrading roads, streets, storm water drainage, sewerage, water reticulation and electricity to about 970 sites in the existing residential area and 2 400 sites in the proposed ex-

Tenders had been awarded for the construction of a high tension electricity network and the erection of high mast lighting She said work had already started

"It is the council's intention to involve the residents in the planning and upgrading A circular will be distributed to each household in which an invitation to participate will be extended to the residents

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"The details of the manner in which this participation can take place will be fully outlined in the circular"

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WCDP 'on right track'

Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape Development Board believes it is now "on the right track" with its policy towards black people in spite of the violence that has gripped Western Cape townships.

This was said at a Cape Employers' Association seminar on housing and transport at Milnerton yesterday by the regional director of the Department of Constitutional Planning and Development, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud

Mr Bezuidenhoud admitted the board had made mistakes — including a 12-year hiatus in which no housing was provided for blacks

"We did not address the problems of people on the waiting lists and because of a foolish policy of not accepting the permanence of blacks in the Western Cape years ago, we've now got to handle it."

He praised developments which had led to the resettlement of Crossroads families to Khayelitsha and to the Site C "site and service" scheme

"We shouldn't stop there, however We need more Site Cs in the Western Cape The government cannot provide housing for everybody because it hasn't got the funds," he said

The new policy would encourage the growth of "self-help" sites and then "upgrade them"

He included Crossroads as such a "self-help" scheme — which would be upgraded after a further 60 000 inhabitants had been resettled "If we can't find the ground for them at Khayelitsha then we must find it elsewhere"

Mr Bezuidenhoud said housing — together with security and education — formed the basic need of any community

"Why have we got problems? Riots? If people are fighting in these riots just for a roof over their heads you can't blame them"

The authorities could no longer afford to "get tough" on "backyard" squatters, he said "Leave them there until we can find some better facilities At least they've got a roof over their heads"

The "buffer zones" between designated township areas could be used to combat space problems by placing schools, community centres and recreational facilities there, he said

"They must be used — I wouldn't say for housing because they would be too close to main roads — but they must be used."

All options of housing must remain open, he said

"Standards must be lowered People are more important that rules and regulations and we must not forget that we can always upgrade facilities later.

"Never mind how simple the structure Just upgrade it."

Commenting on the unrest, Mr Bezuidenhoud said: "The silent majority (of blacks) is getting sick and tired of the situation They are looking to reasonable people to take their hands and walk the road of the future And what is needed? Tolerance — mainly from whites, compassion and faith These are basic issues and these are basic facts"

Surveyors concerned at housing shortage

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The acute shortage of housing, particularly for blacks, was addressed with concern at the annual meeting of the South African Council for Professional Land Surveyors and Technical Surveyors held here this week

The president of the council, Mr James Teversham, said yesterday that ways in which surveyors could assist in alleviating this shortage were sought

Representatives from the four provinces and from government departments attended the gathering of the professions governing council

One area which would receive attention was attracting young men and women into the surveying fraternity so that adequately trained manpower would be available

"Attention will also be focused on the gearing up of the surveying fraternity to cope with the enormous problem of providing the massive number of housing sites which will be required"

Another major issue addressed was the recommendations of the Competitions Board to replace the present fixed tariff system with a recommended tariff system

The chairman of the Competitions Board, Dr Stef Naude, was invited to speak at the meeting

"The fears of the council were not fully dispelled by Dr Naude We fear there might be a shopping around mong the competition which could lead to a deterioration of service"

He said until now professional land surveyors had been able to have a fixed tariff with which all practitioners had to abide

"This particular principle of fixed tariffs forms one of the corner stones of traditional professional practice"

The Educational Advisory Committee has new powers to investigate the content of degrees earned at the universities for land surveying and diploma courses at technikons

The issue of required periods of training and experience will be addressed to ensure high standards of work at all levels of service

The council is South Africa's delegate for the Federation of International Surveyors

A delegation of surveyors will attend the annual meeting of the international federation and the international congress held every four years

Mr Teversham said "This regular participation formed an important contribution to the welfare of the South African surveying profession and the country's reputation as having one of the most advanced surveying systems in the world"

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Primary School, with only a five-metre road separating it from Thornhill village

The problem of the squatters in the area — recently estimated at more than 90 families — would not be resolved by the creation of the township "but simply stamped with statutory *carte blanche* to do so with increased vigour on a more localised and lawful basis"

The petition says the erection of a coloured township within the borders of an existing white area could serve only to escalate the difficulties already manifest

It also says the existing farmers provide their own accommodation for their labour force and retain responsibility for them

"What the location will provide is a lawful haven for all undesirable unemployed coloured persons and existing squatters," says the petition

The farmers' association had accepted the principle attached to the creation of a local area but had not accepted the outline plan in principle

It suggested coloured squatters be re-located in the existing township at Loerie, 12 kilometres from Thornhill, where there are services such as a school, clinic, shopping facilities and garage

"We are going to sit with the problems if a local area is created The farmers are the backbone of Thornhill which has prime agricultural land

"PE has plenty of industrial ground and one of the reasons we oppose the scheme is that we cannot be given the assurance that we will not have a squatter problem

"We don't want a sawmill with its sawdust, smoke and buzzing saws to disturb the peace of the countryside and we don't want further factories with their resultant pollution"

The main points of the memorandum, which forms an appendage to the 12-page petition signed by 65 Thornhill landowners opposed to the creation of a coloured townhip and industrial erven at Thornhill, are

● The creation of a coloured township at Thornhill is opposed in principle by the farming community of the Thornhill area

● The existing "Civic Committee" of Thornhill is not qualified to represent the inhabitants of the Thornhill area It has also refused to respond to communication by the farmers' association to collaborate with it in dealing with the outline plan

● A coloured township in Thornhill will constitute a source of racial friction, reduction in living standards of the area, create increased squatter problems and reduce the value of property in the area generally and create potential security problems

● Agriculture in the area stands to be prejudiced generally and the probabilities are that agriculture will be stifled — Thornhill is a valuable agricultural area enjoying a favourable rainfall

● The Group Areas Act and Community Development Act will in effect, be totally ignored

● The nearby Loerie coloured township could, with little difficulty, accommodate any coloured community which requires housing This township is serviced to an advanced degree

Thornhill people of industry a 'nig

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

FARMERS from the rustic hamlet of Thornhill 41 kilometres west of Port Elizabeth, say that a Thornhill sawmiller's "vision' of the village as a hive of industrial activity is their "nightmare"

A delegation of farmers from the Thornhill Farmers' Association this week reacted to a report in Weekend Post last weekend in which a former Mayor of Benoni Mr Willie Pienaar, who owns a sawmill and pallet factory in Thornhill, said he believed the village was sitting on " a time-bomb' with the explosive elements being unemployment and lack of housing

The chairman of the Thornhill Farmers' Association, Mr A Kietzman, the secretary, Mr M Lilley, and two members, Mr B Weldrick and Mr M Kingwill, this week made up a deputation to speak to Weekend Post about Thornhill and to explain their views which they claim are shared by the majority of landowners in Thornhill

A total of 65 families signed a 12-page petition objecting to the creation of industrial erven and a coloured township and the development of Thornhill into a local area

The delegation said the people of Thornhill had lived in harmony for many years and there were no grounds for saying that the village was sitting on a time-bomb

In last week s report, Mr Pienaar accused Government departments involved in the proclamation and group areas aspect, of ' dragging their feet"

The Thornhill Outline Plan was brought out by the Dias Divisional Council in 1980 making provision for 20 hectares of industrial land and zonings for local authority, business, education, open space, housing, industrial and Government use

A copy of a letter from the farmers association dated April 14, 1981, to the Dias Divisional Council asked Dias to keep the association informed of all developments in the planning of Thornhill

A letter from Dias dated May 26 promised that the outline plan would be amended to include the latest proposals from the farmers' association

The delegation said that for nearly two years there was silence on the matter and in mid-1983 a letter was written by the farmers' association to Dias inquiring about the latest developments

On July 7, 1983, the farmers' association received the final plan which was the same as the initial proposed outline plan

On August 17, 1983, the farmers' association was informed by Dias that the Thornhill Civic Association, (which, according to the farmers, comprised only four members including Mr Willie Pienaar) was considered by Dias as the mouthpiece for Thornhill

After representations were made the farmers were also allowed to have a say

A 12-page petition signed by 65 farmers, landowners or residents of the Thornhill area clearly says that "the Thornhill Farmers' Association has at all times ventilated its strong opposition to the creation of the local area more particularly to the establishment of a coloured township within the parameters of the local area "

The proposed site for the township is east of the post office at Thornhill immediately opposite the Thornhill Primary School, with [illegible] from Thornhill village

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Housing plan for coloureds outlined

DISPATCH

EAST LONDON — Private enterprise would be invited to participate in massive housing schemes to overcome the coloured housing backlog, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, said here yesterday

Addressing the 12th annual congress of the Association of Management Committees, Mr Curry outlined the problems, progress and goals of his department

His goal was to build homes to create a stable, contented and happy family life in secure and confident communities

"Our challenge is to break out of the seemingly endless cycle of poverty our people find themselves in and to provide the basis of a family life — a home."

The major problems were cost and financing The major frustration was that it had not yet been possible for practical reasons of bookkeeping to divide the housing fund at this stage.

Another problem was that he still had to operate under the National Housing Commission which served all three administrations Housing could not be an "own affair" as long as a body appointed by another minister had to handle approvals of housing projects and the formulation of policy

To rectify the situation, legislation was being prepared to create an own statutory body with powers, duties and functions similar to those of the National Housing Commission

Mr Curry said an ironic situation existed with the housing situation There was vast unemployment, bricks and cement were plentiful and the companies wanted to sell their products

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"This sounds to me like a great opportunity We are going to launch massive housing schemes in the future We are going to need people to build these houses The brick and cement companies want to sell their products

"I want to involve private enterprise to participate in our schemes and I want to invite private companies to come and talk to me about training and re-training and preparing the way for our housing schemes," Mr Curry said

Water cut to 'trickle'

Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council will reduce the water supply to 330 families in Atlantis to a "trickle" over the next two weeks

According to a council press release, the families affected are in arrears with water accounts and have failed to respond to a request that they pay outstanding amounts on an instalment basis

"Council recently, after rendering accounts and final demands, despatched a registered letter of warning to approximately 437 consumers in Atlantis whose water accounts have been in arrears for some considerable time."

Only 107 consumers responded by making arrangements to pay

Consumers affected by the measure will still have to pay for water consumed, but the trickle system "will ensure that arrears do not escalate to a level beyond the consumers' ability to pay"

The council decided to implement the system after a public outcry following complete disconnection of water to households who were unable to pay accounts because of massive retrenchments in Atlantis

PE conditions like 'pigsties'

Staff Reporter

THERE were people in Port Elizabeth who lived in worse conditions than pigsties, the new United States Consul-General, Mr John Burroughs, told a Cape Town society group yesterday

He had just returned from a visit to the area, where some experts estimated black unemployment to be as high as 60 percent and "where racial polarization is so evident you can cut it with a knife"

"The Eastern Cape situation breeds hatred, contempt and radicalization — and as one managing director told me, 'it is bad for business'," he told the President 100 Club in Sea Point

Mr Burroughs said he was "the new guy on the block" and was not here to write the definitive prescription on on how to cure the ills which so many South Africans had already analysed

Still less, he said, did he have the arrogance to tell South Africans what should or should not be done today in hope of a brighter tomorrow.

But he hoped he could bring a few techniques which might be useful in defusing apparently hopeless situations

A number of people had asked him since his

Mr John Burroughs

arrival three months ago, "What do they want?". The "they" at times referred to blacks, "so-called coloured" people and often white South Africans

"But the meaning is clear South Africa is not talking to itself"

He said the basic question of negotiating with people with whom living space was shared was "What do you want and when do you need it?"

Among the suggestions he made were having businesses find out priorities and what issues workers considered the most pressing

He suggested that a group such as the President 100 Club could adopt an entire school, sponsoring activities, which would also show "that there are some people who care in those white houses up on the hills"

'Subsidize water' call

Municipal Reporter

ATLANTIS residents have responded with anger to the news that the Divisional Council intends reducing the water supply to 330 families in the area to a trickle over the next fortnight.

The chairman of the Atlantis Residents Association Mr Noel Williams said yesterday the reduction of the water supply to people who were not able to pay their bills plus the recently-announced bread price increase meant fewer residents would be able to survive.

He called for the council to subsidize the price of water to the community instead of making profit from the service.

"The council made a profit of R487 000 from water over the past financial year," he said.

Mr Williams said that because of massive unemployment and threats of retrenchment or short time, people could no afford to pay for basic necessities.

"The people's anger is heightened by such ghastly acts against them by the Divisional Council and the State.

Both these authorities will have to carry the responsibility of their actions," he said.

Paarl squatters may get serviced site

Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape Development Board is investigating the possibility of providing serviced land to squatters in Paarl's Mbekweni Township following the demolition of shelters in the area last week.

Mr Sampie Steenkamp, public relations officer for the board, said yesterday he was confident a suitable site would be found soon.

People should be able to build houses but "they must build where we are able to provide services for the shelters," he said.

He said this was why the board had torn down the shelters.

A meeting would be held with the Community Council this week.

Asked whether the board would meet with the Mbekweni Residents' Association which does not recognize the Community Council's authority, he said "we cannot hold meetings with informal bodies."

However, an MB spokesman, Mr George Bongo, said the regional representative of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Timo Bezuidenhout, had agreed to meet them.

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Whom do we think we are bluffing?

From Mr D BEELDERS (Vasco).

WHILE the government glibly proclaims that major reform is the order of the day, it is ironic that inhuman, sickening destruction of squatters' hovels is also the order of the day I refer to the squatter camp at Mbekweni, near Paarl

Bulldozers are no longer used but Western Cape Development Board officials kicking down the frail squatter shelters can only aggravate the already poor relations between blacks and the whites they see as "oppressors"

While powerless onlookers, kept at bay by the SAP and Defence Force, silently watched, members of the "guard" displayed their satisfaction by laughing

This was necessary, we are informed, because the site was intended for men's single quarters It is overlooked that the SAP, Defence Force and development board officials are employed in screwing down a mass of destructive apartheid laws on a resentful populace

This is violence in its own form — and state-approved — for it attempts a violent overthrow of civilized concepts, a forcible stifling of human dignity!

I believe many are sick and tired of pious promises and will remember the brutal onslaughts, threats, injuries and deaths at crossroads when the state sought to rid itself of this problem

Can anybody honestly accept the government's assurances that apartheid is dead, that a new era awaits all who are prepared to co-operate with the state?

Yet when we, as a so-called Christian nation, are accused and found guilty we have not a single reason to offer in our defence Instead we scream in disgust at the world that, should disinvestment and sanctions be imposed, the blacks will suffer

I wonder whether the stage has not been reached where blacks do not mind suffering a little longer? After 37 years of NP rule, what have they to show?

And let us whites be honest We do not care about the blacks, we are damned scared about our own future — as far as work is concerned.

Whom do we think we are bluffing?

SHACK FIRE

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Crossroads fire: Hundreds homeless

HUNDREDS of people have been left homeless after a fire swept through dozens of densely-packed shacks in Crossroads

Nyanga Bush leader Mr Jerry Tutu said he estimated that 800 people had been left homeless by the blaze which destroyed about 120 houses yesterday afternoon

Residents held a meeting last night to investigate the incident and ascertain the exact number of those affected

Some of the homeless residents are to be sheltered in the creche and the Western Cape Development Board has made 1 000 tents available

As residents tried to salvage possessions and usable building materials from the debris, several voiced their displeasure at the conduct of police and soldiers during the fire

One of them, Mrs Iris Dyantyie, who works for the Animal Anti-Cruelty League, said police were patrolling up and down the perimeter of the camp and were "laughing as they went past"

"They just rode up and down and refused to help"

Mrs Dyantyie said she lost "everything" in the fire

Mr Theo Zonke said he managed to save only his mattress and blankets

He said residents received no help from the fire brigade and they had to use buckets of sand to extinguish the fire which was fanned by high winds

Western Cape Development Board public relations officer Mr Sampie Steenkamp said "There are no roads in the camp and our officials could accordingly not render any assistance A defence force fire engine arrived on the scene but a group of youths threatened to stone the vehicle and it withdrew from the area This action upset Mr Tutu"

Mr Steenkamp said the Board had given 1 000 tents to those left homeless by the fire

"At this stage we can't say how many people were left homeless, but it must be hundreds No person was injured or killed during the fire," he said

The tents were given to a committee headed by Mr Tutu and are available immediately People will be allowed to erect their tents next to the WCDB's offices, Mr Steenkamp said

"The fire was apparently started by a primus stove"

Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, a police liaison officer, said "When the security forces and the fire brigade arrived there, they were stoned We extinguished the fire as soon as we could and then withdrew from the area We would not hold back There were lives at stake"

The fire at Crossroads destroyed about 120 houses. Staff Reporter Dennis Cruywagen

Pictures WILLIE DE KLERK, The Argus

Two squatters carry furniture to safety at Old Crossroads during the fire which destroyed nearly 200 shacks and left hundreds of people homeless

UDF teachers' subsidies may be 'reconsidered'

Political Correspondent

A SUGGESTION that the housing subsidies of Department of Education and Culture teachers and lecturers who are actively involved in the UDF and Sacos be reconsidered has been referred to the Ministers' Council of the House of Representatives

This was confirmed today by a Labour Party spokesman

The suggestion is contained in a resolution passed at the Eastern Cape regional congress of the party in Uitenhage at the weekend

Other resolutions were that

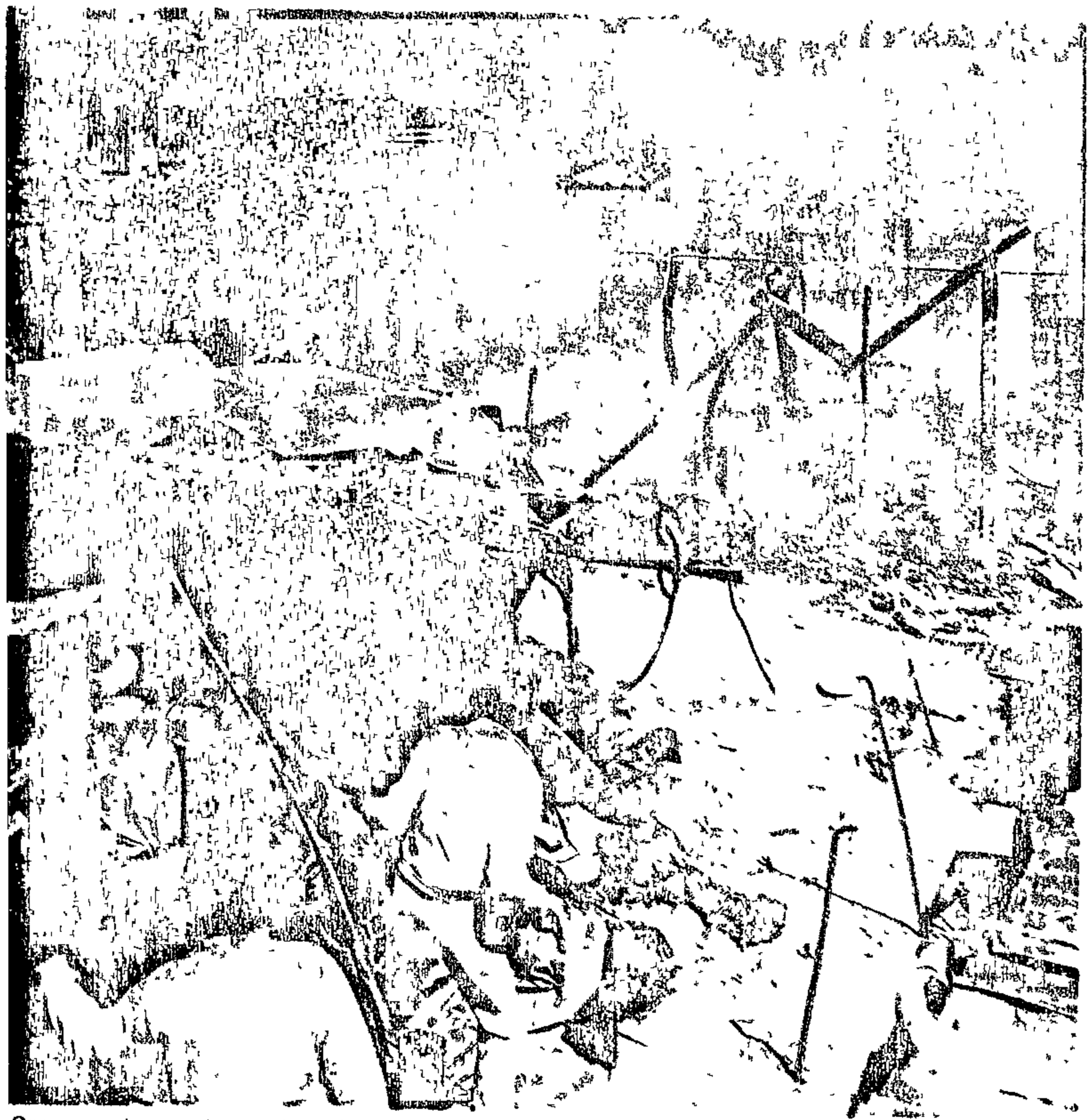
● The department be asked to examine the promotion prospects of teachers connected with Sacos and the UDF.

● Sacos membership of schools be investigated.

It was also decided that the system of bursaries, and the possibility of loans instead of bursaries, should be considered

The congress called on the authorities not to yield to pressures to change the timetable for examinations.

Mr Franklin Sonn, president of the Cape Teachers' Professional Association, has warned against "playing politics" with the rights of teachers



Crossroads residents demolish shacks in an attempt to create a fire-break to stop the spread of a blaze which raged through part of Crossroads yesterday.

Picture Pierre Schoeman

Blaze leaves 1 000 homeless

By RONNIE MORRIS

FOOD, tents and blankets are being supplied to about 1 000 homeless Crossroads residents after a fire swept through the squatter camp yesterday morning, destroying more than 200 shacks

According to Mr Timo Bezuidenhout, Regional Representative of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, his department, with the Western Cape Development Board, has donated 1 000 tents to house the homeless

They were handed over to Mr Jerry Tutu, leader of a squatter group, for distribution yesterday afternoon

Western Province Council of Churches relief workers were still at the scene late yesterday to decide on emergency relief

Mr Sampie Steenkamp, WCDB press liaison officer, said that in conjunction with the Red Cross, they would also provide food and blankets

Residents yesterday told the Cape Times they believed the fire had been accidentally started However, police have opened an arson docket and are investigating.

Panic-stricken families fled

Panic-stricken families clutching a few possessions fled from the path of the fire, which began about 11am Others carried furniture and other household possessions from their shacks

Some residents attempted to create a fire break by demolishing structures and throwing sand on the burning shacks, while a single fire tender battled to contain the blaze

Their efforts were frustrated by a strong southeaster and the close proximity of the shacks to each other

A television cameraman for a large American television network, Mr Chris Everson, said he was appalled by the lack of assistance by the army troops in the township

"They had a perfect opportunity to improve relations between the troops and the local inhabitants All they had to do was to roll up their sleeves and get stuck in Instead they just sat there and watched the shacks burn"

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Aid for homeless after fire

By RONNIE MORRIS

RELIEF workers from four organizations were yesterday hard at work in Crossroads distributing food and blankets to residents whose shacks were destroyed in a fire on Tuesday

Meanwhile when the Cape Times visited the site yesterday residents had already started clearing up the devastated area and rebuilding their shacks from the little material they had salvaged

The Crossroads Co-ordinating Committee — consisting of Shawco the Catholic Welfare Bureau World Vision and the Western Province Council of Churches — yesterday worked to provide relief for the homeless in the area

A South African Red Cross Society worker said that by late yesterday afternoon 960 blankets had been issued

The squatters had been given powdered soup and cooking utensils for use in a communal kitchen The soup kitchen would operate for 48 hours until the Western Cape Development Board (WCDB) could implement relief measures, she said

A long queue of residents formed oustide the WCDB offices as officials began distributing tents

Squatter leader Mr Jerry Tutu said 560 families had been left homeless when 487 shacks were destroyed in the blaze which started about 10am on Tuesday

Many of his followers had spent the night in a nearby creche while others worked until early yesterday morning to rebuild their homes Some people had lost all their possessions he said

Crossroads squatters queue at a creche yesterday for numbered tickets enabling them to obtain tents from the Western Cape Development Board Many squatters were left homeless after a fire swept through the camp on Tuesday

SADF men did pull down shacks in PE

MEMBERS of the South African Defence Force were involved in the demolition of shacks in Kwazakele on Wednesday, the Day of Reconciliation but their action was stopped immediately it became known to higher authorities, an SADF spokesman said yesterday

About a dozen illegal shacks were being pulled down by a squad of workmen from the Ibhayi Town Council who asked an SADF patrol for assistance, which they provided

"The Defence Force goes out of its way to assist local authorities wherever possible," said the SADF spokesman "Requests for assistance are, however normally put through official channels and not directly to elements of the security forces in these areas Local authorities will again be reminded of this procedure"

When approached for comment on Wednesday about residents claims that an army Buffel vehicle had been used, Mr R J Scholtz, the Ibhayi Town Clerk, said SADF members "would not have been involved" though they could have been in the area Any shack demolitions would be done by council officials using council vehicles he said

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'Slavery' in Prince Alfred

Staff Reporter

THE coloured community of Prince Alfred Hamlet near Tulbagh is living in semi-feudal circumstances and it is time for drastic steps to be taken to rectify this according to the Afrikaans Sunday newspaper Rapport

In an editorial yesterday commenting on an investigation into housing conditions in the area done by the newspaper's political correspondent, Rapport said "The situation comes down to a system of leasing which makes people feel they are enslaved, and where they in truth have to bend down on their knees for the sake of the maintenance of a roof over their heads"

The investigation showed that coloureds in the area of Prince Alfred Hamlet known as Kliprug may not own houses but have to lease them from white landowners

One of the main conditions for obtaining a house is that at least one of the occupiers must work for the white landlord, Rapport said

If a worker becomes too sick or too old to work, one of the members of his or her household has to work for the landlord If this cannot be done, they lose the house, Rapport said, describing it as a "master-and-slave" system

The newspaper called for "something drastic" to be done by government and local authorities, saying it was "no excuse that this situation has continued for generations"

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R6-m plan to improve hostels in West Cape

Labour Reporter

A R6-MILLION scheme to improve hostels has been proposed to commerce and industry by the Western Cape Men's Hostel Association

The scheme has already attracted the interest of the Western Cape Development Board and the association has had discussions with chief commissioner Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud and other officials

Another meeting to discuss the proposals will be held next week

Mr Johnson Mpukumpa, spokesman for the association, said the aim was to improve hostels so that each resident had a separate room

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He said the board had its own plans to improve hostels and the meeting discussed ways in which the two schemes could be co-ordinated

The assocation had approached commerce and industry with its proposals

It was planned to combine the scheme with training of unemployed people to keep costs down Unemployed people would get on-the-job training while helping to improve the hostels

Mr Mpukumpa said the association, launched this year, had about 7 500 members It planned to open a full-time advice office next year

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Obstacles to solving housing crisis

Staff Reporter

INFLUX control and formal building regulations remained the greatest obstacles to an effective black housing solution, the director of the Peninsula Community Association, Mr Ivan van der Merwe, told the Institute of Public Health's biennial congress yesterday.

"The challenge for the future is to do away with these unrealistic rules and to scrap influx control and other statutory limitations that are currently hindering black housing schemes on a self-help basis," he said.

While coloured and Indian housing shortages were serious, the black housing shortage was extremely urgent — especially in urban areas

"Formal suburbs, like Soweto, are completely overpopulated, with an average of 15 people per four-roomed house."

Squatter settlements had grown in the major urban areas for unhoused people — with an estimated population of 2,2-million squatters living in the Durban, Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging, Port Elizabeth, Bloemfontein and Cape Town urban areas

Statistics for the current housing backlog were not available, but South Africa's black population was expected to double by the year 2 000

Mr Van der Merwe said "Rapid urbanization of the already considerable black rural population is unavoidable — and that coincides with experience from other developing countries"

The government had come to accept a new, less formal housing policy, based on a partnership of the public and private sectors in the provision of housing, home-ownership and self-help schemes

Although self-help schemes did have drawbacks and should not be regarded as the only possibility, they did have a number of important advantages

Self-help homes were cheaper than mass-produced schemes, which were drab, uniform and did not cater for individual needs

It was also important that self help schemes were not regarded as a lessening of the State's primary responsibility in providing housing

With proper support, black settlements had the ability to develop into communities that could cater for their own welfare and be in a position to contribute to society

Sacked workers say no to offer

Staff Reporter

HUNDREDS of dismissed construction workers have rejected a draft agreement between their union, South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu), and Murray and Roberts Buildings Cape Town, (Pty) Ltd an attorney confirmed yesterday

He would not disclose the contents of the agreement, which was rejected at a meeting in the Murray and Roberts hostels on Thursday night

Saawu officials had earlier insisted on taking the proposals, drawn up by lawyers from both sides seeking a settlement of the deadlock to all members affected by it for a vote

It is understood that that the workers would like their jobs back en masse but failing that are pressing the company for payment of all monies they say are due to them The company is apparently willing to pay the workers off but does not agree with the workers on what monies are due

The company dismissed 1 587 of its workers after strikes in August and several hundred workers are still occupying company-owned hostels in Guguletu

A temporary interdict prohibits SAAWU from "interfering" with Murray and Roberts workers, and the company is seeking to make the interdict final

This is being opposed, the attorney for SAAWU said yesterday The hearing is expected on Tuesday

Shades of Dallas as R17-m residential suburb starts up

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TOM HOOD
Property Editor

THE Cape's most expensive residential suburb for coloured people is being launched this weekend — a R17 million project in a white area of the Strand

Houses in the suburb, called Southfork, will cost up to R200 000 Plots are from 540 to 1 000 sq m

Named after the Ewing ranch in the TV soap opera, the township of 300 houses on 24 hectares will have two entrances, will be fully fenced off from its neighbours and will have its own security force

Streets are named after prominent Dallas characters

Southfork's developer, Mr Doug Harrowsmith, says he aims to create the most prestigious residential suburb possible for the so-called coloured market Total development costs are estimated at between R17 million and R18 million

Research showed a strong demand from wealthy coloured people for such property

"I chose the site at the Strand because it was so near the beach," he said "It is in a white area but the Department of Constitutional Development has given me the go-ahead to sell to so-called coloured people"

Earlier this year a meeting of ratepayers was called to object to coloured families being allowed to buy at Southfork Nearby property owners said they feared housing would not be the same standard as their own and values would drop

GROUP AREAS ACT

But the chairman of the local coloured management committee, Mr Nadeen Daniels, said the reverse was more probable

The township went ahead

"The section of Southfork with the highest status will probably be at one end of Farlow Close," said Mr Harrowsmith

"Plots there are particularly large and we have already sold land to prominent businessmen House prices in that section will probably average more than R200 000

"The only reason this is a coloured township is because we had to make a choice Without the Group Areas Act, this would be a non-racial upmarket suburb"

The beach nearby — Harmony Beach — is already non-racial, added Mr Harrowsmith

He expected most of his buyers to be business and professional men — teachers and public servants — from Macassar to the Hottentots Holland mountains who already owned homes

Many people wanted to upgrade their homes and, because houses prices in coloured areas had risen substantially in the last year, they had built up large amounts of equity to use as deposits on new properties

A home in Macassar that cost R18 000 in 1983 could probably fetch twice that today, giving the seller capital of about R25 000, he said That could buy a R100 000 home

● Building societies in Cape Town today reported no drop-off in bond applications from home buyers in spite of the unrest

If anything, home loans to coloured families were increasing This greater demand was influenced by lower bond rates, home loans freely available, more State-subsidised house buyers in the market and more building companies switching into the coloured market

Hooliganism 'direct product of apartheid'

Staff Reporter

A MEETING between the residents of Nyanga Langa and Guguletu and workers living in men's hostels in the area has blamed the tension between the two groups on apartheid and the presence of troops and police in the townships

The meeting in the Nyanga Zolani Community Centre was called by the Western Cape Civic Association (WCCA) after hostel residents threatened to take action against youths who raided shebeens in the townships on Friday

According to the WCCA secretary Mr Pro Jack the 1 800-strong audience passed a resolution blaming the government for all the condemnable actions perpetrated by young unruly elements in our townships'

"Hooliganism is a direct product of the apartheid system which is mother of corruption

He said they had sufficient evidence that the army and police presence would worsen the crisis

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Cost of houses blamed on law

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Municipal Reporter

THE Group Areas Act has caused house prices in coloured areas to rocket while the slump in the property market continues to force down prices in white areas, a City estate agent has claimed

Managing director of a local estate agency, Mr Harry Lee Pan, was reacting to the results of a survey by UCT's Real Estate Research Project, which found that the prices of some homes in coloured areas had doubled during the past two years — the time of South Africa's "deepest slump"

The head of the research project, Dr Trevor Thomson, writes in the latest issue of the South African Journal of Property that "while people in many white areas have made sobering losses, home owners in coloured areas have made intoxicating profits"

The biggest percentage change was in Rylands Estate where the average price of houses jumped 145 percent from August 1983 to August this year

Mr Lee Pan described the inflated prices as "artificial"

"The government proclaimed certain areas for coloureds and there are more people wanting good houses in those areas than there are houses available," he said

"Only a very few of these areas — for instance Ryland's Estate — have been proclaimed for Indians as well So the relative demand is even higher"

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Hostel food row boils over

By HILARY VENABLES

MORE than half the 1 601 railway workers living in the Ikwezi Hostel in Langa are refusing to eat hostel food until the management agrees to deal with their complaints about the quality and price of meals

The workers who are mainly migrants, have accused management of refusing to act on complaints raised at meetings between management and the elected hostel committee earlier this year

They are now considering taking legal action against South African Transport Services which, they say, is deducting more from their monthly pay for board than the amount specified in their contracts

According to the minutes of meetings between the Hostel Committee and the hostel management before the boycott began the committee said workers had complained about sour samp, watery stew small portions, uncleaned fish and re-cooked leftovers, that workers are paying for three meals a day when many of them do not return to the hostel for lunch, and deductions continue to be made while they are on leave, and that the amounts deducted are in excess of the amounts contracted for at the recruitment office in the Transkei

Workers say that none of these complaints has been dealt with

The regional manager of the SATS Mr Bertie Heckroodt confirmed that most hostel residents were refusing to eat the food provided

"We don't know why this is We have tried our damndest to get the reasons for the boycott out of the Hostel Committee with no success' he said "Individuals have complained, but the committee as a formal body has not approached us"

Mr Heckroodt denied that there were any discrepancies between the deductions for food in the contracts and the amount deducted from the workers' salaries

Shelters: Warning of anger, bitterness

Staff Reporter

THE Progressive Federal Party MP for Gardens, Mr Ken Andrew, yesterday warned that actions like Wednesday's demolition of 60 squatter shelters in Paarl's Mbekweni township would breed bitterness, anger and violence

Mr Andrew, who is party spokesman on Black Affairs in the Western Cape, said the demolitions, carried out by officials of the Western Cape Development Board backed by police and troops, would not make any contribution towards easing the acute housing shortage in the area

"The government has failed to meet its responsibilities and claims it has no money But it seems to have endless resources when it comes to providing men and machines to destroy the attempts of black people to help themselves

"The government should realize that the quality of life in many black townships is abysmal and deteriorating all the time.

"People trapped in these poverty-stricken ghettos are prevented from breaking out of or, in many instances, even improving their circumstances in a limited way"

Actions like demolitions were leading to frustration, bitterness, anger and violence, he said.

"The Western Cape Development Board should recognize that there is an accommodation crisis in many townships It should put away the police, the soldiers, the guns and the Casspirs and start talking to the real leaders of the people about solving the very serious problems these communities have"

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Mbekweni residents reject housing plan

Staff Reporter

A THREE-phase scheme to alleviate the accommodation problem at Mbekweni near Paarl has been rejected as completely inadequate by the residents association

The plan was announced at a meeting between the Mbekweni Residents' Association (MRA) Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud chief commissioner for cooperation and development in the Western Cape, and the Community Council this week

Mr Bezuidenhoud said that in the short term a start had been made with placing families in hostels There were four hostels which could each house 63 families

There were still some single men and contract workers in the hostels but they would be placed in hostels to be built by employers on land made available by the board

100 sites

In the medium term more than 100 sites were available, some of them serviced Arrangements would be made to service the others and these would also be occupied

The board had bought 11ha from the Paarl Divisional Council In the longer term arrangements were being made to plan that area for residential purposes

Mr George Bongo chairman of the MRA said the association objected to community councillors being at the meeting and asked that they leave

"They have no support among the people and the meeting was at our request, not theirs,' he said

50 000 people

He said there were about 50 000 people in the area including single men in hostels and families in houses

Only 722 houses had been built there since 1952 and the measures proposed by Mr Bezuidenhoud did not come close to being enough to solve the problem

"We have a list of 744 families in immediate need of homes and the board has about 900 on waiting-lists many of them the same people

"We cannot estimate how many families need homes, but far more needs to be done

"We came with high hopes but go home empty-handed Now we do not know what to do' he said

Nothing had been said about what was going to happen to squatter families but the delegation representing them had said they would not move

Housing demand will 'smash' group areas — agents

W Cape boom/slump

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TOM HOOD, Property Editor

A PROPERTY boom in coloured areas and a simultaneous slump in white property sales is one of the strongest reasons for the abolition of the Group Areas Act, say estate agents operating in coloured suburbs

The belief in property circles is that reform commitments and political pressure will force the opening of residential districts in some metropolitan areas as a result of the boom-slump anomaly prevailing in the Western Cape

"The question is when — it's no longer if," said a property developer

Many coloured home owners could easily afford to buy houses in better areas if they were allowed to and supply and demand would lead to higher prices says Mr Quentin Pavitt, a leading agent in the Grassy Park area

It wouldn't just benefit us or help to appease the radicals It would stimulate the economy

Demand high

Mr Pavitt an office bearer of the Institute of Estate Agents in Cape Town, said the unrest had not led to a fall off in demand for property in coloured suburbs

Other agents and building societies confirmed that the coloured property market was booming as more families were able to afford home loans and buy houses — most of them helped by subsidies — and this had brought an increase in developments

In Mitchell's Plain the end of the preemptive period allowed people to sell their properties and stores were changing hands each month

Mitchell's Plain "ridiculous that someone who wants to live in town has to buy there"

Mr Harry Lee Pau, managing director of another large estate agency, said rising prices in coloured suburbs were entirely due to the Group Areas Act

But the prices were artificial The Government proclaimed certain areas for coloured people and there were more people wanting good houses in those areas than there were houses available

Recession and unrest had a minor influence

The boom has encouraged major house builders such as Bellandia and Disa Homes to switch most of their plot and plan work to Mitchell's Plain, Elsies River, Belhar, Southdene and other coloured areas

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Warning on council housing list conmen

PEOPLE claiming to represent the Cape Town City Council, have been taking advantage of the shortage of houses in coloured areas by conning Mitchells Plain residents into paying to be moved up the housing waiting list

According to the City Council, the con artists claim to be acting on behalf of the council or the chairperson of the council's housing committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott

They warn their victims, however, not to phone Mrs Stott, as "she will get angry and strike them off the housing list".

"They have received large sums of money from some people," according to a statement from the council

The council stresses that it rents and sells houses only to people on the official waiting list.

"The only persons authorized to deal with applicants for houses are the council's housing staff at the Housing Branch Head Office at Beaufort House or one of the Estate Housing Offices or authorized estate agents," the statement says

These people all carry identification which must be produced on demand.

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Squatter huts: Bid to halt demolition fails

Staff Reporter

AN attempt to stop the Divisional Council of Cape Town demolishing unauthorised squatter housing for a month while a comprehensive report on the problem was being drawn up, was rejected by the council today.

Mr Neil Ross suggested that the council not depart from its policy of opposition to uncontrolled squatting but, because 184 illegal homes had been demolished in the past three months, an in-depth report and investigation of possible alternative housing was necessary.

He proposed that all demolitions should cease while this was being done.

OPPOSED

The new chairman of council, Mr L J Rothman, who is also the Mayor of Goodwood, opposed the suggestion, saying it was a departure from the council's policy.

The council accepted, however, that the investigation was necessary and this was referred to the housing committee as a matter of urgency.

● The council agreed in principle at its meeting last month that all facilities in the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve be open to all races.

This was subject to an investigation by the various committees into the problem of overcrowding

To combat overcrowding the council decided today that any vehicle with more than 10 passengers should be restricted to the main road and circular drive in the reserve from December 1 to January 15 and during the Easter holidays.

Rothman: Our policy 'is to demolish'

Municipal Reporter

A CALL for a one-month moratorium on the demolition of squatter shacks pending the outcome of an investigation into illegal squatting failed at yesterday s Divisional Council meeting

A motion calling for the moratorium and an investigation was proposed by Mr Neil Ross, but the chairman, Mr Louwtjie Rothman, ruled that the moratorium would constitute a "radical change to the council's squatter policy" and that Mr Ross would have to give notice before putting such a motion

"Our policy is to demolish," he said

The council agreed, however, to conduct an investigation into families squatting illegally within the division and to consider providing them with alternative accommodation

Mr Ross proposed his motion in response to the tabling of a "progress report" on the council's "squatter control operations"

According to the report, the council has demolished the shacks of more than 9 000 "illegal" squatter families since 1975

None of the families was provided with alternative accommodation when their homes were destroyed

Amalinda to fight zoning

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Amalinda residents have rejected the rezoning of sections of the area to Indian and coloured housing, as well as the proposed expansion of Duncan Village

At a Ward 7 Ratepayers' Association meeting last night, residents signed a petition requesting that the highest authority of the country give consideration to their plea for protection and assistance

The petition also said Amalinda was the only suburb which had to tolerate the settlement of pockets of other race groups on its boundaries, resulting in property devaluation, fear and instability in the area

Alternative proposals were included in the petition

In an election of the Association's office bearers, the chairman, Mr Fanie Strydom, was defeated by Mr Nathan Smith

Mr Rob Hart was elected vice-chairman, replacing Mr D E Blignaut

Mr Strydom said Amalinda was not the only area with spare residential land, and asked why the other areas couldn't be considered for the allocation of land to other race groups

"Amalinda has become a swear-word to the city council of East London, maybe changing the name would assist us in our fight," he said

This comment was met with wild applause from the meeting

He added that Ward 7 ratepayers had to fight to retain the area as it is and that the authorities should look at land in Greenfields, Beacon Bay and Gonubie

Mr Nathan Smith said the fight for Amalinda had not been strong enough He went on to explain the government's proposals on the rezoning of land, as well as his own alternative proposals

He said overcrowding was a problem in Duncan Village and once influx control stopped, the present total of 55 000 residents "in that small place" would double

A slum would be created with more violence erupting and spreading to the surrounding area, he said

Mr Smith said the alternative proposals were that Duncan Village remain beyond the Douglas Smit Highway and that the area be upgraded and that all those who could not be accommodated in Duncan Village be settled within South Africa, in Reeston.

This area is immediately beyond the industrial area of Wilsonia He added that black people should be allowed to purchase land there on a freehold basis

He proposed that the existing coloured township of Buffalo Flats be extended across the Buffalo Pass Road into Scenery Park, or that they be settled on the other side of the Buffalo River in the vicinity of the airport

An Indian township should be established beyond Beacon Bay in the Quinera area, Mr Smith said, as Indians did not want to move into Lombardy and be used as a buffer strip

A further proposal which was unanimously accepted by the meeting was that the vacant land between Amalinda and the Douglas Smit Highway, from the Wilsonia industrial area through to the Braelynn industrial area, be rezoned for light industry

Mr Smith said this would form a natural buffer strip and would provide job opportunities and alleviate East London's critical shortage of industrial land

The councillor for Ward 7, Mr Donald Card, said he would support the ratepayers association in their alternative proposals

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Homes in coloured areas going through the roof

HOUSE prices are soaring in coloured areas — but on the "other side of the line" it's bargain time.

That's the thrust of a report by a University of Cape Town academic.

Recently, for example, fairly modest houses in Lansdowne have been offered for sale at prices approaching — and even above — R100 000

And in the last couple of weeks you could have bought a solid but well-aged pair of semis for R79 000.

This is compared to a mere few years ago

. . . but its bargain time on the other side

when you could snap up a home in what is now called an "elite" area for under R30 000.

And estate agents are saying that this sort of thing is one good reason for dropping the Group Areas Act.

Because of the recession prices are dropping, but only in white areas, says Dr Trevor Thomson He is head of UCT's Real Estate Research Project

But Mr Harry Lee Pan, managing director of a large estate agency, said rising prices in coloured suburbs were entirely due to the Group Areas Act

The prices were artificial, he said. The Government proclaimed certain areas for coloured people — but there were not enough houses to go around.

LOSSES

Writing in the latest issue of Jutas South Africa Journal of Property, Dr Thomson says: "While people in many white areas have made sobering losses, home owners in coloured areas have made intoxicating profits."

Dr Thomson's figures say that prices in this area went up by only about 15 percent between 1983 and 1985.

So a house costing R47 000 in 1983 went up to R54 000 in 1985

MINOR

But even this is minor compared to other areas. Rylands, for instance, shows that prices went up one and a half times

And estate agents are complaining They say many clients can afford to buy houses in exclusive white areas but the law stops them.

It's also suggested that prices would not drop so much if people could buy where they wanted to.

well into 1986 It builds in the R48 000 to R58 000 bracket

Plot sales of R300 000 and house contracts worth R328 000 were notched up last weekend when a R17-million coloured suburb at the Strand was launched

BOOMING

Agents and building societies confirmed that the coloured property market is booming as more families are able to afford home loans and buy houses. Most of these people are helped by subsidies.

At Mitchell's Plain, the end of the pre-emptive period allowed people to sell their properties and scores were changing hands each month

The boom has encouraged major house builders such as Bellandia and Disa Homes to switch most of their plot-and-plan work to Mitchell's Plain, Elsies River, Belhar, Southdene and other coloured areas

Disa, whose customers include many State employees, says it has work to last

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Khayelitsha residents can buy homes

Staff Reporter

KHAYELITSHA residents will soon be the first blacks able to take transfer of property in the Western Cape

A survey of plots in the township was recently completed

According to a senior spokesman for the Western Cape Development Board, the map of the township has yet to be accepted by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning but he said this should not take long

Residents of the township would, however, have to wait for a while before they could register properties in their names, as registration procedures had not yet been determined

The spokesman said the board and officials of the deeds office and the office of the surveyor-general were holding talks to sort out the problem

In the meantime, residents of the township could go ahead and buy property

Residents of other townships will have to wait awhile Surveyors have not yet been appointed in these townships because of a shortage of funds

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New town planned for Kuils River

By TOM HOOD
Property Editor

A NEW town of 40 000 houses for 200 000 coloured people in the lower Kuils River Valley has been given the green light by the Government.

The eventual cost could be around R1 600-million, the bulk of it borne by the private sector.

All houses are intended for home-ownership and no State-assisted homes are expected to be built.

An artificial lake similar to Sun City's is planned as part of a big regional recreational area around Kuils River Valley, said a spokesman for the Department of Local Government today.

Basic services — roads, water and sewerage will be provided — but all other costs will be met by private developers, who will be offered parcels of land.

RAILWAY LINE

A structural plan for the area has been approved in principle by the steering committee on the development of the Lower Kuils River Valley, the department's chief director, Mr C O du Preez, said today.

The plan's transport system includes a passenger railway line

The new town is near the established industrial area of Blackheath, where more land is available for formal industrial development.

The department is completing an investigation into the handling of stormwater in the whole valley to prevent problems and to create a balance between development and conservation, said Mr du Preez.

Atlantis tenants seek crisis talks

Tygerberg Bureau

ATLANTIS residents who owe the Divisional Council of the Cape more than R750 000, are to apply to the chief magistrate of Malmesbury to hold a meeting tonight on the cash crisis.

The Atlantis Residents Association yesterday failed to have a ban on a similar meeting planned for yesterday set aside in an urgent application to the Supreme Court Cape Town.

Families face eviction

The association is prohibited from holding meetings until midnight on Wednesday in terms of a declaration by the magistrate Mr W de Klerk made on Friday.

A spokesman for the association said Mr de Klerk would be asked for permission to hold the meeting tonight.

Residents want to discuss the crisis in which families face eviction for not paying rent and housing instalments.

Mr C H Mocke secretary of the Divisional Council, has confirmed that notices have been sent out to 1 638 residents for rent arrears totalling R143 468,18 and 428 repossession notices involving R567 502,12.

In addition 238 residents have been put on the "trickle system" for non-payment of a total of R48 405 93 in arrear water accounts.

Mr Mocke said the council's social workers were helping families wherever possible.

The council approached such matters "with sympathy and endeavours to assist wherever possible.

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Atlantis residents to meet Divco on crisis

Tygerberg Bureau

ATLANTIS residents are to meet the secretary of the Divisional Council, Mr C H Mocke, on Thursday to discuss the unemployment and housing crisis in their town

Thousands of rands are outstanding in unpaid rent and water bills for homes in the town and food parcels are being distributed to families hit by industrial layoffs and the fast-rising cost of living

Tomorrow night a public meeting will be held at the Saxonsea Civic Centre in the town to decide on priorities for Thursday's discussion

Tomorrow's meeting goes ahead after "informal" intervention by Mr Willem de Klerk, chief magistrate of Malmesbury

"Good cause"

He said he had been approached by the Atlantis Residents' Association councillor Mr Charles McDonald and realised that "residents had good cause to hold a meeting about their unemployment and housing crisis"

He said that while a magistrate did not give permission for meetings and by law could only restrict or ban meetings, he had asked police "informally" to allow the meeting "as long as it would not feature schoolchildren who could disrupt the public peace"

Mr Mocke confirmed that he would meet residents on Thursday

Earlier this week he said notices had been sent to 1 638 residents for rental arrears totalling R143 468,18 and 428 repossession notices involving non-payments totalling R567 502,12

Also, 238 residents have been put on the "trickle system" for not paying water accounts and final notices were sent on October 3 to a further 425 consumers

Total arrears on water bills is R48 405,93

"Crisis proportions"

An Atlantis minister of the Church of the Province of South Africa, the Rev Alan Lindhorst, said the situation in the town was taking on "crisis proportions"

"Atlantis's basic problem is that it is an artificially created growth point, and since the economy has taken a dive, with the resultant retrenchments, it leaves residents high and dry 50km from Cape Town"

Mr Lindhorst said Divisional Council officials were "very forthcoming and considerate" when he aproached them with specific problems of residents

"However, this issue cannot be corrected at local level A decision will have to be made at a higher Government level to help these people until the economy gets going again

"Rentals and house payments should be reassessed and rates adjusted downwards If the Divisional Council cannot carry these costs, a decision will have to be made higher up."

Atlantis: Plea to write off R300m

Tygerberg Bureau

ATLANTIS residents are to ask the Government and the Divisional Council of the Cape to write off the R300-million cost to build the town.

At a meeting attended by about 1 000 people last night Mr Noel Williams chairman of the Atlantis Residents Association also proposed a vegetable garden scheme to turn Atlantis into a farm to grow food for the unemployed"

Mr Williams today heads a delegation meeting the divisional council to discuss the growing crisis in the town Residents — many unemployed — owe thousands in rent, house repayments and municipal bills

Hundreds face eviction today unless they can make arrangements to pay off arrears

Mr Williams said the R300-million should be written off by the Government

"The country is bankrupt and the people of Atlantis can no longer afford to repay that huge investment to build this apartheid scheme"

He asked residents to help carry the furniture of their evicted neighbours back into houses if it was removed by council officials and to restore the water supplies "in other words to stand together"

The vegetable garden scheme was greeted with enthusiasm

He suggested that residents form peoples garden committees to start growing food on a communal basis for redistribution to all residents who took part

A resolution was adopted that today's delegation would ask the council to reduce rents for pensioners with a monthly income of R102 from R55 to R20

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Atlantis — gloom and optimism

Staff Reporter ADA STUIJT visits Atlantis where hundreds are out of work or on reduced working time

ATLANTIS, a "central growth point" showpiece in apartheid planning on the West Coast sand dunes, has an uncertain future

It's a dismal projection for hundreds of people out of work or on reduced time at sluggish factories, for scores of householders unable to pay rent bills that are piling up, whose water supplies have been cut to a trickle until snowballing arrears are met, and for children being fed by official handouts

Social workers and church and community leaders offer a gloomy outlook for the thousands of coloured families drawn to the town by promises of jobs and homes

But a bright light at the end of a short tunnel is seen by many industrialists who believe optimistically that Atlantis will thrive again — when the economy takes off

A residents' spokesman says the town should be declared a disaster area

Industrialists say it's going through "growing pains" which will pass

More than 100 industries were attracted to Atlantis by the Government's decentralisation lures — discounted transportation, pay outs to set up shop and bonuses based on the number of employees — but many residents have lost their jobs, face eviction from their homes, have only a trickle of domestic water because of unpaid bills, and cannot adequately feed their families

This week, chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association Mr Noel Williams said the town should be declared "a disaster area" He estimates that 60 percent of the 12 000 wage-earners are out of work — although officially only 657 wage-earners that their water supply would be cut off entirely

Council social workers are helping families wherever possible and approach the problems "with sympathy and endeavour to assist wherever possible," Mr Mocke said

He said an indication of council leniency was the fact that the council had in the past year evicted about 80 families — although more than 8 000 final notices were issued

Chairman of the Atlantis Industrialists' Committee Mr George Bernhardt said discrepancies in unemployment numbers may have occurred partly because people in the town were boarding jobless and homeless relatives from other parts of the Peninsula

And he believes there is a brighter aspect to the tarnished Atlantis image

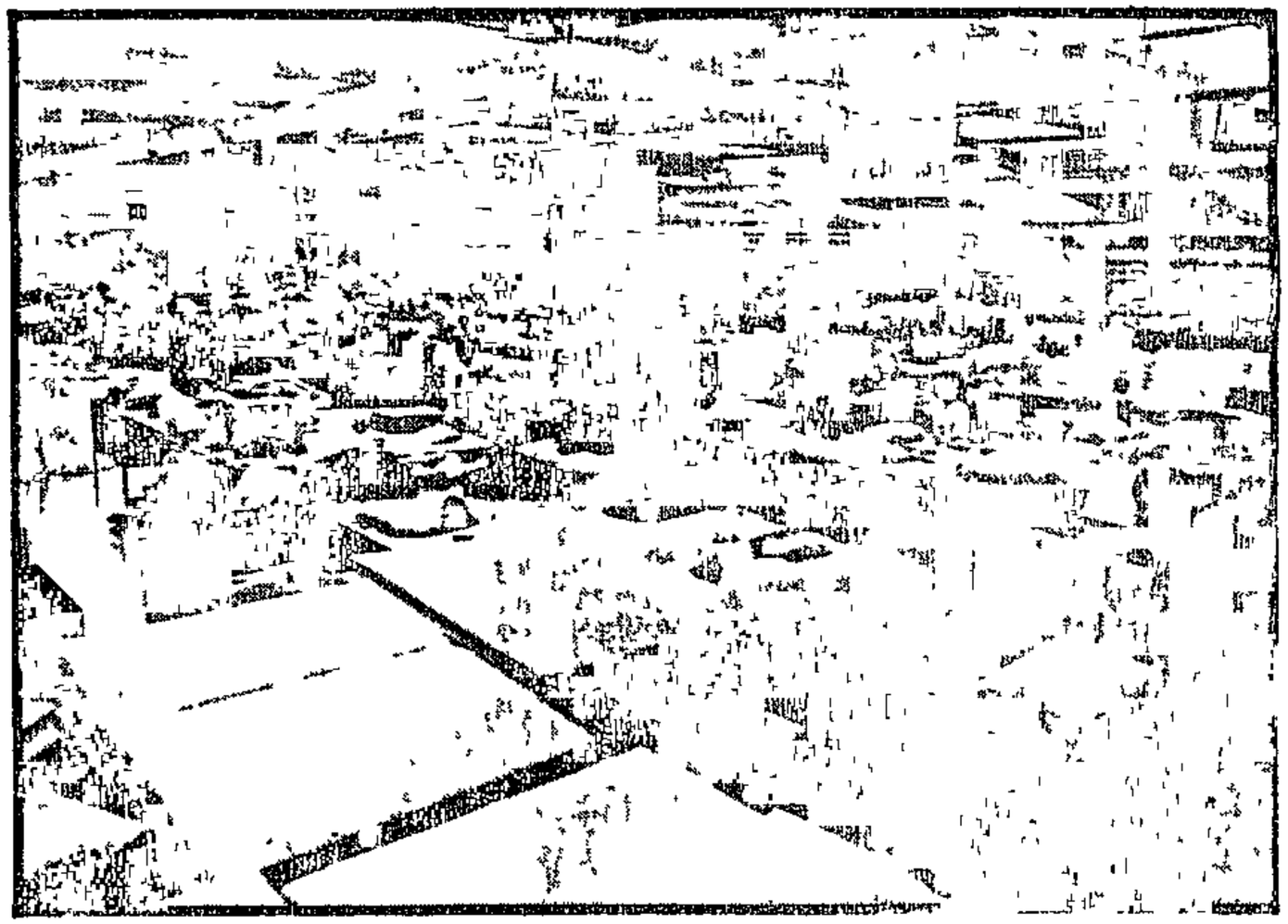
Mr Bernhardt, technical director of Tedelex, the second company to relocate to Atlantis about eight years ago, is almost glowingly optimistic about the town's future

Mr E Haller, managing director of Desiree Quilted Products, feels that recent "negative publicity" about Atlantis might discourage some businessmen from relocating even though there is "no real cause for concern"

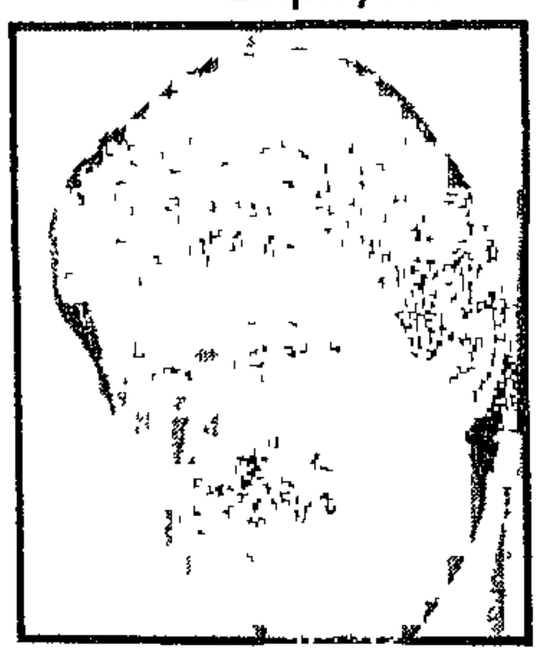
Businessmen interviewed this week all said Atlantis would grow again when the economy improved

Mr Bernhardt said Atlantis was a young town going through "growing pains"

"People are getting a much greater sense of community here, which shows in the fact that they are starting associa-



Employees at work in an Atlantis factory.



Mr E Haller, managing director of Desiree Quilted Products, feels that Atlantis is growing fast and has an excellent future

Four Atlantis workseekers who wear out their shoes on a daily job

should be declared "a disaster area" He estimates that 60 percent of the 12 000 wage-earners are out of work — although officially only 657 wage-earners registered for unemployment benefits last month

More than 200 households have been put on the "trickle system" — a tiny stream of water for minimum domestic needs — because they cannot afford to pay the Divisional Council of the Cape for the normal supply.

Hungry

Social workers say many Atlantis children go to school hungry, underscored by the Department of Health's food-supplement distribution scheme among hardest-hit residents

This week a minister of the Church of the Province of South Africa in the town, the Rev Alan Lindhorst, said the situation was taking on crisis proportions

"The basic problem in Atlantis is that it was an artificially created growth point and with the downturn in the economy and its resulting retrenchment, residents are left helplessly high and dry 50km from Cape Town to which they can commute only at prohibitively high costs"

Mr C L Mocke, divisional council secretary, said final notices had been sent to 1 638 residents for rent arrears totalling R143 468 and 428 repossession notices to recover about R567 500

But it dod not mean all the affected residents would be evicted from their homes or through "growing pains"

"People are getting a much greater sense of community here, which shows in the fact that they are starting associations and so on I have heard that municipal status is being discussed," he said

Many business leaders still inquired about the advantages of settling in Atlantis, and there were many benefits, he said

"Besides the obvious decentralisation financial benefits for settling here and the fact that it has its own source of water, this is also the only town where industrialists are getting an excellent source of labour right on their doorstep, within walking or cycling distance

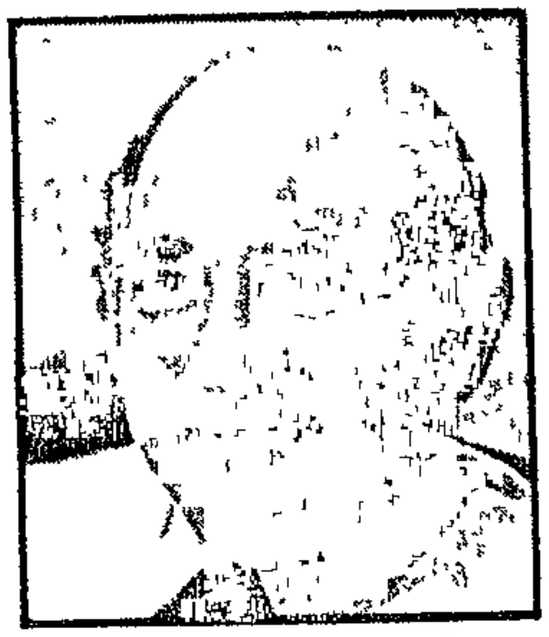
"Industrialists find it attractive to settle here, also because of this reasonably stable workforce We have no 'blue Mondays' here, people are keenly interested in retaining their jobs

"And the town still has growing pains After all, only eight years ago, we started it with rural employees who had to be turned into an industrially-oriented workforce

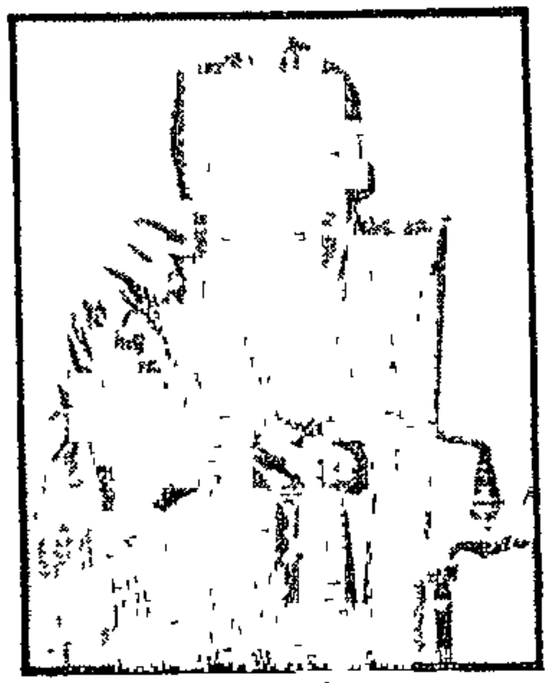
"The industrialists here had to train them and turn them into skilled and semi-skilled artisans, a task in which we have succeeded very well indeed," he said

Residents were "very dependent" on local industries for jobs, but a survey had shown that about 15 to 20 percent of wage-earners commuted from the town to outside jobs — "an unexpected development"

rector of Desiree Quilted Products, feels that Atlantis is growing fast and has an excellent future



Optimistic Mr George Bernhardt. "Atlantis is having growing pains — it has a great future once the economy gets going again"



Mrs Edith Arendse, a member of one of more than 200 families on the water "trickle system."

Four Atlantis workseekers who wear out their shoes on a daily job search, from left, Mr Charles Newman, Mr Charles Norman, Mr Joseph Klinker and Mr Ronald Adams.

Mrs Una Martin, 28, with son John, 3, and Janine, 4, was retrenched this week. She earned R109 weekly and says her company has promised to take her back "once the job orders start coming in again."

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Defiant Atlantis vows to 'take action'

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

A MEETING of about 1 000 visibly defiant Atlantis residents last night cheered a call to "take action" if the Divisional Council refused to stop evictions or to reconnect the full water supply to 238 households in the town

The chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA), Mr Noel Williams, who will lead a delegation to meet the council this morning, told the meeting not to be "too optimistic" that the council would agree to residents' demands

If the delegation failed to achieve anything, the residents themselves would have to decide what further action to take, he said

"If they evict your neighbours, you can help carry their furniture back inside If they don't restore the water supply, we can reconnect it ourselves," he said to loud applause

Stop paying rent

A suggestion from the floor that everybody stop paying rent was enthusiastically received

The council is due to evict more than 2 000 tenants and homeowners today for failing to keep up with rentals and payments on their houses

Mr Williams said the delegation would demand that the council and the government "write off" the R300-million which it had cost to build the city

"Our rents are so high because we are paying off this debt, but we didn't choose to live here and we are not going to pay it any more"

Retrenchments

He said Atlantis residents faced further retrenchments in the near future and warned that the situation would worsen unless people mobilized themselves to fight for a better life

Before the meeting began, Mr Williams asked four policemen in the audience to leave

A fifth policeman was later escorted from the hall

The ARA will hold another mass meeting on Sunday to report back on today's talks with the Divisional Council and to discuss what further action to take

Atlantis talks halted after mancom row

Staff Reporter

A MEETING between the Atlantis Residents' Association and the Divisional Council about evictions in the town was abandoned yesterday after three members of the Atlantis management committee refused to leave

The residents' association said the mancom members were not elected representatives of the residents

The chairman of the residents' association, Mr Noel Williams, who led a nine-person delegation to the meeting, said later his group had been given a mandate at a residents' meeting in Atlantis on Wednesday night to halt negotiations with Divco if any mancom members were present

He said that at this stage he could not speculate on what steps the residents' association would take.

"A decision will have to be made at a residents' association meeting this Sunday," he said "The community will have to decide what we are going to do next"

The Divco chairman, Mr L J Rothman, said the residents' association had requested the meeting to discuss matters of "grave concern" in Atlantis

"I explained to Mr Williams that the recognized official channel of communication is the legally elected management committee and I had, on the other hand, no mandate to exclude them from the discussions

"I and my fellow councillors appealed to Mr Williams not to allow political issues to cloud the real purpose of the meeting"

Some 'may have to be evicted'

Mr Rothman said several of the residents' complaints about exorbitant rents in Atlantis and threats of eviction had already been brought to the attention of the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, by the mancom

"This has resulted in concessions on a national basis in respect of unemployed, retrenched or staff on short-time, as well as medically unfit people or those on early retirement," he said

"I want to reiterate that those home-owners and tenants experiencing hardship and who qualify for consideration of relief in respect of the laid-down concessions, are invited to apply"

Those who did not qualify for the concession or who failed to approach the council in order to make acceptable arrangements to pay arrears, had to be dealt with in terms of the provisions of the Housing Act, Mr Rothman said

"It must therefore be accepted that certain tenants and house-owners may have to be evicted," he said

Apartheid behind misery of Atlantis

"THE only reason we're in Atlantis is because of apartheid. Nothing would have brought me here if I hadn't been forced to come," the chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA), Mr Noel Williams, told a mass meeting of local residents last week.

His statement was greeted with enthusiastic and sustained applause from the hard-hit people of this prophetically-named town — a town heading for the worst social and economic crisis in its short history.

Built as an artificial growth point in 1975, Atlantis provides a captive and economically vulnerable coloured labour pool for industrial companies lured there by massive tax concessions.

Many of these companies, facing decreasing profits as a result of the economic crisis, are closing their Atlantis factories or retrenching staff at a rapid rate.

An estimated 60 percent of the workforce is currently unemployed.

This unemployment and its constant companion, poverty, have been the main goads behind the political mobilization of Atlantis.

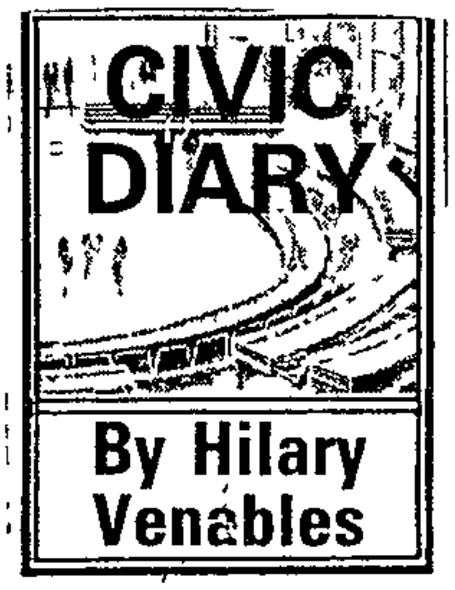
The threat of eviction, the "trickle" water supply system, electricity disconnections, alcoholism and hunger have become political rather than personal issues and people are beginning to blame their problems, not on a "temporary economic downturn", but on apartheid.

"An eviction to one is an eviction to all," has become the rallying cry of the ARA and the Atlantis Youth Congress (AYCO).

And although organization in Atlantis is still at an embryonic stage, these groups have already succeeded both in forcing the Divisional Council to sit up and listen to them, and in bringing the plight of this isolated and remote community to the attention of the rest of the Western Cape.

Atlantis, however, is under no illusions about its chances of persuading the authorities to agree to its demands for lower rents, better pensions, the full reconnection of services and a moratorium on evictions, never mind its ultimate aim of democratic local government.

While Divco's bureaucratic machinery grinds slowly round, trying to find conventional ways to appease this increasingly defiant community, women send their children to school with no food, a man cannot afford to buy shoes, families find themselves sitting on the pavement surrounded by furniture with locked doors behind them.



By Hilary Venables

"We will have to find our own solutions," Mr Williams says.

Reconnecting water and electricity, moving people back into their houses while the authorities try to move them out, and putting constant pressure on the council to listen to their demands is one part of the strategy.

The other is to ensure that the people of Atlantis survive.

"We are going to start a programme for people who have no money and no work," Mr Williams says.

"We are going to form a group which will go from street to street to organize people so that they can provide their own food.

"Every garden will become a farm. We will grow our own potatoes, carrots, mielies — whatever people need.

"The people in each street will look after their gardens and exchange produce to feed themselves.

"We will buy other groceries in bulk and share them."

Apart from ensuring that everyone has enough to eat, the self-help programme is the community's way of telling the Divco, the Atlantis Management Committee and the State that they have failed in their duty to provide Atlantis with the means to live.

As far as the people are concerned, they are victims of a failed racial economic experiment.

To them the government is responsible not only for their current situation, but for the repeated attempts to sabotage the community's efforts to find solutions.

Last week's meeting identified the police, army and the authorities as its enemies, and the apartheid system as the source of its misery.

Faced with the choice of continuing to work within a system which has betrayed and used them, the people of Atlantis have decided to take their future into their own hands.

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Atlantis to try to meet Divco

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Municipal Reporter

THE Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA) is to approach the Divisional Council again this week to try to organize a meeting to discuss the crisis in the area

However, a public meeting in the town yesterday insisted that the meeting should not take place if members of the local management committee were present.

Talks between the council and an ARA delegation last week were abandoned when the management committee refused to leave

A group of four PFP council members, Mr Neil Ross, Mr Jasper Walsh, Mr Stuart Collins and Mr Paul Andrew, who met the ARA in Atlantis yesterday morning, said they "certainly believe that the ARA is more representative than the management committee"

Special meeting

The four are to press for a special open Divisional Council meeting this week to discuss evictions and the introduction of the trickle water supply to households which cannot afford to pay their bills

They will also raise the "startling" complaints made by Atlantis residents that council officials are ill-mannered and unco-operative Residents say their attempts to pay off arrears in small amounts are rejected by officials who threaten them with eviction unless they can pay more

The chairman of the ARA, Mr Noel Williams, told the audience of about 800 people yesterday that he was prepared to organize buses to take people to the special council meeting

The audience supported a call for everyone to help to move furniture back into the houses of evicted families and to reconnect electricity and water supplies themselves when these were cut off by the council

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Crisis-town residents to flock to Divco meeting

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ATLANTIS residents who face a rents-and-unemployment crisis will use "every form of transport they can rent or borrow" to travel to a Divisional Council meeting in Cape Town on Thursday.

This was decided yesterday by about 800 people at a report-back meeting by Atlantis Residents Association (ARA) chairman Mr Noel Williams on failed talks with the council last week.

Withdrew

Mr Williams criticised the "heavy presence" of police when the nine-person delegation arrived at the council's offices in Wale Street last Wednesday.

ARA delegates withdrew when they found members of the Atlantis Management Committee at the meeting.

Yesterday the audience asked Mr Williams to try to organise another meeting with the council, but said it should not go ahead if members of the Management Committee attended.

Four Progressive Federal Party members of the Divisional Council — Mr Neil Ross, Mr Stuart Collins, Mr Jasper Walsh and Mr Paul Andrew — met the ARA yesterday and said they "believe that the ARA is more representative than the Management Committee".

Ill-mannered

The four councillors plan to ask for a special council meeting this week to discuss the town's problems and will also raise complaints by residents that some council officials are ill-mannered.

Some residents have said their offers to pay off arrears in small amounts have been refused by officials, who threatened them with eviction unless they paid more, and officials allegedly told some unemployed men to "steal the money" and some women to "work the docks".

Residents yesterday supported a call to help move furniture back into the houses of evicted families and to reconnect electricity and water supplies themselves if cut off by the council.

Mr Williams told the audience that he and his family had been threatened at the weekend that his home would be burnt down, and that he had been visited by men who threatened him after saying that he was "causing big trouble".

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'Secret' Atlantis debate

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Municipal Reporter

THE crisis in Atlantis will be debated at a special meeting of the Divisional Council on Thursday, but the meeting will probably be held in secret.

Mr Neil Ross, who asked the council chairman, Mr Louwtjie Rothman, to call the meeting, said Mr Rothman had indicated that the meeting would be closed to the public

The first motion on the agenda, however, will be a call for the meeting to be opened

The Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA) has also called for an open debate and a public meeting in the town on Sunday supported a suggestion that residents travel to Cape Town by bus to attend the special session

The ARA also hopes to send a delegation to meet the council this week, on condition that members of the Atlantis Management Committee do not attend

The ARA has demanded an indefinite stay on evictions in the town, the reduction of rents and the restoration of full water and electricity services where these have been disconnected from households unable to pay because of massive unemployment.

It has refused to negotiate with the management committee on the grounds that it has no credibility in the community

Divco meeting on Atlantis crisis today

Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council's special meeting on the Atlantis crisis will take place today at 3pm instead of tomorrow as originally planned

The council chairman, Mr Louwtjie Rothman, said this was the only time he "could fit it in"

Mr Rothman said he "personally" felt the meeting should be public but there was a possibility of councillors present calling for it to be held in camera

The Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA) is planning to organize buses to take residents to the meeting at the council s headquarters in Wale Street.

Mr Rothman said he spoke yesterday morning to the chairman of the ARA, Mr Noel Williams, but that talks had not yet been arranged between the ARA and the council

The ARA has refused to meet the council if members of the Atlantis Management Committee are present

Mr Rothman said it was council policy to invite the management committee to any meeting affecting its area and that until this policy was changed, he could not overrule it

Westgate boost for housing

Municipal Reporter

THE DEVELOPERS of the R75-million Westgate shopping and community centre planned for Mitchells Plain, claim the complex will open up the Welteyreden Valley for 3 400 new houses

This is in addition to the 600 houses the developers plan to build as part of the Westgate complex

According to the development company, trunk services laid to Westgate will be able to serve a whole new township in the area

The company yesterday released details of the Westgate project, which is currently awaiting Divisional Council approval

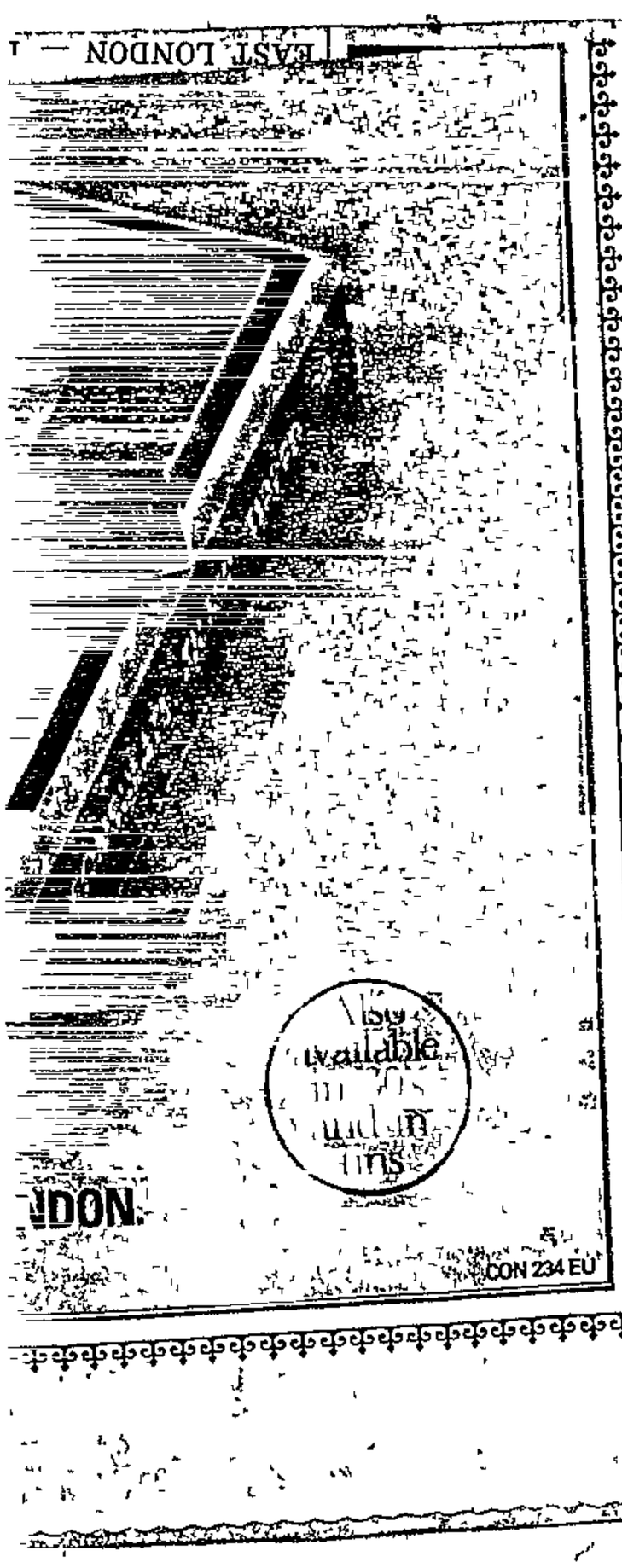
According to a press statement, the developers hope to create a "village environment", with a variety of house designs set in quiet cul de sacs and crescents to limit through-traffic

Workshops or studios will be included in 25 of the houses in a special "street of traders" leading off the village centre, from which residents can run home industries

High density housing and a retirement village may also be developed

Playgrounds, parks, pedestrian ways, a church, creche and primary school are planned

The shopping complex will incorporate free community facilities and a medical centre as well as a cinema and restaurant



Tenants request rejected

DISPATCH

EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee has rejected a move for tenants' associations to be represented on the housing allocation committee.

The move comes against the background of increasing dissatisfaction about allocation of houses to people who say they have been on the waiting list for years

The Buffalo Flats Tenants' Association asked that its president, Mr James Latola, and its secretary, Mr Abie Roberts, be allowed to sit on the committee

The CMC rejected the request It was felt that the committee would give the association a hearing on specific requests in connection with matters of housing allocation if this was warranted — DDR

Govt 'no' to local housing

Cape Times 20/11/85 124

Municipal Reporter

ATTEMPTS by the City Council to secure land north of Milnerton for coloured housing have been dealt a blow by the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry.

Mr Curry told senior councillors at a recent meeting that the government would rather invest in housing in Blackheath/Kuils River and in the further development of Atlantis, which are areas outside the Cape Town municipality

The council's housing committee has challenged this decision on the grounds that Cape Town has a longer waiting list for houses than any other local authority in the area.

An estimated 50 000 houses are currently needed to clear the housing backlog

No funds available in near future

Although Mr Curry was in favour of rezoning the land north of Milnerton for coloured housing, he said no funds would be available for development "in the near future"

He also said the land was subject to certain restrictions because it was close to the Koeberg nuclear power station and that there were no labour-intensive industries in the area to provide employment

Mr Curry suggested that the council develop self-help housing schemes in the Mitchells Plain area, but recommended that it retain ownership of the buildings.

The housing committee has recommended in turn that the council lease the land, but grant residents ownership of their houses

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Atlantis: Divco backs mancom

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

ANY chance of talks between the Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA) and the Divisional Council about the crisis in the town faded yesterday when the council decided at a special meeting that the Atlantis Management Committee should be present at any such talks

The ARA, acting on a mandate from two mass meetings in the town last week, have refused to talk to the council in the presence of the mancom

Roadblock

Meanwhile, a bus carrying about 80 residents from Atlantis to the meeting in Cape Town yesterday afternoon was stopped and turned back at a police roadblock in Table View

According to one of the passengers, police said the bus could not continue to Cape Town, but a delegation of seven would be given police transport to the meeting

"We refused to be divided and turned back to Atlantis," the passenger said

"We were all very angry and frustrated and on the way back, someone threw two loose bus seats out of an open window

"The police stopped us again and arrested him"

A police spokesman last night confirmed that the bus had been stopped by police because it was believed the passengers were going to convene an illegal gathering in Cape Town "because of the crisis in Atlantis".

After deciding to go back to Atlantis "they nearly broke the inside of the bus in pieces and two seats were thrown from the window", the spokesman said

"The bus was stopped and two people were arrested and charged with malicious injury to property"

During the Divco meeting, which took place under tight security, Mr Len Pothier said the ARA enjoyed widespread support in Atlantis precisely because, unlike the management committee, it was not seen as part of the government system

He urged the council to deal with the ARA and other civic associations in preference to the management committees which had been rejected by the community

"If we are to follow democratic procedures, we must listen to what the community says, not to a body in which people have no confidence"

Mr Jasper Walsh said he was "convinced that the ARA was established to help people" and that it had a bigger following than the mancom

He said the council would not be able to alleviate the problems in Atlantis if "we adopt the stance that we won't talk to members of the ARA except through the mancom system which they have rejected"

Mr Gideon Basson said he was sure people as hard-pressed as the residents of Atlantis would "not mind" if the council discussed their problems with the mancom

He blamed the low polls in mancom elections on the media which had "discouraged" people from voting

'Agitation'

A candidate in a recent by-election in the town was elected on a 1,05 percent poll

Mr P J Grobbelaar said a mancom was a "platform" for coloured people to bring their problems to the attention of central government "and they must use it"

He said people did not vote in mancom elections because of "agitation, incitement and intimidation"

The motion calling for the mancom to be present at all meetings between the council and the ARA was carried by eight votes to five

Atlantis talks dilemma over Divco's demand

Staff Reporter

DISCUSSIONS on the economic crisis in Atlantis could be jeopardised by the Divisional Council's decision to meet the Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA) only in joint meetings with the town's Management Committee.

The decision at a special council meeting yesterday was carried by eight votes to five. It will be relayed to the ARA today by the chairman of the council, Mr Louwtjie Rothman.

The council rejected a motion by councillor Mr Neil Ross that it should disregard the Atlantis Management Committee and negotiate with the ARA.

The council referred a number of proposals on how to deal with the rents and unemployment crisis in Atlantis to Tuesday's council meeting.

Many in arrears

Mr Ross said that 1 638 families were in arrears with rent owing a total of R143 468 428. home-owners owed R567 502 in arrear payments and R48 000 was outstanding on water accounts.

Before the vote Mr Len Pothier said the people of Atlantis wanted direct representation.

He urged the council to conduct its normal business with the civic and ratepayers associations. They enjoy widespread support and are now part of the Government system. This council must recognise this.

But Mr C J Langley said: "This council is constituted in terms of an Act. If the next level is the management committee then we have no right to say we are going to push that body aside."

"I'd be upset"

"I would be upset if this council went to the ratepayers in my ward because that is what ignoring the management committee and working with the ARA means."

● Earlier a bus carrying Atlantis residents to the meeting was turned back by police who arrested two men.

The passengers were told that under emergency regulations their presence was an illegal gathering.

Police offered to take a delegation of seven to the meeting but the residents refused to be split up. They were told to turn back to Atlantis.

As they drove off one man in "pure frustration" threw a seat out of a window, Mrs McKinna said.

The bus was again stopped and two men were arrested.

● A police liaison officer, Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, today confirmed the incident.

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Mixing it, slowly

A residential property development at the Strand (Cape), which will arise on white land re-proclaimed for coloured occupation, appears to be a significant softening of government's attitude towards providing areas for coloured housing and could be an indirect step towards non-racial suburbs

Although speculation that the development, to be called Southfork, would get the official go-ahead to be an "open" area has been disproved, it is understood that this is more because of the critical shortage of land in the area for coloured housing than due to political disapproval

Southfork is the first land provided for coloured housing in the Strand area for at least 15 years.

The developer, Doug Harrowsmith of Cape Town, believes government's willingness to re-proclaim white land for sale to other groups opens the way for similar moves in other, as yet undeveloped, white areas.

This would not only ease the shortage of land for coloured and Indian (and even black) housing, but also offer more wealthy people in those communities higher quality housing and a better environment than they have to put up with in many of the townships where they are now forced to live

Perhaps significantly, the development is located within Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis's Helderberg constituency Heunis, probably the most reform-minded man in the Cabinet, has the odious task of administering the Group Areas Act (GAA), but he is understood to be taking keen interest in its modification Coloured Local Government, Housing and Agriculture Minister, David Curry, is believed to be watching the development with equal interest

Southfork provides for about 300 plots The development is aimed at buyers with R45 000 or more to spend. It is situated on the Gordons Bay side of the Strand in what is considered to be a good position close to the beach, shops and transport

The land is zoned a white group area. Harrowsmith applied to sell to coloureds and

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was granted a permit to do so after a departmental hearing in August Technically, until the land is re-proclaimed, nothing is stopping him selling to whites as well, but he says he will not, mainly because there is a chronic shortage of coloured housing in the area

Obviously once the re-proclamation goes through, purchase and occupation at Southfork will be legally restricted to coloureds But it is still a fairly significant reversal of the old policy of removing "coloured spots" (remember District Six?) from within white areas and locating new coloured suburbs relatively far away from white areas

Harrowsmith believes "open" areas are the solution to the GAA dilemma He says as long as the land for "open" areas is carefully chosen and certain political sensitivities are taken into account, relatively few problems will be experienced In the western Cape in particular, he believes mixed areas populated by people who can afford the type of developments he has in mind could be a way of moving away slowly from legally enforced residential segregation

Harrowsmith believes young professionals and other white collar workers, including teachers and civil servants who qualify for government housing subsidies, will be attracted to the scheme. He believes some of the up-market coloured residential areas available in the western Cape at the moment are often unattractive because they are situated too close to lower-class areas ■

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Divco out of touch with Atlantis

CIVIC DIARY

By Hilary Venables

THE Divisional Council's decision last week not to meet the Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA) without the local management committee in attendance, has driven an even deeper wedge between the people of Atlantis and this local authority

Two recent public meetings in Atlantis gave the ARA a unanimous mandate not to talk to Divco if the mancom was present

But the council chose to ignore this in favour of a body which, in a by-election last year, drew only 1,05 percent of registered voters to the polls

Arguments in favour of the mancom at Wednesday's meeting highlighted the widening rift between Divco and the people of Atlantis

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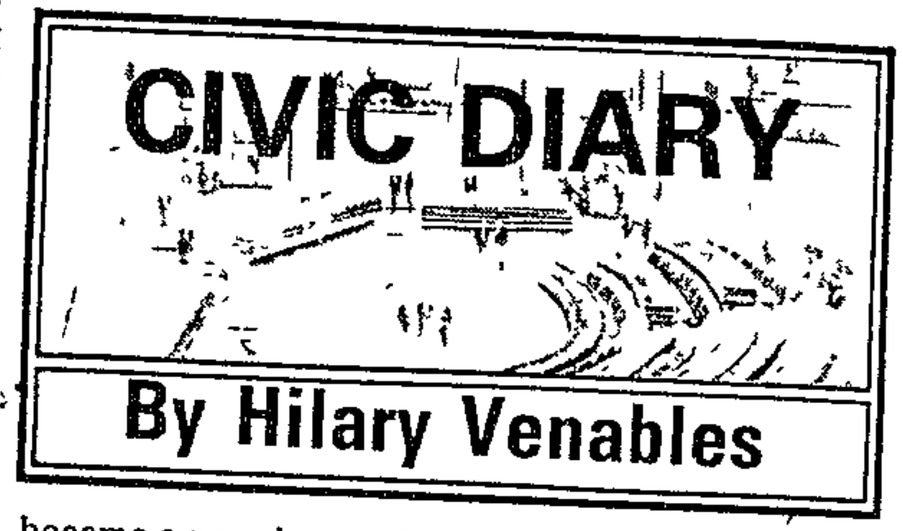

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They say they have never been allowed to make their own decisions about their lives, and that the people who have made these decisions for them have, without fail, dragged them deeper into the mire of poverty and helplessness

Until the Divisional Council admits this failure, and realizes that no matter how down-trodden the people of Atlantis are, they will not rest until they have gained control over their own lives, the crisis cannot be resolved

As one "desperate, hard-pressed" student said at a mass meeting recently "We are on the move We will govern Atlantis"

Judging from the audience's response, the idea was not an unpopular one

Girl burns to death

to death in Boland unrest

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

AN MBEKWENI child burned to death when a mob set fire to a house and five other people died in unrest-related incidents at the weekend.

Police said an angry crowd had surrounded and set fire to the home of Mrs Barbara Mathebula, a former secretary of the Mbekweni Residents' Association

Mrs Mathebula was apparently accused of being a police informer

She and her husband, Mr L Mathebula, were discharged from the Paarl East Hospital late yesterday after treatment for minor burns

The three-year-old girl was not related to them Her name has not been released as her next of kin have not been informed of her death

A spokesman for the police public relations division in Pretoria described the attack as "horrifying an appalling crime"

No arrests had been made by late yesterday

According to police reports, six people (including the Mbekweni girl) died and 12 were injured in incidents of unrest at the weekend

Police reported relative calm yesterday after the bloodiest seven-day period in the four months since emergency rule was declared in parts of the country.

Since last Sunday at least 42 people have died, most of them shot by police

Two men were killed on Saturday night A man was killed and burned in Langa, outside Uitenhage, and a member of the Ciskeian army was burned to death at Molteno in the Eastern Cape

Police said a man was stabbed to death and burned at Bridgetown near Oudtshoorn

Police found the bodies of two men in Mohlakeng, near Randfontein There were no further details and police are investigating In the same area police stopped a group attempting to set a man alight.

Hostel fires

● About R1-million damage was caused when 160 rooms in three hostels were destroyed by fires at the Murray and Roberts compound in Guguletu yesterday

The fires were started shortly before 9am Cape Town fire department units were on the scene soon afterwards Security forces sealed off the area

Captain Jan Calitz, a police liaison officer for the Western Cape, said last night an arson docket had been opened He claimed the incident was not unrest-related

The Cape Town manger of Murray and Roberts, Mr H Minott, could not be reached for comment.

● Meanwhile the PFP is to press for the appointment of a judicial commission of inquiry into the confrontation between police and marchers in the Pretoria township of Mamelodi on Thursday which left 13 people dead and scores wounded

● Police unrest report, page 2

5 rescued as diver drowns

Staff Reporter

A CRAYFISH diver drowned at Elands Bay on the West Coast yesterday, while in the Peninsula at least five people were rescued from drowning by lifesavers and the NSRI

In spite of an intensive search by Boland police divers on Saturday and yesterday, the body of Mr Christiaan Rudolf Burger, 20, of Kols Vlei, Piketberg, had not been found by late yesterday

A Boland police liaison officer said Mr Burger disappeared about 11 30am on Saturday at Elands Bay He could not say whether Mr Burger had been diving alone or with friends

The Boland drowning toll this season is now 20

The NSRI rescued three men and a woman off Oudekraal after a four-metre pleasure craft overturned yesterday when the south-easter "came up unexpectedly fast" about 2 45pm

A former member of the NSRI, Mr Michael Brown, spotted the boat as it was swamped by the swell about 500 metres from shore and phoned Sea Rescue Station 2.

A NSRI rescue worker at the scene said the men were in the water trying to keep the woman, Ms Tracey Gleeson, on top of the overturned boat.

"The woman was in a bad way She was hypothermic and we had to get her back to shore where an ambulance was waiting to take her to hospital If we had not got to her she would not have lasted for much longer," the rescue worker said

The people rescued were Ms Gleeson, who was taken to the Somerset Hospital where she was treated and discharged Mr Terry McCann Mr Gary Waklin and Mr Ian Poncyan

A Kraaifontein man Mr Attie Kraus was rescued by lifesavers from the surf at Blouberg and taken to Tygerberg Hospital for observation

165 rooms burnt out as nostels blaze in Guguletu

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 165 rooms at three hostels owned by Murray and Roberts in Guguletu have been destroyed by fire.

Police believe the fires were started deliberately.

Damage is estimated at R1 million.

The blaze began yesterday morning and last night another room was set alight.

In addition to the rooms, 18 bathrooms and two kitchens were damaged.

While the fires burned stones were thrown.

Last week hostel-dwellers, dismissed after the second of two strikes in August and still in the hostels, began a withdrawal negotiated by the Building Workers' Union. The withdrawal was to have been completed by yesterday.

The strikes, by workers then belonging to the South African Allied Workers' Union, were in support of recognition of the union by the company, changes in the nightwatch system and better hostel conditions.

Child burns to death — shack set on fire

Tygerberg Bureau

A CHILD burnt to death and a woman was injured when a shack was set alight in Mbekwen near Paar

The woman a former leader of Mbekweni's squatter community was apparently accused of being a police informer after being given permanent residence in one of the single men's hostels recently designated for family housing

She was treated for burns. The three-year-old child whose identity has not been released was apparently not related to the woman

Mr George Bongo chairman of the Mbekweni Residents Association said he deeply regretted the escalating violence in what use to be a peaceful area

He understood that one of the reasons for the shack-burning was that the woman had been given residence in one of the single men's quarters he said

'In fact, all the violence in Mbekwen lately has been caused by the severe lack of housing here

'The Administration Board started assigning families to the single men's quarters this month At least 700 families have been waiting for years for such permanent housing in Mbekwen.

"However when they arrived at their future homes they found that others had already been given the places

The situation had created considerable trouble among Mbekweni residents in the past two weeks

Mr Sample Steenkamp the liason officer for the Western Cape Administration Board said the matter would be thoroughly investigated

Plan to refuse to pay rents in Lagunya

CAPE Times 25/11/85

Staff Reporter

RESIDENTS of "Lagunya" — the greater Langa Nyanga and Guguletu area — are planning to refuse to pay their rentals from the end of this month until certain demands are met

According to several residents spoken to at the weekend withholding of rentals would be done in accordance with the wishes of youths who last week visited "every house" in the area

Among their demands are

- Lifting the state of emergency
- Better school facilities
- Reduction of school fees from R36 a year to R20 a year
- The right to own and buy all houses in the area under the 99-year leasehold scheme
- A facelift for all the houses in the area
- Restoration of electricity in Lagunya streets
- Provision of electricity in houses

Timo Bezuidenhoud 'prepared to talk'

Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, Western Cape regional director of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning said last night he had heard rumours of an impending rent refusal

"I would like to hear from the people concerned about their demands," he said "If there is anyone who wants to sit around the table and present the demands, I am prepared to hear them

"If the demands are reasonable I am prepared to talk and to take the matter further, to the government"

Mr Bezuidenhoud said it was necessary that rentals should be paid "so that we can proceed with the services"

The rent money was needed to run the townships, and for the usual services such as the provision of water and the sewage system, he said

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Khayelitsha subsidy highest

From S J A STEENKAMP, press liaison officer Western Cape Development Board (Goodwood)

FOLLOWING the letter on November 16 from Mr L Ncanisa ("Khayelitsha no promised land"), allow me a few lines to put the matter into the right perspective

Mr Ncanisa seems to want his bread buttered on both sides

The essence of the first phase of Khayelitsha, namely the building of 5 000 houses, was to help the people to help themselves It is indeed a very small house (a core unit) and Mr Ncanisa is expected to build on to this house to suit the needs of his family In this regard he will be assisted by staff of the Western Cape Development Board i e the drawing of the plan free training and advice on building skills etc

The government has done its share to house Mr Ncanisa — now he has to do his share by enlarging his house at his own cost

I am sure Mr Ncanisa does not realize that the house he criticizes so much is being subsidized by about 600 percent by the government — without any doubt the highest government-subsidized house in the country

For Ncanisa's further information the second phase of Khayelitsha will comprise of only serviced sites The people have to build their own houses

Murray and Roberts hostels destroyed

ABOUT R1m worth of damage was caused when 160 rooms in three hostels were destroyed by fires at the Murray and Roberts compound in Guguletu on Sunday.

The fires were started shortly before 9 am on Sunday and units from the Cape Town fire department were on the scene shortly afterwards.

Police liaison officer for the Western Cape, Captain Jan Calitz, later confirmed the damage and said an arson docket had been opened

The incident was not unrest-related, Calitz said

Murray and Roberts dismissed 1 587 workers after strikes in August this year. — Sapa.

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Another meeting on Atlantis crisis

Municipal Reporter

THE continuing crisis in Atlantis will be the subject of yet another special Divisional Council meeting next week

Atlantis was due to be discussed at the council's monthly meeting yesterday, but the chairman Mr Louwtjie Rothman, asked that the debate be postponed

A suggestion from Mr Rothman that the housing committee be given the power to make a final decision on matters raised at the previous special meeting was strongly opposed by Mr Neil Ross

Mr Ross said it would give a "restricted group" of councillors final say over the issue and would mean that the press and public would be excluded from the debate

Next week's meeting, on Wednesday at 11am will be open to the public

The council will consider two motions from Mr Ross asking for further relief measures for "bona fide hardship cases" in Atlantis, and for council to approach central government and the province for additional funds for the area

Other matters likely to be raised are allegations of 'rudeness" by council officials towards residents and a request that home-owners be given the right to discuss their problems with staff in Atlantis instead of having to travel to Elsie's River

Work starts on second phase of Pelikan Park

Municipal Reporter

THE second phase of development in Pelikan Park, the new Indian residential area east and south-east of Zeekoevlei is underway.

The area has a potential housing capacity for about 30 000 people and development has been divided into three phases.

Development of the southern third (the first phase) is well underway. A contractor has been on site since the beginning of the year, providing 284 serviced sites and carrying out earthworks for an additional 300. This contract should be completed by June next year.

Work on the second phase east of Zeekoevlei began recently. Civil engineering services for the construction of 358 serviced erven should be completed by June next year.

Tenders will soon be called for construction of 220 houses. Building is expected to start in January and should be completed by the end of next year.

WILL BE KEPT

The city's town planning branch has made several environmental recommendations which have been incorporated into the layout and design of the second phase.

They include:

- Much of the existing belt of eucalyptus trees will be kept and its shrub and field layer cleared to prevent possible cover for vagrants.
- Trash screens will be incorporated in all stormwater drains where they enter Zeekoevlei.
- Public open spaces will be developed and landscaped during the development phase and
- Houses have been placed to ensure good surveillance of public open spaces.

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Housing: 'R500m needed'

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN needs R500-million to wipe out its massive housing backlog, currently standing at almost 40 000 dwellings, according to the head of the City Council's housing committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott.

Mrs Stott, who said at least 125 000 individual citizens needed accommodation, described the amount required as "not unattainable compared to the total national budget".

She said there was no way the City Council could be expected to provide substantial funds for housing and that it was the government's responsibility to ensure its citizens were properly housed.

She criticized the government's housing policy, which places the burden of providing housing for the poor on the individual and the private sector.

The government had "reneged on its responsibility to provide housing for those in need"

Before the new policy became effective in 1982, the council had been able to build 800 houses a month

In 1984, only 401 houses had been built the entire year, she said.

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Houses: Curry assures council

Municipal Reporter

FAMILIES on Cape Town City Council's waiting list will be given "top priority" for houses to be built in the Blackheath/Kuils River area, according to the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry

The council recently expressed concern over the government's reluctance to provide funds for housing on land north of Milnerton because the Blackheath/Kuils River "Blue Downs" project was more urgent

The council argued that Cape Town had the longest waiting list for housing in the area, and should be given more land and funds to build affordable houses

Mr Curry said the land north of Milnerton was not zoned for coloured housing and it was up to the council to apply "for the proclaiming of the area".

Future housing in the Blackheath/Kuils River area was primarily being built for the backlog in housing in the Cape Town city council area.

Subsidy

"Families on the city council's waiting lists will receive top priority," he said.

Mrs Eulalie Stott, who chairs the city council's housing committee, said "Nobody earning less than R800 a month can afford a house built by private enterprise except with the help of a substantial government subsidy"

The Blue Downs scheme is to be funded primarily by the private sector

Mrs Stott said the council had already approached the government to have the land north of Milnerton proclaimed a coloured residential area

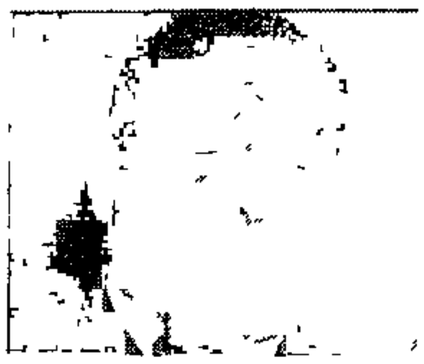
The council hopes to be able to build subsidized houses there for those unable to afford conventional housing

Ravensmead tenants being evicted

Tygerberg Bureau

RAVENSMEAD residents in arrears with their rent are being evicted from their homes.

Five families were evicted yesterday and according to the the Ravensmead Management Committee chairman and MP for the area, Mr Hansie Christians, another five or more families will be evicted today unless they make arrangements for paying arrears



Mr Hansie Christians — "drink away pay".

Mr George Blouws — "people are hungry".

Mr Christians said a total of R70 000 was owed by residents for back rent

"We do not evict people from their homes if they come and negotiate and are willing to pay off at least something, but people prefer to drink away their pay and that's why they don't pay up They are evicted because they ignore us on the management committee and do not want to negotiate with us," he said

The chairman of the Ravensmead Action Committee — which recently joined the Progressive Federal Party — Mr George Blouws, condemned "in the strongest possible terms" the evictions in Ravensmead

"People are suffering from hunger because of the recession and increased living costs They can barely pay their rent and still feed their children

Residents evicted yesterday admitted that they had owed amounts ranging from R300 to R600 in rental arrears — but that they could not posibly pay

"Chased into bushes"

One, Mrs Lea van Rooyen of Darby Street, who was evicted yesterday, owes R400

She said they fell behind when her husband was injured at work and laid off He earned R200 a fortnight and their monthly rent was R102,79

Sitting among her personal belongings which were stacked outside her former home yesterday, she said her two-year-old daughter Lucille had a blood-related ailment and needed regular treatment at Tygerberg Hospital

"We have four children to support and are going hungry We cannot pay our arrears Now the Management Committee has chased us into the bushes What will we live on?" she said

Mrs Johanna le Buso, 38, has five children Her husband earns R83 weekly and their monthly rent is R83 She owes R400 and was evicted from her Darby Street house

Another resident, Mrs Julia Bosman of Pinedene Road, panicked when the men came to evict her She ran away with the key after she had asked the men to wait until her oldest son returned from work — he would pay them when he was paid today, she said

Atlantis mancom defended

CIVIC DIARY
By Hilary Venables

THE chairman of the Atlantis Management Committee, Mr Freddie Brandreth, last week declined an invitation to address the people of Atlantis at a public meeting unless he was guaranteed "protection"

He decided instead to defend the mancom in a press statement

In the typed statement, Mr Brandreth attacks the press, the Atlantis Residents' Association and certain divisional councillors for projecting a "negative" image of his committee.

He denies that the management committee has no mandate from the people of the town, claiming that 7 000 votes were cast in the last election in 1983

According to press reports at the time, only 813 votes were cast

As each voter was entitled to cast four votes, the actual number of voters was considerably less than this The poll was 6,88 percent of registered voters

Mr Brandreth accuses the press of inflating the number of people attending ARA meetings, saying press reports have claimed attendances of up to 2 000 people "in a hall which can only seat 500"

Cape Times press reports on ARA meetings have recorded audiences of between 300 at February's ARA launch in the tiny Avondale Civic Centre and 1 200 at a packed meeting in the larger Saxonsea Civic Centre last week.

Many of the people present were standing

"The fact that the Atlantis management committee is not holding any public meetings can be blamed on disruptions caused by people with ulterior motives," the statement continues

The mancom also attributes the relief measures granted to unemployed people in Atlantis to its own efforts Most of the relief measures were, however, initiated only after pressure from the ARA

Mr Brandreth says he and his mancom believe "that we have an important role to play in promoting the interests and welfare of the inhabitants of Atlantis

"We believe that our goals and objectives where the interest of the people is concerned, are the same and appeal to all to put aside personal differences and join forces," he says

ARA chairperson Mr Noel Williams has repeatedly identified the differences between his organization and the mancom as political

He has also stated that the interests of the people cannot be served by relief measures alone, but by people being given the democratic right to decide their own destinies

As divisional councillor Mr Neil Ross said last week, if the mancom believes it truly represents the people of Atlantis, it should accept the challenge to resign, hold another election and see how many turn up at the polls

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FORMER Table View Ratepayers' Association chair and newly-appointed town councillor, Mrs June Gee, has been informed by her Mayor, Dr B H Reich, that she is not welcome in his parlour

Mrs Gee, who was the driving force behind the successful campaign for more councillors for the fast-growing Table View suburb, has obviously driven Dr Reich to distraction by her stand on democracy

She has clashed with the council on numerous occasions, particularly when far-reaching and controversial decisions are taken at secret meetings instead of in open council

Dr Reich, who considers his parlour an extension of his home rather than the office of a public representative who is answerable to both his constituents and his council, says it would be hypocritical of him to invite Mrs Gee through its portals because she has damaged the council's "internal harmony"

During her term of office, Mrs Gee is bound to disagree strongly with the council on a number of issues

As the representative of the ratepayers in her area, she has a duty to attend to their interests.

Whether or not she disrupts the harmony of the council in doing so, is irrelevant.

Mrs Gee, however, is not intimidated easily and her constituents can rest assured that even the prospect of tea with the Mayor is unlikely to tempt her to stray from her course

Resign call to Atlantis mancom

CAPE Times 3/12/85

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

A MASS meeting of 1 200 Atlantis residents last night called on the Atlantis Management Committee to resign

The meeting, called by the Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA), also demanded that the Divisional Council come to Atlantis to discuss evictions, unemployment and water and electricity disconnections with the community

The council is to discuss the crisis in the town at a special meeting at its Wale Street offices tomorrow

ARA chairperson Mr Noel Williams said he had invited the management committee chairperson, Mr Freddie Brandreth, to the meeting, but he had declined unless he was guaranteed "protection"

"I told him if he was confident he had not hurt and belittled the people of Atlantis, no harm would come to him," Mr Williams said

'Spreading lies'

"We want an explanation from the management committee, we want them to resign tonight," he said to sustained applause

Mr Williams said the management committee was "spreading lies" that the Divisional Council had promised not to evict any more people

"We know people are being evicted The youth have been carrying furniture back into peoples' homes and we will carry on carrying peoples' furniture back into their homes as long as the evictions continue

"We will not let the council humiliate us any more

"We demand that the council write off our arrears for rent, water, electricity and payments on our houses

"If the government can write off the R800-million it spent on the stupid Sishen-Saldanha railway, it can write off the R2-million it claims we owe "

Mr Williams urged the audience to participate in the ARA self-help project which will organize the growing of vegetables in peoples' gardens

He also said he would organize buses to take people to Bellville South where food was cheaper

300 people a day

"We must show that we are and can be independent," he said

Mr Williams said 300 people a day were coming to the Atlantis Advice Office soup kitchen for food

The ARA has also called on people to observe a one-hour candlelight vigil tomorrow night in solidarity with detainees and those who have been evicted or had their electricity or water cut off

● Late last night, Mr Williams said police had fired over the heads of a group of about 300 people walking down the road after the meeting

The crowd retaliated by throwing stones at the police vehicle No one was injured or arrested, he said

Police were unable to confirm the incident last night

COURTS

Six-month food boycott leads to court action

ARGUS 4/12/86

Labour Reporter

A SIX-month food boycott by 1 600 residents at the South African Transport Services Ikwezi hostel in Langa could be resolved by a Supreme Court hearing which starts this week.

The men have been boycotting hostel food since June after protests to the management about quality and quantity failed to produce improvements

The food protest by the contract workers is linked to dissatisfaction over deductions made from wages for food and accommodation The workers claim their contracts provided for deductions of R17 a month but say Sats has been deducting up to three times that amount from several hundred residents

Contract terms

Hostel residents also claim the food does not meet the standard laid down by law for black workers

Now the residents are asking the Supreme Court to order Sats to abide by contract terms

Discontent has been serious for more than a year when a hostel committee was formed to meet the management in attempts to resolve some of the points at issue

Workers claim their complaints were largely ignored and conditions did not improve

"Staff drank on duty"

Food at the hostel often ran out, they say, before all residents had eaten, which sometimes led to anger and fights They also claim the kitchen staff were aggressive, untidy and drank on duty

Requests for information about hostel finances were refused by the management The workers say that R35 a month from each of 1 600 residents for food and accommodation should provide R672 000 a year for running the hostel which they allege should be enough to provide decent meals

Another complaint is that outsiders, including watchmen and railway policemen, often help themselves to food from the kitchen

The boycott started after residents felt their requests for improvements had been ignored

Atlantis leaders held at roadblock, then freed

Tygerberg Bureau

FOUR executive members of the Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA), including the chairman, Mr Noel Williams, were detained at a roadblock in Table View while on their way to a special Divisional Council meeting in Cape Town today.

Police said they were allowed to go on after being questioned

ON AGENDA

Mr Williams, his brother, who was not named, Mr Yusuf Manuel and Mr Maxwell Moss were travelling on the coastal road from Atlantis to attend the meeting in the council's offices in Wale Street

The economic and unemployment crisis in Atlantis was on the council agenda this morning

Mrs Sybil McKinna, who runs the ARA advice office in Atlantis, said she was travelling behind Mr Williams's car and saw him being taken away with his three companions

Mrs McKinna said she was allowed to continue when she told police at the roadblock she was going shopping in Cape Town

Police ban ECC meeting

Staff Reporter

POLICE have used emergency regulations to ban a meeting planned for tonight by the End Conscription Campaign (ECC)

The police divisional commissioner for the Western Cape, Brigadier C A Swart, issued the banning order today

The meeting was scheduled for 8pm in the Congregational Church Hall, Belmont Road, Rondebosch, and was to have taken the form of a panel discussion on conscription

A police spokesman said no reasons were given in the banning order

Hostel men lodge application

Staff Reporter

RAILWAY workers living in the South African Transport Services Hostel in Langa have lodged an urgent application in the Supreme Court, Cape Town, to stop SATS deducting more money from their wages for food and lodging than the amount stipulated in their contracts

According to the Legal Resources Centre, which is representing the workers, more than half the 1 600 hostel residents are boycotting the hostel food in protest against the deductions which in some cases are double the amount contracted for

The applicants have also asked the court to order their employers to improve the quality of the food

The application is due to be heard tomorrow

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Schotsche Kloof residents object to siting of new houses

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council and the Schotsche Kloof community are at loggerheads over the siting of proposed terraced houses for residents whose homes need renovating and repairs.

The council wants to build the houses on the the lower of two terraces on open land adjoining the primary school.

"LAST RESORT"

The proposed rezoning was approved last week but the move is being fiercely opposed by a section of the Schotsche Kloof community which claims the school has a historic right to the ground

A number of community organisations have issued a statement, saying the area should remain public open space and have threatened court action as a "last resort".

The statement, signed by the Schotsche Kloof Primary School PTA, the Schotsche Kloof Civic Association, the trustees of the Schotsche Kloof Primary School and "concerned architects and engineers", accuses the council of "over-stepping" its own regulations by not advertising the proposed development and of acting in a "ham-handed manner"

The signatories acknowledge an urgent demand for housing in the area and say they object to the siting of the units, not to their construction.

Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairwoman of the council's housing committee, and Mr Neville Riley, deputy city engineer (housing), met Mr Mohamed Jamodien, secretary of the trustees and vice-principal of the school, yesterday to discuss a compromise whereby the council would build the houses on the lower terrace and develop the upper terrace as an informal sports field

NEGOTIABLE

"The promising part is that it is still negotiable," Mr Jamodien said

Mrs Stott said that she could understand Mr Jamodien's feelings, but pointed out that even if both terraces were excavated the site would still not be large enough for a full-sized sports field

"Unless we find a site on which we can build within Government monetary limits, we inevitably will have to find accommodation elsewhere for the people," Mrs Stott said

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Row over land for housing

Municipal Reporter

THE question of whether scarce vacant land in Schotsche Kloof should be used for amenities or housing has become a source of friction between residents of the area and Cape Town City Council

The council's decision to build 24 houses on a vacant site next to Schotsche Kloof Primary School has been slated by the local civic association, the school's trustees and Parent Teachers Association and "concerned architects and engineers"

'At all costs'

In a joint statement, the opponents of the scheme claim that the land, which is at present zoned public open space, is needed for a school playing field

"Flat, even, defined public open space in the Bo-Kaap area is a valuable amenity that should be retained at all costs and the elimination of this asset will contribute to the paucity of public open space"

The organizations also accuse the council of failing to consult them before making a decision about the future of the site

The council's housing committee chairperson, Mrs Eulalie Stott, yesterday assured the community that the plan would be advertised for objections today

She said, however, that the land was "desperately" needed to house families in dwellings which were in danger of collapsing

These families were understandably reluctant to leave Schotsche Kloof, but would not be able to afford to rent their houses once they were restored unless they were entitled to "very substantial subsidies" from their employers

Mrs Stott maintained that Schotsche Kloof was not short of open space "in the ordinary sense of the word" as it was so close to the mountain

Earmarked

She also said it was not the responsibility of the council to provide playing fields for schools, but it was its responsibility to provide housing

However, the primary school was currently using council land immediately above the site earmarked for housing as a playing field

The other site was "overgrown with tall grass and was apparently not being used", she said

Mrs Stott said the quarry site on Upper Strand Street would be developed as sports fields during the next six months and the council "would certainly endeavour to accommodate the school on these public playing fields".

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Ross joins resign call to mancom

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

DIVISIONAL councillor Mr Neil Ross has joined the call for the Atlantis management committee to resign

At the end of the council's special meeting yesterday on the crisis in the town, Mr Ross said the management committee should accept the call to resign issued by a meeting of 1 200 Atlantis residents on Monday night.

"I should like to see them accept the challenge and find out what the people really think."

The Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA) has branded the management committee "part of the apartheid system" and claims it has done nothing to help the community during the current economic crisis

According to a report tabled at yesterday's meeting, the economic recession has hit Atlantis harder than any of the council's other housing estates

Writing off

By the end of October, tenants in Atlantis owed the council a total of R156 854 in rent — double the figure for January 1985

The chairman of the council, Mr Louwtjie Rothman, told the meeting that the council had asked the government to consider writing off the rental arrears of all those who qualified for relief

Council has also recommended that home owners who are unable to pay instalments on their houses should have their debts capitalized and their housing loans "renegotiated".

The current six-month relief measures granted to both tenants and home owners suffering hardship should be extended "indefinitely".

The council is to call an urgent meeting with the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, and the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, to discuss these proposals and various other relief measures suggested by councillors at the meeting

The council's staff committee is to investigate complaints from residents that council staff are "rude and uncooperative" when approached for help

● A car carrying four executive members of the ARA to the meeting was stopped at a roadblock and searched in Tableview yesterday morning, according to the ARA chairperson, Mr Noel Williams

Eight ARA members attended the meeting

Rejected

Mr Williams last night welcomed the council's attempts to offer relief to Atlantis residents but said the problems in the area could not be solved until the council agreed to talk to the ARA on its own terms

● The Atlantis management committee has rejected claims by the ARA that it does not represent the people of Atlantis

In a press statement released yesterday, the management committee claims it received 7 000 votes in the last general election in 1983 and that this "clearly represents a mandate"

According to newspaper files, only 813 votes were cast in the election The poll was 6,88 percent.

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East London reactions are mixed

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Reaction here yesterday to the property ownership reform deal announced on Wednesday by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, was mixed

The Mayor of East London, Mr Joe Yazbek, said the announcement would "make the world of difference People will now be able to take pride in the property they own and will defend their assets That has been the trouble in the past, township residents have not had a direct interest in the houses"

He said township residents would benefit substantially from the new deal

The publicity secretary of the Duncan Village Residents' Association, Mr Mafu Goci, said residents would adopt a wait-and-see attitude

"We want to study the details of the announcement fully before committing ourselves In the past things have been said that in the end have turned out not to be true

"We want to find out exactly what this means"

A former mayor and business leader, Mr Errol Spring, said the development was long overdue

"It is most welcome and would be a prerequisite to a climate of stability in the townships One would hope it applies to Duncan Village, otherwise we will have to make urgent applications"

However, he said, it would appear logical the new dispensation applied to Duncan Village

The Border regional chairman of the PFP, Mr Sandy Stretton said his party welcomed the move, but hoped the implementation would not be hampered by bureaucratic red tape

"The announcement does not go far enough. The retention of the Group Areas Act remains a major obstacle to any real freedom of association and property rights."

It appeared as if reform was still taking place within the framework of apartheid

The Border publicity secretary of the United Democratic Front, Mr Andrew Hendricks, said "We can only reiterate that no amount of unilateral concessions will appease the people's clamour to be treated as equals in the land of their birth

Mr Calvyn Steyn, chairman of the East London branch of the Conservative Party, said his party was strongly opposed to the announcement

"It is just another step on the road to repealing the Group Areas Act It is another way for the National Party to say it is dismantling apartheid

"The government does not have any credibility and it is taking the electorate for a ride"

The head of the East Cape Development Board, Mr Louis Koch, was not available yesterday to give details of how the new deal would affect Duncan Village

He did not reply to a call to his office in Port Elizabeth

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'Plan Blue Downs as an open town'

Just another township unless challenge is met, says planner

Municipal Reporter

BLUE DOWNS, a proposed housing development near Kuils River, could be planned as a multiracial town and twin city for Cape Town instead of being just another "coloured township".

This possibility was the greatest challenge facing planners of the vast project, according to Professor Wolfgang Thomas, professor of economics at the University of the Western Cape.

He presented a paper on the project at a workshop on the Western Cape organised by the Centre for African Studies at the University of Cape Town this week

Govt withdrew support

The initiative for developing Blue Downs was taken by the Cape Town City Council in 1983/84

But early this year, when the council had prepared plans for low-cost shell housing and after an overseas loan had been obtained, the Government withdrew its financial support and transferred responsibility for planning and developing the area to the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture of the House of Representatives

Professor Thomas said there had been unbalanced development in greater Cape Town and that little attention had been given to the future of the city centre as the only "major urban focus" of two million to three million people in the long term

"If we accept current plans for the massive expansion of black settlements in the Mitchell's Plain-Blue Downs-Eerste River-Khayelitsha-Macassar direction, adding about 600 000 people to these areas in the next 15-20 years, it is absolutely essential that Cape Town's south-eastern extension develops a new employment focus as well as a major administration and commercial/services magnet," Professor Thomas said

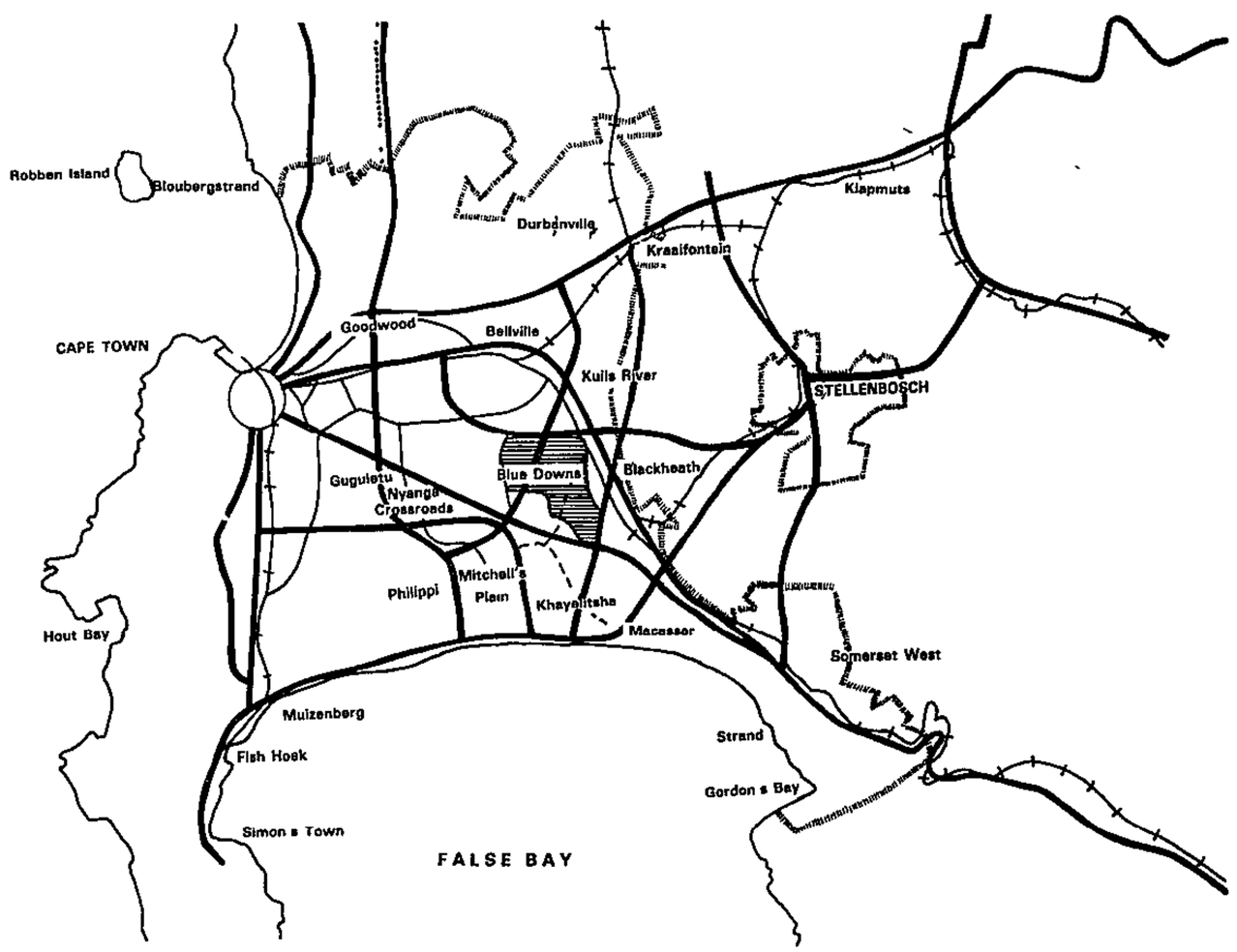
Open business districts

"And, most important of all with respect to future political developments and local self-government, such a new urban magnet should be developed on a non-racial or 'open' basis right from the beginning"

Professor Thomas said legislation had been finalised to open existing central business districts to all races and that "grey" residential areas had also been tentatively accepted

He said a large white presence in Blue Downs would be unlikely and that opening the development for all races would not create racial or political conflict among likely residents

"Unless some imagination feeds the planning of this area and its long-run potential is seen within the broader context of the south-eastern fringe of Cape Town — or a proper twin city — we may just witness another Mitchell's Plain, combined with an even more congested N2-axis westward in the mornings and south-eastwards in the afternoon"



A map showing the idea of a multiracial twin city to Cape Town in the Western Cape.

Cape Times

Hostel workers in food dispute

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Supreme Court Reporter

CONTRACT labourers at the iKwezi Hostel in Langa applied for a Supreme Court order on Friday, declaring that "excessive" pay deductions for allegedly poor hostel food were illegal

The application was brought by Mr Enoch Qulu and 14 others against South African Transport Services Mr Qulu said in a supporting affidavit that almost all 1 600 occupants of the hostel had been boycotting the food since June

He said R39 a month was deducted from his salary for food, while according to his contract it should be only R14,30 A similar situation with most residents had led to "intense dissatisfaction"

"The food is of a poor quality, and the quantity cannot possibly sustain men who are engaged in manual work," he said "The entire evening meal can easily be carried in a man's cupped hands"

On weekdays, only one meal was served It was usually samp with stew, meat or fish Food often ran out, residents were turned away, and fights broke out, he said According to the regulations, food should be served until 11pm

Mr Hermanus Engelbrecht, SATS personnel superintendent for the Western Cape, said in an affidavit that the written agreements did not "correctly and truly record the agreement of the parties"

All food prepared in the kitchen was tested and approved by the manager, he said

Problems of shortage had occurred, but these were "the exception not the rule". He said the real complaint did not relate to the food but to the deductions made in respect of those who did not want to use the hostel facilities.

The matter was postponed by consent

Mr J J Gauntlett, instructed by the Legal Resources Centre, appeared for the workers Mr G D van Schalkwyk SC, instructed by the State Attorney, appeared for SATS

At yesterday's presentation of the funds for Duncan Village's upgrading and employment scheme were the regional representative of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr George Reynolds (left), the chairman of the Duncan Village Community Council, Mr Edison Makeba, and community councillor Mr S. Pongela.

Funds given to DV Council

12/12/85 DISPATCH

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The first instalment of funds from the R2,4 million allocated to the East Cape Development Board for job creation and the upgrading of Duncan Village, was handed over yesterday to the chairman of the township's Community Coucil, Mr Edison Makeba

The regional representative of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr George Reynolds, presented Mr Makeba with a cheque for R289 142

Three equal amounts would be made available in the following months, Mr Reynolds said

Funds were allocated by the government following the approval of projects applied for by black local authorities and community councils

He said these projects embraced the improvement and upgrading of existing infrastructure, as well as the development of new infrastructure and self-help housing schemes in Eastern Cape townships

A total of R10,8 million has been presented to black local authorities, community councils and the East Cape Development Board in the past week

"It is intended that the money be utilised in the best possible manner in order not only bring financial relief, but also to improve the quality of life in the black communities," Mr Reynolds said

Mr Makeba said the handing over of the funds had made history as it was the first time a sum of money was received by a black community leader to "see to our own affairs"

"Presenting us with this big amount of money is part of building a trust"

Mr Makeba added that he hoped Mr Reynolds would convey a message of appreciation to the government for allowing the black people to handle their own affairs

The money presented to the community council yesterday would be made available at the beginning of next year mainly for loans to homebuilders in Duncan Village, and for the repairing of streets there

Loans for home builders would be allocated to applicants interviewed and approved by the community councillors, he said

In the past week the Aliwal North Community Council received R91 023, the Barkly East Community Council received R37 511, Burgersdorp Community Council R60 654, the Cathcart Community Council R40 676, Elliot Community Council R35 872, Fort Beaufort Community Council R102 131, Indwe Community Council R40 171 and the Jamestown Community Council R13 694

The King William s Town Community Council received R75 356, the Lady Grey Community Council R40 739, Maclear Community Council R49 549 and the Ugie Community Council received R45 555

More funds for Cradock

CRADOCK — Additional state funds have been made available to Cradock for the purpose of alleviating unemployment here

The amount is a further R321 600 This brings the total to R400 000 to help Cradock and the coloured township of Michausdal — DDC

Six to hang for burning man

PRETORIA. — Six Sharpeville residents — one woman and five men — were sentenced to death in the Supreme Court yesterday for murdering the deputy-mayor of Lekoa township, Mr Kuzwayo Dlamini

Mojafela Reginald Sefatsa, 30, Reid Malepo Mokoena, 22, Oupa Moses Diniso, 30, Theresa Ramashamola, 24, Duma Joshua Khumalo, 26, and Francis Don Mokgesi, 28 were condemned by Mr Acting Justice W J Human

The murder occurred in September 1984 after a demonstration by township residents, who were dissatisfied with proposed increases in the town council's rates and taxes

Mr Dlamini's house was set alight and as he fled he was caught, stoned and then doused with petrol and set alight

The judge found that there were no extenuating circumstances in the case He said the six had contempt for peaceful society, law and order and the rights of individuals.

'Will of God'

Mokoena asked for a suspended sentence and insisted he was not present at the incident. Diniso said this was his first offence and asked for a long-term jail sentence instead of the gallows.

Theresa Ramashomola said she accepted the finding as the will of God

The six together with two co-accused, Motseki Christiaan Mokubung, 23, and Motsiri Gideon Mokone, 21, were also sentenced to eight years on charges of subversion. Mokubung and Mokone were acquitted of the murder charge — Sapa

CAPE TIMES 14/12/85

Atlantis families still being evicted

Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council is continuing to evict families from their homes in Atlantis despite promises of relief for tenants and homeowners unable to pay their rents and repayments

The council has confirmed that eviction notices are being served on tenants 'on an ongoing basis

"Physical evictions are only resorted to as a last measure when all avenues open to council had been fully explored," the council said

The council would continue to grant relief to tenants who qualified for the relief measures and who made arrangements to settle their arrear rentals in instalments

'No tenants qualifying for concessions have been evicted for arrear rentals"

The council said it was "not possible to forecast if and how many evictions of defaulting tenants will in future take place"

IT'S TOO LATE

State asked to scrap Atlantis' rent arrears

THE Divisional Council is in the process of asking the Government to write off the R150 000 rent arrears owed by Atlantis residents, but residents of the crisis-torn town are saying: "Too late. You should have done it earlier."

Presently, 62 percent of Atlantis residents owe the Council arrears.

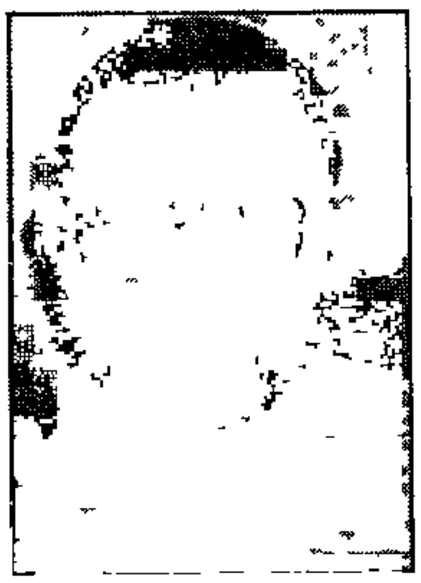
The Council has also asked that serious consideration be given to the writing off of capital costs in the town, which could result in lower rents.

The Government will also be asked to extend the moratorium on the eviction of people who are jobless

SURVEY

But while the Divisional Council are trying to get State help, residents of Atlantis are adamant that the move comes at a "very late" stage.

In a random survey in the town at the weekend, residents said that while they welcomed the Council attempts at alleviating the crisis in the town, they felt it should have been done earlier, considering the thousands of evictions and the accompanying hardship that has taken place during recent years



● Andy van Aswegen

● Noel Williams

● Mr Andy van Aswegen, former chairman of the Atlantis Residents Association, said "We accept it, but I think it's too late What about those people who lost their jobs and their homes here? How does this arrangement help them?"

● Mrs Sybil McKenna said "In a way I'm glad, but at the same time I am also disappointed There was a time when the Council said they would give the poeple six months to pay off their arrears, but eventually they put people out of their homes before that period was over"

● Mr Noel Williams, chairman of the Atlantis Residents Association, said "We are excited about the prospect of the Divisional Council acceding to some of our demands The question is whether the State is going to seriously look at these problems and alleviate them The decision by the State should be made as soon as possible."

● Mrs Rebecca Esterhuizen said "I think this is something good, because it will stop the suffering in this place I just hope the Government decides to write off the debt."

● Mr Cupido Bester, a jobless tenant who is struggling to maintain payments on his home, said "The Council should have asked the Government a long time ago At that time, they should have considered all those people who have since moved out secretly during the night to avoid embarrassment"

● Mrs Elizabeth Thomas said "I feel glad, because falling into arrears can happen to anyone They should have done it before Many people have already lost their homes"

● Mrs Emily Williams said "Many people are still suffering in Atlantis The Council should have written off the arears a long time ago Anyway, I'm satisfied with the (Council's) request

Insulting reply on Khayelitsha

From ERIC OETTLÉ (Ladismith)

"ANGRY" is not strong enough I am incensed, on behalf of an underdog

A press liaison officer who starts off his contribution to a debate with a gratuitous insult deserves to be fired forthwith He could provide the spark to a potentially explosive situation

Consider the circumstances

On November 16 the Cape Times published a straightforward letter from Mr L Ncanisa of Khayelitsha, simply setting out his housing facts of life A four-year wait for a house

Now, for a family of six, a jerry-built house, leaking dust through the windows and sunlight through the roof, two small rooms only (three if you count the loo), no bath, no shower (one sink), no electricity

On November 26 we get a reply from Mr S J A Steenkamp of the Western Cape Development Board, whose opening salvo is a completely uncalled for insult "Mr Ncanisa seems to want his bread buttered on both sides" What butter? What "both sides" is Mr Steenkamp talking about? I am incensed because, to me, Mr Ncanisa is getting stale bread, and not even margarine

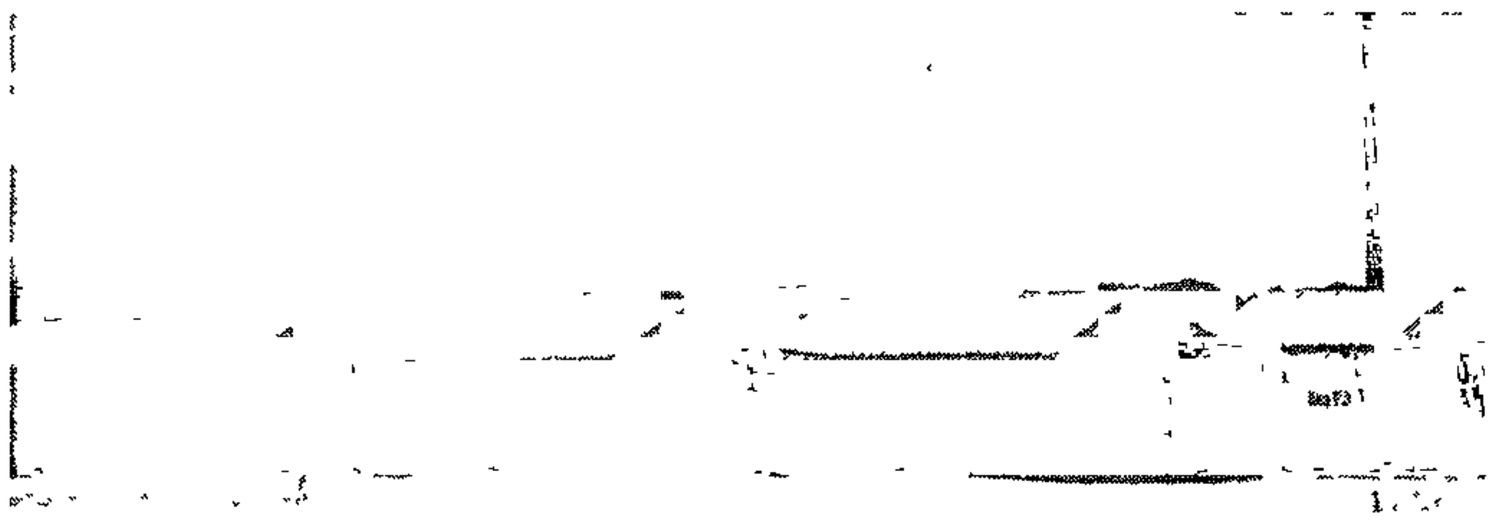
Mr Steenkamp goes on to explain the idea of core housing, "and Mr Ncanisa *is expected* to build on to this house to suit the needs of his family"

It sounds fair enough, especially when we are told that "he will be assisted by staff of the WCDB i e the drawing of the plan, free training and advice etc" The bottom line of policy is "The government has done its share now (Mr Ncanisa) has to do his share by enlarging his house at his own cost"

This is a brand new concept The government has never dared apply it to whites, coloured people or Asians But it's OK for blacks They have no votes, only stones

Finally, the real clanger Mr Steenkamp proclaims that Mr Ncanisa's house "is being subsidized by about 600 percent by the government — without any doubt the highest government-subsidized house in the country"

This is without any doubt the silliest remark of the century, out-Lapa-ing LAPA If a man gets a *free* house it is subsidized 100 percent How can you go any higher? Perhaps 600 percent means you live rent-free, and get paid six times the rental value just for living there



Khayelitsha with Table Mountain in the background

Release all political prisoners

From KEITH GOTTSCHALK, Chairman, Civil Rights League (Cape Town)

THE Civil Rights League strongly endorses your editorial (Political Policeman) of November 22

Police Brigadier Christoffel Swart's restrictions on the annual meeting of the league made it a crime for the league to discuss or protest against the detention of its own chairman!

Further, our good-natured leg-pulling over the advanced age of many of our leading (and valued) members makes hilarious the vanload of armed police ostentatiously patrolling around the hall on the occasion of our annual meeting, vigilantly waiting to attack any riotous members

This month, Nelson Mandela has been continuously incarcerated for 23 years Walter Sisulu, over 70 years old, and Govan Mbeki, about 74 years old, have been in jail for 22 years Only the communist governments of eastern Europe, and Franco's regime in Spain imprison political opponents for such vindictive periods

The 75-year-old amputee Oscar Mpetha, veteran trade unionist, is not being shown the clemency given a few years ago to an elderly Afrikaner farmer jailed for gruesomely torturing two farm workers

These political and labour leaders are from the largest political constituency in South Africa They are indispensable to negotiating an end to insurrection and a broadening of the parliamentary base of politics

The Civil Rights League calls for the immediate release of not only Nelson Mandela, but all other political prisoners, and those detained without trial

Subsidized Khayelitsha houses are 'the worst'

From VUYANI MFULATELWA (Khayelitsha)

I FIND misleading the letter you published on November 26 from Mr S J A Steenkamp (press liaison officer Western Cape Development Board)

Khayelitsha is the last grave of Africans in the Western Cape It is, not as he puts it, that people should enlarge the present buildings How can you expect people to build while they cannot even feed their stomachs Mr Steenkamp?

People earn below the breadline e g they earn R200 per month, R160 goes to food, R20 goes to rent, what is left is only R20 for transport to and from work. Where is he going to get money to extend?

The houses there are the worst When it rains dampness penetrates through the walls The doors bang the whole night, the roof is poorly fitted, sand gets inside through the roof

Poorly constructed

On a windy day you cannot even lie on your back because the sand from outside gets through the roof right in your eyes What sort of a house is that?

Where is the 600 percent subsidy from the government, because those houses are not worth it? They are poorly constructed With that subsidy you could have built simple houses, not those which consist of one bedroom, one small kitchenette and a toilet Even if you can afford to build extensions to the present houses there will be no yard left, not even a flower garden

I cannot even stay with my children because we cannot sleep in one room, that is unhealthy So Mr Steenkamp, please do not mislead people because they will lose faith in you and your Western Cape Development Board

From the Bible

"Then my tongue shall tell of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long"

(Psalm 34 28)

Sebe promises homes without cash deposits

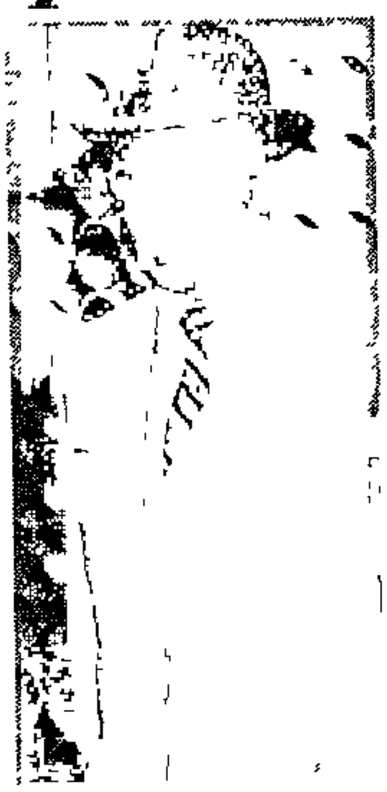
Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A new home-ownership scheme — which did not require a cash deposit — would be introduced in Ciskei next year, President Lennox Sebe announced yesterday

In a Christmas and New Year message to Ciskeians, he said home ownership was important to every family "and for many years I have been concerned with the plight of Ciskeians who find themselves in Mdantsane and similar townships

"I am very happy to announce a scheme has now been devised which should make it possible for the occupants presently leasing homes in these areas to own properties by making payments on a basis which should be within the financial means of the heads of all families

"The proposed scheme will make it possible for a house to be acquired without any deposit at all and with only a modest increase in the monthly rental now being paid and extending over a reduced period of time



PRESIDENT SEBE

"Naturally those who can afford a small deposit or pay the full purchase price in cash will find this to their advantage Full details of the scheme will be announced early in the new year

"I trust this news will bring joy and happiness to the many breadwinners who have as yet not been able to provide this security for those who depend on them"

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The Christmas that went uncelebrated

By CHRIS BATEMAN

SOLE breadwinner for a family of seven Mrs Dorothy M leaves her Nyanga shack at 4 30am walks through the dark to the edge of the town ship and catches a bus to the plush Constantia home where she works

The buses no longer stop in her street — a legacy of six months of intermittent unrest — even though relative calm has returned since Christmas

Most summer days she returns home in time to prepare a meal before darkness falls In winter however daylight hours at home are a weekend only pleasure

Dorothy earns R150 per month

But along with thousands of blacks through out the Peninsula she recently found an unex pected way of saving money

Defiance

She has paid no rent since November — an act of almost unanimous black defiance aimed at removing troops from the townships and securing better housing and lower rentals

Many residents like Mrs M, who support the "cause' but avoid seri ous involvement told a Cape Times investigative team how groups of "maqabane' (comrades or young activists) paid house to house visits during early December, instructing them not to pay rentals until fur ther notice

How can I refuse' I agree with what they are trying to achieve If I did try to sneak a payment, my house would be burnt down for sure," one out of-work housewife said

Mrs M's seven children who are aged between 12 and 25, spend their days cleaning the house, listening to the radio and chatting

The two eldest daughters whom we shall call Thembi, 25, and Gloria 23 tell of how they lost their jobs at a Wood stock factory which they said had inexplicably paid off most black em ployees last July

Residents of local black townships talked to Cape Times Crime Reporter Chris Bateman this week of the struggle to feed large families, of the consumer boycott, Christmas and black defiance

Their younger broth ers and sisters primary and high school pupils have yet to return to school in spite of the of ficial opening of the Peninsula s black schools on January 8

The two daughters told of township feelings and how they had celebrated Christmas

So many people have died and are in deten tion that if we had cele brated Christmas their relatives would have be come very angry It would have been very insensitive of us So we stayed home

'Some crowds did go in the streets but they were either attacked by relatives or dispersed with teargas by the police," they said

Gloria described Christmas as just about the same as 1976"

One out-of work Gugu letu woman who is supported by her 25 year old son spoke of how the consumer boycott had taken hold in the town ships Many other fam ilies echoed her senti ments

She said that the "comrades" were no longer stopping shoppers at railway stations and bus termini searching parcels and destroying all goods purchased from white shops

'There is no need, the elderly woman explained 'The people all buy in Rylands or Manenberg now The maqabane keep a watch but now they only have to warn people once they listen after that Also the people realize this is one thing that can work,' she said

The Guguletu woman also has an older son who is a policeman stationed at Khayelitsha

She said she only saw him once in every three months

Changed?

He dare not visit me without taking a taxi He lives in Khayelitsha where the people are not so angry any more Even when he comes here in a taxi it's expensive and still dangerous, she said

Had her policeman son changed in any way since joining the force?

"No he s still the same He supports the people but can't stand the robbing and things," she said

Township taxi drivers feel particularly hard done by at present In recent months they have started coming face to face with what became a daily fear for bus drivers — stone throwers

'It happens mostly in Site C, where the people are stoning us — they say we are overcharging and that we always want cash," said taxi-owner Mr Mx

On average taxi drivers were charging about 10c more than City Tram ways residents said

The taxis want cash With the buses we can buy coupons one said

Khayelitsha is the only township into which buses run after the ser vice into other town ships was withdrawn in late November last year Temporary termini are now set up outside township borders

Most residents spoken to viewed the security forces presence in the townships with anger and resentment

An outspoken offal seller in Nyanga East said They come in here and shoot our children and teargas us Things are bad enough without them They must get out Look around you Do you see any trouble here to day?"

The word 'viva has become a township catchphrase even to the very young, with the names Tambo Mandela and Boesak tagged on afterwards, depending on the situation

Members of every household visited appealed to the Cape Times to help them find jobs

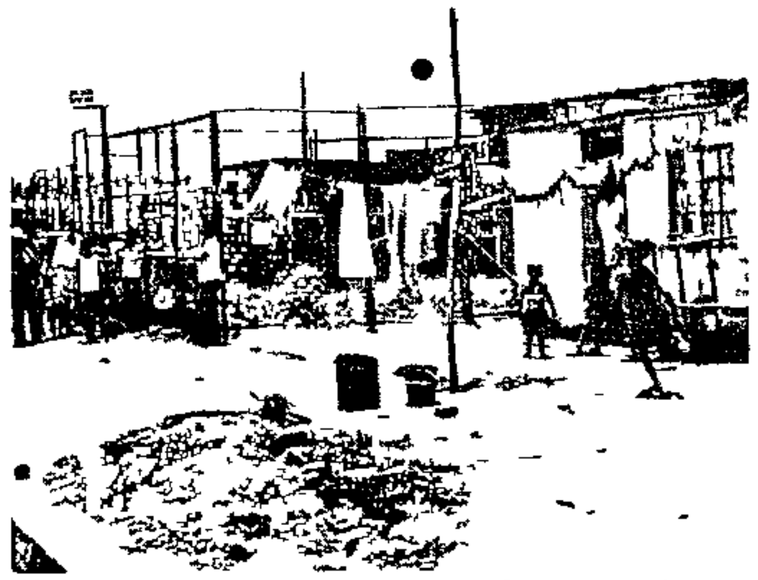
Monthly home rentals in Nyanga and Guguletu are R16 75 and R18,67 respectively

When residents need a household fixture re paired they have to pay in advance at the rent offices and produce a receipt when the council workers arrive

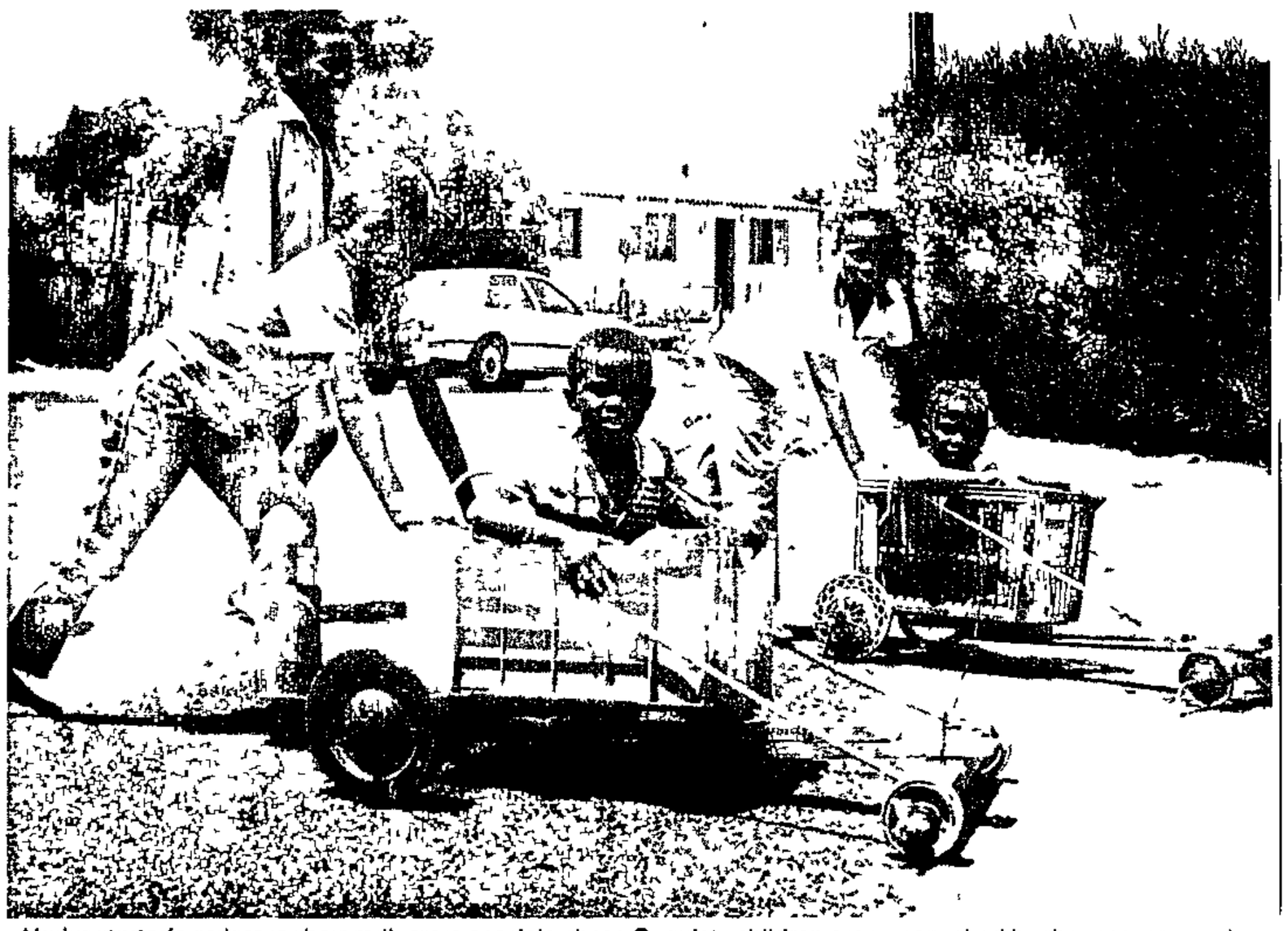
Many complained that "exorbitant" electricity tariffs were levied without their meters ever being read

"How can they charge my next door neighbour different rates if they never read our meters?" one asked

A typical KTC home near a long unused bus stop



Washday on the pavement for a KTC township family



Under starter's orders in their milk-crate specials, these Guguletu children are unperturbed by the recent township strife

Pictures by Obed Zilwa

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Squatters 'forced to move'

Municipal Reporter

SQUATTERS from Richmond Park are being rehoused in Atlantis by the Divisional Council against their will, according to the chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association, Mr Noel Williams.

Mr Williams said about 20 squatters outside the Atlantis housing office yesterday told him they did not want to move from their shacks near the Milnerton refinery

The Divisional Council has claimed that the squatters "generally indicated" they would prefer to move to permanent housing in Atlantis

Mr Williams said the squatters, part of a group of 85 families who will eventually be removed to the town, said they did not want to pay the Atlantis rentals and would rather have stayed in their shacks which were near their places of work in Milnerton

The acting secretary of the Divisional Council, Mr DJ van den Bergh, said the families had been consulted and he was "not aware of any problem"

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Housing: R86m sought

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THE city council is asking the government for R85,8 million for coloured housing for the next financial year

The amount, which includes funds for projects already under way, could build 4 754 subeconomic houses as well as providing services, amenities and repairs for existing housing estates

The city council has a list of almost 50 000 families waiting for housing

Courage, innovation needed to change our urban ethnicity

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By Prof WOLFGANG H THOMAS of the Department of Economics at UWC

MUCH of the reason for the widespread disillusionment with South Africa's reform programmes may be sought in the gap between reform promises and eventual action

This applies to the political arena as much as to the economic and social spheres, including housing and the development of new residential areas and townships

With the political watershed year of 1985 behind us and the Western Cape searching for a "local option" strategy towards racial reconciliation, the envisaged development of the new town of Blue Downs at the eastern edge of the greater Cape Town metropolis opens up opportunities for genuine reform

The 4 000 ha lower Kuils River area, to the east of D F Malan Airport, between Khayelitsha in the south and Belhar in the north, was initially to be developed by the Cape Town City Council for low-income coloured housing

Opposition from different areas led to the transfer of responsibility for this development to Mr David Curry's department in the House of Representatives

During the past six months a technical committee responsible to this department prepared a structure plan for the development of a "town" of about 200 000 coloured people

In the meantime several private developers expressed keen interest in developing parts of the area, aiming at middle-to-higher income home buyers

While planning is still at a relatively early stage — the structure plan has not yet been approved by the province — it is obvious from past experience and from some of the recommendations in the revised plan that we may be heading for another conventional "coloured township" unless dramatic reform action is built into this project

To get clarity about the new approach let us look at some recent failures

Artificially

□ The sprawling "town" of Mitchells Plain was developed by the Cape Town City Council against its will and with a complete lack of balance with respect to employment and housing in the area It has also been planned in a regulated and rigid manner, with roads dominating urban life

□ Atlantis, once planned for 750 000 people, has been developed artificially and against the will of the people concerned Local employment opportunities are insufficient, the "town" itself supplies few jobs and it is unlikely to attract activities other than the heavily subsidized industries With pressure against expensive decentralization subsidies, Atlantis faces stagnation

□ Khayelitsha, earmarked for up to 400 000 people, seems little more than a vast dormitory for Africans, with standards reduced as construction costs increase

Khayelitsha home for 400 000 people. Standards have been reduced in the face of mounting costs.

In contrast to these large developments some smaller schemes, like Belhar, Kleinvlei, Eerste River, Montana or Macassar, may seem more successful but that only applies to the residential developments None of them developed a greater urban significance or was able to attract more than the minimum suburban commercial facilities

At the same time coloured and black Capetonians continued to flock — often considerable distances — to existing or new shopping centres and administrative and industrial centres in the CBD and along the Main Road and Voortrekker Road in "white" areas

This imbalance is likely to increase unless fundamental adjustments get under way Current estimates of the expansions at Macassar, Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain, Blue Downs and Belhar suggest a population of more than one million along the south-eastern periphery of greater Cape Town by the early years of the next century

Another dimension should not be ignored Atlantis, Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha are racially exclusive townships, with the socio-political conflict resulting from such exclusivity already apparent during recent months

While one may hope that moves to get racially "grey areas" accepted will soon receive wider support (whereas the "opening by stealth" of upper-income suburbs will gradually increase) it is time that an attempt is made in the Western Cape to develop a racially open area If this is not possible under the authority of an apartheid critic like David Curry and in the light of the shock waves of 1985, the future looks bleak

The conclusions from the above are both obvious and compelling The envisaged new large development in the lower Kuils River area should be a dramatic break with the past, constituting the economic base for a south-eastern development mode and somewhat balancing the counterweight of Cape Town's CBD almost 30 km away

To attract developers for more than a few spec-housing projects and some shopping complexes a totally new image has to be created for Blue Downs The image should centre on three key aspects

□ Racial openness of the residential, commercial and industrial parts,

□ Job creation as the primary development force, and

□ Dynamic forward planning by a local urban development corporation

Such an approach implies that the Blue Downs area should not be developed as stepchild of any municipality or council — or, what is worse, the combination of several — but as the only project of a specifically established Blue Downs Development Corporation

This could be the forerunner of a future multiracial municipality of Blue Downs, to which other adjoining suburbs like Kleinvlei or Eerste River might incorporate

It would follow logically that such a (non-profit) corporation would vigorously attempt to attract new industries, service and administrative establishments and other investors into the area, thereby creating local employment, boosting the local tax base and creating a growth momentum as happened in other (white) towns within greater Cape Town

Dynamic

Included in such employment intensive projects should be administrative facilities for the million people in the south-eastern axis of Cape Town, major insurance and banking developments, a medical centre, new types of techno-industries, industries related to the vast construction sector linked to the residential developments in this area and other appropriate industries

To attract such ventures requires a dynamic PR and marketing approach of the new "town", something never contemplated in the old-style "townships"

Unless Blue Downs is multiracial from the start, incorporating the African township of Mfuleni (as an upgraded and expanded suburb) and purporting to be more than just another self-contained dormitory township, such larger developments will never get off the ground Mere lip service will be paid to job creation, shopping centres will be limited to "local needs" and the bulk of the 200 000-odd people accommodated in the area will again commute to far away parts of greater Cape Town

What is required is imagination, courage to break with the patterns of the recent past and some drive to manage the complexities of urban development in an innovative way.

This has been proven feasible elsewhere in the world and in South Africa — so why should it not be feasible here?

One can think of many obstacles, including the selfishness of other, existing local authorities in the vicinity, but the challenge is large enough to make an attempt

Foreign investment, in fact, seems to be available for a part of such a new type of urban development and local institutional investors may respond positively to such a different approach

Can the courage be mustered? What is more, could the multiracial character of such urban development not help to get the "Cape option" off the ground?

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Homes for six ministers in Walmer Estate

Staff Reporter

THE State seems set to spend between R1,8-million and R2,4-million for new houses in Cape Town for the five coloured "own affairs" cabinet ministers and the one coloured "general affairs" deputy minister.

The houses will be built in Walmer Estate, about four kilometres from the City centre, according to a report in today's edition of the Financial Mail

A spokesman for the Minister of Public Works, Dr L A P A Munnik, said 15 tenders had been received ranging from R1 841 957 to R2 498 800.

The tenders for the individual houses range from R307 000 to R416 000 The prices include civil works such as roads and drainage.

The spokesman said a final decision on the contract would be made by next Wednesday, but there appeared to be "no problems" and it was likely that one of the tenders would be accepted. The houses are expected to be ready for occupation by the end of the year.

But the prospect of having the coloured ministers living in the area has angered some Walmer Estate residents.

The chairman of the Salt River/Woodstock/Walmer Estate Residents' Association, Mr Seraj Desai, said: "These people are not welcome in our area.

"This area (the Tafelberg constituency) recorded the lowest poll in the country in the tri-cameral elections We have shown beyond doubt that we do not support these men, so why do they now have to come and live among us?"

Mr Desai claims to have the largest active residents' association in the Peninsula and says his members are right behind him.

One Walmer Estate resident, who asked not to be named, lives near the proposed site of the new houses and is concerned that the value of his property will drop.

"Walmer Estate is one of the few suburbs close to the City where so-called coloureds can live, and because of that, these houses are valuable.

"When the ministers move in, the value of nearby houses could drop, not only because many people will refuse in principle to live near them, but also because of the security risk

"These men are targets. We have seen it already — the house of Mr Luwellyn Landers ("general affairs" deputy minister) in Mitchells Plain was bombed last year.

"Now they are coming to live virtually nextdoor to me, and my wife and children will be exposed to the risk of getting caught in an attack on them I find it totally unacceptable. They should go and live behind the barbed wire fences with the State President and the white ministers out near Groote Schuur," he said.

The proposed cost of the houses has also whipped up a storm, particularly after the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, told delegates to the recent Labour Party congress in Cape Town that a chronic lack of funds was one of the main reasons for the shortage of coloured housing.

Mr Desai said: "In the light of the shortage of houses, it is scandalous to consider spending this much on accommodation for these men."

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Tension 'at its worst' in Karoo towns

By BARRY STREEK

TENSION in a number of mid-Karoo towns where a rent and consumer boycott is in force is at its worst pitch ever, according to the Rev Abe Visagie, chairman of the Midlands Council of Churches

"Since the state of emergency we've been living in a state of tension and it has got worse Now it is at its worst," said Mr Visagie, a Nederduits Gereformeerde Sendingkerk priest in Middelburg

He said the government's reform policies meant absolutely nothing in the Karoo towns of De Aar, Hanover, Middelburg, Steynsburg, Philipstown, Bridgetown, Cradock and Graaff-Reinet.

"We don't experience any exposure to change The people there don't know what the word 'reform' means"

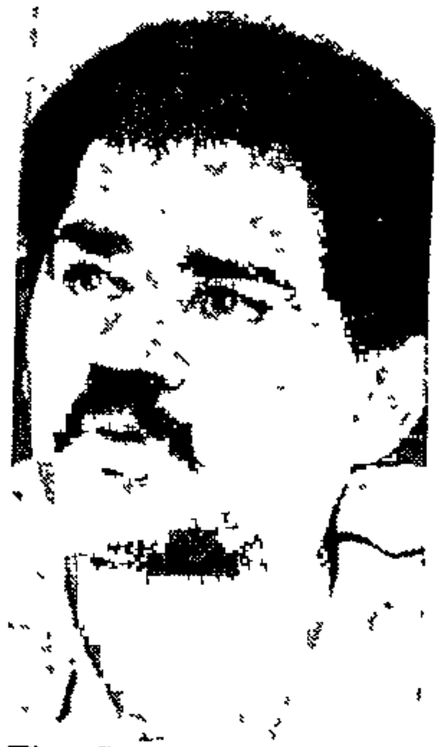
In his first year as a priest in Middelburg he never had a cup of tea or a meal with a white person

The white priests in the Ned Geref Kerk never contacted him at any stage and he had not spoken to them until he telephoned them to set up a meeting to explain the Sendingkerk's decision to regard apartheid as a heresy.

Mr Visagie estimates the unemployment rate in the area "easily at 50 to 60 percent" and says a survey showed that 75 percent of households were dependent on state grants for old age, disability and child allowances

It had also been established that the average salary of domestic workers in the area was R30 a month, although in Philipstown they were getting R15 to R20 a month Many building companies, "even those owned by so-called coloureds", paid labourers R18 a month

In response to these conditions, a rent boycott had been in force for more than nine months, "particularly in the African communities" In De Aar, 876 of the 960 houses, involving about 10 000 people, were not paying rents



The Rev Abe Visagie

A consumer boycott had been in force for nine months in most towns and introduced in others during the black Christmas

"Hanover is like a ghost town because of the effect of the consumer boycott" During the Carnegie investigation into poverty in South Africa, Hanover was found to be the poorest town in the country

Emergency detainees had been released in Graaff-Reinet on December 24 but seven people were still being held in Cradock, including Mubelo Goniwe, brother of the murdered Mathew Goniwe

"With youth groups, residents' associations and detainees' support groups, the areas are under the control of the people. The peoples' organization is just amazing

Mr Visagie said the main demands for ending the consumer boycott in the Karoo towns were

- The lifting of the state of emergency
- The arrest of the murderers of Mathew Goniwe
- The lifting of the ban on meetings, imposed before the state of emergency, of all UDF-affiliated bodies in the area

"The people would also like Nelson Mandela to be released and the bans on the ANC and PAC lifted"

Some attempts had been made by the white authorities to negotiate with the residents' associations, he said, but the people had refused to negotiate while others were detained

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Rent: locked out family back in home

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A Buffalo Flats family who were locked out of their home because they were in arrears with rent have once again gained access to their house and belongings after an arrangement was made for payment

Mr Chris Hoffman, his wife Anne, and their six children were locked out of their home on Wednesday, with all their possessions still in the house, because they had fallen behind with their payments

Yesterday, Mr Hoffman's employer, Mr Brian Page, said that each week money was deducted from Mr Hoffman's pay cheque and given to him at the end of the month to pay rent, water, electricity and an amount in payment for the arrears

He said Mr Hoffman had made his payments up until December, when the Industrial Council issued the cheques because this was the time the workers received their leave

"It was then arranged the money would be paid by January 20 and when it wasn't they locked the house"

A spokesman at the municipal finance department said that where a tenant was placed on short-time or became unemployed, certain relief measures could be applied

Commenting on the legality of locking someone out of their house with their possessions still inside, he said the Housing Act made provision that "in the event of no payment the person could be taken to court, he could be served a notice, or the house could be entered to take possession of the property

"It's a totally legal thing to do It's a step before eviction and in this way an arrangement can be made instead of just kicking the tenant out of his house"

The guidelines used in setting the rental were handed down by the Department of Community Development which in somecases could exceed 25 per cent of a person's salary, according to the spokesman

● The loan manager of a building society said for those in the lower income brackets, 25 per cent was the basic guideline applied in the private sector

He said this was essential to ensure the payments could be met When a person fell in arrears a notice was first sent and when all else failed an attorney would be contacted

The last resort would be sale and eviction, but that would occur only after a period of at least six months

195 held in police raid on hostel

Cape Times 24/11/52

Staff Reporter

POLICE raided a Langa hostel early on Thursday morning, arrested them on charges of pass and influx offences, and took them to Caledon Square.

A spokesman for the South African Union of Workers (Saawu), with which Ramncwana Zuzine, Mr Resterday had been on strike since last August 20, said yesterday that the hostel had been occupying the men illegally.

Mr Zuzine said police had told the workers they were still in the hostel after going on strike.

Beaten

"Then six men who had been — by six men who had escaped had been beaten up by Nqoncibas as they were arrested.

"From what we can understand, some returned to the hostel at the people in the premises and took over the hostel with other squatters. They were in the hostel illegally.

Illegally

"The hostel was empty of Murray employees since December 20 last year. Then Roberts had been in a statement Mr Hector Buildings of Murray and Roberts (Cape Town), said that since the hostel had been empty of Murray employees and Roberts were living there illegally.

"Early in December Murray and Roberts trespassing on the hostel at the people in the premises and took over the hostel with other squatters. They were in the hostel illegally.

"Early in December Murray and Roberts laid a charge of trespassing because the hostel was full to capacity. Roberts employees and Murray were living there illegally.

"From what we can understand, some returned to

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Campaign against Southern expansion

By HILARY VENABLES and MALCOLM FRIED

NEIGHBOURS and tenants of Southern Life in Newlands have launched an all-out campaign to try to stop the insurance giant from expanding its head office to residential sites

Opponents of the plan hope to persuade the City Council to refuse Southern's application for the commercial rezoning of residential land next to its Great Westerford site when the matter is debated at Thursday's council meeting

A petition objecting to the proposed rezoning has been signed by almost every householder in the area behind the Great Westerford site, said the petition's author, Dr Peter Morris

He said local ratepayers were "strongly against the rezoning of part of an old established residential area"

People were also upset at damage caused to their houses by excavations under way on Southern property

An anonymous pamphlet has also been distributed among tenants in blocks of flats owned by Southern which are earmarked for demolition to make way for office development

The pamphlet calls on tenants to stand together and fight against the loss of their homes

Van Eck opposes rezoning

A number of the affected tenants have phoned the Cape Times to voice their concern about Southern's plans

Great Kimble, nextdoor to the Southern building on Main Road, may be demolished as early as next year while Salwood Court and Rondebosch Lodge are unlikely to be affected by Southern's expansion plans

The city councillor and MPC for Groote Schuur, Mr Jan van Eck, has added his voice to calls for Southern Life to withdraw its rezoning application

"For years we have witnessed the slow but sure strangulation of the residential character of the southern suburbs by the growth of non-residential institutions," he said

"The most beautiful part of the area is now being taken away from its residents to allow for another massive non-residential development"

"If the Great Kimble and its beautiful surroundings are lost, we will lose things very dear to the southern suburbs To use such a prime residential area for non-residential purposes is a sin

"If the development of businesses in Rondebosch and Claremont is allowed to go on in such a manner, the only result will be the squeezing out of many more residents"

Southern Life 'helpful'

● A resident of Great Kimble yesterday said Southern Life had been "tremendously helpful" to the residents of the block since the proposed expansion had been announced

The resident, who did not want to be named, said she had found the "bad publicity" Southern Life had been getting from other residents of Great Kimble "very unfair"

"Southern Life has done everything possible to make our moving as easy and as comfortable as possible They have promised to seek other accommodation for us and to pay any difference between our old and new rentals," she said

"Those of us taking a realistic view of things understand their decision The block belongs to them and they can do with it what they will"

● One of Southern's general managers, Mr Peter Cunliffe, said his company had "bent over backwards" to try to satisfy everyone affected by the development

"Even critics of the plan concede that we must be allowed to expand

"The needs of the area have been very carefully researched and we have tailored the development accordingly

"Everyone affected by the plan will be accommodated and generously compensated"

Miss Edith Raine, who has lived in Great Kimble for 18 years, points to some of the features of the picturesque, Tudor-style building which Southern plans to tear down to make way for its new office block. "None of us wants to move out," Miss Raine said.

Women protest against rent

Cape Times 29/1/86

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 100 women yesterday demonstrated outside the Western Cape Development Board (WCDB) offices in Langa in protest against rent and demanded the unconditional withdrawal of security forces from townships

The women first gathered at the United Methodist Church in Langa and then outside the WCDB rent office

A delegation of women later met board officials

A spokeswoman said the protest was in support of reduced rents and the withdrawal of security forces from the townships.

The presence of troops and the state of emergency had also resulted in an earlier call for a rent boycott.

Mr Sampie Steenkamp, a spokesman for the WCDB, said after meeting the women that at least 150 tenants are liable for eviction today for being in arrears with rent for three months.

Many more people were in arrears and may also be evicted once investigations had been completed, he said

"They (the demonstrators) refused to pay rents unless the security forces withdrew," he said "We can't respond to these demands The withdrawal of troops has got nothing to do with rents"

"We told them that the security forces are there for the protection of innocent people and property"

Mr Steenkamp said if people had money problems they could negotiate terms for paying rent with the board provided they had no "political motives"

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Southern will replace 'units'

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

FEARS that Newlands would lose its residential character as a result of Southern Life's expansion plans were allayed yesterday when the company undertook to replace every single residential unit lost as a result of its development.

The life assurance company and the City Councillor for the area, Mr Arthur J Wienburg, have thrashed out an agreement described by both parties as "in the interests of the City, the company and the residents of Newlands"

Mr Wienburg, who opposed Southern's original proposals on the grounds that they would erode the residential component of the suburb, released a statement yesterday setting out the terms of the agreement

Although the Great Kimble block of flats will be demolished to make way for more office space on the Great Westerford site, Southern has agreed not to touch Rondebosch Lodge or Salwood Court until the end of the century at the earliest

If it should need to expand before the next century, it will offer to buy the Schweppes site from the City Council for further commercial development.

'No net loss'

If it decides to redevelop the Rondebosch Lodge and Salwood Court sites after 1998, it will include a residential component in the scheme or build the lost accommodation on other sites in the area

"Southern Life will ensure that there is no net loss of residential accommodation in the immediate vicinity of the Southern Life properties," Mr Wienburg said

The agreement follows Tuesday's meeting of local ratepayers when the audience called on Southern to scrap its plan to build offices on residential sites between the railway line and the canal

The City Council will decide today whether to approve the rezoning of the Great Kimble site from residential to business use to enable Southern to go ahead with its expansion plans

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Southern Life given go-ahead by council

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

SOUTHERN LIFE has been given the go-ahead to expand its head office on to three residential sites next to its Great Westerford property in Newlands

The City Council yesterday agreed to rezone the sites for business use subject to a string of conditions relating to the appearance of the development, parking and the future of the residents of Great Kimble, which will be demolished

The council has also agreed to rezone as private open space five residential sites next to the Newlands rugby ground

The sites, currently used as a parking ground, will be developed into a parking garage which will be used by Southern staff during the week, and by rugby fans over the weekend

The company will provide its staff with a shuttle bus service from the garage in case of bad weather

According to the council's decision, the rezoning of the sites in no way guarantees Southern Life any development rights in the sensitive residential area between the Main Road and the canal, neither does it give the life assurance giant any claim to the council-owned Schweppes site

Southern has expressed interest in buying the Schweppes site for the future expansion of its corporate headquarters

In return for the rezoning, Southern will have to landscape its property to the satisfaction of council, pave the "Outspan" parking area along the Main Road boundary of the Great Westerford site, construct a riverside walk along the Liesbeeck River and contribute 50 percent of the cost of extending Klipper Road through the Schweppes site to its parking garage

Southern will also have to retain the Little Kimble maisonettes behind Great Kimble and rehouse the residents of Great Kimble to the council's satisfaction

The rezonings were strenuously opposed by councillors Mr Joe Rabinowitz and Mr Jan van Eck who said they would create a precedent for the further erosion of residential areas along Main Road

The chairman of the council's town planning committee, Mr Clive Keegan, said the expansion of Southern Life was in the interests of Newlands and the City as a whole The suburb was such a desirable residential area precisely because it had a history of mixed usage, including commerce and industry.

Cape Town could not afford to earn a reputation as an "unco-operative, hard-headed" local authority if it wanted to survive economically and attract investment, he said

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Nature land for houses

Environment Reporter

A DIVISIONAL councillor has accused Mr John Wiley, the Minister of Environment Affairs, of failing to protect the environment by not opposing an application to build houses in a Peninsula nature area

Mr Len Pothier, councillor for Hout Bay, was commenting on a decision by the Divisional Council on Tuesday not to oppose the application by Mr Ken Evans to build five houses on land forming part of a Cape Peninsula Nature Area at Hout Bay

The decision came after the council had approached Mr Wiley to assist them in fighting a Supreme Court action by Mr Evans.

A reply from the Department of Environment Affairs said it was not prepared to oppose the application for a permit to build on the land and recommended that the council also did not

Mr Evans and a partnership of five bought the land in October 1983, before the nature area was proclaimed

Mr Evans claimed he did not need a permit because, according to legislation, there was nothing to stop a property-owner using his land for the same purpose it was used for before the nature area was proclaimed.

Mr Wiley said yesterday he had declined to oppose the application on legal grounds.

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Homeless people in District Six

By ARNOLD KIRKBY

HOMELESS people are returning to live in the grasslands and rubble which was once District Six.

An investigation by the Cape Times last week found that some of the people had been living in the open for up to two years, living by whatever means possible.

Among the six or seven groups found in the veld were two sisters aged about 12 or 13, but they would not divulge their names.

One man, Mr Frans Jacobs, 34, said he had moved to Cape Town from Port Elizabeth and had been living in the veld for two years. He said he was a plasterer, but had not been able to find a steady job.

Another man, Mr Frans Jafta, 24, formerly a labourer from Bredasdorp, said he had been living there for about the same period and experienced the same problems in finding a job.

A woman called Tuinap Barker said she stood guard over the meagre possessions which she and her common-law husband Charles De Kock had collected, while he went to find any work he could find.

She said one of them had to stay there all the time to prevent their blankets and clothing being stolen.

They live wedged between two pieces of broken concrete pillar which served as a windbreak against the south-easter. They could not keep too many possessions with them for fear of being attacked and robbed.

Most people scrounge water from the surrounding suburbs and clothing gets washed in plastic buckets then dried on bushes. Food is either cooked on open fires or obtained from the local Service Dining Room, a charity feeding scheme.

Some said they grew up in District Six and when it was flattened in 1979, they were forced to move to areas such as Mitchells Plain. But they could no longer afford a roof over their heads, especially when the economy started to slump and they lost their jobs.

They had now moved back to their old stamping-grounds, where they had easy access to the City, in which they could beg in the streets or find odd jobs on building sites or doing gardening.

● The City Council is considering a report on housing for the very poor and has earmarked a number of sites and buildings in the central City and suburbs for possible development as shelters for vagrants.

Mr Frans Jafta (left) and Mr Frans Jacobs enjoy a meal in a makeshift kitchen in the wasteland of District Six.

A group of people who have made the bare veld of District Six their home.

Cape Times Staff

Student homes wanted

Education Reporter

THE University of Cape Town has appealed to the community to provide homes to help solve its annual student accommodation crisis, especially with regard to its black students.

The university said in a statement that every year it had to find homes for thousands of students from all over Southern Africa

"They often arrive here not knowing anyone in Cape Town and most cannot afford the high rentals of flats and hotel rooms"

UCT had residence for only some 2 200 of these students which had already been taken up.

"Rooms in private homes in all areas — from Cape Town to Athlone, Rondebosch, Langa, Claremont, Guguletu and even Mitchells Plain — are urgently required," the statement said.

"Students need rooms to themselves where they can study with the minimum of disturbance. Most students would be happy with accommodation from mid-Feb to the end of November."

A spokesman said there was an overall need for accommodation for up to 4 000 students, about 1 000 of them black students.

People with rooms to let, or who are prepared to offer both board and lodging, should telephone university staffers Albert Thomas at ☎ 69-4351 ext 416, or Marlene Rosseau at ext 758.

Botha won't meet council over houses

Municipal Reporter

AN attempt by the City Council to arrange a meeting with the State President, Mr P W Botha, and the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, to discuss Cape Town's growing housing crisis has failed.

Mr Botha passed the council's request for an interview, dated August 1985, to the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, who, Mr Botha said, was responsible for co-ordinating such matters

Mr Heunis has now informed the council that it must speak to the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, about housing for coloured people

He has assured the council, however, that he is "not indifferent regarding the provision of more land for coloured housing in the Cape Metropolitan Area"

In a letter to the council, Mr Heunis said his department and Mr Curry's administration would launch a joint investigation into the capacity of coloured group areas in the Peninsula.

"Any needs identified during this investigation will be rectified," he said.

"You may therefore rest assured that the needs of the coloured community for land for housing purposes are receiving continuous attention."

He said, however, that the council would have to ask Mr Curry for funds for housing.

Mr Curry told the council at the end of last year that no money was available to build houses on a site north of Milnerton which the council had identified as suitable for coloured housing.

According to the council, there is not enough land within the Cape Town municipal area to provide for all housing needs

Mr Curry said at the time that he was in favour of having the Milnerton site rezoned for coloured housing but that no funds would be available for the project "in the near future".

Mr Heunis, however, has told the council that he is "not at this stage in favour of a coloured township north of Milnerton".

Cape Town is currently short of about 50 000 houses.

City's plea to PW on housing fails

Municipal Reporter

THE Government has turned down a Cape Town City Council request to meet President P W Botha to discuss the urgent need for more land and money for housing.

The council asked for the meeting in a memorandum in which it pointed out its "excellent record of assistance" in the Government's declared aim of solving South Africa's "appalling housing shortage"

"As the largest employment centre in the region, Cape Town has a waiting-list of 27 721 applications for homes

"This means that well over 130 000 people are living in unsatisfactory, overcrowded or slum conditions," the council said, pointing out that the waiting-list was growing at an adjusted rate of 301 families a month.

More funds

The council urged President Botha to consider allocating a significant area of land and more funds for housing urgently.

The council also asked that the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis, and the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, be invited to the meeting.

However, a reply was received from Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, making it clear that no meeting with Mr Botha was forthcoming

Mr Heunis said although he was responsible for identifying land for coloured housing, it was Mr Curry's responsibility to provide such housing

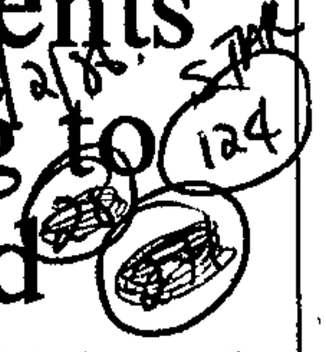
Milnerton

The council's request had therefore been discussed with Mr Curry in the presence of Mr A A Julies, Minister of the Budget in the House of Representatives, as well as the council's proposal to develop land north of Milnerton.

Mr Heunis said he wanted to "make it clear" that he was not in favour of a coloured township north of Milnerton at this stage

However, he was "not indifferent" to the provision of more land for coloured housing in the Cape metropolitan area and he had recently instructed his department to launch a joint investigation with the Department of Administration, House of Representatives, into the population capacity of each coloured group area within the metropolitan area

800 residents expecting to be evicted



More than 800 residents of Huhudi, near Vryburg, Northern Cape, would be evicted from their homes over the next few weeks, the South African Council of Churches said yesterday.

"We believe these actions are a denial of the assurance of non-eviction of settled people as given by Dr Gerrit Viljoen," said Dr Beyers Naude, the general secretary of the SACC.

Dr Naude said Mr Khotso Cruse, an executive member of the Huhudi Civic Association (Huca) and a leading member of the United Democratic Front (UDF), told the SACC the evictions were aimed mainly at "politically conscious" residents to force them out of the township

"It is the politically conscious people who refuse to pay the exorbitant rents and therefore are the first people to be kicked out," Mr Cruse told the SACC.

In a statement to Sapa, the SACC said 141 families in the township of 14 000 residents had refused to pay rent to the local board since 1982 in protest at large rent increases.

According to the Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac), a project of the Black Sash, rents and other rates have increased by 90 percent in the township since 1982.

No building and repairs have been allowed for 15 years, houses have not been renovated and no capital had been made available for development of the township.

The SACC said the evictions had to be seen against the background of a "14-year-old struggle" by residents against forced removal by the Government to Pudimoe in Boputhatswana.

The SACC said the township had been terrorised by a group of "vigilantes" since the middle of last year. "They have already killed two young men and brutally assaulted many residents on the streets at night, with no police intervention." — Sapa.

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Rent relief on the way

Measures to help recession sufferers

CAPE TOWN — Relief measures for house rentals and instalments on houses built with the Housing Fund would be introduced for people who were unemployed or subject to lower incomes in the present recession, the Minister of Local Government and Housing, Mr David Curry, said yesterday.

These measures would also apply to people who had previously been given relief during a six month moratorium which had expired, he said

Aid would be given to people able to supply a welfare officer's report confirming hardship and would consist of

- Subsistence grants in terms of the Social Relief Scheme for unemployed,
- Extension of the six month moratorium on a portion or full rental,
- In exceptional cases, capital and interest portion of rental would be based on 25 per cent of "breadwinners income" instead of "household income",
- In new cases, relief measures would be considered on the same basis — Sapa

R1-m for all-race Matie residence

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CAPE TOWN — The University of Stellenbosch received its largest single gift yesterday when the Gold Fields Foundation gave it a cheque for R1 million to build multiracial student accommodation on the campus.

Mr Robin Plumbridge, chairman and chief executive officer of Gold Fields, handed the cheque to rector and vice-chancellor Professor Mike de Vries at a function yesterday.

Construction work is due to begin within a month and the new quarters are expected to be ready next year.

Professor de Vries said the number of coloured and black students at Stellenbosch was increasing. Coloured students had doubled this year, causing an acute accommodation problem.

"To meet this pressing need, coloured, black and Indian students will, for the time being, receive preference when accommodation in the new Gold Fields module complex is completed," Professor de Vries said.

Participation in student activities would be stimulated if students were able to live on the campus near the academic buildings.

"We are deeply grateful to Gold Fields for what has now become a reality," he said.

Mixed race hostel for Stellenbosch

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Mercury Correspondent

CAPE TOWN—As a first step to what could become racially integrated hostels on its campus, Stellenbosch University yesterday accepted a R1 000 000 cheque for the building of a hostel complex for black, Indian and coloured students

The cheque was presented to the rector, Prof Mike de Vries, by the chairman and chief executive of the Gold Fields Foundation, Mr Robin Plumbridge, at a function at the university

It is the largest single donation ever received by the university and will be used to provide accommodation for about 100 students.

Construction starts within a month, with students moving in at the start of the 1987 academic year

In a carefully-worded statement, Prof de Vries said that since 1978, when the university opened its doors conditionally to students of other race groups, the number of coloured students had increased constantly

Preference

'Due to further recent revisions of the university's rules for enrolment, the intake of coloured students has doubled this year, resulting in inadequate accommodation for coloured and black students'

Prof de Vries said that in order to meet this pressing need, coloured, black and Indian students would 'for the time being' receive preference when accommodation in the new complex was allocated

It is understood that the complex will eventually become non-racial

Prof de Vries said "Participation in all activities of the student community will undoubtedly be stimulated if students are able to live on campus near the academic buildings, the Langenhoven Student Centre — where meals are served — and the library'

He said in an interview that the accommodation issue was a 'sensitive' one and that the university was facing a similar accommodation problem for coloured students at its Tygerberg campus

Hostels might take in all students

3/2/1988 DISPATCH

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Strike: 165 trespass charges withdrawn

Court Reporter

CHARGES against 165 Murray and Roberts workers charged with trespassing at their hostel after they had gone on strike were withdrawn yesterday after one worker was acquitted in a test case

Mr Tandisizwe Nguna, 20, of the Murray and Roberts Hostel in Langa, appeared before Mr M J Groenewald in Athlone Magistrate's Court.

According to evidence the workers went on strike in August last year to express their grievances about rent and conditions at the hostel They were subsequently dismissed and arrested at the hostel on January 3 They appeared in Athlone Magistrate's Court and were each released on R30 bail

Mr Groenewald said Mr Nguna could not be convicted of trespassing since he had believed he was employed by Murray and Roberts and had thus not had the necessary intention to trespass. Charges against the other 165 workers were then withdrawn

Mr M P Fourie was the prosecutor Mr E Moosa appeared for all the workers

Industrial Court rules against union

Staff Reporter

THE South African Allied Workers' Union (Saawu) has been found by the Industrial Court to have committed an unfair labour practice — the first time this has happened in South Africa

The judgment was handed down in Pretoria on February 7 by the president of the Industrial Court, Dr D B Ehlers

Evidence was that on August 12 last year shortly after Saawu began mobilizing support among Murray and Roberts workers, more than 1 250 employees went on strike.

When workers struck again on August 26 the company ordered them to return to work next day or face dismissal When they failed to do this they were dismissed and told to collect their money and leave the hostels in Guguletu on September 1.

The company was granted an interim interdict in the Supreme Court on August 30 restraining Saawu from organizing, inciting, directing any acts of violence, strike action, picketing or impeding access to or egress from any Murray and Roberts premises, hostel or construction site.

It was also restrained from holding any meeting at any company hostel and union officials were barred from company property.

In papers before the court Saawu denied responsibilty for the strike or that its actions were a direct threat to Murray and Roberts fulfilling its contracts

Saawu's organizing secretary, Mr Zolile Mtshelwane, said the union did not encourage illegal strikes.

In his judgment, Dr Ehlers said it seemed evident from affidavits by employees who attended meetings, that Saawu's representatives intended to instigate and induce strike action

It appeared likely that union officials intervened in the relationship between the company and its employees.

It was also probable that as a result of such conduct, which the union apparently did not prevent or discourage, Murray and Roberts employees were unfairly affected Their job opportunities, work security and physical, economical, moral and social welfare were prejudiced and jeopardized

The company's business was unfairly affected and disrupted, labour unrest was created and promoted and the company's relationship with its workers detrimentaly affected

Mr J J Gauntlett, assisted by Mr J A Shortt-Smith, instructed by Marais Muller appeared for Murray and Roberts Mr L J Krige, instructed by E Moosa and Associates appeared for Saawu

400 strikers 'desert'

By TONY WEAVER

GEORGE Municipality has fired 400 labourers after two weeks of wildcat strikes and unrest in and around the town in which police have shot dead three people

The Town Clerk, Mr Carel du Plessis, said yesterday he had not fired the workers, but that they had "deserted"

"This is not a wage issue, they get too much money already, that is one of the problems, we pay them too much

". For the past 14 days there have been wildcat strikes, and yesterday and today they didn't turn up for work, and we just can't carry on with this bunch . ."

Mr Du Plessis said the workers were unhappy at a municipality directive ordering them to move out of the municipal compound by the end of the year to a new area "where they will have to build their own houses".

The workers preferred living in the compound "so they can bring all their wives and children and family here from the Karoo, and we don't want that because it causes social problems".

He denied the firing had anything to do with worker involvement in unrest.

Attempts to contact a spokesman for the men fired were unsuccessful.

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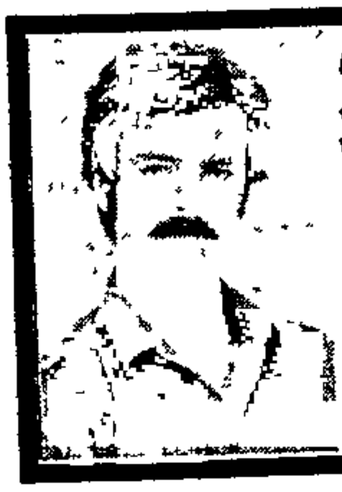

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Many desperate but sites empty

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By JIMMY MATYU

WHILE thousands of desperate people in Port Elizabeth's crowded black townships are waiting for houses, more than 400 serviced sites stand unoccupied at the city's new Neighbourhood Unit One (NU1) Motherwell township.

Some have stood empty for months.

Why?

Nobody could answer this week.

Many of the new sites have already been vandalised.

The sites have water and flush toilets. Eighty of them were completed and handed over by the end of last year. Since then another 460 have been finished and handed over, and by the end of March a total of 2 772 units in NU1 will be ready.

But so far only 137 have been allocated.

Attempts over the last six days to reach Mr Louis Koch, Director of the East Cape Development Board (ECDB), have failed and calls have not been returned.

When the Evening Post visited the township this week it found workers from a construction company fencing off sites and women plastering the toilets.

Because of vandalism on the unattended plots, the development board has now employed men to guard the toilets.

Reports that cash was not available to move people and property from the established black townships into the new one could not be confirmed

It was also suggested by blacks that some could not afford to build proper homes on the new sites and saw no sense in moving from one shack to another so far from town.

One new occupant of NU1, Miss Lungiswa Mpolongwana, of 98 Mpolongwana Street, paid R6 to ECDB on December 12 for her site, built her shack and moved in.

She had previously been staying with her mother.

"I believe many people in the nearby transit camp of Motherwell and in other shack areas like Soweto are refusing to move from one shack to another," she said

Miss Mpolongwana said people wanted properly built sub-economic houses with rents they could afford.

She said people with sites in NU1 were free to build either shacks or brick houses.

Squatters interviewed at the Railway Reserve in New Brighton this week complained that Motherwell was too far from their places of employment and said they couldn't meet the high bus fares.

The present picture of NU1 is a forlorn one — scores of toilets standing in rows on the windswept crown of the hill.

"We are paid R2 for each toilet we complete," one of the women busy plasting more toilets said

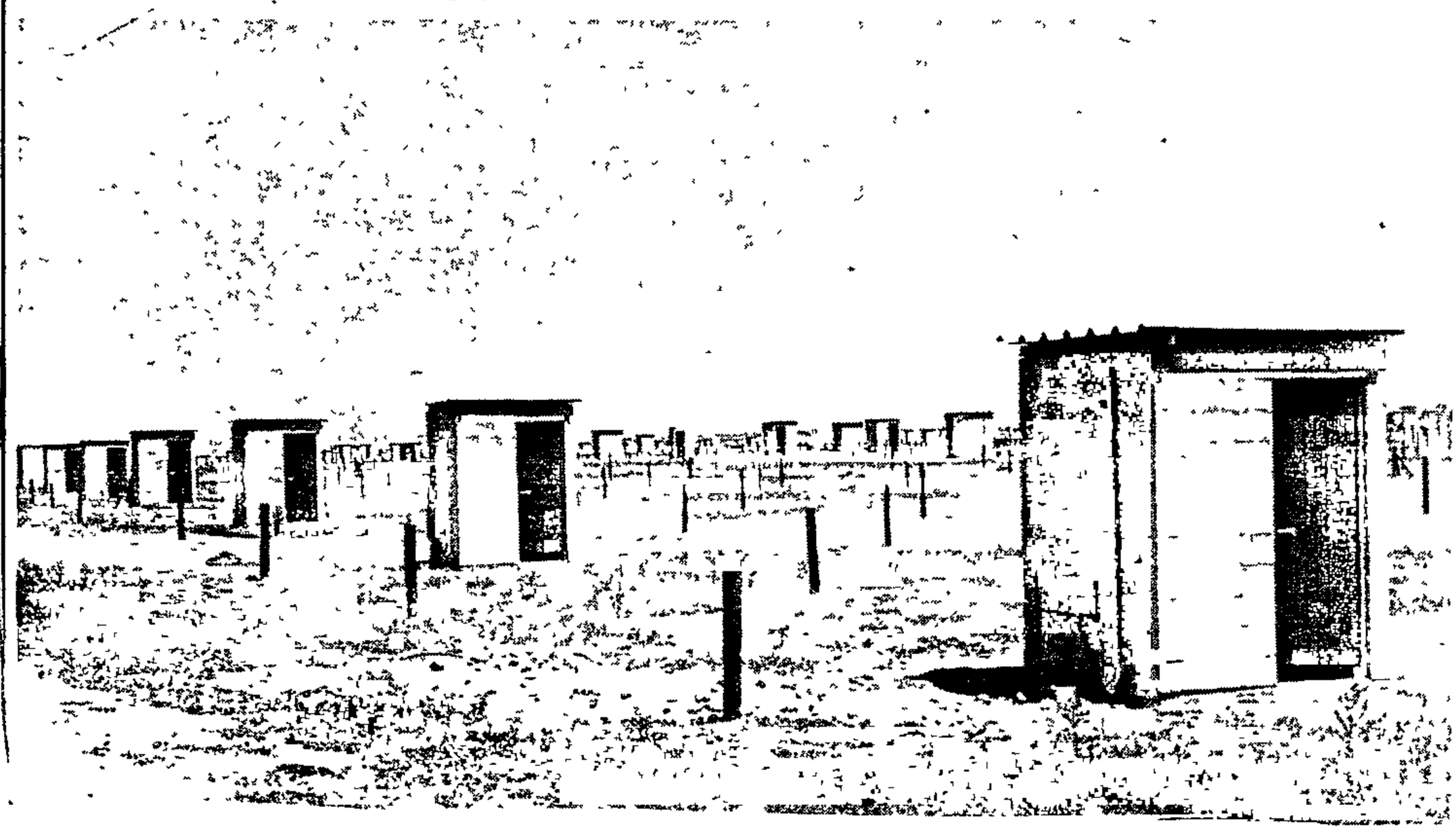
"It's not enough but we can't find work as domestics.

"I can only manage to complete two a day, meaning I get R4 a day," she said

She said they had to mix the cement themselves.

The sites were of different sizes and about 25 shacks already constructed in this section.

● There is a reported shortage of more than 30 000 houses for blacks in Port Elizabeth.



Part of the crowd of over 800 women who converged on the Western Cape Development Board offices in Khayelitsha yesterday to discuss the poor state of their housing

Picture Tony Weaver

CAPE TIMES 22/2/86

800 in march over houses

By TONY WEAVER

MORE than 800 women from Khayelitsha yesterday morning marched on the Western Cape Development Board offices in the township to present a set of housing grievances to board officials.

Over 30 percent of Khayelitsha residents have been refusing to pay rent since November last year in protest against the poor state of their housing, and the women had all been sent notices telling them to report to the WCDB.

The number of people who are not paying rent was confirmed yesterday by a spokesman for the board, who said although he did not have exact figures, "it is definitely not less than 30 percent of residents who are more than two months in arrears"

The women, who began gathering before 8am, waited outside the gates, watched by security guards, until 9 15am, when the local board representative, Mr J M Basson and other officials, agreed to meet a delegation of six

A police Casspir and van circled the area and a security police car kept watch

The grievances are

● The core houses are all beginning to develop cracks in the walls and roofs and doors have large gaps through which rain and sand pour in.

● Many of the one-roomed, one-kitchen and one-lavatory core houses have as many as 13 people living in the one room, and the women say this means there is no privacy and as a result, the divorce rate in Khayelitsha is spiralling.

● They pay rent of R20 a month, while, according to the women, in Guguletu the rent on a four-roomed house is R18,67 and in Langa the rent on a two-roomed house is R8 a month.

● Tenants were told the houses they occupy would not be sold but they are now being told they have to buy their houses at a cost of R8 400, which they say they cannot afford

A spokesman for the board, Mr Sampie Steenkamp, confirmed the details of the meeting as described by the women.

"Their main complaint was that their houses were too small They were told they must pay their rent and build on or buy their houses.

"We said we cannot lower their rents any further, because it is already heavily subsidized," he said

Wrong number

A last-minute change by the organizers in the numbering of entrants in the Peninsula Marathon has outdated the list published in the Cape Times yesterday

Instead of numbering the runners from 1 000, they have been numbered from one.

To make use of the Cape Times list, spectators will have to add one to the last digit displayed by each runner and subtract 1 000 Thus, a runner listed as say 1 055, is in fact, number 56.

Greater need for bursaries

SOARING costs of books, fees and transport, disruptions in education and galloping inflation and sagging interest rates are facing bursary funds with tough new challenges.

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crack of dawn

I believe the Tuynhuys now known as the Tuyphuys."

(6) Yes

(a) A few moments after he was found among the rocks

(b) A post-mortem was held on 30 January 1986 and the findings are as follows:

"L femural artery severed
L Ventricular haemorrhage of heart due to shock"

(7) (a) and (b) and (8) Yes A complaint of alleged murder is being investigated against the member of the Force The investigation is not completed yet An affidavit from a possible witness, who could thusfar not be traced, is still outstanding

(9) (a) and (b) Yes. Substantial orders concerning these are included in the South African Police Standing Orders. The provisions of section 49 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act 51 of 1977) are continually brought to the attention of all members

Khayelitsha: Serviced sites

*42 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

Whether it is the intention to provide additional serviced sites in Khayelitsha in 1986, if not, why not; if so, (a) how many, (b) at what total cost and (c) what categories of persons will be eligible to (i) buy and (ii) rent these sites?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(a) and (b) No, but the Western Cape Development Board has recently completed the provision of services to 9 067 sites in residential areas 3 and 4 of township no 1 at a cost of approximately R32,8 million The Development Board also envisages the stabilisation of township no 2 which will consist of approximately 14 000 stands and to provide main access roads, water supply mains, sewer mains and stormwater mains to the area departmentally. Depending on whether funding is approved by the National Housing Commission the aforementioned development should be able to be commenced with in May 1986 and be completed by approximately September 1987 It is possible that 1 000 sites in a portion of township no 2 may be made available to private developers progressively as services mains are installed for further development of internal services. It is unlikely, however, that fully serviced sites can be made available for occupation in township no 2 before 1987

(c) (i) competent persons

(ii) qualifying persons and such other persons as may be decided on by Government.

Khayelitsha: Houses

*43 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

Whether any of the completed houses at Khayelitsha have remained unoccupied; if so, (a) how many (i) have remained unoccupied and (ii) have been completed, (b) what categories of persons are eligible to (i) buy and (ii) rent these houses and (iii) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) Yes.

(a) (i) 126 houses are not occupied yet These houses are all sold and will be occupied when financing has been finalised

(ii) 5 000

(b) (i) and (ii) Any qualifying and competent person

(iii) 18 February 1986

Khayelitsha: Additional Houses

*44 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

(a) Whether it is the intention to build additional houses in Khayelitsha in 1986; if not, why not, if so, (a) how many, (b) what types of houses are to be built, (c) what will be the average selling price per house and (d) what categories of persons will be eligible to (i) buy and (ii) rent these houses?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

(a) Yes

(a) 90 houses.

(b) Core houses for sale only.

(c) R5 500 to R6 000

(d) (i) Qualifying and competent persons, until such time as the announced legislation has been accepted, in terms of which a Black person who is a South African citizen, as well as any other Black person who has legal domicile in the Republic, may purchase a house

(ii) Falls away

Supplementary reply to Question without printed notice on 18 February 1986, put by Mrs H Suzman (col 71).

Alexandra Township: unrest

Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) Whether there have been any incidents of unrest in Alexandra Township recently, if so, what are the circumstances surrounding this unrest;

(2) whether any persons have been (a) killed and (b) injured in this unrest; if so, (i) how many in each case and (ii) what was the cause of these deaths and injuries;

(3) whether the South African Police have taken any action in this township in connection with this unrest, if so, (a) what action and (b) on what date,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes, resulting from the death of a Black man caused by a night-watchman at a shop, rioters in the early hours of 15 February 1986, caused extensive damage to buildings, business premises and vehicles by means of arson and stone throwing, throughout the township. During police action to maintain law and order, shots were fired at them and their vehicles petrolbombed. 130 Incidents of violence have thusfar occurred

(2) Yes

(a) (i) 19.

(ii) 16 sustained gunshot wounds as a result of police action.
2 burn wounds caused by rioters.
1 member of the force as a result of panga wounds caused by rioters.

(b) (i) 37.

(ii) 27 sustained gunshot wounds as a result of police action.
5 members of the SAP sus-

said.

Black housing 'let-down'

Political Correspondent

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — In a shock announcement, the government disclosed yesterday that only 90 additional houses will be built in Khayelitsha this year

And none of the 90 core houses will be for rent — all will be for sale at between R5 500 and R6 000, the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, said in reply to a question from Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens).

Mr Andrew, the PFP's spokesman on black affairs for the Western Cape, said later the announcement "illustrates once again that the government cannot be taken at its word"

"In 1984, when Khayelitsha was launched with great fanfare, the black people of Cape Town were promised 5 000 houses that year and a further 3 000 homes to be provided per year thereafter"

Endemic

However, by the end of 1986, only 5 090 houses were scheduled to be completed compared with the 11 000 originally promised

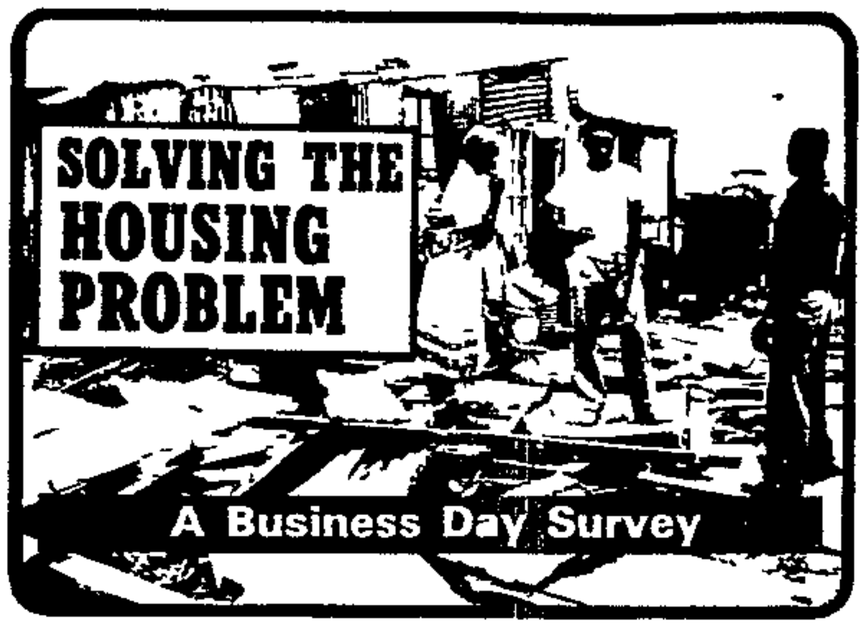
Mr Andrew said there was a "desperate shortage" of housing for black people in the Cape Peninsula

Serious overcrowding was endemic and "undoubtedly" contributed to unrest.

"The government has not only broken faith with the black people of this area by reneging on its undertakings, but it has also further endangered the peace and security of all Capetonians, irrespective of their race"

He said that housing had to enjoy top priority but the government continued to duck its responsibilities in this regard

"For the State President to profess to favour a policy of 'orderly urbanization' is laughable when his government declines to make reasonable provision for adequate housing in urban areas such as Cape Town," he said



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Housing SA's masses demands higher priority

MATTHEW WHITE, Surveys Editor

SOUTH AFRICA faces problems on so many fronts that the housing crisis is not getting the attention it deserves.

For political, economic and humanitarian reasons, housing should be given far higher priority than it is currently accorded.

Estimates vary, but the current housing backlog is probably not less than 400 000 units, and to close the gap by the end of this century, about 250 000 units a year need to be built.

There is no doubt that, physically, this can be achieved. Given political and economic stability, the use of appropriate technology and abundant labour could see virtually everyone adequately housed, by Third World standards, with only one other proviso that there is meaningful deregulation.

The housing problem has, like the economy, both Third and First World components

Middle class

For the rapidly growing middle class, which includes most whites and an increasing number of blacks, coloureds and Asians, the problem is that the price of housing is increasing faster than their income. Saving the necessary deposit for a home of one's own is, in these inflationary times, like trying to run up a down escalator while carrying a heavy backpack

Most urban blacks may wish they had such problems. For them the housing problem is much more basic merely having a shelter they can call their own and the amenities others take for granted is as yet an unrealised dream.

For many years government itself accepted the responsibility for providing urban black housing. This was, quite evidently, not because it saw it as a duty to those in need of such housing, but because it mistakenly believed that by controlling the supply and quality of housing it could reverse the flow of people from the rural areas into the city

Now that the impossibility of this Verwoerdian scheme has been demonstrated, government has tried to shrug off the problem — largely onto the private sector, which also doesn't want the responsibility, particularly when its hands are still tied by apartheid legislation.

While government has moved towards liberalising its previously rigid attitudes on such matters as freehold rights resale of property, it remains the arbiter of what land it will provide services for and allow to be developed for housing.

Vital area

The supply of serviced land is hopelessly inadequate. If the private sector is to become more meaningfully involved, it must be allowed access to this vital area

Government must also go further along the road to changing legislation that discourages black home ownership Its vaunted 99-year leasehold scheme has been a crashing failure as was shown by the flop of the "great sale" of 500 000 State-owned properties Announced with great fanfare in 1983, fewer than 8% have been sold to date.

Deregulation must also be applied to the type of housing permitted. Much more emphasis needs to be placed on unconventional methods and materials, especially those which the people themselves can use to build their own homes.

Industrialised building methods can demonstrate enormous savings over conventional brick-and-mortor construction, but there are still many barriers to the implementation of such systems Local authorities have the power to refuse to permit certain buildings even after they have received Agrément Board certification on grounds of 'aesthetics" on which there is no agreed standard

Major role

The local authorites clearly have a duty to existing property owners to ensure minimum standards are met. However, there needs to be a greater awareness of the benefits of new methods and an education programme to eradicate the prejudice against them that is apparent among many municipal officials

While new methods and materials can play a major role in helping to solve the housing problem, they are still far too costly for a large part of the population.

If a real dent is to be made in the housing backlog, far greater opportunities must be provided for people to build their own houses That this can be done while maintaining adequate health and safety standards has been proved in many areas of Africa.

Utilising the natural desire of all people to improve their own circumstances will contribute more than any other factor to solving the housing problem People have, after all, been building their own homes for millenia and, while many urban people may have lost these skills, the re-acquisition of them will provide a spin-off that will benefit first the informal sector, and then the country at large.

The housing problem, in fact, has the potential to provide SA with a labour-intensive pool of activity that could provide the basis for a vast social uplift-ment.

Deregulation will help solve low-cost housing

UNLESS deregulation, coupled with lower but acceptable realistic standards of accommodation, is established quickly the low-cost housing problem may never be resolved, says Don Goodey, MD of LTA Building Projects, a private-sector company deeply involved in providing mass housing

"I feel home ownership for the middle income groups would become a reality and that the private sector, with building societies and other financial institutions, could cope with the demand for home ownership provided the bureaucratic procedures that delay and frustrate housing development could be simplified."

Important

The private sector has an important and growing role to play in solving the problem, he says, and his company is already committed to developing affordable homes for black, coloured and Asian communities.

Private sector developers are providing homes for sale to these communities and their role is to

- Establish the needs and affordability of people within the community, select suitable locations for the homes and strive for the co-operation of the local and central government authority;
- Provide serviced stands within an economic township design with the bulk services and infrastructure provided eventually by government;
- In conjunction with the community leaders, design homes based upon homeowners' needs and affordability; and
- Provide the necessary capital resources to undertake the construction of the housing units and provide guaranteed home loans for the homeowner

LTA's Goodey urges one-stop service

"It is important the developer provides a 'one stop' service enabling the homeowner to be guided through loan application procedures and the myriad controls and red tape set up by bureaucracy," says Goodey

"LTA Building Projects believes local businesspeople should identify with the development of housing projects within their community

"With this in mind LTA, with development partner Comlat, has entered into joint development housing schemes with Asian partners in Tongaat and Durban, AD&CH, a black-controlled company for black housing, in Welkom, Kroonstad and Tembisa, and we are investigating housing in Ennerdale and other areas with members of the coloured community

"I do not accept that the housing problem is entirely one of inadequate finance, lack of resources and land shortage.

"I believe the low-cost housing problem will be resolved only by the informal sector together with self-help schemes where people are assisted by government to be able to provide housing for themselves."

Red tape and conmen are among major problems

HOME ownership for blacks has not worked, according to Allied Building Society senior GM Geoff Bowker

This is despite the fact that enlightened employers of black labour have already helped to arrange housing and bonds for their staff, and efforts to bring about an education programme for blacks.

Employees can try to get help from their company personnel department, to organise a loan or a guarantee.

"The difficulty is getting the message through to lower echelon workers who have no understanding of home ownership Black clerical staff ask for bonds. Often it costs them more to own a property than to pay rent.

"The whole story crystallised in the lack of success of the big sale when 500 000 units were up for sale and only 38 000 were sold.

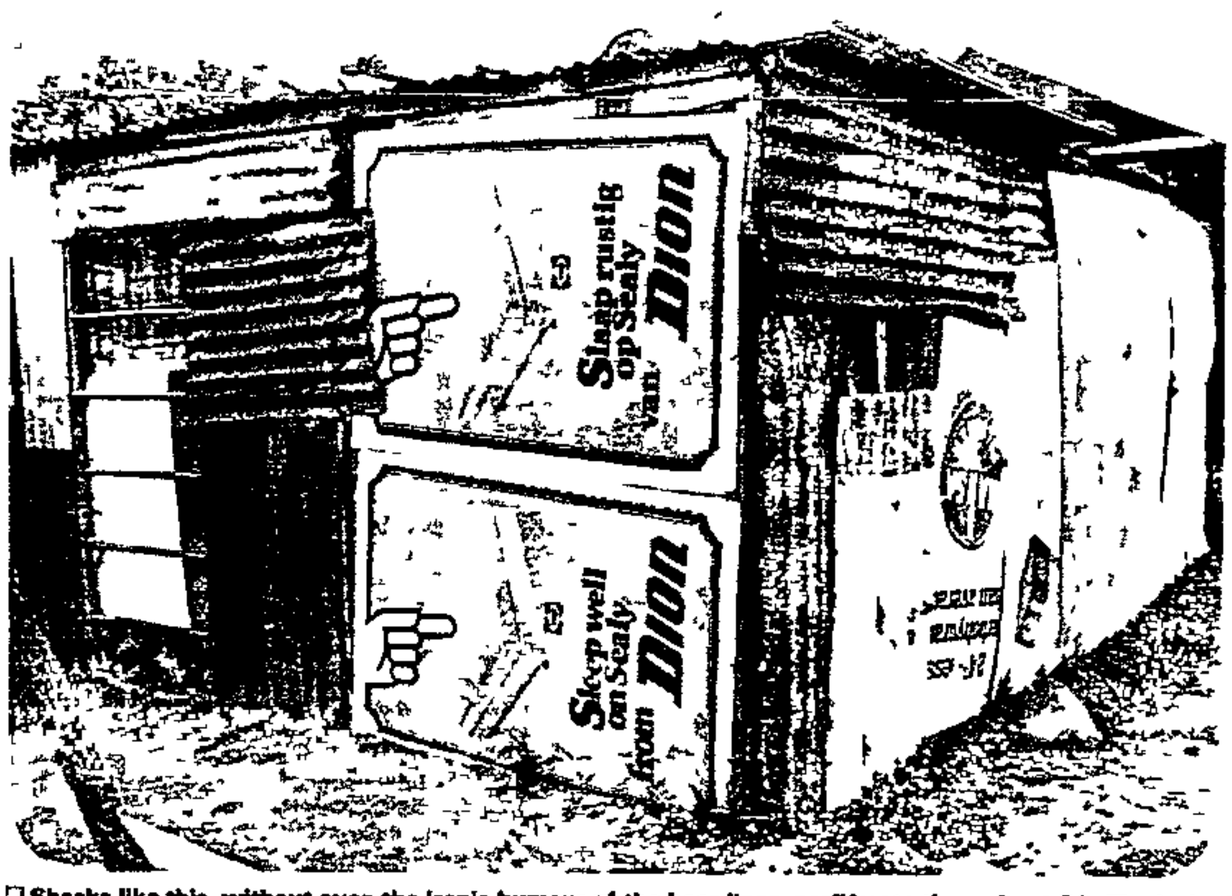
"The Urban Foundation, building societies and everyone else tried to help by producing booklets and contacting employers. Our staff were trained to answer queries about 99-year leasehold, but there are no enquiries.

"There is a tragic lack of home ownership for blacks. Our job is to uplift standards, meet housing needs, improve shells by adding ceilings and sanitation but there is always a level below which we cannot go, a strata of lower-level labourers who will never attain home ownership

"If a black wants to own a home, he has to have a site allocated to him. Then he goes to the administration board for provisional right of leasehold. He then brings plans and quotes to us and we have the property investigated. If everything is in order, the provisional grant falls away and he gets a permanent grant.

"But there is red tape and bureaucracy and if an official decides he wants to see the bond first, the runaround starts, because it does not work that way It is an educational problem for everyone, not just the man concerned.

"What is criminal — and cases do exist — is when conmen get the uneducated to sign papers they do not understand, and then the complications get messy It is not surprising that many blacks feel it is a big swindle, or not worth the hassle, and just do not make an effort to own a home"



Shacks like this, without even the ironic humour of the hoardings, proliferate throughout SA. The lack of proper service makes them a health hazard. Despite this, the structure has been put together with some skill — there is even a window Properly encouraged, the owner could no doubt build a house that, besides meeting basic standards of health safety, would be a far more comfortable habitation and a source of pride.

Experimental village

THE Cape Divisional Council (Divco) is establishing an experimental housing village at Belhar township on the Cape Flats aimed at promoting the concept of self-help housing

Forty plots have been set aside for the project, which is also to be used to encourage innovative construction methods and ideas with a view to developing suitable permanent affordable self-help housing for the lower income group

"We are wide open to ideas and anything innovative that will lead to a reduction in building costs," says a spokesman for Divco

Official controls and guidelines will be completely flexible The only ground rule is that any proposed dwelling must be suitable for incremental development as well as for use within the framework of the self-help concept.

Interested parties are invited to contact the engineer in charge of Divco's housing development branch (Telephone: (021) 733120/1/2)

● *THIS was the start of Mandalay. Now building in the area is mushrooming.*

CHEAPER HOUSING IS THE IN THING

THE financing of housing for the lower income groups is assuming more and more importance for financial institutions in South Africa. This is the view of Mr Kingsley Loney, Cape regional manager of the Natal Building Society.

"It would appear that we will have to live with the downturn in the middle and upper income property market for some time to come — irrespective of the fact that now is a good time to invest in property. Conversely, demand for housing in the lower income areas is burgeoning

"The NBS residential developments in areas such as North Pine, Colorado and Mandalay have been and continue to be, very successful. Historically, the purchasers have established a very stable repayment pattern Couple this to the fact that most of the homes are purchased with the assistance of a Government subsidy — making them extremely affordable and this type of housing becomes an undoubted growth area of great value to the societies"

MAJOR FACTOR

Mr Loney also cites the Government's first-time buyer scheme for new housing as a major factor behind the demand for lower income group housing

"Provided the cost of the building and improvements do not exceed R40 000 — excluding the value of the land — the purchaser is entitled to a one-third subsidy from the state. Again, this is bringing a home within the reach of many more people providing, of course, that they and the property meet the building society's lengthy criteria."

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Plain's arrears at new high

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CAPE TOWN. — Bond and rent-arrears in Mitchell's Plain have increased by more than 100 percent since January last year, soaring to an unprecedented R2 million

Officials of the Cape Town City Council's Housing and Treasury Departments last week attributed the debt crisis to the high unemployment rate for Mitchell's Plain (estimated at 25 percent), high transport costs and the 20 percent inflation rate

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Bond, rent arrears in Mitchell's Plain R2m

Staff Reporter

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'Sub-economic tenants'

Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the City Council's housing committee, said yesterday that the committee would discuss with the government "the possibility of capitalizing interest on the arrears of those people who are out of work".

"As far as rentals are concerned the government has allowed us to cut the monthly payments of unemployed people down to the level of sub-economic tenants," Mrs Stott said.

"At the last meeting of the council's housing committee we discussed at length the plight of the unemployed and their families and what could be done about this situation.

"People will not be evicted as long as we are satisfied that they are genuinely out of work and have no family income," she said

Food parcels

"We have already, unsuccessfully, asked the government to establish an Unemployment Insurance Fund office in Mitchell's Plain, and to provide State-funded transport for people seeking employment"

The City Council's Health Department has also distributed more than 5 000 food parcels to destitute families in the municipal area including Mitchell's Plain.

"Parcels which included high-protein powder and either rice or mealie meal were extremely well received in Mitchell's Plain," the Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Dr N Durcan, said yesterday

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Permanent residential rights

170 Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

How many Black persons in each Development Board area (a) applied for and (b) were granted permanent residential rights in 1985 in terms of section 10(1)(a) and (b) of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act, No 25 of 1945?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

Development Board	Applied	Granted
Northern Transvaal	65	65
Eastern Transvaal	3 481	3 181
West Rand	92 777	88 010
East Rand	22 219	21 506
Highveld	10 256	10 256
Central Transvaal	20 470	13 057
Western Transvaal	2 261	1 997
Western Cape	11 025	6 944
Eastern Cape	20 895	18 810
Northern Cape	2 206	2 206
South Orange Free State	11 284	11 017
Orange Vaal	14 017	10 989
Natalia	2 082	1 980

Khayelitsha: core houses/serviced sites

HANSARD 6/3/86 (124)
QCQL 367

176 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

How many (a) core houses and (b) serviced sites at Khayelitsha were (i) under construction, (ii) completed and (iii) occupied as at the latest specified date for which information is available?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(a) Core houses	(b) Serviced sites
(i) Under construction	None	21
(ii) Completed	5 000	12 840
(iii) Occupied	4 874	3 439

Cinemas: permits

HANSARD 6/3/86
QCQL 367

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

Whether any applications were received in 1985 for permits to open cinemas to members of all races; if so, (a) from whom, (b) in respect of which cinemas, (c) when were such applications received and (d) what was the result of each application?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

Yes.

(a) Ster Kinekor, and UIP Warner

(b), (c) and (d)—see the attached list

HoA

Application received already granted

Ster Kinekor	Received	Granted
Cine 1 and 2 Kimberley	11/10/85	31/10/85
Ster City 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 Johannesburg	4/11/85	31/1/86
Cine Centre 1, 2 and 3 Johannesburg	11/10/85	31/10/85
Cine 1 and 2 East London	11/10/85	31/10/85
Ster Centre Elite 1 and 2 Johannesburg	11/10/85	31/10/85
Golden Acre 1, 2 and 3 Cape Town	22/10/85	31/10/85
Monte Carlo 1 and 2 Cape Town	22/10/85	31/10/85
Cinerama Johannesburg	11/10/85	31/1/86
Cine 1 and 2 Vanderbijlpark	11/10/85	31/1/86
Cine 600 Durban	11/10/85	31/10/85
Embassy Durban	11/10/85	31/10/85
Broadway Cine Durban	11/10/85	1/11/85
West Cine 1 and 2 Durban	11/10/85	13/1/86
Cineland 1 and 2 Durban	11/10/85	13/1/86
Ocean City Durban	11/10/85	13/1/86
O'Connor Durban	11/10/85	13/1/86
Avalon Theater Durban	11/10/85	6/11/85
Pine City Cine 1 and 2 Pinetown	11/10/85	13/1/86
Cine 1 and 2 Pietermaritzburg	11/10/85	6/11/85
20th Century Pietermaritzburg	11/10/85	13/1/86
Cine Park 1, 2 and 3 Port Elizabeth	11/10/85	31/1/86
Elizabeth Cine 1, 2, 3 and 4 Port Elizabeth	11/10/85	31/1/86
Greenacres Cine 1 and 2 Port Elizabeth	11/10/85	31/1/86
Elite Sea Point Cape Town	11/10/85	30/1/86
Constantia Rosebank Cape Town	11/10/85	30/1/86
Protea Cine 1, 2 and 3 Claremont	11/10/85	30/1/86
Constantia Cine Wynberg	11/10/85	30/1/86
Cine 1 and 2 Parow	11/10/85	30/1/86
Tyger Valley Cine 1 and 2 Bellville	11/10/85	30/1/86
Cine 1 and 2 Bloemfontein	11.10 85	13/1/86
Capitol Cine 1 and 2 Bloemfontein	11/10/85	13/1/86
Cine 1, 2 and 3 Welkom	11/10/85	13/1/86
UIP Warner		
Metro 1 and 2 Market Street Johannesburg	9/10/85	31/10/85
Metro 1 and 2 West Street Durban	9/10/85	31/10/85
Metro Oscar 1 and 2 Aliwal Street Durban	9/10/85	31/10/85
Metro Sea Point 1 and 2 Cape Town	26/11/85	30/1/86
Metro Oscar Adderley Street Cape Town	9/10/85	31/10/85
Metro Rondebosch Cape Town	26/11/85	30/1/86
Metro Mitchells Plain 1 and 2 Cape Town	26/11/85	30/1/86
Applications refused		
Ster Kinekor		
Highpoint Hillbrow	11/10/85	31/1/86
Cine 400 Hillbrow	11/10/85	31/1/86
Constantia 1 and 2 Rosebank Johannesburg	11/10/85	31/1/86
Protea 1 and 2 Rosebank Johannesburg	11/10/85	31/1/86
Greenway Greenside Johannesburg	11/10/85	31/1/86
Lake Parkview Johannesburg	11/10/85	31/1/86
Cine 1, 2 and 3 Cresta Randburg	11/10/85	31/1/86
Cine 1 and 2 Northcliff	11/10/85	31/1/86
Cine 1 and 2 Potchefstroom	11/10/85	31/1/86

HoA

Southern Life: 450 householders sign petition

Staff Reporter

ABOUT 450 Newlands householders have signed a petition, drawn up by a residents' action committee, against the proposed expansion of Southern Life

Today the six-member committee placed a large newspaper advertisement, outlining objections and appealing to people to write to the Administrator or the Town Clerk

The "Hands off Rondebosch" campaign was launched in January after Southern Life announced plans to expand its headquarters at Great Westerford and build a parking garage next to the Newlands rugby stadium

"DESTROY"

On January 31 the Cape Town City Council approved rezoning to allow for a 40 000 sq m office block on the Great Kimble site adjoining Great Westerford and the 800-car parking garage

The advertisement says Rondebosch/Newlands is a major educational area "where big business has no place"

Large-scale development by the "gigantic merger" of Southern and Anglo Life "will slowly but surely destroy the unique old village-style character of historic Rondebosch", it says

An inevitable result would be "increased noise, other pollution and traffic near large schools"

"ANGER"

Mrs M P Morris, a committee member, said almost every resident in the area had signed the petition and many had written to the council

"Not one person was in favour of the development," she said

"There is great anger about the proposal The process was very undemocratic — Southern Life used the muscle of big business to push it through.

"The proposal was presented to residents at a ratepayers' meeting only two days before it was debated by the council Most councillors had obviously made up their minds before we were consulted

"Their argument is that jobs are more important than housing, but that is not a responsible attitude in a historical, educational area."

Southern says fears unfounded

CAPE TIMES 7/3/86 124

Municipal Reporter

FEARS expressed by Newlands residents that Southern Life intended to expand towards the mountain were "totally unfounded", general manager Mr Peter Cunliffe said yesterday.

Mr Cunliffe was responding to a petition circulating amongst the immediate neighbours of Southern's Westerford headquarters, objecting to the company's planned expansion on to residential sites in the area

One of the main concerns is that the rezoning for business use of the Little Kimble site on the mountain side of the existing headquarters indicated that Southern intended developing in that direction in the future

Mr Cunliffe said the site had been rezoned to enable the company to develop the vacant part of the site towards Main Road, and gave an undertaking that Southern would not demolish Little Kimble or intrude on to any established single residential sites in the area

In a press statement, Mr Cunliffe welcomed criticism of his company's expansion plans saying it was "vital that the concerns of residents and people in the wider Cape community be given full consideration in arriving at a scheme that would have long-term benefits for all concerned in the area"

Mr Cunliffe said it was important that objections submitted to the City Council should be assessed by the city's independent environmental consultants

The Southern would respect their judgement

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Duel 'far from over'

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Municipal Reporter

THE duel between Southern Life Association and Newlands residents opposed to the insurance company's expansion plans is far from over, according to the recently-formed Save Our Suburbs committee which has collected more than 500 signatures

The committee estimated that up to 100 letters of objection, including the petition, had been handed to the City Council by the time the matter was closed for objections yesterday.

Committee member Dr Peter Morris said the assurances given by Southern managing director Mr Peter Cunliffe, that his company did not intend expanding further towards the mountain, were "unconvincing"

Dr Morris said: "Once Southern has got business rights for the Little Kimble site, there is nothing to stop them expanding on to it

"All they will need is a waiver enabling them to increase the building bulk permitted on the consolidated site and this will not generate nearly as much publicity as a rezoning would"

Dr Morris said the foundations being constructed for Southern's underground computer centre were large enough to support an above-ground structure

Mr Cunliffe yesterday repeated his assurances that Southern did not intend expanding on to the Little Kimble site, or on any other residential sites towards the mountain.

He conceded that the foundations of the computer centre did provide for an above-the-ground structure, but said this plan had been scrapped on the advice of environmental consultants

Informal housing set to ease two critical problems

By KIN BENTLEY

INFORMAL housing for blacks in Port Elizabeth looks set to ease two desperate problems — the housing crisis and unemployment

For years the provision of housing has been neglected and today the backlog is daunting

Only in the mid-1970s was the permanence of blacks in urban areas acknowledged by the Government

But even after that psychological hurdle was overcome precious little was done Eighty-five percent of the city's 26 899 township houses pre-date 1970

Mr Roger Matlock, regional chairman of the Urban Foundation, said this week there had been a marked decline in the numbers of houses being built

A total of 5 197 houses (19% of the current total) were built before 1950

In the decade to 1960, 14 354 or 54% of the total were built but this dropped to 3 466 units (or 12%) in the 1960s, 2 824 (or 11% in the 1970s), and only 1 058 in the five years since 1980 which amounts to 4% of the total

But Motherwell township could provide a solution — and it seems set to really take off this year

Thousands of serviced sites have recently become available at Motherwell's Neighbourhood Unit (NU) One — at a time when township overcrowding is alarming

Yet blacks seem reluctant to move to the area

But, says the chief director of the East Cape Development Board, Mr Louis Koch, it is now about to take off.

"Administrative" delays in allocating NU1 sites have been overcome

Mr Koch said this week that of the 2 277 sites at NU1 — a site-and-service area — 113 had been allocated, and 23 were currently occupied

NU2, about the same size, was already fully occupied, he said

He added that applications for the rest of the sites at NU1 had been received, including from employers acting on behalf of their workers

On the question of the 1 300 families living at the emergency housing scheme adjacent to Motherwell, Mr Koch said they would be housed at Motherwell "as sites become available" They were moved from the flood plain of the Chatty River (Soweto) in 1983

At the moment, however, he said, there were thousands of blacks born and bred in PE who would be given preference

Mr Koch said the cost of a serviced site at Motherwell was R21,11 The residents at the emergency scheme, which is adjacent to Motherwell on a road reserve, pay R10 a site, but don't have the same services as at Motherwell

Serviced sites at Motherwell contain a "wet-core"

Mr LOUIS KOCH

— a flush toilet and water tap — while at the emergency scheme, there are only communal water taps as well as bi-weekly sewerage disposal and weekly refuse removals

Mr Koch said five other neighbourhood units were being serviced at the moment — with the next one due to be completed next month

Asked whether blacks moving on to sites at Motherwell, who become unemployed and hence unable to afford the rent, could receive financial aid Mr Koch said they could apply for redemption from the "controlling body"

(The township is due to fall under the Ibhayi Town Council, which is not recognised by "progressive" organisations)

Mr Koch said that he would not "commit" someone to staying in a place he couldn't afford to pay for, should he already have shelter

The Town Clerk of Ibhayi, Mr R J Scholtz, said an estimated 16 000 families currently living in informal squatter housing at Soweto and 1 050 families squatting on the railway reserve in Kwazakhele and New Brighton, would be resettled at Motherwell

Mr Scholtz said that many of those living in Soweto (Zwide shack area) were illegal in terms of current influx control laws

He said registered occupiers there paid R10 a month for the minimum services, but often sub-let part of their sites, resulting in massive overcrowding in the area which abutts the Chatty River (Residents claim that each

Mr ROGER MATLOCK

squatter family is charged R10)

The council, he said, was "negotiating" the resettlement of those in the area to enable it to be given proper servicing (Some 2 000 permanent houses are planned for this area)

Those squatters occupying some 1 050 shacks legally in the railway reserve area in New Brighton and Kwazakele, he said, were reluctant to move to Motherwell — despite a council offer of transport out there

He said there were over 100 illegal squatter shacks in the railway reserve area These people paid nothing and would have to pay service charges if they moved to Motherwell

While transport has been cited as a reason for black people not wishing to move to the new township, there is little difference in costs between Motherwell and Soweto

A spokesman for PE Tramways said a single trip from Motherwell to town cost 60c and one from Soweto, 49c A week's season ticket cost R3,70, as opposed to R3,50 from Soweto

But many can't afford even this Being unemployed, they prefer being as near to town as possible, so they can work to find work

The PE Black Civic Organisation this week called for the upgrading of squatter areas like Soweto and the Railway Reserve in Kwazakele and stressed its opposition to any forced removals of people to Motherwell that might be planned by either the ECDB or the Ibhayi Town Council

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Tenant evicted over boarders

Staff Reporter

A BELLVILLE municipal employee was evicted from his Bellville South home twice last week for taking in boarders.

Mr Andrew Mouton, a refuse worker, has since been allowed to return to his home but has been asked to look after it "for his own sake"

• A spokesman for the municipality said the boarders, living in Mr Mouton's home, had "frequently damaged" other municipal houses in the area

According to an organizer for the Bellville Community Homes Project (BCHP), Ms Tina Bosch, Mr Mouton was given two weeks' notice to vacate his Stilwaney Crescent home after his boarders had damaged some property

The boarders were subsequently arrested and Mr Mouton undertook to pay for the necessary repair work He ignored the notice

Last Monday, municipal workers placed all his furniture and possessions on the pavemant, Ms Bosch said

After a meeting attended by residents of the Stilwaney area last Tuesday evening, it was decided, to "re-house" Mr Mouton in his home This was done that evening

Last week residents and BCHP organizers met the Bellville Town Clerk, Mr John Marshall, to discuss the matter.

Ms Bosch said tenants with illegal boarders had been served notices informing them that "boarders" must leave by March 21 and this had also been discussed

"Mr Marshall said he would review the situation, but that he couldn't make promises," she said

But when they returned to Stilwaney Crescent, Mr Mouton's possessions were again on the street

Mr Marshall said on Friday that Mr Mouton had a two-year record of housing illegal boarders

"I have reviewed his case and have given him another opportunity to stay there provided he repairs the damage I have specifically asked him to look after his house for his own sake."

Freehold for City blacks

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Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — The government has decided to permit black people to buy freehold title to land at Khayelitsha near Cape Town

But they will not be able to acquire freehold title to land until amending legislation has been adopted by Parliament

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday it had been decided that "all South African citizens or foreign blacks who are legally resident in South Africa" would be able to buy sites at Khayelitsha

He said this decision had been taken on December 3 last year

But the decision had not been implemented because amendment to legislation was awaited.

He also said in reply to a question which was tabled in the House of Assembly by Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens) that changes in policy about the categories of people allowed to live at Khayelitsha had taken place

Councillor 'unaware of 427 pc rent rises'

12/3/86 STAR

By Andrew Beattie

DELAMS — A Lekoa town councillor who testified at the treason trial in Delmas, said yesterday that before approving a rent increase he had not known rents had already risen by 427 percent in the previous seven years.

He had also not known residents there paid the highest rents, per house, in the country's black townships.

These figures, compiled by a University of Port Elizabeth research unit, were put to State witness Mr Piet Mokoena, of the Lekoa Town Council, by defence counsel Mr George Bizos SC.

According to the figures, rents in Lekoa had been increased by 214 percent more than the national average during the introduction of community councils between in 1977 and 1984.

The State alleges that members of various political organisations incited violence in the Lekoa area over rent issues in 1984.

Mr Mokoena was testifying at the trial of leaders of the United Democratic Front and the Vaal Civic Association, and members of the Azanian Peoples' Organisation and Azanian Youth Unity.

ELECTRIFICATION

The 22 men have all pleaded not guilty to charges of high treason, incitement to murder, subversion and furthering the aims of banned organisations in conspiring to overthrow the State. They are in custody.

Mr Mokoena said the rent was increased so the council could electrify areas of Lekoa, install high-mast street lamps, build a creche in Boipatong and enclose a dam in Zone Three, Sebokeng, with a fence.

Asked by Mr Jacobs SC, for the State, how the council had reached agreement with the community on the rent increase of R5,90 a house, Mr Mokoena said meetings had been held "to inform them".

The councillors had wanted to make the rent increase effective from July 1984 but had not been able to inform the community by then, or advertise the decision in the Government Gazette, he said.

'STRINGS BEING PULLED'

The yearly budget of the Lekoa council was prepared and explained to the councillors in July by officials from the Orange-Vaal Development Board. No questions were asked by any of the councillors, Mr Mokoena said

Mr Bizos said this placed a question over the independence of black councillors and gave the impression "the strings were pulled by others".

Mr Mokoena replied this allegation was unfair because it had been the first time the council had passed its own budget "We had just started ... we were busy teaching ourselves about it," he said.

On August 5 1984, he and other councillors had held a meeting to tell the community of the decision He said that 500 to 600 people attended and there was only one person who disapproved.

He knew of only one rent-related incident of violence in the period up to September 3, when unrest erupted in Lekoa, he said.

The hearing continues

Natalia Development Board

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East Cape Development Board

(a) 3 033

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Central-Transvaal Development Board

(a) 2 079

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Western Transvaal Development Board

(a) 63

(b) 43

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(b) 1 269

Northern Cape Development Board

(a) 440

(b) 440

Western Cape Development Board

	Walvis Bay
(a) 332	(a) 20
(a) 287	(a) 19

Northern Transvaal Development Board

(a) None

(b) None.

Eastern Transvaal Development Board

(a) 273

(b) 194.

Houses

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The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

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(1) Whether there is any accommodation available in the Cape Town area for aged Black persons, if so, (a) how many units and (b) where are they situated in each case, if not, why not,

(2) whether any accommodation units for aged Black persons are to be built in the Cape Town municipal area with financial assistance from the State, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many units, (b) when and (c) where?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) (a) Two units

(b) One unit at Langa with accommodation for 54 aged Black persons and one unit at Nyanga with accommodation for 24 aged Black persons

(2) (a) Phumlani organisation (a registered welfare organisation) plans the erection of an old age home for 125 aged Black persons and a service centre

(b) The organisation has already submitted an application for a loan to the amount of R2 125 000,00.

(c) Phumlani, Gugulethu

Housing: shortage

174 Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) What was the estimated shortage of housing for Blacks outside the national states at the end of 1985,

(2) how many houses were provided in 1985 for Blacks (a) outside the national states and (b) in each province by (i) the State, (ii) local authorities and (iii) the private sector,

(3) when is it expected that the shortages will be eliminated in areas outside the national states?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) Approximately 221 572

(2) (a) In urban Black townships

(i) 9 213

(ii) 339

(iii) 7 061.

(b) In urban Black townships

Transvaal
(i) 4 348.

(ii) 299

(iii) 4 979

Cape Province
(i) 4 685

(ii) Nil

(iii) 595.

Orange Free State
(i) 180.

(ii) 40.

(iii) 1 487

Natal
(i) to (iii)—Nil

(3) The following factors will have an influence on the provision of housing and the subsequent elimination of shortages—

(i) Economic climate.

(ii) Availability of funds for sub-economic housing

(iii) Availability of funds for infrastructure

(iv) Availability of land

(v) The pace at which development by the private sector will take place

(vi) Rate of urbanisation

(vii) Growth rate of the urban Black population

It is therefore impossible to give a meaningful reply to this question

Old Crossroads

178 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether any (a) rents, (b) service fees and/or (c) other specified charges are payable by residents of Old Crossroads; if so, (i) what amount is payable per (aa) person and (bb) household in respect of each specified charge and (ii) what total amount was collected from residents of Old Crossroads in respect of each of the above-mentioned rents, services and other charges over the latest specified

12-months period for which figures are available;

(2) what amount was spent on Old Crossroads in the above-mentioned 12-month period (a) in total and (b) in respect of each specified item of expenditure by (i) the Western Cape Development Board, (ii) Government Departments and (iii) other specified organisations?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) (a) No

(b) Site-and-service charge of R7,00 per month per site

(c) None

(i) (aa) and (bb) Fall away

(ii) R5 572,00 in respect of the period 1/1/1985 to 31/12/1985

(2) (a) R519 841,00

(b) (i) Waste-, Refuse- and Nightsoil removals R300 571,00
Water R219 270,00

(ii) Nil

(iii) Nil

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Alexandra: 99-year leasehold scheme

190 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(a) How many persons in Alexandra Township applied in each year for 99-year leases from the inception of the leasehold scheme to 31 December 1985 and (b) how many of these applications had been granted as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(a) 1982— 9

(b) — 9.

(a) 1983—19

(b) —19

(a) 1984—57

(b) —57

(a) 1985—47

(b) —47

Information up to 31 December 1985

Q COL 536.
HANSARD 17/3/86

Western Cape Development Board

202 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

Whether the Western Cape Development Board paid any subsidies to community councils of Black townships in the 1984-85 financial year, if so, (a) what are the names of the townships concerned, (b) what was the total amount paid in respect of each such township and (c) for what specified purposes were these subsidies paid in respect of each such township?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Yes

(a) and (b)

	R
Ashton	102 536
Hermanus	41 120
Robertson	107 989
Ceres	177 749
Paarl	619 094
Lwandle	367 768
Kaya Mandi	248 672
Mfuleni	412 897
Worcester	642 142
Peninsula	13 031 376
Khayelitsha	2 437 132
Site C	93 521

(c) To compensate community councils for deficits on their general accounts

Western Cape Development Board

203 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) (a) What was the total revenue generated through all channels for each specified Black township falling under the control of the Western Cape Development Board in respect of the 1984-85 financial year, (b) in what manner was each specified amount of this revenue generated and (c) what was the total expenditure on (i) administration, (ii) development schemes and (iii) any other specified items in respect of each of these townships;

(2) how much of this amount was spent on (a) the building and/or renovation of (i) schools and (ii) houses, (b) the building and/or maintenance of roads and drains, (c) the provision of electricity, including street lights, and (d) other specified amenities and services?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) (a)

		R
Ashton		89 048
Robertson		69 583
Hermanus		249 655
Ceres		255 091
Malmesbury		54 767
Paarl		2 342 049
Springbok		25 603
Stellenbosch	Kaya Mandi	1 531 612
	Lwandle	1 251 409
	Mfuleni	1 354 371
Worcester		1 403 134
Langa		6 190 549
Nyanga		5 708 231
Guguletu		5 239 861
Crossroads		1 095 716
Khayelitsha		296 240

(b)

	Ashton	Robertson	Hermanus	Ceres
	R	R	R	R
Rent Commercial Buildings	2 123	570	1 024	975
Rental Houses	34 561	51 236	70 181	89 155
Lodger Fees	864	344	278	357
Municipal Services	7 876	15 294	2 556	11 037
School Levies	4 754	1 882	1 733	2 048
Cashier surpluses	2	—	—	—
Court (Penalties)	—	—	299	—
Visitors Permits	—	—	5	910
Cemetary Fees	128	62	—	26
Bad Debts recoveries	15	—	—	—
Miscellaneous Revenue	4 603	195	1 537	400
Beer	34 122	—	172 042	150 183
Total	R89 048	R69 583	R249 655	R255 091

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Housing: shortage

174. Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) What was the estimated shortage of housing for Blacks outside the national states at the end of 1985,

(2) how many houses were provided in 1985 for Blacks (a) outside the national states and (b) in each province by (i) the State, (ii) local authorities and (iii) the private sector,

(3) when is it expected that the shortages will be eliminated in areas outside the national states?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) Approximately 221 572

(2) (a) In urban Black townships

(i) 9 213

(ii) 339

(iii) 7 061.

(b) In urban Black townships

Transvaal
(i) 4 348.

(ii) 299

(iii) 4 979

Cape Province
(i) 4 685

(ii) Nil

(iii) 595

Orange Free State
(i) 180

(ii) 40

(iii) 1 487

Natal
(i) to (iii)—Nil.

(3) The following factors will have an influence on the provision of housing and the subsequent elimination of shortages—

(i) Economic climate

(ii) Availability of funds for sub-economic housing

(iii) Availability of funds for infrastructure

(iv) Availability of land.

(v) The pace at which development by the private sector will take place

(vi) Rate of urbanisation.

(vii) Growth rate of the urban Black population

It is therefore impossible to give a meaningful reply to this question

Old Crossroads

178. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

(1) Whether any (a) rents, (b) service fees and/or (c) other specified charges are payable by residents of Old Crossroads; if so, (i) what amount is payable per (aa) person and (bb) household in respect of each specified charge and (ii) what total amount was collected from residents of Old Crossroads in respect of each of the above-mentioned rents, services and other charges over the latest specified

HoA

Where they did not comply the officials, where necessary, laid charges and either on their own initiative or at the request of the land owner or occupier, demolished the shelters. Squatters who qualified for settlement in Urban Black Townships were so settled where possible and others were assisted to settle elsewhere.

(b) and (c)

Western Cape Development Board

147 shelters, viz:
Old Crossroads 64 in Mahobe Drive and 83 next to the Nyanga Labour Office Building

Northern Transvaal Development Board

162 shelters, viz
Noodhulp—Tzaneen 162

Natalia Development Board

398 shelters, viz
Stanger North 151
Tongaat Coast 245
Pinetown 2

East Rand Development Board

515 shelters, viz
Delmas 30
Heidelberg 119
Nigel 27
Kempton Park 119
Springs 150
Brakpan 70

Eastern-Transvaal Development Board

86 shelters, viz
Trust farm-The Ranch 15
Kaapsehoop .. 71

West Rand Development Board

1 117 shelters, viz
Johannesburg (spread over 21 suburbs) 395
Westonaria (spread over 6 farms) 158
Randfontein (spread over 4 farms) 41
Roodepoort (spread over 9 suburbs and 1 farm) 183
Krugersdorp (spread over several smallholdings at Tarlton and Muldersdrift) 244
Sandton and Midrand (spread over 2 farms and 2 smallholdings) 96

West Rand Development Board

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

(1) How many family housing units were built in Soweto by (a) the West Rand Development Board and (b) private owners in 1985,

(2) (a) how many such units are being built at present by (i) the West Rand Development Board and (ii) private owners and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) (a) 1225—The West Rand Development Board was not physically involved in the actual construction of these houses but provided all the necessary project co-ordination and professional disciplines for the erection of the housing units by the City Councils of Greater Soweto

(b) 808 houses

(2) (a) (i) 477 houses—on the same basis as indicated in paragraph 1(a)

(ii) 40 houses

(b) 31 January 1986

Identity documents

278 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Justice

Whether any (a) White, (b) Black, (c)

Coloured and (d) Indian persons were (i) charged with, (ii) convicted of and (iii) acquitted on a charge of not being in possession of an official identity document during the latest specified year for which figures are available; if so, (aa) how many and (bb) in terms of what statutory provision in each case?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The information is not readily available.

Langa/Nyanga/Guguletu: housing

290 Mr R M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) How many new family housing units were provided in (a) Langa, (b) Nyanga and (c) Guguletu in 1985,

(2) how many of these units in each township were converted from hostel units?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) (a), (b) and (c) None

(2) None

Tempel Commission

308 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) Whether he has received the final consolidation proposals for Natal from the Tempel Commission; if not, when is it anticipated that they will be submitted to him, if so,

(2) whether any (a) Black spots and (b) badly situated areas remain to be moved in terms of the proposals; if so, (i) how many, (ii) how many persons are affected and (iii) when does his Department intend to begin implementing these proposals?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) If the question refers to the consolidation proposals for KwaZulu, the answer is no (I wish to point out there is no Commission with the title of the Tempel Commission There is, however, a Commission for Co-operation and Development) The Commission is in the process of analysing the large amount of evidence received in respect of its proposals with the view to presenting its recommendations to the Government

(2) Falls away

Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act

318 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) How many Black persons in each Development Board area (a) applied for and (b) were granted permanent residential rights in 1985 under section 10(1)(a) and (b) of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act, No 25 of 1945, in consequence of the Rikhoto judgment,

(2) what total number of Black persons in each Development Board area have been granted rights under section 10(1)(a), (b) and (c), respectively, of the above Act as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1)

	(a)	(b)
Central Transvaal	1 316	1 246
Western Transvaal	306	298
Highveld	1 505	1 490
West Rand	7 019	5 752
East Rand	7 986	7 470
Northern Transvaal	1	1
Eastern Transvaal	519	392
Orange Vaal	1 550	797
Southern OFS	112	101
Natalia	2 082	1 980
Northern Cape	15	15
Eastern Cape	596	513
Western Cape	10 424	5 557

	Lwandle	Mfuleni	Worcester
	R	R	R
(a) (i) Schools	—	—	—
(ii) Houses	—	—	—
(b) The Building/maintenance of Roads and Drains	—	10 000	—
(c) Electricity/Streetlights	43 477	1 470	7 930
(d) Other amenities and services	—	66 939	37 883
Total	R43 477	R78 409	R45 813

Bongweni/Brentville/ Mvana: improvements

215 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

Whether any improvements were carried out in the Black townships of (a) Bongweni (Kokstad), (b) Brentville and (c) Mvana (Howick) in the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available, if so, (i) what was the nature of these improvements and (ii) what amount was expended in each case?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(a) and (b) Yes, projects for the upgrading of Bongweni (Kokstad) and Brentville (Mooi River) are at present under way

(a) *Bongweni*

(i) Project	(ii) Amount
Renovation of hostel	R26 800
Installation of stoves (Hostel)	R30 200
Fencing of reservoir and Community hall	R20 000

(b) *Brentville*

Servicing of 100 sites	R350 000
Upgrading of soccer field and new tennis court	R 26 000
Stormwaterdrainage	R 20 000

(c) No upgrading in respect of Kwa Mevana (Howick) has as yet been commenced with as the retention of this urban Black township is still under consideration

Decentralisation incentive benefits

238 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Trade and Industry

Whether any industries that have been awarded decentralisation incentive benefits (a) have had these incentive benefits (i) removed and (ii) reduced, (b) were place-bound industries and (c) have since ceased to operate, if so, how many in each case?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

(a) (i) A total number of 92 firms have been notified that the incentives which they presently enjoy will be phased out over a period of two years ending on 31 August 1987 and, in the case of one company, on 30 June 1987 In the case of a number of firms falling under the sawmilling industry the incentives will be withdrawn only in respect of part of their production, namely wet sawmilling which does not qualify for incentives while certain secondary stages of processing do qualify

(ii) A total of 122 firms have been notified that certain components of the incentives package granted to them will be phased out In the case of producers of certain cement products and tombstone manufacturers the transport rebates will be withdrawn on 31 August 1987 and in the case of industries established at Coloured and Indian preference employment points the long term incentives will be withdrawn on 29 February 1988

(b) The withdrawal of the incentives of the 92 firms mentioned in (a)(i) above and of 38 of the firms mentioned in (a)(ii) above, ie a total of 130 firms, is being effected in terms of multilateral guidelines on the consideration of applications for incentives by raw material orientated and locality-bound industries as well as on the basis of a decision by the Government in 1984 to phase out the incentives of existing industries falling in the two categories

(c) The Decentralisation Board is not aware of any firm closing down its operations as a direct result of having to forfeit part or all of its decentralisation incentives

Natalia Development Board

244 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

Whether the Natalia Development Board paid any subsidies to community councils of Black townships in the 1984-85 financial year, if so, (a) what are the names of the townships concerned, (b) what was the total amount paid in respect of each such township and (c) for what specified purposes were these subsidies paid in respect of each such township?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Yes

(a)	(b) R
Colenso	84 680
Dundee	376 360
Glencoe	262 292
Greytown	431 413
Hambanati	919 960
Kokstad	291 927
Ladysmith	457 891
Matatiele	39 934
Mooi River	230 886
Ningizimu	6 507 721
Sobantu	1 093 389
Vryheid	316 257

(c) To compensate community councils for deficits on their general accounts

Trespass

254 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice

How many (a) Whites, (b) Coloured, (c) Indians and (d) Blacks were convicted of trespass in 1984 and 1985, respectively, in (i) each of the main urban centres and (ii) the Republic?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The information is not readily available

Squatters

261. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

Whether officials of his Department or any Development Board took any steps in respect of shelters of squatters in 1985; if so, (a) what steps, (b) how many shelters in respect of each specified Development Board area were effected by these steps and (c) where were these shelters situated in each case?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

Yes, officials of the development boards listed in items (b) and (c) hereunder

(a) Certain squatters were warned to remove their shelters or were given written notice to do so within 21 days and to obtain accommodation where their residence would not be illegal

Housing in City townships

C.T 18/3/86

Political Staff

NO NEW family housing units were provided last year in the Cape Town townships of Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said

Mr Heunis was asked by Mr Ken Andrew (PFP, Gardens) whether any new family units were provided in the three townships in 1985 or whether any of these units were converted from hostels.

He replied "none" to both questions.

A first for black housing
THE first black to own a house in the Western Cape took possession of his home in Khayelitsha yesterday.
Before introduction of leasehold rights last year, blacks were forbidden to own property.
The R23 500, three-bedroomed home was bought through an SA Transport Services housing scheme for employees.
Harriet Gilfi
Christie's
PO Box 650
Benmore
Sandton 201
ND LESS
..SO OUR PRICES

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Mrs Anne Alexander, flanked by her school-going children Roylawon, left, and Juanita, 10, and her year-old baby among their possessions on the pavement in Hanover Park

Family desperate for house

By RONNIE MORRIS

AFTER being a statistic on the City Council's housing list for four years, 27-year-old Mrs Anne Alexander, her labourer husband and three children are in a desperate plight

Mrs Alexander, her husband John, 26, and her three chidren aged 10, 7 and 1 have been evicted from the Hanover Park house they had been sharing with her father-in-law.

While they lived in the lounge of the tiny two-bedroomed house in Lansia Walk, a total of 13 people were living there

The overcrowding had become too much for her father-in-law and last November he gave the family notice to leave his house. Mrs Alexander has since been searching for a place to stay

Last Monday she was evicted from the house for the umpteenth time and she had to move to the exposed and dusty conditions in her father-in-law's back yard

The lack of basic facilities forced her to ask sympathetic neighbours for water to drink and to wash the family's clothes.

Already her 12-month-old baby son suffers from bronchitis and her schoolgoing son, Roylawon, 7, also has chest problems.

She says she approached the City Council, the Department of Community Development and the Department of Internal Affairs many times to draw attention to her family's plight Although every visit brought her nowhere to getting a house, she was told last year that her name was on the priority list

In desperation she approached the Hanover Park Advice Office, an affiliate of the Advice Office Forum, for assistance. The advice office cannot do much more than try to bring her plight to the attention to the authorities.

The Alexander family has lived with many other families in Hanover Park, however they were always been evicted and moved back to their in-laws.

rant hostels in Langa, Nyanga, and Guguletu yesterday were (from right to left) the Australian second
Chris Marchant, the Rev David Russell, the Canadian second secretary, Mr David Baker, the Dutch
y, Mr Luc Schillings, and the Norwegian consul, Mr Gunnar Skagestad, with the Western Cape Men's
Hostel Association organizer, Mr J Mpukumpa.

Embassy officials tour township hostels

By CLARE HARPER

REPRESENTATIVES of the Dutch, Canadian, and Australian embassies and the Norwegian Consulate yesterday toured migrant worker hostels in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu to examine living conditions in the townships

The embassy officials were escorted to several hostels by members of the Western Cape Men's Hostel Association and were accompanied by the Rev David Russell, the migrant workers' chaplain in the Cape Town diocese

The second secretary of the Australian Embassy, Mr Chris Marchant, said that "any pre-conditions I had about living conditions here have been fulfilled — life must be pretty grim"

He said there was "a possibility of the embassy contributing towards a local aid programme"

The vice-president of the Hostel Association, Mr Welcome Zenzile, said the association had invited the embassies because "we want people to see the reality of living conditions in migrant hostels"

The association, launched in June last year, has as a short-term goal been campaigning to improve the living conditions of workers, focusing on housing and migrants rights

"But ultimately we want these conditions done away with and proper family housing constructed," the organizer of the tour, Mr J Mpukumpa, said

The association, which is opposed to the contract labour system, believes people in the hostels have "a right to a family life", he said.

Mr Russell said "Many countries have invested in and employ people from these hostels They should see the conditions their workers cope with — it is inhuman"

Mr Mpukumpa listed the appalling overcrowding, the lack of decent homes, the shortage of washing facilities and the destruction of family life as the major grievances of the inmates.

The Canadian second secretary, Mr David Baker, who described the sprawling hostels as "awful", said his Embassy had given funds to the association for a health project.

The Consul of the Royal Norwegian Consulate General, Mr Gunnar Skagestad, declined to comment.

However, the Dutch third secretary, Mr Luc Schillings, said that in the light of the visit the embassy would consider helping the association

Anger at cancelled meeting

A DEPUTATION of 10 township residents representing the communities of Langa, Nyanga, Guguletu, Crossroads and Khayelitsha expressed bitterness yesterday over the cancellation of a meeting with the department of Constitutional Development and Planning to discuss the rent boycott

Angered by the "delay tactics" the committee said that until the negotiations were completed residents would continue not to pay rent

The committee said that unless the demands of the community were met on April 14, the date of the next meeting, they could not be responsible for the reaction of their communities.

The demands include that rent be reduced to R10 because of low wages and the high rate of unemployment, that rental arrears for the months December to March be cancelled and that the demands of the students be met

The director of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, said the meeting was cancelled as some of the officials "were called away on very short notice"

(b) and (c) Country	(b)(i) Business purposes	(ii) Holiday purposes	(iii) Study purposes	Total
Australasia				
Australia	2 607	13 839	215	16 661
New Zealand	453	2 615	46	3 114
Other countries	6	29	1	36
Sub-total	3 066	16 483	262	19 811
Asia				
Hong Kong	551	1 138	15	1 704
India	691	1 805	2	2 498
Japan	4 450	4 247	17	8 714
Korea	225	404	24	653
Taiwan	2 451	4 049	94	6 594
Other countries	636	2 793	15	3 444
Sub-total	90 041	14 436	167	23 607
Middle East				
Israel	2 081	8 693	85	10 859
Other countries	313	1 619	19	1 951
Sub-total	2 394	10 312	104	12 810
Indian Ocean Islands				
Mauritius	514	2 256	245	3 015
Reunion	48	542	17	607
Seychelles	21	118	14	153
Sub-total	583	2 916	276	3 775
Africa				
Zimbabwe	34 109	151 754	10 998	196 861
Rest of Africa	47 013	85 958	7 675	140 646
Sub-total	81 122	237 712	18 673	337 507
Grand Total	186 904	583 524	21 959	792 387

Unrest-related offences

723 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice

(a) How many persons were charged with the unrest-related offence of (i) public violence, (ii) malicious damage to property, (iii) arson, (iv) murder and (v) assault in the Republic in 1985, (b) what were their ages in each case and (c) how many of these persons were (i) convicted, (ii) released and (iii) found not guilty?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

The information is not readily available

Offences against the security of the State

724 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice

(1) How many (a) males and (b) females serving sentences for offences against the security of the State were released in 1985,

(2) whether any of these persons were released as a result of the State President's offer of freedom to long-term prisoners on condition that they renounce violence; if so, (a) how many and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(1) (a) 74

(b) 1

(2) (a) 18

(b) 1 February 1985 to 28 February 1986

Offences against security of State

725 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Justice

How many (a) males and (b) females were serving sentences in 1985 for offences against the security of the State which exceeded (i) 10 years, (ii) 5 years and (iii) 2 years?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(a)	(i)	153
	(ii)	101
	(iii)	73
		327
(b)	(i)	—
	(ii)	3
	(iii)	4
		7

Molteno: development schemes

728 Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

With reference to his reply to Question No 82 on 6 March 1986, what development schemes other than those related to the building and renovation of housing and the building and maintenance of roads and drains were undertaken by his Department in Molteno in respect of the 1984-85 financial year?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

Only the construction of nightsoil ponds and appurtenant works in Molteno were executed during 1984-85 financial year

Dordrecht: development schemes

729 Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

With reference to his reply to Question No 84 on 6 March 1986, what development schemes other than those related to the building and renovation of housing and the building and maintenance of roads and drains were undertaken by his Department in Dordrecht in respect of the 1984-85 financial year?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

No other development schemes were undertaken in Dordrecht during the 1984-85 financial year

Pensions/allowances

730 Dr W J SNYMAN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

(1) How many Blacks qualify at present for (a) each specified type of social pension, and (b) the (i) foster-care and (ii) child allowances, for which his Department is responsible,

215 municipal workers fired

JOHANNESBURG. — The George municipality yesterday dismissed 215 workers, the town clerk, Mr Carel du Plessis, has confirmed

The workers have stayed away from work since unrest erupted in the nearby black township of Lawaaikamp

Mr Du Plessis said the municipality would employ coloured labour to replace the dismissed workers, who would be sent back to the homelands

The workers would have until Wednesday to vacate their compound, he said — Sapa

Cannon prank misfires

Crime Reporter

AN old ship's cannon that disappeared from Camps Bay on April Fool's Day has been returned to its home — after a brief stay at a city hotel.

The cannon, dug up in Waterkant Street in the 1880s, has been in the Van Heerde family since then and the present owner, Mr John van Heerde, was upset by its disappearance

But after a report in The Argus on Monday an anonymous caller told Mr van Heerde where to find the weapon

He told the police, who found it at the hotel last night It had been stolen as a prank by three trainee caterers

"It was a youngsters' prank that went too far

"The lads who took it returned it and insisted on putting it back in the right position They even said they would paint it," Mr van Heerde said

PFP's Van Eck to probe George demolition plan

Staff Reporter

MR Jan van Eck of the Progressive Federal Party's unrest monitoring committee is in George today to observe the situation after the decision by the municipality to demolish a workers' compound

Bulldozers were to begin the demolition today, but a spokesman for the Lawaaikamp Parents' Representative Committee, Mr Kenneth Siboto, said residents would resist attempts to level their quarters

Mr Siboto said dozens of single workers fired by the municipality this week were still living in the compound, but this was disputed by the Town Clerk of George, Mr Carel du Plessis.

"If the municipality tries to demolish that compound there will be trouble for sure Our committee is doing the best it can to talk to the municipality about the buildings' future, but they just refuse to listen to us," Mr Siboto said.

Last week the municipality demolished 150 squatter shacks on the outskirts of Lawaaikamp township and on Monday fired its entire black workforce who were refusing to work, apparently in retaliation for the levelling of the shacks.

Mr Siboto said today that many municipal employees had lived in the shacks and were enraged to find their homes flattened when they returned from work

The municipality claims the squatters were in the area illegally and were unemployed

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210 518 'legals' in City area

Political Correspondent

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY — A total of 210 518 black people were legally living in the Cape Peninsula last year but the government estimates that the actual black population in the area was between 250 000 and 300 000

It was "impossible to give a breakdown of illegally present blacks" in individual townships, the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, said in reply to a question from Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens) yesterday

In addition, no figures were available on the unemployment rate of black people in the Peninsula and "legislation does not necessitate their registration as such", he said

Houses

Mr Heunis said that on March 31 last year the number of black people legally living in Guguletu was 77 989, Langa 26 060, Nyanga 24 170, Khayelitsha 19 046, Old Crossroads 17 958 and New Crossroads 13 458 In addition, there were 31 837 people living in Site C at the end of last year

He said there were 55 63[illegible] houses available at the end of last year in Langa, Nyanga, New Crossroads and Guguletu and "without there being any undesirable overcrowding"

A total of 30 084 were in Guguletu, 11 252 in Langa, 7 420 in Nyanga and 6 924 in New Crossroads

In addition there were 26 572 beds available in these townships in single quarters and hostels erected by employers

Guguletu had 9 277 hostel beds, Langa 9 179, Nyanga 8 116 and New Crossroads none

Mr Andrew said afterwards the estimate of 250 000 to 300 000 black people in the area was almost certainly too low.

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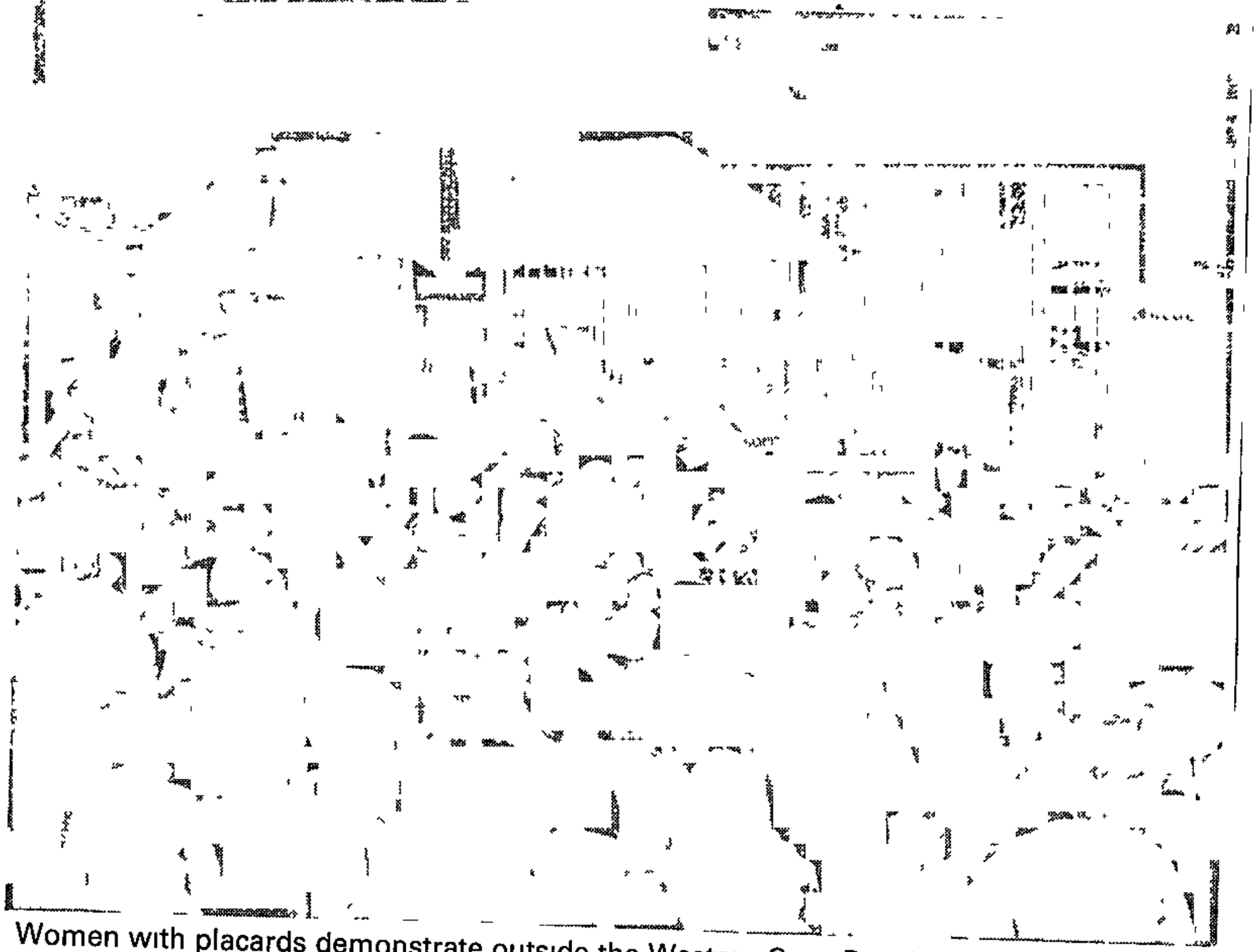

Women with placards demonstrate outside the Western Cape Development Board offices in Nyanga yesterday A committee of women met WCDB officials to discuss demands for lower rents.

Picture Obed Zilwa

WCDB, women meet over rent demands

Staff Reporter

A DELEGATION of women from Nyanga yesterday met officials of the Western Cape Development Board (WCDB) to discuss demands for lower rentals and better housing conditions.

Mr Sampie Steenkamp, liaison officer for the WCDB, said a committee of ten from a group of 800 people spent about 1½ hours discussing the demands

He said the delegation was chosen after board officials explained to the group that they could listen to the views only of small groups

There were also demands that students' demands for free education and textbooks be met

In Khayelitsha a group of about 400 women left posters carrying their demands at the board's offices, he said

uments Mr Maxwell was put up R30 000 for Dyn- To page 2

Reprieve for George workers

Council halts demolition

Cape Times 10/4/86

By CHRIS BATEMAN

IN A DRAMATIC last-minute reprieve yesterday morning, George Municipality agreed to stay the demolition of a Lawaaikamp workers' hostel pending the result of an urgent meeting late last night.

The reprieve comes amid rising tension a week after the municipality fired 215 black workers living at the hostel and employed coloured labourers in their place

The hostel was due to be demolished at 11am yesterday but municipal officials agreed to a "stay of execution" after urgent representations by township leaders and two MPCs

At the meeting, which finished about 10pm, the council provisionally agreed that no further demolitions would take place in Lawaaikamp This included the hostel, said Mr George Kellerman, National Party MPC for George, who played a key role in setting up the negotiations

Mr Kellerman said the council held a second exclusive meeting late last night to draw up a draft agreement which would include proposals for a cessation of violence in return for concessions on the rental payments and "the squatting problem"

Late yesterday the 215 former municipal workers were keeping their belongings at the hostel but had prepared themselves for sudden departure

The respite comes in the wake of mounting pressure on the municipality by Mr Kellerman and Mr Jan van Eck (PFP MPC for Groote Schuur) to negotiate

* The George Town Clerk, Mr Carel du Plessis, confirmed before last night's meeting that the reprieve would form part of the basis for negotiations on the relocation of the estimated 5 000 Lawaaikamp residents to nearby Sandkraal where "self-help" stands were provided

"The fact that the 215 didn't come to work is one of the minor problems — the main problem is the unrest in Lawaaikamp," Mr Du Plessis said

The issue of coloured preferential labour was not on the agenda for last night's meeting, he added

Lawaaikamp residents have refused to pay rents until living conditions are improved while the George Municipality has set an April 16 deadline for the payment of outstanding rents and the demolition of all "illegal" constructions

Residents face a 100 percent increase in plot rentals, effective from May 1, because of "rising administrative costs"

Commenting on his return from the township yesterday, Mr Van Eck warned that if the George City Council carried out its plans it would provoke "a major political explosion"

"I saw tremendous hostility and anger there today, it's like a powder keg The implementation of any one of the council proposals will lead to a major political explosion," he said

Mr Van Eck said he had found the township in an advanced state of neglect and decay

"How they can threaten to increase the rents is totally beyond me The place hasn't been serviced for ages"

New legislation tabled on sectional titles

Political Staff

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY. — A bill repealing the Sectional Titles Act of 1971 and replacing it with new legislation was tabled in Parliament yesterday.

The amendments contained in the bill are aimed at removing problems that have occurred since the sectional title legislation was first promulgated

It has considerable implications for all property owners having property registered under sectional title

For example, in terms of the present provisions of the Act a building cannot be divided into a single section and common property.

This has led to all sorts of artificial constructions. The bill contains provisions allowing sectional title schemes to consist of free-standing units.

The bill also aims to define the role of the local authority more precisely, when approving a scheme, and to eliminate the present overlapping of its functions with those of the Registrar of Deeds.

Sectional plans are at present checked by the Registrar of Deeds who, in contrast to the Surveyor-General, has not been trained for this task.

The bill aims at solving this problem by providing that the Surveyor-General will perform the same functions in the registration of sectional titles as he at present fulfils in the registration of conventional land titles.

The bill makes it possible for sectional title units to be separately rated.

The body corporate will thus have far less money to administer and the risk of loss to the owners due to fraud or maladministration will be reduced.

The proposed legislation prescribes for the first time the procedures to be followed when expropriation takes place.

It also gives a developer the right to register and mortgage a right to extend a scheme in his application for the opening of a sectional title register — which is not permitted in terms of existing legislation.

The bill empowers bodies corporate to purchase immovable property for owners requiring additional facilities such as parking and recreational facilities.

Provision is made for the registration of a right of exclusive use of a part of a common property, which the existing Act does not provide for.

Ministers cited in township rent battle

Supreme Court Reporter

A PETROL pump attendant from Nkqubela township at Robertson applied to the Supreme Court yesterday to have his R73,56 "rent determination" reviewed or set aside.

Mr Frank Ngubeni Shudula cited as respondents the Western Cape Development Board, the Nkqubela Community Council, the Minister of Public Works and Land Affairs and the Minister of Co-operation and Development

He asked that they be ordered to show why the August 16, 1984 rent determination for his house and 31 others in the same scheme should not be set aside.

Mr Shudula said in an affidavit that he supported his wife, his three children aged ten, six and five, his aged mother and his dead sister's four children

He had been allocated a new single-bedroomed house without electricity in August 1984, when he earned R251 a month.

In October he received a letter which said his rent was R73,56.

Rents had been determined in relation to earnings, he said, "but they completely ignored the number and ages of our dependants" He submitted that the rent determination was "beyond the community council's power" to set.

The matter was postponed to August 6 to allow the respondents a reply

Mr Justice Fagan presided. Mr J R Whitehead, instructed by N J Yekiso and Associates, appeared for Mr Shudula.

Storm over 'rent' bill

By ANTHONY JOHNSON
Political Correspondent

THE government has run into a storm of protest over a controversial new bill aimed at breaking rent boycotts in black communities by forcing employers to deduct money from workers' wages to pay local authorities

The Black Local Authorities Amendment Bill, tabled in Parliament yesterday, was condemned by the Progressive Federal Party as a "highly dangerous" measure that that was likely to spark industrial strife and increase unrest.

The leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, has slammed parts of the bill as "discriminatory" and "totally unacceptable"

'Vow'

Opposition parties have vowed to fight the proposed legislation — the brainchild of Mr Chris Heunis — "tooth and nail" once it reached the Standing Committee on Constitutional Development.

Clause 13 of the proposed law empowers black local authorities to force employers to pay outstanding rent and service charge payments owed by their employees "out of any salary or wages"

This applies both to employees of major firms as well as domestic workers

Should employers fail to pay, "a warrant of execution against the movable property of an employer for the recovery of any amount which he fails to collect... may be issued by a magistrate"

Failing this, a debtor is liable to lose both movable or immovable property

Another section of the bill that has provoked fierce opposition is Clause 11, which allows any person appointed by a local authority to be "deemed to be a police officer or police official".

Mrs Helen Suzman said Clause 11 was "very dangerous" in that it gave wide powers to "untrained and undisciplined" persons to exercise the duties of a policeman

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R10 rent or nothing, say boycotters

THE rents boycott in the Cape Flats townships, already entering its sixth month, took a new turn this week when a crowd of almost 1 000 women marched on the offices of the Western Cape Development Board (WBCD), demanding rent reductions

Ten elected representatives held talks with WCDB official Timo Bezuidenhout for more than an hour, while the singing, chanting crowd waited outside

Women living in the Nyanga area stayed away from work to march in protest.

"Youths stopped taxis to check that no women were leaving The men were allowed to go to work, but the women must march That was the decision taken at a meeting of the community last week" said a representative of the women

"The women are demanding that rents be subsidised and reduced to R10 a month," she said Current rents are between R18 and R20

By MOIRA LEVY, Cape Town

"We also complained that there are no lights in the township streets and that electricity bills for a single household can be as much as R100 The officials are not taking electricity readings but are estimating the cost"

The representative said the gates of WCDB were closed when the marching crowd was first spotted

"But there was no violence and no arrests The township superintendent told the army not to interfere with the march," she said

Residents of Langa, Nyanga, Guguletu and Khayalitsha began refusing to pay rents last November Township youths went from house to house, spreading the news of the boycott

A member of the rents boycott committee said "We are demanding that rents be decreased to R10 because of low wages and unemployment

Rent arrears for the months December to March must be cancelled

"The township streets are dark at night because of the lack of street lighting We want electricity installed in all the houses and recreation facilities made available"

The rents boycott committee's demands also include the withdrawal of troops from the townships and that maintenance work in the townships be continued, in spite of rents not being paid

The liaison officer for the WCDB, Sampie Steenkamp, confirmed that residents were refusing to pay rent, but he would not disclose the number of residents who are boycotting

"The figure is confidential Of course, the boycott is having an effect on township funds"

In Khayalitsha a group of about 400 women left posters carrying their demands at the board's offices, Steenkamp said

Shantytown dwellers resist council move

From MALCOLM FRIED

GEORGE — Residents of Lawaaikamp, the black shantytown outside George, are preparing to resist initiatives by the municipality to move them out.

As community representatives began on Wednesday to discuss the package deal (described by one representative as "crazy") proposed by the municipality, indications were that the offer would be rejected

The community yesterday wrote to the municipality requesting an extension of the deadline — which was to have expired tonight — for a final decision by Lawaaikamp on the deal

In terms of the offer, the 5 000 residents must apply to move to the new "self help" township of Sandkraal, must make good rent arrears and must pay 100 percent more rent by June or face summary eviction

If they agree to all this, they will be granted "undisputed occupation" of Lawaaikamp until December 31 and the municipality will provide essential services for the area

"But we can never agree to these conditions, they are crazy," Mr Kenneth Siboto, president of the George Civic Association, said this week.

Mr Siboto said the GCA — the resident's liaison group — believed the municipality was "asking everything and giving nothing in return"

"There is no way we can or will pay more rent. We have been getting absolutely nothing for our money up to now Rubbish piles up in the streets and dirty water runs between the houses

"There is also no way we will move to Sandkraal unless there are decent houses and not some wooden shacks there for us The deal only gives us more time to decide when to move"

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, when informed of the refusal of residents to move to an underdeveloped area last week, gave notice that all new houses at Sandkraal were to be built of brick.

However, Mr Siboto and others in Lawaaikamp are sceptical

Mr Phumelelo Booysen, the organizer of the GCA, said "We were being told to move long before promises of proper houses

"People still think they just want to get us out first and then make us start again on our own at Sandkraal"

A member of the George Youth Congress, Mr Franklin Ntozini, agreed "We cannot move from one bad place to another bad place"

Mr Siboto said a move Sandkraal would also prejudice those in Lawaaikamp "because the people cannot be further from the town, and they are used to where they are now"

"Most of them are unemployed, and a move would cost money People here have not got money"

The town clerk of George, Mr Carel du Plessis, has undertaken to discuss the deal with residents soon But he has insisted that the rent increase will take effect and that every resident must eventually leave the settlement.

Mr Du Plessis was unavailable for comment yesterday, but a municipal official has said houses in Lawaaikamp would not be demolished this week.

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Crossroads development needs residents 'approval'

Municipal Reporter

PROFESSIONAL urban planners are powerless to make any decisions about the redevelopment of the Crossroads squatter camp without the approval of the community, Ms Christine Glover of the Urban Foundation told a seminar on urbanization in the Western Cape

Ms Glover said planners felt a "sense of helplessness" because the traditional position of power which they as experts had over planning the living environments of other citizens had been "totally reversed" in Crossroads

This power now rested "entirely with a resistance-prone community"

Using classical planning criteria, planners would reject Crossroads as unsuitable for development because it was "a small triangle of swampy land" which lay directly below the flight path to an airport.

"Presuming the land was still selected, theoretically the maximum number of people that could be settled there is 12 000, given a normal density of approximately 150 per hectare

"Yet we are faced with a situation of more than ten times that number of people, all of whom are equally adamant that they will not relocate in the short term," she said

Ms Glover warned against imposing master plans and controls designed for first world conditions on informal settlements like Crossroads

Resist to the death

The urban poor were the "most prolific of city builders" who established their own form of land-use planning

"Development control mechanisms are lodged within the community which will resist to the death if necessary the imposition of external controls," she said

Community participation in planning was "the demand of Crossroads residents who see it as a non-negotiable right"

However, upgrading implied the legalizing of an illegal settlement and the collaboration of local and central government

In order for community participation to be encouraged, these "control oriented" authorities would have to relinquish certain levels of decision-making to the community

This could prove to be one of the biggest stumbling blocks in the development of the squatter camp

Ms Glover also warned that resistance to improving and legalizing Crossroads would come from the settlement's leaders who had taken on the roles of landlords and quasi local authorities

"Upgrading within Crossroads fundamentally undermines the power of the respective leaders, she said

● Left: Prima

Court ruling on housing issue soon

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The industrial court is to give a ruling soon on the dispute between the municipality and the branch here of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME)

The dispute is over housing subsidies SAAME wants the municipality to extend the subsidies to people who rent houses Subsidies are only paid to people who buy houses

The city council is opposing the extension of the facility to cover its 2 500-strong staff complement and which will cost it about R250 000 a year

The head of SAAME here, Mr J Davel, said argument had been over whether the industrial court had the jurisdiction to hear the matter and preside over the case

The council's legal representatives have argued that the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning did not exercise his discretionary powers in terms of the Labour Relations Act Consequently proper terms of reference were not established

The attorneys also argued that the city council had discretionary powers to decide whether or not it wished to pay either a housing allowance or a housing subsidy, but not necessarily both

Attorneys representing SAAME opposed the interpretation and the court indicated it would consider the arguments and give a ruling soon

No date has been set down for the ruling

No rent arrears reprieve

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Rent defaulters in the coloured areas have not been given a reprieve of two months, as requested by the Coloured Management Committee

This was confirmed last night by the acting chairman of the city council's action committee, Mr Errol Spring Mr Spring took the chair after Mr donald Card fell ill

Outstanding rent in the coloured areas stood at R100 000 at one stage, with the likelihood of it going up because of the recession and unemployment

The figure stood to be boosted further because of people being moved from section 498 in Duncan Village to Buffalo Flats The people faced heavy rent hikes, from R20 in Duncan Village to R150 in Buffalo Flats

The matter was taken up with the Department of Local Government and Housing and officials have visited the city The department has asked for motivation on the cases where hardship is experienced because of the increased rentals

Mr Spring said they had decided to continue negotiations on the matter but could not accede to the request as it was felt the matter would get totally out of hand

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Meeting on rents, houses

Staff Reporter

DEMANDS for lower rents and better houses cannot be settled without involving community councillors, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, the regional representative of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, told a delegation of Nyanga women yesterday

The 10-member delegation represented a group of about 100 Nyanga women who marched on the Nyanga offices of the Western Cape Development Board last week and again yesterday.

A member of the delegation, Mrs Thandi Ngamlana, said before the meeting that Mr Bezuidenhoud had at the last meeting "promised" to answer the demands

She said after the two-hour meeting "He gave us no answers."

Mr Bezuidenhoud said he could not "summarily accede" to the demands

Council 'yes' to housing units

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By BESSIE BOUWER
Municipal Reporter

AN attempt to remove "undesirable" shacks at the Fitches Corner roadworks camp, by providing small, separate housing sites in the western area for the Dias Divisonal Council's labour force, was approved at a council meeting today

The Dias Council will erect housing units comprising about 12 houses each at Beachview, the Gamtoos River Mouth, the Loerie coloured township, Kinkelbos and the Weston Location

The recommendation by the Health and Amenities Committee was vehmently opposed by a councillor, Mr J P Alberts, who said it was not desirable to have a "black compound" next to the white residential area of Beachview

He suggested that the housing units be erected in Colleen Glen

Another councillor, Mr D Saks, said the council had to be realistic about black housing — either residents had to remain in undesirable conditions at Fitches Corner or they had to be accommodated in improved conditions at different points in the western area

It was a tragedy that property owners accepted the necessity for decent housing for blacks but at the same time were not prepared to allot land on their properties for housing, he said

Although his ratepayers would not readily accept his stand, Mr Saks said he would stand by his views, because lack of housing would lead to problems

Mr F Kotze said there were no such things as "compounds" any more When the chief engineer had proposed certain sites, he had done so because there were services readily available to the people

It was also decided that no decison be taken at this stage on the erection of a housing unit at Fitches Corner

● At the same meeting it was decided — after lively debate — that dog tax collectors be paid 75% of the dog tax collected by them

Some councillors were of the opinion that the recommendation had been made because the Dias Council was unable to find enough members of staff for this type of job, while others said it was to control stray dogs which destroyed stock

Eastern Cape Development Board

647 Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(a) How many persons in each specified township falling under the control of the Eastern Cape Development Board lodged applications with the said Board to purchase houses in 1985, (b) how many of these applications had been granted as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (c)(i) what total number of houses has been purchased in each of these townships and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Town	(a)	(b)	(c)(i)	(ii)
Adelaide	—	—	1	31 Dec 1985
Alicedale	17	17	31	
Alwal North	—	—	1	
Barkly East	—	—	—	
Burgersdorp	—	—	4	
Cookhouse	17	17	34	
Cradock	—	—	—	
Despatch	18	18	45	
Elliot	—	—	—	
Fort Beaufort	—	—	—	
Grahamstown	—	—	—	
Hofmeyr	88	88	125	
King William's Town	—	—	2	
Kirkwood	—	—	—	
Molteno	—	—	—	
Port Elizabeth	4	4	26	
Motherwell	501	501	883	
Queenstown	2 065	2 065	2 065	
Somerset East	—	—	17	
Steynsburg	2	2	5	
Uitenhage	—	—	—	
Venterstad	100	100	142	
	—	—	—	

Pietermaritzburg: offences

662 Mr G B D McINTOSH asked the Minister of Law and Order

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Pietermaritzburg police district in 1985?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Pietermaritzburg	55	16	293	394	28	368	313	171	963	10
Inchanga	9	15	110	45	24	28	4	28	114	—
Mid Illovo	17	7	47	21	7	3	4	6	32	—
Alexandra Road	21	20	129	139	13	49	225	59	648	—
Bishopstowe	10	1	79	34	6	10	1	18	54	—

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Boston	2	4	26	14	1	4	6	8	23	—
Camperdown	18	16	144	114	15	28	28	52	191	—
Cramond	7	5	66	36	6	5	5	2	54	—
Hilton	1	5	34	35	11	11	16	10	108	—
Howick	14	18	228	138	16	28	53	63	230	—
Impendle	9	1	99	42	5	8	3	17	44	—
Mountain Rise	35	13	406	1 158	51	173	200	570	513	9
Nottingham Road	8	7	42	27	4	5	7	15	97	—
Plessislaer	293	60	1 108	1 097	168	385	139	742	1 049	—
Prestbury	—	1	13	25	1	5	19	12	123	—
Richmond	24	7	209	93	10	29	29	45	299	—
Thornville	9	10	63	38	8	13	5	21	58	—
Town Hill	2	7	25	16	8	15	46	8	160	—
Hammersdale	98	22	270	177	79	140	55	109	382	—

Note Abovementioned statistics are furnished for the period 1984-07-01 until 1985-06-30 Statistics with regard to the period 1985-07-01 until 1985-12-31 are not readily available

Duncan Village

690 Mr E K MOORCROFT asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) (a) How many housing units have been built by the Eastern Cape Development Board since it took over the control of Duncan Village and (b) when were these houses built,

(2) whether there is a shortage of housing units in Duncan Village, if so, how many units were required as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

(3) how many (a) halls, (b) clinics, (c) sport-fields, (d) cinemas and (e) water taps were there in Duncan Village as at the above date;

(4) whether any houses in Duncan Village are supplied with electricity; if not, why not, if so, how many as at the above date;

(5) whether there is a sewage disposal system in Duncan Village, if not, why not; if so, what type of system is used?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

(1) (a) None in Duncan Village

(b) Falls away

(2) Yes—5 458 housing units as contained in the Rive-report of April 1984

(3) (a) One community hall

(b) One clinic

(c) Two soccer fields, one rugby field, two tennis courts, eleven netball courts and one swimming pool

(d) None

(e) 1 377 water taps on premises and 165 communal taps

(4) Yes—128 houses

(5) Yes—1 965 houses are provided with flush toilets

Curfew regulations

704 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order:

Tresspass

493 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order

How many Black persons were arrested for trespass in 1985 in (a) each of the main urban centres and (b) the Republic?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

	Centres	Persons
(a)	Pretoria	1 118
	Johannesburg	7 325
	Soweto	198
	Durban	5 149
	Pietermaritzburg	477
	East London	33
	Port Elizabeth	633
	Cape Peninsula	365
	Bloemfontein	381
	West Rand	1 703
	East Rand	3 653

(b) 87 555 persons

Classrooms

531 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) Whether any Black children are unable to gain admission to schools in 1986, if so, how many Black children were unable to gain such admission as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,

(2) whether any additional classrooms are to be built in 1986, if not, why not, if so, (a) how many and (b) where will they be built?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(1) No

(2) Yes

(a) and (b) New schools and classrooms are continuously being erected on a considerable scale in all seven regions of the Department It is expected that 1 124 classrooms for secondary education and 1 370 classrooms for primary education will be completed during the 1985/86-financial year The unrest situation may however retard the completion of the buildings

Note

(i) In Natal 11 959 pupils from KwaZulu who applied for admission to schools of this Department could not be accommodated as the Department's planning is based on its own projected needs

(ii) Sixty pupils from Qwaqwa who applied for admission to schools in Harrismith could not be accommodated

Family housing units

534 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(a) How many new family housing units for Blacks were built in Port Elizabeth in 1985 and (b) what (i) is the estimated number of persons waiting for, and (ii) was the total cost of building, such units?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(a)	Development Board	100
	Developers and employers	328
(b)	(i) 24 000 families	
	(ii) Development Board	R407 346

Information regarding amounts expended by private developers and employers is not readily available, however, amounts expended range between R35 000,00 and R150 000,00 per unit

Ample Mayisa

549 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether the South African Police

have held an investigation into the death on or about 12 January 1986 of a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, if not, why not, if so, (a) what is the name of this person, (b) what were the circumstances surrounding his death and (c) what were the findings,

(2) whether any persons have been arrested in connection with this death, if so, how many persons?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

(a) Ample Mayisa

(b) Originating from a fight between warring factions at 19h00 on 11 January 1986, the deceased's body was discovered in a gravel pit on 12 January 1986

(c) Seeing that the criminal aspect surrounding the deceased's death is already serving in court, I do not deem it appropriate to offer further comments

(2) Yes, 21 persons

State of emergency

553 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether any persons detained under emergency regulations have been released following the lifting of the state of emergency on 7 March 1986; if not, why not, if so, (a) how many and (b) on what dates,

(2) whether any persons detained under such regulations were rearrested in terms of (a) section (1) 28 and (ii) 29 of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, and (b) any other statutory provisions following the lifting of the state of emergency, if so, (aa) how many, and (bb) in terms of what statutory provisions, in each case?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

(a) 323

(b) 7 March 1986

(2) (a) No

(i) and (ii) Fall away

(b) Yes (aa) 91 persons

(bb) 80 for public violence
2 for murder.
9 for assault with the intent to cause grievous bodily harm

Detainees

555 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) (a) How many persons have been detained under Proclamation No R 103 of 1973, as amended by Proclamation No R 226 of 1978, in each magisterial district since its promulgation in 1973 and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

(2) whether any persons are being detained under this proclamation at present, if so, (a) how many, (b) for what alleged offences and (c) for how long has each been in detention?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1)		(a)	(b)
	Msinga magisterial district	1 552	From 1973-05-31 to 1986-03-13
	Bergville magisterial district	119	From 1984-05-01 to 1984-07-26

'No more evictions in Zolani'

AGS 24/4/86

Staff Reporter

THE Ashton Civic Organisation based in Zolani township has urged the Western Cape Development Board to negotiate with them rather than the "unpopular" community council

This was one of several demands put to Development Board superintendent Mr Willie Fourie this week

The organisation's public relations officer, Mr Timothy Tyhalisisu, said the talks were "successful"

Main grievances had focused on the unemployment crisis in Zolani and rent payment difficulties

Mr Tyhalisisu said the board agreed to stay evictions of residents unable to meet rent deadlines, provided that they signed unemployment forms

Mr Fourie told them of a government job creation scheme, which would enable unemployed residents to work for R4 a day "cleaning up the township"

The organisation will hold a report-back meeting tonight

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Mitchells Plain R75m scheme gets go-ahead

Staff Reporter

A R75-million development scheme for Mitchells Plain has been given the green light by the Administrator of the Cape after a two-and-a-half-year battle over what the developers described as "prejudices"

The developers, K Property Projects, a subsidiary of Kirsch Industries, intend building a 29 000 sq metre shopping centre, Westgate, and 600 residential units on the farm 806 in Mitchells Plain.

Building is expected to start later this year after the plans for the infrastructure have been approved

The executive director of KPP, Mr Eddy Magid, said yesterday that the project would open up the entire Weltevreden Valley for the further development of 5 500 residential units

Some 1 500 to 2 000 jobs will be created by the venture, he said

The shopping centre will contain community facilities as well as retail outlets and will include a cinema and entertainment complex serving as a meeting place in the area

The economic houses will be constructed in a village-type atmosphere with certain streets allocated for business

Mr Magid said that KPP would also be contributing towards some services which will have to be provided

The owner of the property, Mr Charles van Schoer, said last night that it was the first time that developement of this kind "had been given to a so-called coloured person"

"It is difficult for coloureds to get development rights — the prerogative has always been in white hands We have persevered and won," Mr Schoer said

Mr Magid said "we struggled for over a year before it was finally approved by the Divisional Council, who sent a recommendation on to the Administrator".

KPP are expected to collect the written approval from the Administrator today

NAMC calls for help with arrears rentals

Post Reporter

PEOPLE living in council houses who are in arrears with rentals because of unemployment or short-time work, should be assisted, according to the Northern Areas Management Committee (NAMC)

This was decided at a meeting last night after consideration of a report by the Director of Housing, Mr Eddie Samuels, on all aspects of rental and instalment relief It was also recommended that

● The City Treasurer, Mr A Strydom, should be authorised to introduce a system to lower rents

● Tenants unable to proceed with the purchasing of their homes should be allowed to cancel their sales and pay lower rentals instead

● Urgent representations should be made to the relevant State departments for social relief schemes in PE because of unemployment

● A representative of NAMC be appointed to the committee dealing with rents and property instal[illegible]

G'town housing shortage shock

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DISPATCH

BY JILL JOUBERT

GRAHAMSTOWN — If a non-resident knows Grahamstown's coloured townships, it is Mrs J P Mostert, temporary social worker in the place of Mr Winston Middleton, who is overseas

And she probably knows the area better than most residents because a housing survey she undertook had her literally knocking on every door

Mrs Mostert leaves office at the end of this month Mr Middleton returns in mid-May

"But I shall miss my people and I shall miss the staff We have all developed a very special relationship," she said

Mrs Mostert, like Mr Middleton, is employed by the Grahamstown Management Committee and has worked from an office at the administration block

She will not sever all ties, however She is now on the committee of the McKaiser Old Age Home, a project very close to her heart, and will continue serving despite the fact that she now moves to the army base as social worker there

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She will be working in tandem with her husband, Lieutenant J P Mostert, who is welfare officer at the base, now doing an honours degree at Rhodes University The couple have a son, Kobus, 2

Mrs Mostert's research into housing in the townships revealed shocking overcrowding

It has been estimated that there is a shortage of some 500 units for a population of 8 500

"Many families live in one room There they cook, eat, sleep, wash with no privacy whatever other families are split, with children living with relatives. It is heart-breaking," she said

She said another aspect which needed attention was sex education

"There are so many unmarried mothers whose circumstances deter them from finding work even if there was any," she added

Plans are finally passed for Mitchell's Plain complex

JANE STRACHAN

PLANS for the R75m Westgate retail and residential complex at Mitchell's Plain in the Cape have been passed, nearly two years after the first application was lodged

Developers K Property Projects (formerly Kirsh Property Projects) will probably start construction of a shopping/community centre of more than 30 000m² next January and finish the complex within 14 months

KPP executive director Eddy Magid says the administrator of the Cape has approved the centre plans in full and has also recommended in principle the development of 600 economic houses in Mitchell's Plain

Final approval for the homes, for which there is already a waiting list of about 800 families, must be given in terms of a House of Representatives structure plan currently being drawn up But, says Magid, to all intents and purposes preparation and planning can go ahead for both components

The long delay in overcoming objections has added approximately R2,5m in price escalations, holding costs and professional fees. The project failed to get past the Cape Town City Council, which, among other objections, felt the CBD would suffer. KPP then approached the Cape Divisional Council, Divco, which gave the nod

R150m Pelikan Park housing

Political Correspondent

DETAILS of a R150-million housing estate for Indians in Pelikan Park were unveiled yesterday.

The 5 761 dwelling unit project was expected to meet Indian housing needs for at least the next 25 years, said the Minister of Housing in the House of Delegates, Mr Baldeo Dookie.

"This is a major undertaking and great care is being taken to make this a model, self-contained suburb," he said

The new housing project, designed to accommodate all income groups, is being developed in four phases and services have already been completed for the first two.

The prices of stands and houses were expected to be finalized within weeks, Mr Dookie said

Construction on the first houses had already begun and occupants should be able to move in by July.

A section of Pelikan Park was developed by the government last year as a special village for Indian MPs at a cost of over R9 million.

Mr Dookie praised the co-operation the House of Delegates was receiving from Cape Town City Council and the Cape Divisional Council in the development of Pelikan Park.

Arrangements were being made to place the many people wanting houses on a common waiting list "in order to allocate living units in a sequential order in future as it will only be in Pelikan Park area where development will take place".

Mr Dookie said an allocation committee was being appointed with his regional director as chairman. Members would include representatives of the City Council, Divisional Council and two members each from the Rylands and Cravenby management committees.

The minister said the two older "Indian areas" in Cape Town, Rylands and Cravenby, were already fully developed, except for Rylands Extension 4 which was in private ownership.

Pelikan Park was proclaimed an Indian area in 1981

From yesterday's

Self-help housing scheme launched

Municipal Reporter

THE first five families are to move into their self-built homes in the Urban Foundation's Coniston Park self-help scheme at Steenberg soon.

The scheme, which was officially launched yesterday, will house 391 families, according to the foundation.

Families are provided with a plot, a concrete slab foundation, basic building materials, service connections and advice on how to build their homes.

They provide the labour, any building skills they have and additional materials to improve the basic structure.

The project is designed for prospective home-owners who earn less than R800 a month and cannot afford conventional houses.

Coniston Park is being co-ordinated by the foundation's housing utility company, the Peninsula Community Association (PCA) which will assist owner-builders with planning and management and with securing loans from the National Housing Fund at low interest.

The Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture granted the City Council a R7,4-million loan to get the project off the ground and Sanlam donated R100 000 for a building materials resource centre which will converted to a multi-purpose community centre when the project is completed

Go-ahead for R75m project after storm

STIKES 27/4/86

By Ciaran Ryan

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K PROPERTY Projects (KPP) has been given the green light to go ahead with a controversial R75-million commercial and residential development in Mitchells Plain near Cape Town.

KPP — formerly part of the Kirsh group but now independent — developed the 40 000m² Westgate shopping centre in Roodepoort.

The new project will be known as Westgate Mitchells Plain and will include 30 800m² of lettable commercial area with a 7 000m² anchor tenant

Alternative

Part of the development includes the 600 housing units in Mitchells Plain and the provision of trunk services

The development caused controversy when the Cape Town Divisional Council withheld approval in an apparent effort to get KPP to choose an alternative site in the Mitchells Plain town centre.

An executive director of KPP and former mayor of Johannesburg, Eddie Magid, told Business Times: "We are delighted that Cape Divisional Council has approved the scheme and I think it is time we buried our differences"

Pension funds

The original plan allowed for a commercial development of 23 000m² and 450 houses — KPP agreed to provide trunk services at a cost of R1,5-million. KPP agreed to increase the number of houses to 600 on the understanding that sw ft approval for the scheme was granted.

It is almost two years since KPP submitted its project application. Costs have risen at an estimated 1,5% a month Approval was given this week.

KPP says the project will get off the ground in October after the development plan has been prepared. Building will be complete by Easter of 1988, but some sections of the shopping development will open before Christmas 1987.

Negotiations are taking place with a consortium of pension funds to arrange finance.

NCR heads for record

NCR Corporation's income for the first quarter of 1986 was $50,2-billion (R100,4-million)

This is an increase of 15% on the same quarter last year Worldwide revenue from the group's associated companies totalled $960,8-million in the quarter, a 14% increase on the same time in 1985

The computer giant, based in the United States, appears set for a record year The SA subsidiary does not disclose earnings, but the stronger rand has helped it achieve a healthy growth rate, says managing director Jim Houston.

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'Damp Atlantis houses are health hazards'

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From ADA STUIJT, Tygerberg Bureau

AN Atlantis doctor has warned that many houses in the five-year-old Saxon Sea development are damp, mildewy health hazards and that many occupants have chronic lung ailments

The doctor said he had written to the Divisional Council of the Cape about patients' houses, "but nothing seems to be done They still live in damp houses and I keep treating them for the same chronic lung problems"

Divisional councillor Mr Neil Ross has asked the council's health department to investigate

The doctor, who asked not to be named "for ethical reasons", said he had advised sick patients to move out

Housing crisis

"But unfortunately they have nowhere else to go because of the housing crisis"

He said he had pointed out the problem to the council a year ago

The chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association, Mr Noel Williams, said most of the 500 Saxon Sea houses, built on a dried-up vlei, should be condemned He blamed "shoddy construction and inadequate damp-proofing"

Divisional council secretary Mr C H Mocke, approached for comment about a complaint by Mr Robert Baatjies of Magnet Circle, said that "matters improved considerably after the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research took remedial measures to combat the complaints about mould"

He said Mr Baatjies was "welcome to hand back his property but will not be assisted with alternative housing because of the heavy subsidisation of his present house"

However, Mr Baatjies maintains that his house, and many others like it, should be condemned

The CSIR's aeration piping, which was installed in the ceilings recently, had not stopped the damp rot which was crumbling cement and cracking walls, he said

Mr Baatjies, a wage clerk, bought his four-year-old house two years ago for R22 000 He does not expect it to last the 30-year term of his loan

Asthma, bronchitis

Mr Mocke denied the allegations, saying that the house was found to be "of sound construction" after an inspection only two months ago and that the damp problem had been solved by the CSIR

Mr Baatjies has frequent asthma attacks, two of his three children have moved out because of chronic bronchitis and the youngest child, four-month-old Julian, has been under medical care for lung problems since birth

Mrs Delia Bamboe, a neighbour with the same problem, bought her house five years ago

She said the house had virtually become a "test case" in the council's battle with mould and damp

Over the years additional airbricks, chimneys and pipes have been installed, she has been advised to leave the back door open, and last week yet another work team installed more pipes in the ceiling

Her family also have lung problems

Saxon Sea resident Mrs Delia Bamboe and her three-year-old granddaughter Cerina. Mrs Bamboe wages a fulltime battle with rampant mildew growth on the ceilings of her moist home.

Teacher training colleges

*11 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 12 on 8 April 1986, his Department intends to build any new teacher training colleges for Blacks other than colleges which are already functioning and are temporarily accommodated in other buildings, if not, why not, if so, (a) where, (b) when, (c) what will be the total capital cost involved and (d) how many students will these buildings be able to accommodate?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

Yes

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
Gugulethu (Cape)	1991	R8,5 m	990
Jouberton (Klerksdorp)	1991	R7,8 m	630

Note

Another four colleges are being planned, but as the planning for these colleges has not been finalised, the required details can not be made known yet

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, has he or his department approached the Department of Education and Culture in connection with using some of the vacant places at White teacher training colleges to help supplement his needs for the time being?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, I have already said at a previous occasion that all matters concerning the training of our teachers and the improvement of their qualifications are currently receiving the attention of the department

New Zealand rugby players

*12 Mr M A TARR asked the Minister of National Education

(1) Whether his Department has been approached by any organisation or person to contribute any (a) funds, (b) personnel and/or (c) facilities to such organisation or person in connection with the tour of the Republic by New Zealand rugby players in 1986, if so, (i) by whom was it approached and (ii) what was the (aa) nature of the requests and (bb) response thereto,

(2) whether his Department will make any funds available to any persons or organisations in connection with this tour, if so, (a) what total amount and (b) for what specific purpose,

(3) whether he or any member of his Department was consulted by any persons or organisations prior to invitations being issued to any New Zealand rugby players to play rugby in the Republic in 1986, if so, (a) when and (b) what was the response,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION

(1) (a) and (b) No

(c) Yes

(i) The Transvaal Rugby Football Union

(ii) (aa) That officials of the Department assist in expediting customs and passport formalities upon entry by officials and players

(bb) The normal services, as available to all sporting bodies with regard to co-ordinating of customs and passport formalities, were rendered

(2) No

(3) No

(4) No

Fish Hoek/Ou Kaapse Weg: road

*13 Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism

(1) Whether he or his Department was consulted or approached regarding permission to build a road from Fish Hoek to the Ou Kaapse Weg in the Cape Peninsula, if so, (a) by whom and (b) when,

(2) whether he commissioned an environmental impact study in respect of the proposed site of the road and of the road reserve, if not, why not, if so, (a) who undertook the study, (b) when was it undertaken and (c) what were the findings or recommendations of the person or persons who undertook this study,

(3) whether he has reached a decision regarding this road, if not, when is it anticipated that a decision will be reached, if so, what was the decision,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AFFAIRS AND TOURISM

(1) No

(a) and (b) Fall away

(2) No Not relevant in the light of the reply to (1) above

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away

(3) Not applicable

(4) Yes

The hon member is presumably referring to the so-called Fish Hoek bypass road (Fish Hoek/Glencairn freeway)

This road was planned in 1967 by consultants for the Divisional Council of the Cape, the Cape Town City Council and the Fish Hoek Municipality and approved by the Provincial Roads engineer

Basically, the road by-passes the town of Fish Hoek from the Silvermine Bridge at the entrance to the town and joins up with the Kommetjie Road at the traffic lights at the entrance to Sun Valley

Preparatory work on the road is being done with manual labour, comprising some 300 of the unemployed in the Fish Hoek/Noordhoek area, under the Government's unemployment assistance programme Bush clearing within the road reserve and de-rooting is at present being done, as well as levelling of the route

The route does not involve encroachment on the existing sand dunes or other natural features Indeed, it will be a buffer between existing residential development and the sand dunes which fall in the Cape Peninsula Nature Area

Sandkraal

*14 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

(1) Whether a resettlement area is being developed at Sandkraal near George, if so, (a) why, (b) when was work on the development of this area for resettlement commenced, (c) how many persons is it anticipated will be resettled there, (d) from which areas or communities will persons be moved to Sandkraal and (e) what specified (i) facilities and (ii) services had been provided there as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) whether any houses have been built at Sandkraal, if so, how many as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(3) whether all of these houses have been constructed of bricks, if not, why not,

(4) whether any of these houses have been constructed of wood, if so, (a) why and (b) who took the decision in this regard,

(5) whether any tests have been carried out on these houses to ensure that they are fireproof, if not, why not, if so, (a) what specified tests, (b) under whose supervision, (c) when and (d) with what result,

(6) whether any promise was made or undertaking was given to any persons by a former Minister of Co-operation and Development that brick houses would be provided at Sandkraal, if so, (a) when and (b) to whom,

(7) whether subsequent to this promise any further decision was taken regarding the nature of the houses to be provided at Sandkraal, if so, (a) when, (b) who took this decision and (c) what (i) was the nature and (ii) were the reasons for the decision,

(8) whether any member of his Department has received any representations regarding (a) houses and/or (b) any other specified facilities or conditions at Sandkraal, if so, (i) when, (ii) from whom and (iii) what was the (aa) nature of these representations and (bb) response thereto,

(9) whether any persons were resident at Sandkraal as at the latest specified date for which information is available, if so, from where did these persons move to Sandkraal,

(10) Whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) No A new Black town is however being developed as no Black town existed in the vicinity of George

(a) Falls away

(b) If the development of a new township is being referred to, approximately November 1983

(c) The layout plan of the town provides for 1 200 sites which can provide housing to ±10 000 persons

(d) It is intended that Blacks should move voluntarily to Sandkraal from Lawaaikamp and other Coloured townships in that vicinity

(e) (i) and (ii)—Details are not readily available at such short notice but the following facilities and services are known to have been provided or are in the process of construction and being planned Temporary primary school consisting of 12 classrooms, tenders for the erection of the permanent primary school have already been accepted Community hall/créche, soccer and rugby fields and clubhouse, clinic, playgrounds and trading sites 512 sites have been provided with services such as water, stormwater drainage, sewerage connections, electricity network with highmast lighting which serves the entire area and connection points for each site All streets (+7,5 kilometres) have been tarred A further 200 sites are presently being developed and provided with services

(2) Yes, 98 as at 21 April 1986

(3) No It was a self-build scheme by way of material loans which were not forced on the residents concerned 92 houses have been constructed of wood, 4 of bricks and 2 are prefabricated houses The latter 6 were constructed by private developers

(4) Yes

(a) See reply to question 3

(b) The Blacks concerned could decide themselves whether they wished to participate in the self-build scheme

(5) No tests have been carried out but recommendations were made in regard to materials to be used to ensure that the houses are fire-resistant These recommendations have been passed on to self-builders for implementation

(a) to (d) Fall away

(6) I and officials of my department are not aware of a promise or undertaking to this effect

(a) and (b) Fall away

(7) Falls way

(8) (a) and (b) Yes, in respect of houses

(i) 15 January 1986

(ii) The Chairman of the so-called Liaison Committee of Lawaaikamp

(iii) (aa) It was requested that conventional brick wall houses be built for the present and future residents of Sandkraal similar to the houses provided to Coloured families

(bb) I have given instructions that a survey be made in order to ascertain the needs of each family as well as their ability to pay for proposed development

(9) Yes, on 21 April 1986 They moved from Lawaaikamp voluntarily

(10) No

Mr K M ANDREW Mr Speaker, arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, may I ask him how far Sandkraal is from George?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER· Mr Speaker, I can answer questions on Oudtshoorn better, but if I have to estimate, Sandkraal is probably some four or five kilometres, possibly closer, from George

Khayelitsha

*15 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

(1) Whether work has been commenced on the construction of a rail link to Khayelitsha, if not, (a) why not and (b) when will it commence, if so, (i) when and (ii) what progress had been made as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) (a) when is it anticipated that work on this rail link will be completed and (b) what is the total estimated cost of the construction of the rail link,

(3) whether the construction of this rail link has led to the disruption of any existing services, if so, (a) what is the (i) nature, (ii) extent and (iii) cause of these disruptions and (b) when is it anticipated that these disruptions will cease?

†The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(1) Yes

(a) and (b) Fall away

(i) During November 1985

(ii) On 21 April 1986 the work was 5 per cent completed

(2) (a) During December 1987

(b) R61,7 million

(3) No

(a)(i), (ii), (iii) and (b) Fall away

*16 Mrs H SUZMAN—Law and Order [Withdrawn]

Retswelele: certain person

*17 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether a certain person from Retswelele near Kimberley, whose

Western Cape Men's Hostel Association organizer Mr Johnson Mpukumpa addresses the meeting in Langa yesterday.

(124) CAPE TIMES 28/4/86

Role of women recognized

Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape Men's Hostel Association is soon to become the Western Cape Hostel Dwellers' Association in acknowledgement of the role of women

At a meeting yesterday in the St Francis Cultural Centre in Langa, held to launch a people's advice office, organizer Mr Johnson Mpukumpa drew laughter and shouts of "Viva" when he said "We realize we have discriminated against women If we aim at uniting families, we must involve women in the effort."

Mr Mpukumpa said the new advice office — "a small house with a red roof" at St Cyprian's Anglican Church in Langa — was to help all workers solve problems, "whether they live in hostels or makeshift shacks"

He said the Hostel Association had been formed because workers were oppressed not only on the factory floor but also where they lived

Appealing to workers to join whatever union was operative at their place of work, Mr Mpukumpa said everyone should belong to an organization

But these organizations should come under "some kind of umbrella or parent organization" because "it is important that there should be discipline in the way people are organized"

Guest speaker Bishop Patrick Matolengwe, in apparent protest at the inability of various whites present to understand Xhosa, chose not to speak in concert with an interpreter

Emphasizing that the success of the advice office depended on the members of the Hostel Association, he urged people to recognize that the office was "yours"

Cash boost for G'town housing

(124) 1/5/86 DISPATCH

Dispatch Reporter

GRAHAMSTOWN — The Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture has granted an amount of R1,8 million to Grahamstown for housing and housing-related projects plus an addition of R44 000 for water meters

This was announced at the opening of the newly refurbished Crown Cinema complex attended by the minister of the department, Mr David Curry and the MP for Addo, Mr Peter Hendrickse

Nearly R500 000 has been earmarked for core housing The further allocations are for kerbing (R131 600), developing parks and open spaces (R192 000), stormwater drainage (R221,520), a dump for garden refuse (R19 200), a vehicle dump (R14 400), tree planting (R9 600) and renovating scheme houses (62 400)

Added to this are the development of 132 serviced erven in Lavender Valley and job creation

Dr Brian La Trobe, the mayor of Grahamstown, also revealed that a site for a new municipal refuse dump, a long-time thorn in the flesh of the coloured community, had been found This was received with acclaim by the small group of invited guests

He said it could be said with confidence that things were beginning to happen

Dr La Trobe said the most biting problem at present was unemployment in Grahamstown and elsewhere

Mr Hendricks said while the Labour Party was committed to political emancipation and the social and economic well-being of all South Africans, the needs were not only long-term political goals but short-term bread and butter issues

Mr Curry said South Africans had a choice — violence or peace.

The Labour Party had chosen peace and negotiation politics He added that South Africa was removing discrimination and apartheid

Blacks already sat on the State Coordinating Council, the Urban Councils Association of South Africa (UCASA) and the Association of Management Committees (ASSOMAC) which held annual meetings with the United Municipal Executive

Mr Curry said a meeting was planned for tomorrow with the State President, Mr P W Botha to talk about local government

"Violence is a no-win situation There must be leadership The people inside the system have chosen the path of negotiating politics," he said

Mr Curry's tour took him to Sun City squatter housing, the Ghost Town housing scheme where renovations are underway and to the Mary Waters owner-building scheme where nearly half of the 52 erven have completed houses or are being built on

Mr J A Fouche, regional director for the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in Port Elizabeth, said a recent survey revealed sufficient ground for between 500 and 600 more building sites in the coloured area

Mr Curry was pressing for self-help core housing which could go up for as little as R5 000 to R5 500, Mr Fouche said

Soon after the start of yesterday's function, two women members of the Grahamstown Housing Action Committee presented a petition before Mr Curry calling for the abolition of the Grahamstown Management Committee

Hostel raids criticized

THE chairman of the Western Cape Hostels Association, Mr Clarence Mahamba, yesterday criticized last week's pre-dawn raid and arrest of about 100 people at Lwandle Hostel near the Strand as "proof of the government's empty promises about scrapping influx control".

Mr Mahamba said all but nine of those arrested on Wednesday had since been released after paying R30 admission-of-guilt fines on charges of trespassing

Those still in custody faced additional charges which included possession of dagga, he said.

Most of those arrested were women, "living with their husbands"

Mr Sampie Steenkamp, a WCDB spokesman, said police acted on their own initiative after overcrowding increased over the past four months and "certain elements" emerged

(e) No term of office is specified

(2) No Due to the current situation of unrest it is not possible to involve Black persons on a continuous basis but liaison takes place on a personal level with individual Black persons from the community

6/5/86 QCOR 1623

Langa, Nyanga, Guguletu: single-quarter accommodation

HANSARD 124

*29 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) Whether any improvements to single-quarter accommodation in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu (a) took place over the past three years and (b) are scheduled to take place, if not, why not, if so, (i) what specified improvements, and (ii) when, in each case,

(2) whether the residents of these townships were consulted prior to the improvements being effected, if so, what residents,

(3) whether the private sector financed or will finance any of these improvements, if so, which improvements,

(4) whether the Government or any other specified public authority or body financed or will finance any such improvements, if not, why not, if so, (a) which improvements were or will be financed by each such public authority and (b) what total amount (i) was spent over the past three years and (ii) is scheduled to be spent in this connection in the current financial year,

(5) whether his Department considers conditions in the single-quarter accommodation referred to above to be satisfactory at present, if not, what action, other than effecting the improvements referred to above, is to be taken in regard to the matter?

†The MINISTER OF CONSITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) (a) Certain single quarters belonging to employers, as well as some single quarters belonging to the Development Board that have been allocated to employers, have been upgraded during the past three years The Board was however not informed of the extent thereof or the expenditure incurred in each case

(b) No specific improvements are due to be carried out as all work has been suspended due to the prevailing unrest situation

(i) and (ii) fall away

(2) It is not practical to consult residents of townships about improvements to be carried out in single quarters

(3) Yes, see reply to question 1(a)

(4) (a) and (b)(i) Maintenance and improvements are normally carried out on a cycle of 3-4 years Although normal day to day maintenance were carried out during the past 3 years, no improvements were carried out, as a result of the prevailing situation of unrest

(b)(ii) No funds have been earmarked for any improvements to single quarters during the current financial year

(5) The Department does not consider conditions in the single quarter accommodation to be satisfactory As a result of the impending repeal of the influx control system it is envisaged that all single quarters in the townships will eventually be altered into family units and that employers who insist on housing employees in single quarters will be requested to erect hostels themselves

George: high school facilities

HANSARD 6/5/86

*30 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) Whether there are any high school facilities for Black pupils near George in the Southern Cape, if not, (a) why not, (b) where is the nearest high school for Blacks situated and (c) how many pupils can be accommodated at this school,

(2) whether any steps are being taken in connection with providing high school facilities in this area, if not, why not, if so, (a) what steps and (b)(i) where and (ii) when will these facilities be provided

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (for the Minister of Education and Development Aid)

(1) No

(a) The number of pupils at George does not presently warrant a secondary school There are only 32 pupils in std 6 at the primary school and 130 pupils in stds 7-10 at the Centre for Adult Education

(b) Fezekile Junior Secondary School, Oudtshoorn

(c) 350 The school presently has 174 pupils

(2) Yes

(a) and (b) A secondary school for Black pupils in George and the surrounding areas has been approved in principle Temporary buildings to accommodate primary school pupils are provided in the new township (Sandkraal) for Black people A permanent primary school is presently under construction and completion is expected by the end of 1986 As soon as the primary school pupils can be accommodated in the new permanent building the secondary school will as an interim measure be accommodated in the temporary buildings until a new secondary school can be erected

6/5/86

Non-White domestic servants in group areas for Whites

HANSARD

*31 Dr W J SNYMAN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning †

(1) How many permits in terms of which non-White domestic servants are permitted to reside in group areas for Whites had been issued by his Department in terms of the provisions of the Blacks (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act, No 25 of 1945, as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,

(2) whether in terms of these permits children of such domestic servants may reside with their parents in group areas for Whites,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) None My Department does not issue such permits

(2) No

(3) No

Own Affairs

6/5/86 QCOR 1626

St Andrews private school

HANSARD

*1. Mr J H VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Education and Culture †

(1) Whether his Department has given permission to the St Andrew's private school in Johannesburg to admit Black pupils, if so, (a) when and (b) in terms of what statutory provision,

(2) whether any Black pupils are enrolled

at this school at present, if so, how many?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) No, the Department of Education and Culture only took over this responsibility on 1 April 1986,

(2) Yes, according to information obtained from the Transvaal Education Department, there are at present 14 such pupils

†Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister's reply, is the Department considering any steps at all to end the attendance of that school by Black pupils?

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE No, why should they? [Interjections]

†The MINISTER No, Sir

Rent-controlled premises

*2 Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

(a) How many applications in respect of rent-controlled premises have been heard by the Bellville Area Rent Board concerning premises situated in (i) Athlone and (ii) Grassy Park since 1 January 1986 and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(a) (i) 4

(ii) 2

(b) 1 January 1986 until 25 April 1986

Damage to schools

*3 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) (a) How many schools situated in the Durban area and falling under the Natal Education Department suffered (i) petrol bomb attacks and (ii) other specified forms of attack during the period 1 January 1986 up to the latest specified date for which information is available, (b) what are the names of these schools, (c) what was the nature of the damage to them and (d) what is the total estimated cost of this damage,

(2) whether the Natal Education Department has taken any steps to re-supply the affected schools, if so, what steps,

(3) whether security precautions were being taken at these schools at the time of these attacks; if not, why not, if so, what precautions,

(4) whether security precautions are currently being taken at (a) these and (b) any other schools falling under the Natal Education Department, if not, why not, if so, (i) at what other schools and (ii) what is the nature of these precautions,

(5) whether the Natal Education Department has taken or intends to take steps to enforce internal security at schools being administered by it, if not, why not, if so, what steps,

(6) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) (a) (i) One,

(ii) four,

(b) (i) Port Natal High School,

(ii) Brettonwood High School, Durban High School, Durban Girls High School, Glenwood High School,

(c) Port Natal High School. 4 April 1986
The entrance hall and offices of the principle and secretary were damaged by a petrol bomb Severe damage was done to the contents of the offices

Brettonwood High School 17 April 1986
An attempt was made to burn down the Hall by setting chairs alight, an ANC slogan was spray painted on the hall building, 16 chairs were destroyed, the light fixture was damaged and the gallery side walls need repainting,

Durban High School 24-25 January 1986
Petrol was used to set the staff-room door alight Slight damage was done to the door only,

Durban Girls High School 7-9 February 1986
Double door to the refectory was set alight causing damage to the door,

Glenwood High School 24-25 March 1986
A window was broken in the Principal's office and petrol used to set fire to the curtains The wood panelling, flooring and carpeting were badly damaged,

Glenwood High School 31 March 1986
Extensive damage was caused to the Secretary's office by fire which destroyed the contents of the office,

(d) R22 800,00,

(2) Principals have been authorised to replace or repair damaged items,

(3) yes, visits by security personnel by means of roving patrols,

(4) (a) yes,

(b) yes,

(i) all schools,

(ii) all schools are to be visited by security personnel after nightfall by means of roving patrols Some schools with hostels are provided with security guards,

(5) yes, principals of all schools in consultation with their advisory school committees, have drawn up contingency plans,

(6) no

Transfer of functions

*4 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

(1) Whether a date has been determined for the transfer to his Department of the functions of provincial departments of libraries and museums, if not, (a) why not and (b) when will a date be determined, if so, (i) what date has been so determined and (ii) what functions will be transferred,

(2) whether the provincial library and museum services will be divided amongst Own Affairs Departments on (a) the basis of readership/visitorship or (b) any other specified basis, if so, why,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

(1) No,

(a) the transfer to the Administration House of Assembly is still in the process of being negotiated,

(b) when the negotiations have been concluded,

(i) and (ii) fall away,

Hostels to become family units

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Political Staff

THE government wants to phase out the controversial single-sex hostels for blacks and turn them into family housing units, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday.

He said his department "does not consider conditions in the single-quarter accommodation to be satisfactory".

"As a result of the impending repeal of the influx control system it is envisaged that all single quarters in the townships will eventually be altered into family units and that employers who insist on housing employees in single quarters will be requested to erect hostels themselves"

He said in reply to a question, which was tabled by Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Gardens), that certain single quarters belonging to employers, as well as some single quarters belonging to the development board which had been allocated to employers in Langa, Guguletu and Nyanga, had been upgraded over the past three years

However, "no specific improvements are due to be carried out as all work has been suspended due to the prevailing unrest situation".

Four die in sleep after inhaling heater gas

Staff Reporter

FOUR men died today after inhaling gas from a heater while sleeping at a spice factory in Athlone Industria

The men, employed by Hot Spice, were dead on arrival at Groote Schuur Hospital

Their names are being withheld until their families have been told

They were unconscious when they were found in their quarters at 7 45am — a steel container converted into a room

The manager, Mr Hamid Adams, said he went to the plant after receiving a telephone call saying that "something was amiss"

"They seemed to be unconscious and appeared to have passed out from fumes from a gas heater which they had apparently forgotten to switch off"

Mr Adams called a doctor, who summoned an ambulance and the Metro emergency service

"I found the windows of their room closed when I arrived," the doctor said

"I tried to revive two of the men who appeared to show slight signs of life I put them in the first ambulance

"Another man appeared to be too far gone to be saved and Metro personnel tried to revive the fourth They were also taken to hospital"

Mr Adams said he had bought the steel container for R3 000 and had it converted into quarters for his workers who had had difficulty finding accommodation and because he was hoping to introduce a night-shift at his factory to coincide with the start of the Muslim month of fasting, Ramadan

Mdantsane: rentals based on real costs

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Rentals in Mdantsane were controlled by statute and were based on the actual cost of the provision of services such as water, roads and sewerage as well as the actual cost of construction of houses, the Ciskei Director-General of Information, Mr Headman Somtunzi, said yesterday

Mr Somtunzi was commenting on complaints by Mdantsane Extension residents who claimed that they were paying higher rentals compared with those paid by residents in other Mdantsane zones

The Mdantsane Extension stretches from zone 13 to zone 16

The residents said they paid between R30 and R46 a month while their counterparts in zones 1 to 12 paid a uniform R15.45 a month and also paid nothing for water

Mr Somtunzi said the cost of building houses had escalated and the new houses, which form part of the extension, were provided with modern facilities

He cited the water supply and toilet facilities, saying these had been installed inside the houses while in the older zones they were outside

He said another problem stemmed from the fact that water meters had not been provided in other areas, and as result a flat rate was levied in such areas The new zones had been provided with meters, he added

He said the government had obtained the required finance and all areas in Mdantsane would be provided with meters

The government had recently approved of the implementation of a new policy with regard to housing and residents who leased their houses were encouraged to purchase their houses

It was proposed to reduce the sale price of the houses constructed during the period January 1982 and March 1986 to one sale price of R5 000 payable over a period of 15 years at a monthly instalment of R28 exclusive of service charges.

With regard to the purchased houses, any overpayment would be credited against the purchase price of R5 000, he said Lessees who decided to purchase their houses would be granted a rebate or discount, he added

Those who had purchased houses built before 1982 would have an option of having their instalments adjusted so as to enable the payments to be completed over 15 years

Mr Somtunzi said those who leased these houses would have their rentals increased to R28 per month with effect from September 1 this year

Residents would have the option to purchase these houses at the actual construction cost, which varied between R1 400 in zone 1 to the maximum cost of R5 000 in zones 15 and 16

The purchase price of houses built after March 1986 would depend on the cost of construction and of infrastructure, services and Mr Somtunzi said

Mr Somtunzi said residents who wanted to buy houses would not be required to pay a deposit.

Mr Somtunzi said the aim of his government was to make it easier for all citizens to be able own their homes

He said title in the form of a deed of grant would be provided to those who opted to buy their houses

Ciskei citizens would receive first preference when houses were sold, he added.

He said the necessary legal amendments were at present being finalised and the new scheme would be in operation "very shortly"

Big E Cape homes plan

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By DIRK VAN ZYL
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The construction of 5 808 new homes for blacks in the Eastern Cape has been approved as part of a national plan to finance self-building schemes.

This was announced today by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis

He said that by the end of February this year 74 such houses had been built in the region while a further 361 were under construction

Mr Heunis said that of the R600 million made available by the Government during the 1985/86 financial year for the creation of job opportunities for blacks, R126,5 million had been allocated to his department for distribution in the Republic

After consultation with the respective black local authorities, community councils and development boards, about R50 million had been allocated for upgrading black towns, such as the repairing of houses, planting of grass and trees, providing storm water drainage, etc

"The shortage of housing which emerged from the discussions is also receiving attention, and R75 million has been allocated to finance several self-building schemes which include the provision of infrastructure where necessary

"In the Eastern Cape, for instance, housing projects for 5 808 houses have been approved"

Mr Heunis said he had learnt to his sorrow that in certain areas the unrest situation was impeding the completion of certain projects. In such cases funds would have to be re-allocated to more peaceful areas

Mr Heunis also announced that of R160 million recently provided by the Government for the continuation of the creation of job opportunities during the 1986/87 financial year, R32 million had been made available to his department

Of the R49 million already allocated for the special job creation programme in the Eastern Cape, R1 397 586 had been spent

'Mobile home parks needed'

CAPE Times 8/5/86 (12)

Municipal Reporter

LAND in the Cape Town municipal area should be set aside for the provision of permanent mobile home parks, the town planning committee resolved yesterday

A report from the City Engineer's Department said pressure on the council to devote portions of existing caravan parks to mobile homes should be resisted

Yet the mobile home industry was a positive development which needed encouragement, the report said

There were no facilities for mobile homes in the municipal area and home producers had constantly voiced frustrations about the stringency of local authority regulations

Mobile homes were particularly suited to housing the elderly and single-parent families, who were hit hardest by housing problems

Four mobile home parks on the periphery of the metropolitan area — at Fish Hoek, Kommetjie, Melkbosstrand and Miller's Point — had filled up very quickly

Managers said there was an unsatisfied demand for mobile home parks closer to the City

It was envisaged that parks developed under the changed municipal regulations would be owned and managed by private enterprise, the report said.

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Police still 'Peoples Park' protest

Staff Reporters

POLICE dispersed about 100 people protesting against a scheme to build houses for Members of Parliament in Walmer Estate in two separate incidents at the weekend.

On Saturday morning the protesters marched up and down about a kilometre in Main Road, Woodstock, with placards declaring "Traitors Out" and "MPs go to hell"

Police ordered them to disperse in five minutes, which they did

And yesterday, about 60 people gathered on The Greens in Cambridge Street, Walmer Estate, beside the site on which grading for the building of the MPs' houses has already started

A volleyball field was marked out, a net was set up and members of a variety of organizations, both Cape Action League and UDF-orientated, began a game

More and more people arrived, some of whom were carrying spades Police watched from a distance.

A spokesman for Organizations United against Traitors (OUT) then stood on a bakkie and dubbed the area "Freedom Park" or "Peoples Park"

"It belongs to us," he said Earlier that morning six or seven people had been warned off the site by police who threatened to charge them with loitering, he said

About 25 policemen with long rubber truncheons, helmets and gas masks then lined up on the field One of the policemen with a megaphone told the people their gathering was illegal and gave them five minutes to disperse.

The crowd drifted away slowly and the volleyball net was dismantled Angry protesters hooted at the police van parked in the road

A spokesman said people had come with the "noble purpose of creating recreational facilities", including a swing, a volleyball court and a rockery

"The police came and interrupted that It was totally unnecessary and unwarranted. If they continue with this kind of activity, they are deepening anger among the people."

Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, a police liaison officer, said there had been incidents in the past there where people had threatened to interfere with the building process and damaged or threatened to damage machinery

"The police had no option but to ask them to leave the area," he said.

A policeman moves towards a crowd of protesters in Main Road, Woodstock, on Saturday. They were demonstrating against the building of houses nearby for MPs The group later dispersed quietly.

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Committee recommends the rezoning of Newlands

Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council's town planning committee has recommended that rezoning proposals for Southern Life's new head office in Newlands be approved

The committee met yesterday to consider more than 100 objections to the proposals, which would allow the insurance giant to expand its head office at Great Westerford to the adjoining Great Kimble and Little Kimble sites, although it has promised not to touch the latter

However, council officials are negotiating extra restrictive clauses which town planning committee chairman Mr Clive Keegan believes will help allay public fears

The rezoning, with the extra conditions — which have not yet been made public — must be approved by the Executive Committee and full council before being given the final go-ahead by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw

Mr Keegan said the issue had brought home "very strongly" the need for a greater level of public participation in future developments of this size

"The high level of local frustration, disenchantment and — frankly put — distrust, could have been addressed quite easily," he said

"If we have learnt one thing through this exercise it is the value of taking the public into the confidence of developers and planners at a much earlier stage than we have been doing"

Dr Peter Morris, a main objector to the rezoning proposals who gave evidence to the committee yesterday, said he had not expected the council to back down, but he believed the objectors had "certainly had an effect" on both the council and Southern Life

He said the objectors had proposed to the committee that the Little Kimble site not be rezoned but that a waiver be granted to allow extra bulk on the other two sites

"This would have some control because whatever goodwill or good intentions exist now could easily go in five or 10 or even 15 years' time," he said

Another big fear was the lack of on-site parking and if Little Kimble was rezoned the possibility existed of this being turned into a parking garage at some future stage, Dr Morris said

"This is a very substantial local worry and could be allayed The committee seemed receptive to that line," he said

The objectors still intend appealing to Mr Louw if the council approves the rezoning and a petition to this effect has been signed by 2 500 people

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HAIRDRESSING TRADE (PRETORIA)

Parties — Employer Organisations: S.A. Hairdressers' and Cosmetologists' Association (Northern Transvaal Division)
Trade Union: SA Hairdressers Employees' Industrial Union

Area — Magisterial Districts of Pretoria* and Wonderboom

Footnotes

1. X-rays - All workers must undergo x-rays within one month of commencing employment, thereafter on a two-yearly basis. Liability for expenses is not stipulated.

HOUSING

Black housing 'a call to wipe out backlog

Parliamentary Staff

THE Government should give priority to eliminating the abnormal backlog in black housing in the Peninsula, the Assembly has been told.

Mr Ken Andrew (PFP Cape Town Gardens) said the least the Government could do was help to alleviate the suffering caused by its coloured labour preference policy in the Western Cape over the years.

By deliberately preventing houses for black people from being built under that policy a large backlog had developed. This was aggravating a variety of social, economic and political problems

lar in the decision to make the arrest at the meeting or with the manner in which it was done which could necessitate an investigation into, or action arising from the incident

(8) The arrest took place without incident Some of the bystanders did however, ask the members who made the arrest where the warrant of arrest of lance corporal Wilkinson was In terms of section 40 of the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977, and section 52 of the First Schedule to the Defence Act, 1957, a warrant is not necessary in this case, and the person who made the enquiry was informed that he was interfering with the course of justice At the vehicle it appeared as if bystanders wanted to prevent lance corporal Wilkinson from entering the vehicle To prevent him being freed he was quickly helped into the vehicle whereupon it drove away immediately

†Mr P A MYBURGH Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, I would like to ask him whether, in the rather sensitive circumstances it would not have been beneficial if the captain concerned had a warrant with him and had shown it to those persons who asked for it

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, as I have indicated, it was not necessary to obtain a warrant and to produce it The Military Police identified themselves to the person and the person knew what it was about Therefore we did not deem it necessary

†Mr P A MYBURGH Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, may I ask him who gave him the assurance that the captain concerned did in fact identify himself, because the information furnished to the hon the Minister and myself by the public indicates that the person did not identify himself?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, I accept that when military policemen come across a person whom they have to arrest, they will tell him that they are there to fetch him, and also that they will identify themselves, and we have the word of these military policemen that they did identify themselves

†Mr P A MYBURGH Mr Speaker, further arising out of the Deputy Minister's reply, may I ask him whether he would be prepared to have the captain concerned sign an affidavit in respect of the fact that he did indeed identify himself? [Interjections]

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, the hon member for Wynberg is now advancing a very strange argument We are dealing here with a man who has evaded a law, who is asserting that the Police did not identify themselves to him There are members of the Military Police who give me the assurance, and whose word I am prepared to accept, that they did indeed identify themselves to the person The hon member is now trying to make out a case that they did not identify themselves We accept the word of the Military Police when they say that they did indeed identify themselves [Interjections]

†Mr P A MYBURGH Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, must I deduce that he is not prepared to ask the captain concerned to sign an affidavit? [Interjections]

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, the person who made the arrest, has already given us the assurance that he did identify himself It is not necessary for him to also sign an affidavit in this regard [Interjections]

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HANSARD Cosas

*16 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) Whether he or any Deputy Minister in his Department was consulted prior to the decision being taken to ban the Congress of South African Students (Cosas), if so, (a) when, (b) by whom and (c) what was his response, if not,

(2) whether he or any member of his Department made any representations to the Minister of Law and Order or any other member of the Cabinet concerning the banning of this organisation, if so, (a) when, (b) to whom and (c) what was the (i) nature of the representations and (ii) response thereto,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

It is neither customary nor in public interest to make known the contents of discussions held with Ministers concerned on security matters Also a pending action in the Supreme Court has been instituted in connection with the banning of COSAS which therefore renders this case *sub judice*

Q eQs 1705
Parent accociations
HANSARD 13/5/86

*17 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education

(1) Whether draft guidelines have been laid down for the recognition of parent associations, if not, why not, if so,

(2) whether these guidelines have been distributed for comment, if not, why not, if so, (a) to what organisations and (b) what person or persons were responsible for drafting these guidelines,

(3) whether these guidelines have been discussed with the South African Council for Education, if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS (for the Minister of National Education)

(1) No such guidelines have been laid down by myself or my Department
In terms of paragraph 6 2 of the White Paper on the Provision of Education in the Republic of South Africa, 1983, the policy is that the determination of guidelines on matters like these for schools at the local level is to be treated as an own affair

(2) Falls away

(3) The South African Council for Education gave attention to the composition and functions of parent representative bodies at its meeting of 25 November 1985 advised me that it be treated as an own affair I accepted this recommendation after consulting the Ministers of Education

HANSARD 13/5/86 Q eQs 1706.
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*18 Mr R M ANDREW asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether any persons were arrested in or in the vicinity of Lwandle, near the Strand, on 29 and 30 April 1986, if so, (a) how many and (b) for what alleged offences,

(2) whether all the persons arrested have been charged or released, if not, why not,

(3) whether any of these persons were found guilty of trespass, if so, how many,

(4) whether those found guilty were represented by legal counsel in court?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

(a) 172 persons

(b) Possession of dagga.
Trading in dagga
Possession of dangerous weapons
Possession of presumably stolen goods
Trespass

(2) Yes

(3) Yes, 163 persons.

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PFP warning on replacing pass-law raids

By BARRY STREEK

TRESPASS raids by the police seemed to have taken the place of pass-law raids, Mr Ken Andrew, MP for Gardens, said yesterday

"The government is playing with fire and will destroy any credibility it may still have in some circles if we are now to experience a wave of trespass raids in lieu of pass-law raids"

Mr Andrew said this after the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, told him in reply to a question that 163 of the 172 people arrested by the police at the Lwandle township near Strand on April 29 and 30 had been found guilty of trespass

Mr Le Grange said the other nine people had been arrested for possession of dagga, trading in dagga, possession of dangerous weapons and possession of presumably stolen goods

All 172 people were charged or released but none of those found guilty was represented by legal counsel in court

In a statement, Mr Andrew said the raiding of the men's hostel at Lwandle was to be deplored

"The Minister of Law and Order has confirmed that 163 people were convicted of trespass and that not one of these people was represented by legal counsel in court

"The raid took place in the middle of the night and people were tried and convicted the very same day

"All this is very familiar, except that we now seem to be having trespass raids in place of pass laws," he said

"Throughout the Western Cape there are thousands of wives, children and girlfriends living with their menfolk in so-called single-quarter hostels

"Everyone knows that — and it is nothing new"

● The Minister of Manpower, Mr Pietie du Plessis, said in reply to another question by Mr Andrew that no funds had been granted for projects to provide work for unemployed people in the Zolani township at Ashton but that "if acceptable projects for work creation are submitted by the private sector, such projects will be considered"

Residents fear water may be cut

Staff Reporter

NKQUBELA residents who fear water to the small township outside Robertson is about to be cut off, this week claimed that the Western Cape Development Board is refusing to accept their monthly water account payments.

Cutting off the water, they allege, will be the WCDB's way of "intimidating" residents, who have been on a rent strike since October

A senior WCDB spokesman, Mr Sampie Steenkamp, said yesterday that Nkqubela residents would continue to receive water as long as their service charge accounts were paid regularly

The WCDB office in the township is damaged and the entire community council has resigned No one has volunteered to stand for election

According to the chairman of the Robertson Civic Association, Mr Peter Nhobo, residents, although on a rent boycott, have made water payments at the WCDB offices at Ashton

Mr Nhobo said "Residents were told (on Monday) that the Board was not going to take their money any more and they were going to cut off the water. Naturally, because of the house rent, we suspect this is an intimidation method"

Mr Nhobo said that about three weeks ago, the electricity supply to the township was cut off "without warning" but as many houses in Nkqubela were not supplied with power, this was not serious

Mr Steenkamp said "It's not true that we are intimidating them"

He confirmed that the township's electricity had been cut by Robertson Municipality.

"The rent is a different matter altogether and we will deal with that in a different way"

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R6-billion new housing scheme for Cape Town

By TOM HOOD
Property Editor

WORK has started on a R6 000-million up-market housing development near Cape Town for 200 000 people which may be open to all races soon

The 650-hectare development near D F Malan Airport will be larger than Mitchells' Plain

All the 7 000 houses planned will be built and sold by private enterprise at "affordable prices" The first homes will be ready for occupation by the middle of next year

The project is in the Lower Kuils River area on State-owned land in the Blue Downs part of the Cape Flats It could include an inland marina where the vleis are most concentrated

Although the Government will not yet say so, it is believed in property circles that the area will be open to all races within a year or two because it borders on white and coloured group areas

Tenders for an initial R6-million of roads, water and sewerage contracts are being advertised this month and the Department of Local Government will soon invite house developers to get in touch with it

Building of houses should start in the first quarter of next year

All houses will be sold under freehold title and the State will not provide rented accommodation, says Mr David Curry, Minister for Local Government in the House of Representatives

"By making the initial move to get this project started the department is hoping not only to upgrade coloured housing in the Peninsula but at the same time stabilise land prices in this area," he said

In disclosing that work had started this week on the project he said he hoped that both large and small development groups would become involved

One-man teams and other small contractors may also be sold sites in certain areas

Roads serving as "development axes" will be planned so that home-owners or residents can conduct businesses from their homes or convert houses to business premises

Mr Curry says the aim is to create opportunities for the informal as well as the formal sector to provide jobs "on residents' doorsteps". This would create a balanced city and reduce commuting distances.

He said Blue Downs would offer a far greater variety than any of the other large housing schemes in South Africa because of the wide range of property developers involved.

Houses would be built to the taste of buyers who, in many cases, would buy on a plot-and-plan basis. Prices were to be "in line with market trends".

The Government plans to build a railway line to serve the area

Township residents to continue rent boycott

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Staff Reporter

A DECISION to continue to refuse to pay rent until the Government meets residents' demands was taken at a meeting of about 400 people in Guguletu

It was also decided that the Rent Action Committee, elected by residents of Guguletu, Nyanga, Langa, Khayelitsha, Crossroads and New Crossroads at a meeting in March, should take the residents' demands to "higher authority".

The meeting, in Guguletu Civic Centre yesterday, heard that efforts to discuss residents' grievances with black affairs official Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud had been fruitless

It was decided that because Mr Bezuidenhoud did not appear to have the authority to meet the demands he should be asked to name someone who did.

Other decisions adopted at the end of the meeting included

- The committee should find out from the Western Cape Development Board how many residents were paying rent Those who were should stop.
- Community councils should be dissolved because they had not been elected by the majority of residents and were not truly representative
- Sport and church bodies and trade unions should join the Township Co-ordinating Forum.

Housing plans 'no solution'

Labour Reporter

GOVERNMENT plans for a R6 000-million "up-market" housing scheme for coloured people at Blue Downs got a lukewarm reception from housing experts who say it will do nothing to solve the housing crisis among low-income groups

The development, near D F Malan Airport, plans to accommodate 200 000 people in 40 000 houses for home owners and will be built by private companies on land originally set aside for subsidized low-income housing

'Withdrew'

Cape Town City Council raised R50-million in overseas loans for the original scheme which fell through when the government withdrew its support

The chairperson of the council's housing committee, Mrs Eulalie Stott, said yesterday that the "vast majority" of people on the council's housing list could not afford to buy houses

Although she welcomed any attempt to provide more houses, she did not believe houses built by private enterprise for profit would solve the problem, especially as they were to be sold at market-related prices

She called on the government to raise the sub-economic income limit from R150 to R350 a month and to let houses to people in this category at rentals based on one percent interest on building cost

Ms Vanessa Watson, of UCT's Urban Problems Research Unit (UPRU), said private enterprise could not provide houses for those most in need

The shortage was most critical among people earning less than R400 a month who could not afford bond repayments

The chairperson of the Cape Housing Action Committee (Cahac), Mr Wilfred Rhodes, said the Group Areas Act and forced removals had created the housing shortage and that the government should take responsibility for housing the poor

The Blue Downs scheme would provide for middle-class professionals who should be able to live in the many houses for sale in white suburbs

'Trapped'

The Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry, said many middle-class people who wanted to buy their own homes were "trapped" in sub-economic houses because there were not enough up-market houses on the market

These people would leave cheap housing to move to the new township, leaving subsidized rented houses for the poorer people on the waiting list

The Blue Downs scheme would consist of different sorts of housing, including self-help housing, because of the variety of different contractors that would be involved.

Housing backlog scheme lauded

By KIN BENTLEY

WHEN plans for a major new initiative to alleviate the housing backlog in Port Elizabeth have been finalised, the city's Chamber of Commerce will be "shouting from the rooftops"

This was said today by Mr Tony Gilson, Director of the chamber, who added it was "premature to release details" of the scheme

In a report following the chamber's recent annual meeting, the manpower committee said "involvement and acceptance of various sections of the community" would be sought before implementation of any of the "imaginative projects" being worked on

Asked about the scale of the envisaged projects, Mr Gilson said he hoped they would be "major"

"Much needs to be done and it is the responsibility of employers to work towards it"

He said it was impossible to say when the plans would be finalised, as "a lot of hard work" putting together details and studying "legalities" was called for

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CAPE HOUSING

Talking billions

Cape Town City Council's frustrated Blue Downs proposed housing development for the Cape Flats is being adapted by government into a R2 billion project on a scale expected to rival Mitchells Plain

Tenders are now going out for roads and services infrastructure for 7 000 houses in the first phase of the project on 650 ha of State-owned land near D F Malan airport.

Carel Marais, project director for the Lower Kuils River Development Scheme, says it is intended that the project should grow into a development of about 40 000 houses on 4 000 ha, accommodating some 200 000 people

Much of the additional ground is in private hands The scheme falls under Minister David Curry's Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives Infrastructural spending to be footed by government is estimated at R140m over the next four years

Spin-off should benefit KPP's R75m Westgate shopping centre and residential scheme, recently approved by province after a thumbs-down from the city council, which is due to come fully on stream early in 1988

Developers are soon to be offered portions of the site at an, as yet, undisclosed price First houses in the initial phase — to be called Blue Downs — should be available towards the middle of next year

Marais accepts that the Cape Town City Council was an early motivator of the project, but he maintains that numerous other bodies were involved as well, prompting the intervention of government for the sake of co-ordination Council had to drop its plans when the land was taken by the State, according to Town Planning Committee chairman Clive Keegan

Overall planners for the area are Van der Spuy and Associates Inc Director Anthony van der Spuy describes progress on the scheme as "phenomenal"

He says the group has been quietly working on the project for about a year, but the bulk of development planning has been done over the past six months by a team including the provincial administration and local authorities ■

7 homes to cost R2,56m

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Political Correspondent

THE seven homes to be built for coloured ministers in Walmer Estate in Cape Town will cost about R2,56 million.

The Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works in the House of Assembly, Mr Amie Venter, said yesterday in reply to a written question from Mr Roger Burrows (PFP Pinetown) that about R295 000 of the total cost of the project was being spent on security measures.

The construction of the "ministerial mansions" — at a cost of R365 714 each — has been the subject of protest by residents who argue that having MPs in the area represents a security risk and a stigma to their neighbourhood.

Barbed wire and armed security guards now protect workers preparing the site.

Among those for whom the houses are intended are the chairman of the Ministers' Council, Rev Allan Hendrickse, and the chairman of the House of Representatives, Mr Philip Sanders.

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Divco tenants to pay more for housing

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

RENTS in Divisional Council housing estates "had to be increased" from July 1 this year, deputy chairman Mr Jasper Walsh said yesterday as he read the austerity budget speech of the finance committee chairman, Mr G M Basson.

● He also announced that Divco's general, health and local areas rates for the forthcoming year were all to be increased by an overall 15 percent, "due and payable on July 1".

Housing estate rent increases were "the lowest in many years", Mr Walsh said, ranging on average between R2,50 a month for a two-roomed unit to R3,80 a month for a five-roomed unit.

One of the reasons for the Divco rent increase was that "contributions in respect of rental losses" had to be made Other reasons included the increased cost of rates, administration, and insurance, and "excess water consumption"

In contrast, the City Council decided last week to postpone the "traditional" July 1 rent increase in its housing estates.

● Divco expenditure this year on the revenue account was expected to be R138 205 387, while income would be R90 030 500 The shortfall had to be met from rates

Shortfall

● Local area rates are Divco's equivalent of municipal rates in poorer areas Although these rates increased by 15 percent, except in Philadelphia, their subsidization from the general rate would increase by over R800 000 from last year's provision to R2,9-million

● Atlantis Industrial Local Area would suffer a 25,9 percent rate increase "to wipe out the recurring annual shortfall" Possibilities of recovering the accumulated deficit from the Atlantis residential local area were "remote"

● Capital expenditure of R66,4-million for the forthcoming year had already been cut by R4,5-million but still exceeded State limitations on spending by R2,7-million Special authority for this amount would be requested from the treasury, and if it was not forthcoming further cuts would be made

Extension of bird

Rents: residents to form committee

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A residents' committee is to be established in Milner Estate after the announcement that 169 families face rent hikes of about 50 per cent

This was announced yesterday by the two councillors for the ward in which Milner Estate falls, Mr P Rohtbart and Mr G Bassingthwaighte

The rent hikes are the result of R6 000 kitchen extensions being put on the houses, which were built over 30 years ago

A joint statement by the two councillors said they were greatly concerned about the hikes and would leave no stone unturned to ease the burden for the residents

"We have had numerous meetings with the MPC for East London City, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, on the matter.

"Obviously, when improvements are made one must expect rent increases. However, we will do our best to see to it that the increases are kept as low as possible and also that they be phased in over a few years

"We are definitely not happy with an immediate 50 per cent hike"

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he give consideration to having discussions with the other Ministers before he applies rationalisation to colleges and schools as he has indicated he will do?

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, I refer the hon member to various replies that I have given to questions in this connection I also refer him to the discussion of my Vote in which I indicated very clearly that this whole matter is now enjoying the attention of the department As soon as we find it necessary to conduct the necessary discussions with Ministers of other education departments, we will gladly do that

Cape Town Gardens: rent-control

HANSARD 3/6/86

*9 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

Qwr 2127 (124)

Whether any applications were received in 1985 for rent increases in respect of rent-controlled dwellings in the electoral division of Cape Town Gardens, if so, (a) how many and (b) what was the average percentage increase granted?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (for the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works)

Annual reports

1080. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

(a) How many annual reports were produced by the Department of Transport during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available, (b) in respect of what bodies were there reports produced, (c) what was the cost of producing each such report and (d) who did the printing of each report?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

Yes

(a) 9 Blocks of flats, consisting of 132 units and 4 dwellings

(b) 24%

For written reply

General Affairs

Animals Protection Act

1062 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Justice·

How many persons were prosecuted in each province in the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available for contravening the provisions of the Animals Protection Act, No 71 of 1962?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The required information is not readily available The Central Statistical Service has furnished the following information for the period 1 July 1984 to 30 June 1985 in respect of the number of persons convicted of offences where animals were maltreated

Province	*Cruelty to animals*	*Cattle maiming*	*Other offences against animals*
Cape Province	150	2	15
Natal	28	8	22
Transvaal	122	1	21
Orange Free State	35	2	2
Total	335	13	60

The total number of prosecutions instituted is respectively 415, 23 and 68

(a) 4

(b) (i) Report of the Department of Transport and of the National Transport Commission

(ii) Report of the Civil Aviation Advisory Committee.

(iii) Report of the National Road Safety Council

(iv) The Report of the Perishable Products Export Control Board

(c) (i) R25 150,97

(ii) R617,32

(iii) R5 152,00

(iv) R3 000,00

(d) (i) Cape and Transvaal Printers (Pty) Ltd

(ii) The Government Printer

(iii) Profund Print

(iv) The Perishable Products Export Control Board

Annual reports

1092 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Justice

(a) How many annual reports were produced by his Department, excluding the Prisons Service, during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available, (b) in respect of what bodies were these reports produced, (c) what was the cost of producing each such report and (d) who did the printing of each report?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(a) Three

(b) (i) The Department of Justice which consists of the Directorate Justice and the Prisons Services (for the period 1 July 1984 to 30 June 1985)

(ii) The South African Law Commission (Thirteenth Annual Report 1985)

(iii) The Legal Aid Board (for the period 1 April 1984 to 31 March 1985)

(c) (i) R11 423,22

(ii) R10 783,36

(iii) R1 344,00

(d) (i) The Government Printer

(ii) Cape and Transvaal Printers (Pty) Ltd

(iii) V & R Printers, Pretoria

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†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

HANSARD Qwr 2130 (255) 4/7/86

Executive Committee

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

(1) (a) What was the date of the election of the Executive Committee referred to in paragraph (4)(a) of his reply to Question No 697 on 8 April 1986, (b) how many members are there on this committee and (c) what was the poll in this election,

(2) whether any members of this committee were appointed, if so, (a) how many, (b) what are their names, (c) why and (d) by whom were they appointed,

	(1)(a) (i)(aa)	(bb)	(ii)	(b)
East Rand Development Board				
Duduza	2	None	1 021	1 635
Ratanda	3	None	692	1 296
Devon	1	None	75	80
Botleng	1	None	488	544
Zithobeni	2	None	823	882
Refilwe	1	None	500	526
As at 31 March 1986				
East Cape Development Board				
Humansdorp	1	None	46	50
East London	1	None	752	752
As at 30 April 1986				
Western Transvaal Development Board				
Carletonville	1	None	768	768
Fochville	1	None	356	356
Lichtenburg	1	None	552	552
Orkney	1	None	380	624
Ottosdal	1	None	35	64
Stilfontein	1	None	677	1 200
Ventersdorp	1	None	70	145
Christiana	1	None	64	144
Delareyville	1		160	160
Delareyville		1	36	48
As at 30 April 1986				
Northern Cape Development Board				
Boipelo	1	None	114	160
Huhudi	2	None	790	816
Boichoko	1	None	22	74
Thlakalatlou	1	None	76	96
As at 31 March 1986				
Western Cape Development Board				
Ashton	1	None	40	40
Robertson	1	None	221	221
Ceres	1	None	500	500
Hermanus	1	None	426	426
Paarl	1	None	3 652	3 652
Stellenbosch	1	None	2 371	2 371
Strand	1	None	2 176	2 176
Kuilsriver	1	None	2 560	2 560
Worcester	1	None	700	700
Langa	1	None	7 756	7 756
Nyanga	1	None	3 904	3 904
Guguletu	1	None	9 221	9 221
Khayelitsha	1	None	250	250
As at 31 March 1986				

Southern OFS Development Board

(1) (a) (i)(aa) and (bb) None

(ii) and (1)(b) Fall away

(2) No In most cases the existing hostels are occupied almost to capacity on a single basis

(a) and (b) Fall away

(3) Yes

(a) To provide accommodation for persons on a single basis where a demand exists

(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
120	1988-89	R180 000	Zeerust
16	1988-89	R 80 000	Sannieshof

A demand for accommodation of persons on a single basis exists at Pietersburg and Hoedspruit Negotiations are, however, in an early stage and particulars are therefore not available as yet

(4) No, except where circumstances should require it in future

(a), (b), (c) and (d) Fall away

(5) Yes

(a)	(b)	(c)
1986-87	Louis Trichardt	R100 000
1986-87	Naboomspruit	R205 048
1986-87	Nylstroom	R615 144

HANSARD 4/6/86 (3440)

Qamaguki Township (124)

1063 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

(1) How many plots of land are there in Qamaguki Township near Port Elizabeth,

(2) whether any of these plots have been sold to (a) individuals, (b) institutions and (c) developers, if so, at what price in respect of each of these categories,

(3) whether any plots had not been sold as at the latest specified date for which information is available, if so, how many,

(4) whether such plots are available for purchase by individuals, if not, (a) why not and (b) for what purpose will they be used, if so, at what price?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) 1 904 sites

(2) (a), (b) and (c) Yes

The selling price of sites for all categories are as follows

Leasehold cost

= R1,00 per square metre for residential sites
= R2,00 per square metre for service industrial sites
= R10,00 per square metre for business sites
= R1,00 per square metre for church sites

Survey cost = R65,00 per site
Annual Levy = R1,00 per site
Administration fee = R6,00 per site

(3) No, all 1 904 sites available have been sold in terms of the 99 years leasehold scheme

(4) (a) and (b) Individuals and instances are free to sell sites registered in their names in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme to competent individuals at prices to be negotiated by the parties concerned for purposes for which the sites are zoned

Q Con 2142 4/6/86 HANSARD (2277)

Social workers

1066 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Whether Black social workers paid or subsidised by his Department are on

Firms give up housing schemes

By AUDREY D'ANGELO

AN increasing number of Cape firms are withdrawing from subsidized housing schemes now that their advantage has been lessened by the new "perks" tax, says the regional manager of the Natal Building Society (NBS), Kingsley Loney

He said yesterday that many were now turning to the building societies to fund and administer their staff housing loans

This not only saved them the trouble of administering the schemes but freed capital which had been tied up in residential property

Loney pointed out that employers who did this could, if they wished, continue to subsidize staff members' monthly repayments so that they retained the benefits of cheaper loans

Companies could also lodge collateral security to enable employees to borrow more than the statutory limit

"This ties up considerably less of a company's capital

"We require only 50% cash backing for the collateral portion of the loan, and this portion earns interest at current fixed deposit rates"

London stocks after hours

Blyvoors 465, Bracken 128, Driefontein $13^{13}/_{16}$, E Rand Prop $3^{15}/_{16}$, Freegold 8, Grootvlei $3^{9}/_{16}$, Harmony $8^{1}/_{16}$, Leslie Gd 115, Randfont 65, SA Land Ex 115, Southvaal $26^{1}/_{4}$, Stilfont $5^{1}/_{2}$, Venters $4^{1}/_{8}$, West Rand 215, Zandpan 54 — Reuter

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Cape housing scam

Exaggerating the advantages of housing stock is nothing new in property, but agents in Cape Town last week found that it can be a particularly risky tactic where politics is involved

Expensive homes in the elite (white) suburbs of the city were being touted to all race groups on claims that exemptions from conditions of the Group Areas Act are as straightforward as loan applications to building societies, and faster in some cases Four to six weeks was cited as the normal delay

Agents have evidently been ignoring the provisions of the Act which affect properties throughout the peninsula, particularly in Constantia, Zeekoevlei and Marina da Gama

"Marina da Gama Coloured/Indian buyers I have a selection of prime properties in this area for you," reads a recent ad

Hopefully it did not succeed in attracting many purchasers across the colour line, since it appears certain that the sales are not capable of registration, and a loss on forced resale would be virtually inevitable in current circumstances

Apartheid still lives when it comes to property

Piet Badenhorst, Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, says suggestions that exemption permits are readily obtainable are "totally untrue" In fact, not one of three recent applications to the department's regional office in Cape Town has been approved, even where white neighbours have provided support in writing

Badenhorst confirms the Act is presently under review, but he appeals to prospective buyers not to be misled by speculation that it will be scrapped

"On the contrary," he says, "note should be taken of the fact that the government stands firmly on the principle of separate residential areas for the various population groups"

Cape Town agents have agreed to stop the controversial advertising, but they privately confide it is common practice for buyers of other race groups to acquire homes in white areas through white nominees, or through companies in which the buyer has a 49% shareholding ■

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Don't sign pay-by-the-1st order, Bellville residents told

Staff Reporter

BELLVILLE Civic Association has urged residents not to sign addendums to their lease agreements stipulating that rents be paid by the first of the month.

Residents say the adjustments to the agreements with Bellville City Council would take away a seven-day period of "grace".

The new clauses also provide for the agreements to be cancelled and houses repossessed if payments are late

Mr David Myers, a lawyer advising the association, said at a meeting in Bellville last night that clauses in the addendum would not stand up in court if contested because they clearly clashed with leases already signed by residents

Mr V Braam, chairman of the association, advised residents who had been asked to sign addendums to ignore them and asked those who had already signed to contact the association Any resident facing eviction for failing to pay on time would be helped

Even longer

Residents paying rent or instalments on homes in the council's Bellville South housing estate have received letters from the Town Clerk, Mr Johnny Marshall, asking them to sign the addendums in terms of which payments are due "strictly on or before the first day of each month"

Residents claim that in terms of existing agreements they have until the seventh of the month to pay For pensioners, who receive money in the middle of the month, the period of grace is even longer

A resolution was unanimously adopted at the meeting calling on Bellville City Council to withdraw the addendums.

Motherwell plan in final stages: 16 000 sites by the end of 1987

By DENISE BOUTALL

THE last contract for the servicing of Motherwell will be awarded next month and by the end of next year the nearly 16 000 residential sites in the massive black township will be ready for occupation

This was disclosed this week by the Chief Director of the East Cape Development Board, Mr Louis Koch, who said that due to the economic situation tenders had been so competitive that the cost of servicing Motherwell — R103,1 million — was well within original estimates

Moreover, Mr Koch is confident that the sites will be taken up steadily, pointing out that every day between 30 and 50 sites were being allocated in NU1, where buyers will be expected to build their own houses on a self-help basis

Of the 2 277 sites in NU1, 1 116 had already been allocated

"We are allocating the sites as fast as they are being handed over the by the contractor," he said

The servicing of Motherwell started in May, 1983

Mr Koch said all the shell houses in NU2 had been sold and almost all of them had been upgraded Although sales last year were initially slow, between 250 and 300 houses were being allocated at one stage after the board had undertaken an extensive promotional campaign

He said an encouraging trend was that employers, not only big companies but smallers ones and even the employers of domestic servants, were keen to help get their staff properly housed

The development of NU1 will be the first large-scale self-help housing scheme started in Port Elizabeth The board does, however, run 19 self-help housing schemes in towns throughout the Eastern Cape Since 1984 about 1 000 houses have been built in this manner

Another four self-help schemes will be started soon

In NU1 every site has been provided with a flush toilet and a water standpipe The idea was that the people who took the sites would be responsible for building their own homes They could either build it themselves or get a contractor to build for them

The board would provide advice and monitor the standard of building Builders could get loans for materials of between R4 000 and R5 000 from the board The board would have the material — bricks, cement, sand, roof timber and roofing — delivered on site

Because of the slump in the building industry, the prices being quoted for materials by suppliers were the same as two years ago, which was very advantageous to the builders

The scheme was open to anyone earning between R150 and R800 a month The size of house and type of material used would be determined in conjunction with the home owner, bearing in mind his ability to meet repayments on the loans

The entire household income, not only the household head's income, was taken into account when determining their eligibility

People who took up the sites could erect a temporary structure on the site while the house was under construction They would be expected to complete their new houses within 18 months

The monthly repayments would vary according to the income of the buyer

Asked whether the board would have enough funds to finance the large number of self-help builders who were expected to move to Motherwell over the next two years, Mr Koch said it was expected that at least some of the funds would come in the form of loans from the private sector — the banks, building societies and employers

In cases where a builder's income was too low to allow him to qualify for a loan from a financial institution, it was hoped that loans could channelled through employers

The development of Motherwell is part of the so called Rive Plan for the improvement of infrastructure in Port Elizabeth's black areas

Asked whether this meant that residents might face steep increases in service charges after five or six years, Mr Koch said it had been decided to cushion the impact by adding those costs on to the end of 30-year period of the loan so that any increases could be added on gradually and at a time when the buyers' earning capacity would have increased

Mr Koch said in NU5, where there are 1 058 medium density and 317 low density sites, had been advertised recently, the applications from housing development companies and individuals far outstripped the number of sites available

People interested in applying for sites in Motherwell should contact the Department of Development and Special Tasks by phoning 431143

First house opened in self-help project

Cape Times 10/6/86

Municipal Reporter

A CEREMONIAL wooden key was handed over yesterday to the owner of the first of 268 self-help houses to be completed in Belhar

Mr Edward Miller, a long-distance truck driver, said he had bought his plot for R10 000 in November last year and within three months he, his friends and builders had erected a three-bedroomed home worth R25 000 on it

Mr Dennis Lambert, chairman of the Divisional Council's housing committee, said it was impossible for the State to meet its housing obligations so it had to turn to self-help.

The Belhar self-help project is the council's second scheme The first, to build 238 dwellings in Grassy Park, has also been a great success

Mr Lambert said participants obtained a loan to buy a plot and building materials from the council

The initial payment, for plans and technical assistance, was R300 and the remainder could be paid off over 30 years at interest rates of between three and 11,25 percent, depending on a participant's income.

Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, said Mr Miller's monthly payments would be only R73 a month, as he had drawn only R4 746 out of his allocation of R7 000

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Rondevlei housing scheme slammed

By DIANE CASSERE
Environment Reporter

THE Zeekoevlei Civic Association (ZCA) has strongly condemned plans for a proposed economic-housing scheme on the area adjacent to Rondevlei Bird Sanctuary

It has entered the controversy with a strongly-worded petition protesting against the move, tabled at a special meeting called by the association on Wednesday night. The petition will be circulated to all ratepayers and can also be signed at the Zeekoevlei farm stall.

An extension to the sanctuary was approved in principle by the Divisional Council last week. However, conservationists have objected to City Council plans to build the housing scheme adjacent to this on the grounds that poaching and pollution would follow

The chairman of the ZCA, Mr D W James, said the area in question was a seasonal wet-land which formed an integral part of the ecology, without which the bird sanctuary could not survive An adjacent low-income housing scheme would also seriously affect the aesthetic value of the entire area

Incorporated

Koeberg: Support for call by Coogan

Municipal Reporter

AN exercise to test Cape Town's nuclear-emergency measures should be held, the executive committee of the City Council resolved yesterday

The amenities and health committee made the same resolution earlier this month after Cape Town's Medical Officer of Health, Dr Reg Coogan, described present emergency measures as "highly unsatisfactory"

One of Dr Coogan's objections was that Cape Town Civil Defence had never yet been called upon to exercise its capability to reduce casualties in the event of a major release from Koeberg (nuclear power station)"

Another objection was that the man responsible for ordering the implementation of emergency measures was whichever Escom nuclear engineer happened to be on duty

The scale of the exercise had yet to be determined, a spokesman said

Businessman cl

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Still no decision on beach bungalows

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Municipal Reporter

THE future of the Clifton, Bakoven and Glen Beach bungalows is in the balance as city councillors ponder a city engineer's report

But bungalow owners are likely to be kept in the dark for at least another two months before the council makes a decision and the report is made public

A council policy plan in January last year recommended higher market-related site rents for the sought-after bungalows and possible extension of monthly leases to 20 years.

But this was opposed by residents and councillors for the area who called for freehold tenure

As a majority of councillors appeared to favour this option, the Executive Committee asked for a city engineer's report on which bungalows could be sold and which sites should be kept for development of amenities or parking sites

Tenants have been waiting anxiously since and councillor Mr Chris Joubert told the council that estate agents had "pressured" many old people to sell because of rumours and uncertainty

The report finally reached the Executive Committee yesterday but it must be referred to all four of the council's standing comittees, during which time it will remain confidential

Pending property transactions are traditionally kept secret and the bungalow report, which includes independent price evaluations, is no exception.

A council official said it was unlikely that the report would reach the full council in the next two months

applied as an experimental measure for a period of 6 months in the prescribed areas of Pretoria and Bloemfontein

(3) Yes

(a) *Development Board*

West Rand	147
East Rand	232
Central Transvaal	85
Western Transvaal	48
Northern Transvaal	54
Eastern Transvaal	46
Highveld	10
Orange Vaal	219
East Cape	79
Northern Cape	29
Western Cape	82
Southern Orange Free State	38
Natalia	135

(b) The abolition of influx control

(c) Various, for example training of unemployed persons, assistance in connection with the processing of applications for new identity document, following up and collection of levies, stand by duty, security services, sport activities, administrative duties, liaison with employers with regard to solving of problems, promotion of the training of the unemployed in terms of guidelines by the Department of Manpower, guarding of board property, ambulance-, fire fighting- and traffic services, protection of council members, assist with general or routine administration in residential areas, collection of transport levies, unemployment benefits e g the tracing of beneficiaries

Annual reports

1103 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of National Health and Population Development

(a) How many annual reports were produced by his Department during the latest specified period of 12 months for which information is available, (b) in respect of what bodies were these reports produced, (c) what was the cost of producing each such report and (d) who did the printing of each report?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

(a) Three

(b) (i) The Medical Bureau for Occupational Diseases, period ending 31 March 1985

(ii) The Compensation Commissioner for Occupational Diseases, period ending 31 March 1985

(iii) The Departmental Annual Report, period ending 31 December 1985

(c) (i) R721,50

(ii) R2 359,30

(iii) R56 793, 34.

(d) (i) The Government Printer

(ii) The Government Printer

(iii) The Government Printer's Contractor, Messrs CTP Book Printers, Cape Town

Note Annual Reports of Statutory Bodies are not handled by the department

Hitge Committee

1110 Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

(1) Whether the Hitge Committee has completed its investigation into arrear payments of rent and service charges in Black residential areas; if so,

(2) whether he intends making the findings of this committee public, if not, why not, if so, when?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) Yes The assignment of the committee was to investigate the amounts and composition of municipal rates and levies of Black residents in the Vaal Triangle in comparison with rates and levies in other municipal areas

(2) The findings were announced in a press statement by Deputy Minister S J de Beer on 11 April 1985 in Cape Town

Western Cape Development Board

1112. Prof N J J OLIVIER asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning·

Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 536 on 26 March 1986, the Western Cape Development Board has prepared its estimates for the 1986-87 financial year, if not, when will they be completed; if so, *(a)* what amount has been allocated for maintenance and development projects in townships in the Western Cape and *(b)* on what specified maintenance or development projects will this money be spent?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING·

Yes

(a) The estimate for the 1986/87 financial year for maintenance is R24 405 570,00 and for development R88 952 045,00

(b) Funds will be utilised as follows:

	Maintenance Projects	Development Projects
Town Planning and Development	—	5 099 000,00
Land	—	326 000,00
Site Levelling	—	13 102 935,00
Cemetery	22 000,00	602 000,00
Electricity	154 000,00	15 766 635,00
Sewerage	79 900,00	4 226 000,00
Emergency Housing	2 000,00	—
Fencing	134 750,00	181 910,00
Parks and Playgrounds	6 150,00	—
Sportgrounds	67 360,00	—
Streets	561 400,00	18 403 515,00
Swimmingbaths	62 200,00	—
Purification Works	20 000,00	—
Stormwater Drainage	280 300,00	11 187 120,00
Traffic signs	8 800,00	—
Water Reticulation	172 635,00	6 432 265,00
Housing	22 297 800,00	5 820 335,00
Streetlights	72 100,00	—
Buildings	464 175,00	7 804 330,00
	24 405 570,00	88 952 045,00

KwaNdebele

1124 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

(1) Of how many members does the KwaNdebele Legislative Assembly consist;

Plea on Walmer Estate land stymied

Supreme Court Reporter

RESIDENTS of Walmer Estate seeking to stop the erection of luxury homes for House of Representatives ministers on recreational land "had the rug pulled out from under their feet" yesterday.

Mr Anwah Nagia, in his personal capacity and as secretary of the Salt River, Woodstock and Walmer Estate Residents' Association, applied for a Supreme Court order halting development on the land

Govt expropriated the land

However, on Thursday, the day before the application was to be heard, the government expropriated the land from the City Council, effectively preventing any recourse to the court

During a brief hearing in the Supreme Court yesterday, Mr Justice Tebbutt told counsel for the applicant, Mr L R Dison SC "I hope you are not going to just thump a tub"

Mr Dison began to address the court but was interrupted by the judge, who said the property concerned had been expropriated, "the rug has been pulled from under your feet" and the only matter to be decided was the question of costs

"What is the purpose of your address to me? To tell the public what is going on, obviously," Mr Justice Tebbutt said.

Mr Dison replied "We feel very aggrieved because we had a very good case to stop this development because of irregularities But the government stepped in and served a notice of expropriation obviously with the object of circumventing existing controls and to draw a veil over what has happened"

Postponing the matter to the fourth division for a decision on costs, the judge said he could not allow the court to be used as a forum for public address on a matter which did not concern the court

The land in question, according to papers before court, was until last month "a natural area with trees, bushes and grass and a small stream running through it" It has been used for many years by residents of Walmer Estate as a recreational area and natural park.

Mr Nagia said he had caught tadpoles there as a boy.

Mr Nagia alleged in an affidavit that the planned development of the area "has been brought about clandestinely and in the most concealed manner", with the result that local residents were unaware of what was going on and unable to object

Required notice to the public had been absent except in one instance, when it had been "inadequate and misleading"

Before the land was rezoned from public open space to residential use, advertisements calling for objections described the land as "portions of erf 800 Vredehoek" — a deeds office description which members of the public could not be expected to recognize as Walmer Estate

The land has now been cleared of trees, graded and surrounded with barbed wire The planned mansions are to cost R365 714 each and security for the area is going to cost another R295 000

"Foisted upon the community"

Mr Nagia said the mansions — "foisted upon the community" — posed an enduring risk as they could be "expected to be prime targets for an armed attack"

He said that only 4,14 percent of registered voters voted in the entire "coloured election" of 1984

He said finally that it was important that the quality of life of ordinary citizens should not be allowed to be eroded by the arbitrary and illegal actions of officialdom

Mr Dison was assisted by Mr S A Majiedt and instructed by E Moosa and Associates Mr W G Burger SC, with Mr D G Scott and instructed by the State Attorney's Office, appeared for the Administrator and the Minister of Public Works and Land Affairs

Anger at R2,8m housing

Staff Reporter

THE proposed spending of nearly R2,8-million on houses in Walmer Estate for seven House of Representatives ministers was "obscene", the local residents' association said yesterday

Mr Siraj Desai, chairman of the Salt River, Woodstock and Walmer Estate Residents' Association, said the state of emergency regulations compelled him to issue a "'rather mild" statement

The statement said Mr Justice Tebbutt had rightly pointed out that government expropriation of land that was the subject of a court application had "pulled the rug from under our feet"

"I must say that members of our association are not strangers to the concept of expropriation

"As our counsel Mr L R Dison, SC, pointed out in court, this expropriation circumvents all planning controls on the statute books which are purportedly for the public interest It also draws a veil over the whole development of the scheme

"We consider the building of these mansions an obscenity and will continue the battle

"It is only expropriation and barbed wire that has made further development of the scheme possible"

The Ezibeleni houses Standing empty.

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CRACKING UP!

Homeland housing scheme is falling apart

By STAN MZIMBA

ABOUT 300 four-roomed houses, priced between R18 000 and R24 000, have been standing vacant for over a year now at Ezibeleni in the Transkei – because the people they were built for can't afford them

The average wage in the area is only R253 a month

Transkei authorities are now making a desperate bid to recruit residents from the neighbouring South African township of Mlungisi to come and rent the "white elephants'

But it s not only the price that's scaring prospective buyers off – it's the slipshod way the houses were built

Most of the vacant houses *City Press* visited have ugly looking cracks either inside or outside

One house in the R18 000 price group did not look as if it would stand very long – there were huge cracks in the corners

Even expensive furniture can't hide the shoddy workmanship of the houses

Patience Bam, for instance, complained of water seeping in under the window frames

Even as we talked with her, a cold draught whistled through the window frame And in the bath room, she pointed out a leak under the bath

Her house is priced at R24 000

Nkululeko Dondashe said it was "useless" to complain about the house defects at the town clerk's office 'as we are always referred to Umtata – which is about 230km from Ezibeleni'

Ezibeleni town clerk E Baliso said the newly-built houses were not their responsibility but fell under control of the Local Government Department.

Baliso refered *City Press* to the Ezibeleni Magistrate's offices – where I spoke to official D Mqhayi

He confirmed that his office had received several complaints about the occupied houses

"When we write to Umtata it often takes two to three months before they reply ' he said

'We then decided to refer the occupants directly to Umtata – which I agree is too far from here he said

City Press found that the houses at Ezibeleni weren't the only ones with structural faults

Northcrest Township house occupants are also complaining.

Desperately in need of accommodation, they moved in nine months ago – after spending two nights queueing outside the Umtata Magistrate s offices for houses which were to be sold the next day

General complaints at Northcrest are

- Faulty sewerage piping
- Draughts under the doors
- Hot water not coming through
- Plaster peeling off the walls

Residents who spoke to *City Press* said that at first the Local Government Department used to refer them to the building contractors with their complaints

"But the contractors have since left town – and now we have no-one to appeal to ' said LS Newana

"We decided to pay for certain repairs from our own pockets "

Simpiwe Diya of Mbalo Street in Northcrest said whenever it s about to rain his family becomes worried – because the rain finds its way through the roof

"It's now the third month that I have written to Local Government complaining about this – but to no avail," he said

Diya owns a R14 200 house

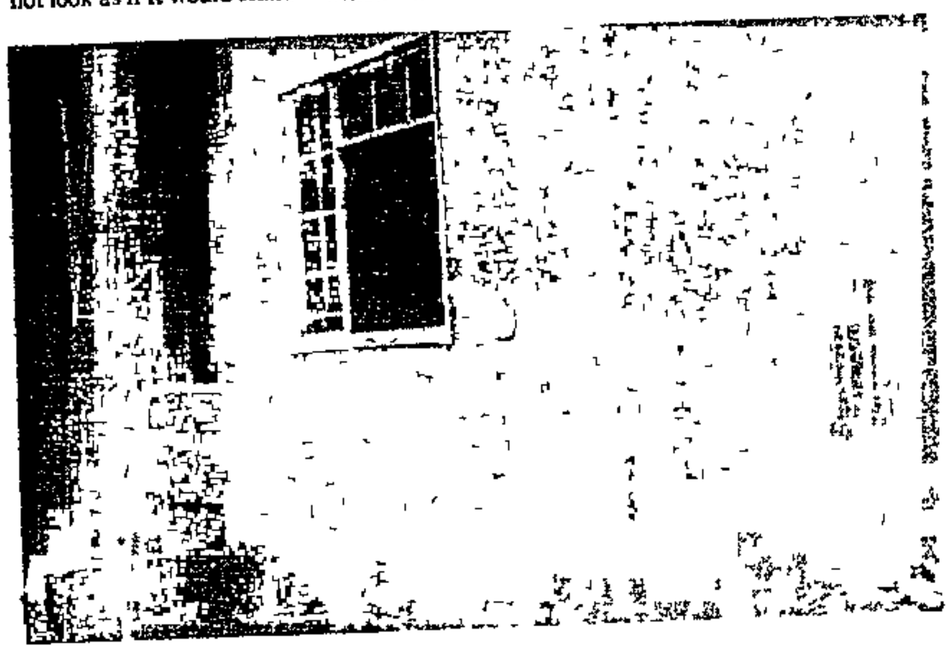
Local Government and Land Tenure secretary LN Mbabama confirmed that his department was unable to sell the houses – because of the low income of the region's residents he said

He declined to comment on why his department had embarked on an expensive housing scheme in the region

He told *City Press* his department was now considering renting the vacant houses.

We asked him whether he was aware that people were forced to travel nearly 230km from Ezibeleni to Umtata to complain about matters such as leaking bathrooms, leaking sewerage piping and draughts through doors and windows – when they should be helped at Ezibeleni

Mbabama said the trips to Umtata were ' unavoidable" – because correspondence between the two towns takes as long as ' nearly a month ' to arrive at its destination either way



. and when you see the cracks, you'll know why

Chicken man

A SUSPECTED armed robber dropped a R4 300 cash haul and his gun after being frightened off by members of the public in a central Pretoria parkade.

A police spokesman said Mamelodi businessman Jacob Masilela parked his car in the parkade on his way to deposit cash at a bank.

He was confronted by an armed man, who threatened him with a gun and then grabbed the bag.

The robber ran off but was apparently frightened off by people entering the parkade He dropped the bag and the gun – and fled

Plea for businessmen to help house the homeless

By VIVIEN HORLER
Staff Reporter

IN an plea to private enterprise to help deal with the problems of urbanisation, black affairs official Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud told 130 of Cape Town's top businessmen "For God's sake, get involved"

At a meeting of the Graduate School of Business Association yesterday, Mr Bezuidenhoud, regional director of Constitutional Development and Planning, told 130 businessmen "We are part and parcel of Africa We're not the First World country we think we are We're not that rich And we have millions of people to provide accommodation for"

Mr Bezuidenhoud attacked old influx control policies and said Section 10 of the Urban Areas Act had made criminals of thousands who sought work to feed their families

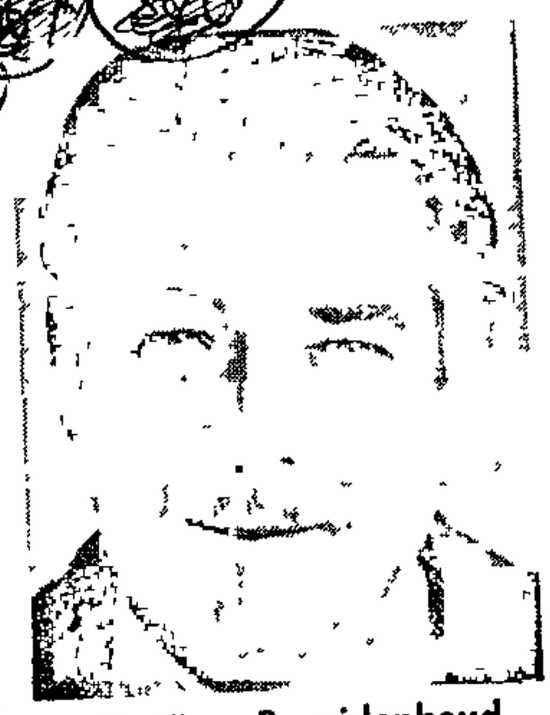
South Africa had employed the "most draconian measures you can think of" to prevent urbanisation, without success

Yet now, with steps such as the 99-year lease and the possibility of freehold rights, the future looked brighter than it did a year ago

South Africans had been offered a new beginning with the new urbanisation strategy

Mr Bezuidenhoud said business could help people directly in two ways

- Acquire land in Khayelitsha, build on it and lease it, and
- Find out from Khayelitsha's community leaders how to help improve existing structures



Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud

Khayelitsha had schools, clinics, day hospitals, sewerage, water on tap, streets, community halls and sports fields The service charge was R12 a month and people could obtain their own land and build their own structures

"Khayelitsha had — and still has — a bad name Why? We have to plan for the future"

Apart from the building at Khayelitsha last year there had been no building for blacks in the Peninsula since 1968

In Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu there were cases of 25 people living in two-roomed houses

Mr Bezuidenhoud called on businessmen who believed in capitalism and democracy to show compassion and tolerance and demonstrate that they could build a united South Africa

Crossroads: Heunis details new services

Political Correspondent

THE vacated parts of Crossroads and KTC will be upgraded as the first phase of upgrading the whole area, according to the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis

In the case of Crossroads it will be in the next four to six months and in the case of KTC as soon as various parties have been consulted

Answering questions put by Mr K M Andrew (PFP Gardens) Mr Heunis said services such as streets, stormwater drainage, sewerage, water reticulation, community services and highmast lighting would be installed

Site preparation was almost complete and the installation of major stormwater drainage was progressing

So far R2-million had been allocated

Services similar to those at Crossroads would be provided at KTC Initial consultations had taken place

- The Supreme Court, Cape Town, has ordered the Western Cape Development Board to stop the demolition of shacks at KTC The interdict was granted by consent following an application brought by four KTC residents

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Press curbs hit donations to Crossroads

By ANDREW DONALDSON and CHRIS ERASMUS

DONATIONS to relief organizations working in the strife-torn Crossroads area have plunged since the curbs on reporting under the emergency regulations — as authorities cracked down harder on those sheltering refugees in white areas

This marked drop in cash and food contributions since Monday June 16 is apart from the "natural" decline expected from the public as the crisis entered its sixth week this week, relief workers said

As one agency put it "No one knows how serious the situation is — and it is serious"

Not seeing

The Centre Secretary for St John Ambulance, Mr Malcolm Jones, said a steady decline was expected as the crisis dragged on, but since June 16 — and the emergency regulations — donations have dropped dramatically

"People are not seeing the sort of conditions these people (the refugees) live in Donations — food in particular — have dropped off," he said

A spokesman for the Western Province Council of Churches said blankets, baby food, sugar, samp, mielie meal and soya beans were needed. "There's been a drop in financial contributions because no one knows how serious the situation is — and it is serious," he said

A spokeswoman for another relief organization said "In other crises we found that media coverage constantly prodded the conscience of the public to give Without that coverage, the public tend to forget — particularly the unpleasant things"

Meanwhile, representatives at two more shelters in the Peninsula were served with summonses for harbouring refugees in white areas

The Rev Robin Burnett of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Kalk Bay yesterday became the fourth person to be served with a summons for sheltering Crossroads regugees in white residential areas

He said between 20 and 30 refugees were staying at the church

On Monday a summons was also served on Mrs Retha Tait, a National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) co-ordinator at the Holy Cross Centre in Walmer Estate — a "grey" area — where about 130 people were being sheltered

'Contraventions'

Father Geoff Quinlan of All Saints Anglican Church in Plumstead and Mr Yusuf Abdullatief, an assistant to the Imam at the A-l Jamia Mosque in Claremont, were also served summonses on Monday

All the summonses concern alleged contraventions of the Black (Urban Areas) Consolidation Act — a key piece of influx-control legislation whose repeal was approved by Parliament last week but has yet to be gazetted

Mr Sampie Steenkamp, public relations officer of the Western Cape Administration Board, said yesterday that "at least 3 000" of those left homeless by the fighting in Crossroads, KTC and satellite communities had moved to Khayelitsha

Business urged to fight Flats distress

By HILARY VENABLES

IT was time the South African business community stopped complaining about the social and political crisis on the Cape Flats and took practical steps to improve the situation, the Western Cape regional director of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Timo Bezuidenhoud, said yesterday.

In a hard-hitting address to UCT's Graduate School of Business Association at a lunch in Cape Town, Mr Bezuidenhoud urged business leaders to "climb in and help" people who were living in "intolerable conditions"

"It is too easy just to give money and pray we must also ask God to show us what we can do for the people," he said.

Mr Bezuidenhoud blamed the indifference of the business community and the former influx-control policy for the misery in the townships

Urbanization was a world-wide phenomenon, but only the South African Government had tried to stop it.

The "draconian" influx laws had "filled the jails with innocent people who were merely looking for work to feed their families", he said

Mr Bezuidenhoud warned the private sector not to expect the government to solve the problems created by urbanization on its own

When asked by a member of the audience what practical steps the private sector could take, Mr Bezuidenhoud said business leaders should apply for ground at Khayelitsha and develop it for housing

They should get involved with the leaders at Site C and elsewhere and ask them how they could help

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Squabble over Rondevlei land illustrates dilemma of Flats

THE continuing squabble over the future of a 100-hectare parcel of land south of Rondevlei typifies the dilemma of the Cape Flats

The Divisional Council wants the land as an extension to Rondevlei, without which a proper ecological balance for the bird sanctuary is impossible

But Cape Town City Council housing officials have their eye on part of it as an extension to their Lavender Hill site-and-service scheme for squatters

Who should take priority?

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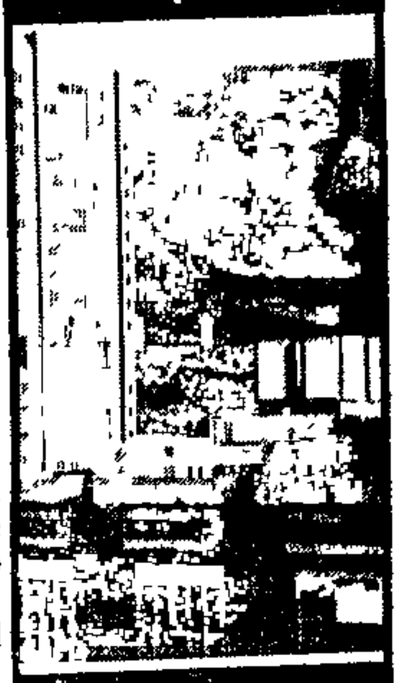

By JOHN YELD

What is unquestioned is that there is an urgent need for more land to house the Peninsula's burgeoning population — a problem which has been greatly exacerbated by the Group Area Act and forced removals

Nor can there be any argument with Mrs Eulalie Stott, indefatigable chairman of the city council's housing committee, when she argues that the very poor need to be accommodated close to where they work — in this case Steenberg and Retreat

When it comes to housing the poor and dispossessed the city council has a proud record, one which is not widely shared

City council officials would argue that in these circumstances their every effort deserves support But the council also has an undeniable responsibility to conserve the environment — or at least viable representative samples of this environment — and in respect of the unique Cape Flats vegetation its efforts are wide open to criticism For example

- No replacement has been found for a planned nature reserve swallowed up by the huge Pelikan Park development next to Zeekoevlei,
- While the vast landfill refuse site south of Rondevlei will eventually become a landscaped recreational park, it will be impossible to re-establish the many hectares of sensitive dune vegetation destroyed there, and
- Very little work is being done in the Wolfgat nature reserve further along the False Bay coast In fact R70 000 budgeted for this reserve has recently been transferred to another project

The land south of Rondevlei is virtually the only area of the Flats left which is in a relatively pristine state and which could still be preserved effectively

In these circumstances I would argue that the city council should withdraw any bid for the land and that in fact it has a moral obligation to assist the Divisional Council in whatever way possible to establish a proper nature reserve there

End of influx control 'threatens coastline'

The Star's Africa News Service

SWAKOPMUND — The dismantling of influx control in South Africa will pose "mind-boggling" problems for environmental planners, says an adviser to the South African Council for the Environment, Dr Alan Heydorn

Addressing a conservation conference here, Dr Heydorn said that while the lack of controls was to be applauded on a social level, the massive influx of people into urban areas , and particularly those near the coast, would put massive pressure on the environment

Dr Heydorn quoted as an example the Cape Penninsula, and especially the Cape Flats area, where the need to house an additional 750 000 people over the next decade would make it an ecological crisis zone

He said scientists were still not sure of the long-term effects this would have on the Cape

He noted, for instance, that the Kuils River was now carrying far more water — in the form of recycled sewage from the Cape Flats settlements — than it was ecologically evolved to do

Dr Heydorn said there were many problem areas on the coast, but matters were especially worrying in parts of Natal where population pressure was high, and in the Ciskei and Transkei, where coastal fish resources were being depleted by a population in need of cheap protein

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'Volume of work' holds up unemployment pay

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Municipal Reporter

BECAUSE of the volume of work the Cape Town office of the Department of Manpower was unable to reduce the six to nine-week wait between an application and the first unemployment benefit payment, the department replied to a request by the City Council's housing committee that benefits be paid more promptly.

The committee was concerned about increasing arrear rents in council housing schemes. Delays in unemployment benefits and the lack of a pay-point in Mitchell's Plain were among the difficulties tenants faced, the housing committee was told

The Executive Committee subsequently agreed to lease two houses in Beacon Valley to the department rent-free for six months.

● The housing committee was to meet today to discuss the department's response

Interest in Blue Downs extension

By PETER DENNEHY

DEVELOPERS have responded with interest to a proposed multi-billion-rand coloured housing scheme to provide up to 76 000 new homes between Crossroads and the Kuils River/Strand railway line

Mr J C Adendorff, the Stellenbosch Divisional Council's chief town and regional planner, said yesterday that 90 information packages had been sent out to private-sector developers after a flood of inquiries

He said the project could give a powerful boost to development in the Western Cape, and provide thousands with jobs

Land rezoned to housing

Mrs Hazel Gohl, public relations officer for the Blue Downs project, said the entire development would probably be called "Blue Downs" as it was an extension of that scheme

Mr Adendorff said: "Most of the land belongs to the State, but has already been rezoned for housing in the Metropolitan Draft Guide Plan published in 1984."

He is a member of a Development Committee formed last year, comprising representatives of the Cape and Stellenbosch divisional councils and the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture.

Mrs Gohl said the State would instal only the major infrastructural services such as water and sewerage pipes and a link to the arterial road, while developers would do the rest They would not have to buy the land, but the final owners would

Sections of the road, and sewerage and water pipes, had already been put out to tender, Mr Adendorff said. This year R13-million had been budgeted for infrastructure

The area involved was 17 000 hectares, half of which was suitable for housing Plots would be 200 to 250m², and far larger in some areas

An estimate of the total cost could not be obtained yesterday, but when the Blue Downs proposal was just over half the present size, project director Mr Carel Marais said it could amount to R2-billion

House prices could range between R10 000 and R100 000 each, Mrs Gohl said Self-build schemes would take up about a tenth of the housing land Home industries would be encouraged in some areas.

Mr Adendorff said a storm-water retention dam would be built near the Driftsands nature reserve, and in ten or 15 years purified sewage water may be piped into the Kuils River and pumped from underground again 12km from the dam after a long seepage

Huge City housing project

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

TENDERS have already been submitted for the construction of infrastructure on the massive R2-billion Blue Downs housing project, which will eventually be larger than Mitchells Plain

Blue Downs, a private-sector housing project for coloured people, will consist of about 40 000 houses for 200 000 people about 30km from Cape Town's city centre It is situated north of Khayelitsha and extends from D F Malan Airport to the Kuils River-Strand railway line

Mr Carel Marais, director of planning for Blue Downs, said at a press conference yesterday that the government was to spend R140-million — R13-million of it this financial year — providing main roads, electricity and sewage and water pipes

Tenders to be awarded within a month included one of R4,8-million for the main thoroughfare, Hindle Road, two of R800 000 each for a sewer and relocation of an Escom powerline, one of R2,5-million for a major sewage pipe and R1,8-million for reconstruction of an existing road

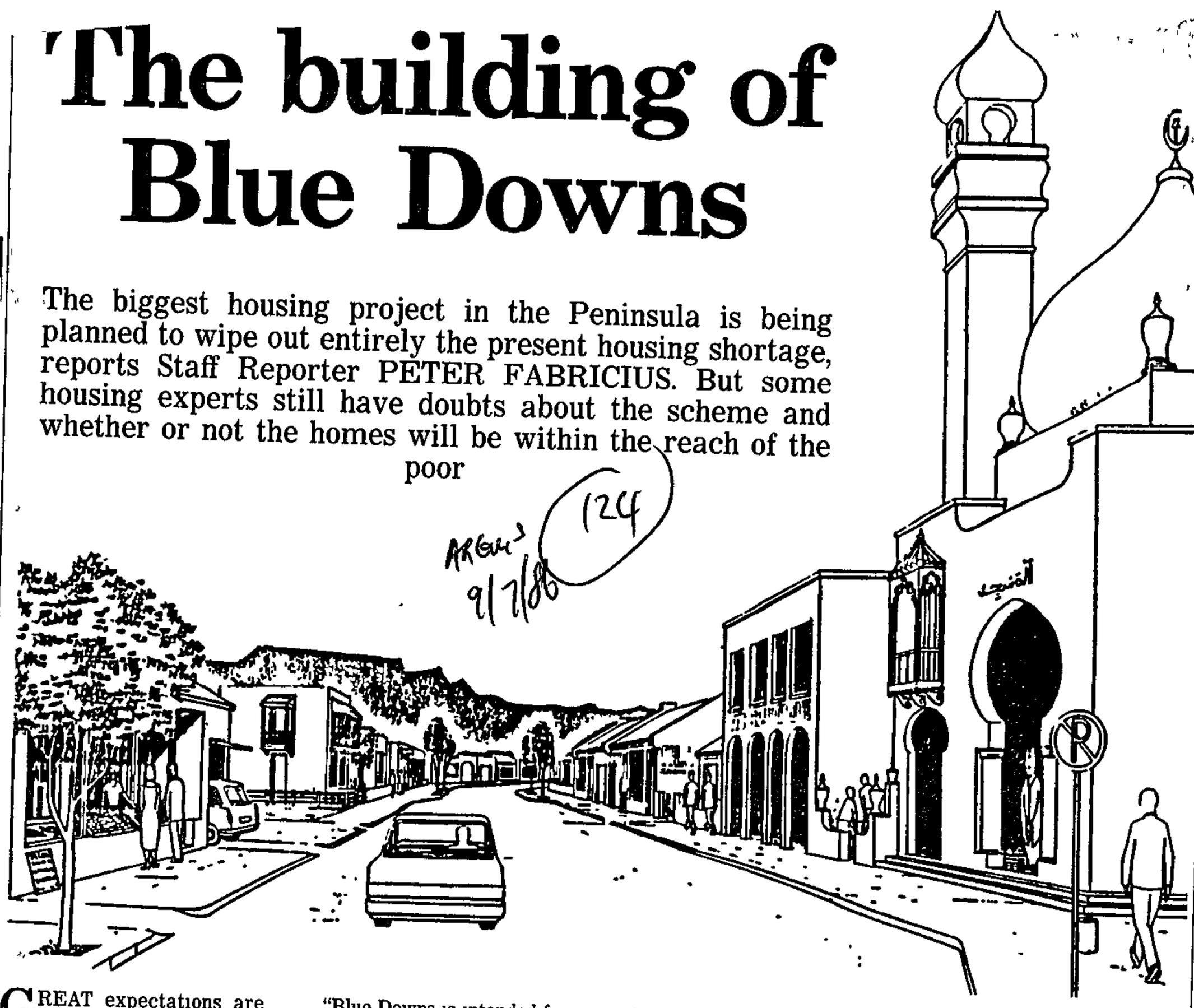
The first serviced plots should come on the market early next year, Mr Marais said, while the first houses would be ready for occupation by mid-1987

Mr L J van Rensburg, a government engineer, said the cost of developing each plot was "R12 000 to R14 000" Average plot size will be 350 sq metres Some of the capital costs, specially for electricity, water and sewage, could be recovered from tariffs, he added

Mr M H O Kloppers, director of local government, said the Community Development Board would decide on the final price of plots The board would sell directly to homeowners, as developers would never own the land, but only buy development rights

'The building of Blue Downs

The biggest housing project in the Peninsula is being planned to wipe out entirely the present housing shortage, reports Staff Reporter PETER FABRICIUS. But some housing experts still have doubts about the scheme and whether or not the homes will be within the reach of the poor



GREAT expectations are being created for the huge Blue Downs coloured housing project about to blossom out of the Cape Flats dunes in lower Kuils River

Tenders for R13 million worth of initial infra-structure - mainly access roads, electricity, water and sewerage - will be awarded in the next few weeks, thus turning this ambitious project into reality

Blue Downs will materialise over the next five years in the large space bounded by DF Malan airport, the N2 freeway and the Kuils River-/Strand railway line

It will eventually house up to 250 00 coloured people in 40 000 houses spread over 4 00 hectares at a cost of R2-billion - making it the biggest housing project in the Peninsula, surpassing even Mitchell's Plain

But what is confusing many people is that this mass housing scheme has been described as an "up-market" development firmly based on the principle of home ownership

Draft plans include large areas of green space and a man-made lake and the assurance has been given that the attractive dunes and natural bush will be retained as far as possible

And Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, which is managing the project, has made it clear that there will be no rented houses.

"Blue Downs is intended for those members of the Coloured community who are prepared to help themselves achieve a better life," Mr Herman Kloppers, the department's director of local government and development said at a Press briefing on the scheme yesterday

"Home ownership helps create stable harmonious, productive capitalist groups in which wealth is generated to the benefit of all," he added

"Home ownership gives a man a stake in his community and a reason for working hard and improving himself"

But are these fine ideals realistic when 84 percent of the coloured people on the Cape Town city council's backlog of 45 000huses, earn less than R450 a month? Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the council's housing committee asked

Can Blue Downs hope to wipe out this backlog while clinging to the principle of home ownership?

That clearly is the intention, officials at yesterday's press briefing indicated

"This scheme will to a large extent wipe out the backlog of about 45 000 houses," Mr Klopper said

He made it clear, though, that "up-market" was not quite the right description for the scheme as a whole

The aim was to cater for the whole spectrum, from the lowest to the highest income group and self-building was clearly a key

Blue Downs would be developed, financed and built almost entirely by private enterprise, he said

And he appealed to builders and financiers to keep prices down by considering "semi-complete" or "shell" houses and any other methods of relaxing technical and housing standards to make their houses affordable

Shell houses could, for instance, have only the outer walls and roof of a normal house and a toilet The owner would fill in the other internal walls

Mr Kloppers said he could not say at this stage what the cheapest house in Blue Downs would cost and whether this would be within reach of everyone on the housing backlog

That would depend on private developers "They are not going to try to build something which they cannot sell," he said

But his officials gave some indication of the baseline when they said that it would cost them a minimum of about R12 000 to provide a serviced plot

Mrs Stott expressed some doubt that the backlog could be wiped out entirely with home-ownership on this basis

The city council was building three-bedroom houses in Pelican Park for a rock-bottom R24 500 including land "People who undertake self-build houses have not been able to do it for substantially less than that," she said

"The vast majority of people on the waiting list will not be able to afford that sort of price unless they are heavily susidised

Mrs Stott also said that Blue Downs was too far fromCape Town Land closer to town, north of the N1, could have been used she said

"But if it is the intention to provide houses at suitably subsidised prices which put them within the reach of citizens now living in intolerable circumstances, my net reaction would be positive"

That does indeed seem to be the intention

From yesterday's press briefing it emerged that if even stripped-down, de-regulated, self-built housing remained beyond the reach of many, the Government would step in to pay the difference

That is what Mr Kloppers indicated when asked about land prices

The statutory Community Development Board, which was financing the infra-structure, would "determine a realistic price for land which would not necessarily be what it cost," Mr Kloppers said

He agreed that this meant that finally the Government would foot the bill, if the people themselves could not afford to

It seems then that the project is intended to hoist up a large chunk of low-income coloured people and launch them firmly on the road to middle class status

The Government clearly intends to give coloured private enterprise a boost in other ways The Small Business Development Corporation has been approached and has agreed to make money available for small businesses and light industry

"A key factor in the development will be the Activity Street, otherwise known as a Development Axis," Mr Kloppers said

On these, home owners would be allowed to rezone and conduct small businesses or industries, which would eventually mushroom to make a substantial contribution to the Cape's economy

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PE property prices dropping steadily

By BOB KERNOHAN
Business Editor

PROPERTY prices in Port Elizabeth have fallen by as much as R31 500 for a single house, a survey released by the University of Port Elizabeth has revealed

Mr JOE TSHUME has been appointed administration/personnel manager for SA Breweries in the Border/Ciskei area, based in East London. He joined SAB in PE as personnel officer in 1983 and was transferred to the finance department as projects officer in 1985.

Statistics compiled by the Institute for Planning Research at UPE for the second six months of last year disclose that the average drop in prices of homes in middle-income suburbs has been 12,2% and in upper-income areas 5,1%

Sales during the second six months were up slightly compared with the previous six months but, at fewer than 600, were only one-third of those in the peak period of the second half of 1980

Giving examples of prices paid for properties, the survey shows that

- Drops in prices in the western suburns ranged from R500 in Cotswold to R9 000 in Sunridge Park
- The same pattern emerged in the southern suburbs, with price falls of up to R15 000 in Lorraine and R31 500 in Humewood

Overall, the average price of an upper-income home dropped 5,1% from R91 091 in the first six months to R86 467 later in the year

The average price of a middle-income home dropped 12,2% from R60 622 in the first six months of last year to R53 240 in the second six months

The greater drop in middle-income prices has been caused, says the survey, by a trend to "buy down" to smaller and less expensive homes

"There were nearly twice as many sales in the middle-income group suburbs as in the upper-income areas, which leads to the conclusion that buyers are investing in more modest homes and that prices have fallen to meet this demand," it says

Dealing with plot sales, the survey discloses that these increased in the second half of last year to 108 compared to 90 in the first half

Individual suburbs with "notable shares" were Hunters Retreat in the western suburbs and Theescombe in the southern suburbs

As a result of this demand, prices of plots for the city as a whole picked up by 14,3% — an average of R2 000 — so returning to 1984 levels

Sectional title sales dropped from 159 to 135 comparing the two periods, with prices also dropping by between R3 000 and R8 000

- In Uitenhage, house prices fell by 6,4%, or R2 950, and plot prices by R900 (10,2%)
- In Despatch, house prices dropped by R633 (1,3%), but plot prices increased by 6,9% to an average of R6 510

Plan for self-help housing

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Municipal Reporter

AN application by the Urban Foundation to buy 29 erven in Bethelsdorp for development as self-help housing projects, will be considered at a special meeting of the Northern Areas Management Committee today

The committee has recommended that the sale be approved in principle, pending a report on policy regarding the use of land in the northern areas

Mr Peter Arton-Powell of the Urban Foundation will address the committee this afternoon on the proposed scheme, which would be the latest in a series of self-help projects in the Eastern Cape.

The erven are situated in Bethelsdorp Extension 27C and 31

The City Council has budgeted for the servicing of 166 erven in Extension 27C, and the erection of shell houses on 137 of them In Extension 31, provision has been made for the servicing of 497 erven for self-help housing.

Since 1983, the Eastern Cape Urban Foundation has been involved in various housing and community projects in the PE-Uitenhage area

The Foundation also hopes to acquire several stands in the Bloemendal-Kleinskool area

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Bo-Kaap house project near end

Environment Reporter

A MAJOR project to build and renovate houses in the historic style of the Bo-Kaap is nearing completion at the top of Wale Street

After a long history of plans to redevelop the area, the City Council decided to fund and construct 95 new dwellings and renovate another 18 at an estimated total cost of R5-million.

However, selling prices of the new houses will be between R58 700 and R77 000 — beyond the reach of most of the residents who had been living there.

Because of difficult site conditions, high tender prices and the cost of design, the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, House of Representatives, said it would not the fund the scheme.

Above and below: Part of the R5-million City Council renovation project nearing completion in the Bo-Kaap. The new houses are being built in the style of the old Malay Quarter and are going up next to original old buildings. Pictures Stewart Colman

The calculated selling prices were also beyond the limit for National Housing Fund assistance and beyond the means of the original tenants of the area, the deputy city engineer, Mr Neville Riley, said this week.

"However, in order to provide alternative accommodation at affordable rentals, a loan of R600 000 has been advanced by the Department (of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture) to enable Council to construct 24 flats on the slopes above the restored area."

In the 1930s the City Council bought land in Schotsche Kloof (Bo-Kaap) with National Housing Fund money with a view to demolishing "slum dwellings" and replacing them with low-cost housing

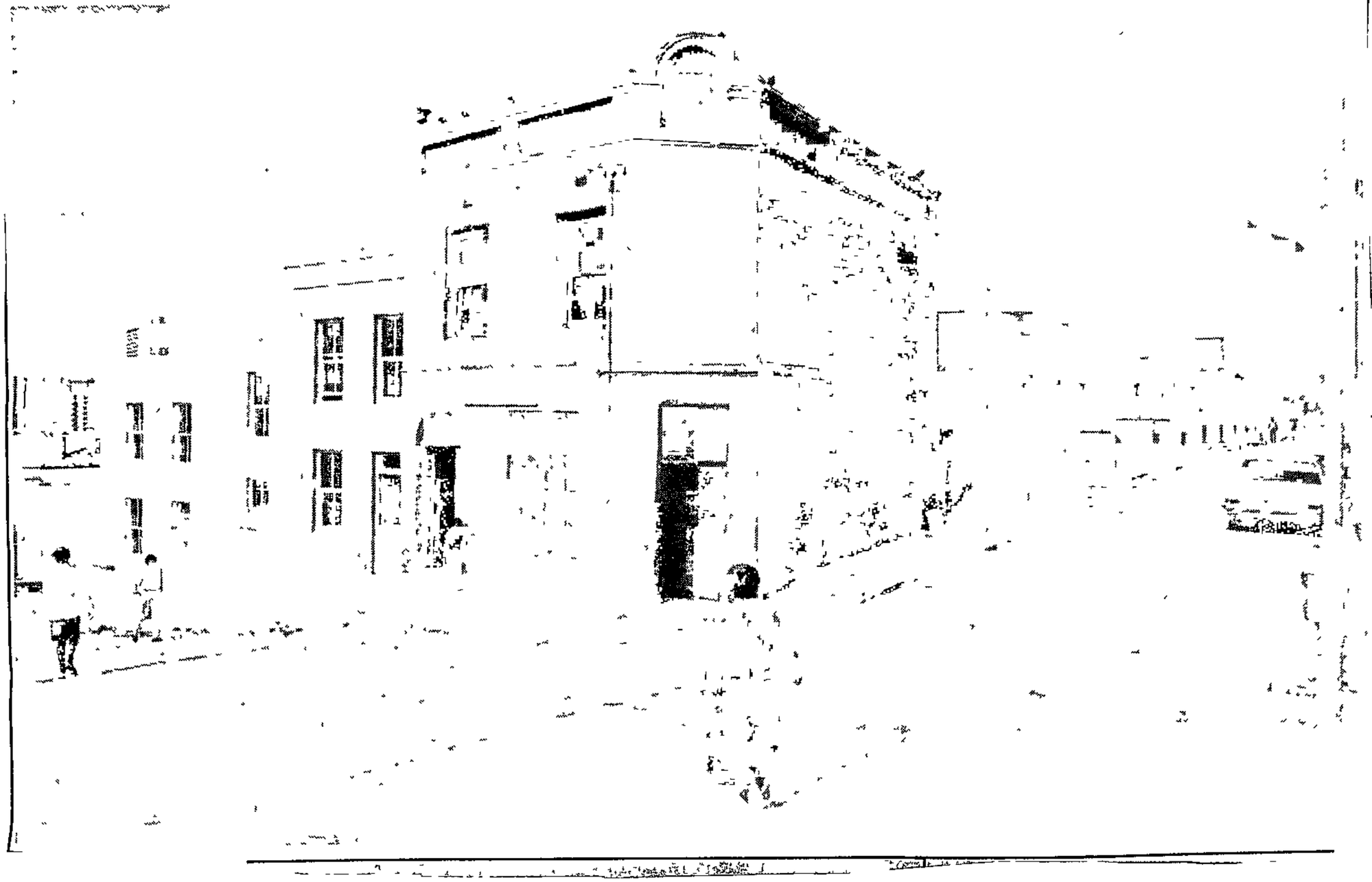
However, 17 houses were restored by 1950.

In 1970 a scheme for the restoration of another 52 houses was approved by council This scheme was funded with a grant of R298 000 from the Department of Cultural Affairs and a loan of R585 000 from the Department of Community Development It was completed in 1976.

Mr Riley said the council approved a scheme in 1980 for the construction of 106 new dwellings on sites where the original dwellings had been demolished.

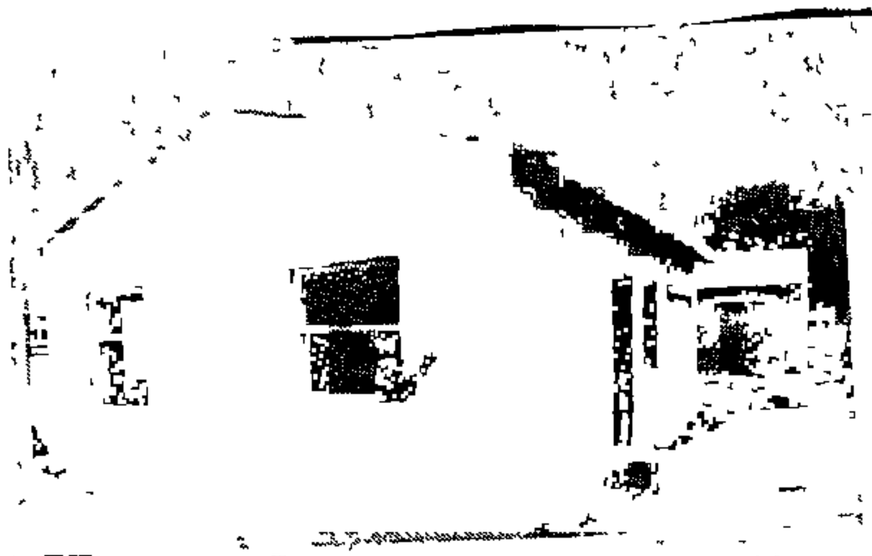
Approval for this scheme, but not funding, was received from the government in 1984

Work on an amended scheme — with 95 new houses — began in the second half of last year and is expected to be finished early next year



Urban Foundation to build and sell 'hundreds' of houses

Homes boost



Plastering one of the houses for sale at Langa which a building company expects to complete by the end of the month.

By TOM HOOD,
Property Editor

HUNDREDS of houses are to be built in Langa, Guguletu and Khayelitsha at a cost of more than R24-million — and sold for between R34 000 and R44 000 each.

The developers believe the first 41 houses, in Sandile Avenue, Langa, will be sold quickly — several in straight cash deals

Six showhouses will be open for inspection by the end of the month

"We have been flooded with inquiries since we started clearing the site," said Mr Chris Rabie, sales manager of Uluntu Utility Company, a non-profit company formed by the Urban Foundation

"But people want to see the houses completed with carpets, bathroom tiles, ceilings and everything else before they buy"

Many inquiries have come from public servants who qualify for housing subsidies Their monthly repayments could be below R250

Subsidies

Mr Rabie said he believed most buyers would be subsidised In some cases employers and re-

Other buyers could qualify for the State's subsidy for first-time home-owners

The country's four biggest building societies — United, Perm, Allied and NBS — had inspected the houses and were prepared to give loans, said Mr Rabie

Houses have floor areas of between 63 and 83 square metres, two or three bedrooms — some can be extended — and all will be plastered

Garages

Some will have garages and the development also has brick-paved cul-de-sacs

All the Langa houses are due to be completed before the end of the year

Next will be 160 houses of the same design in Guguletu

Towards the end of next year Uluntu hopes to tackle a R15-million project of several hundred houses at Khayelitsha

Mr Rabie said the developers enjoyed a good relationship with the community in spite of the emergency and reports of unrest elsewhere

"Watchdogs"

When they told the minister of a nearby church what they were doing and unloaded building materials some members acted as

"A set of cottage window frames was stolen one night but by next day some of the congregation had recovered them," he added

● For more information telephone Uluntu at 63 77969 or 63 85123

BRUTALISED MEN WHO IN TURN BRUTALISE THEIR WOMEN

The deliberate exclusion of the word "men" from the hostel association title might seem a small concession, but it was a significant shift, both in the style of organisation and in the general perception of women by migrant men.

"There are no short cuts to the evolution of alternative power relations. When the hostel association was started it was conceived, structured and launched by men for the purpose of addresing hostel men's issues," she said.

However, through practice and discussion it became clear to the men that the "silent power" of women, for example, in pressurising men to take family housing in Khayelitsha, could not be ignored.

The example of the hostel association is in stark contrast to both the situation at Crossroads, and the position of women in the migrant hostels generally.

Ramphele, who has worked at UCT after spending six years in a remote Northern Transvaal village to where she was banished, painted a grim picture of the lot of women in migrant worker hostels in the Western Cape.

There were a "significant number" of women living in the Cape Town hostels — wives, local women and younger relatives from the rural areas.

For many, their access to the city depended on the goodwill of husband or lover and thus placed these women in an extremely dependent position.

However, hostel women played an economic function which was not calculated in either the family or the national accounts. Women not only reproduced labour, but also played a "particularly onerous" nurturing role in the hostels.

"To have to clean up not only after your own family but after other strangers is too much to expect of any person. Yet these women have no choice".

Nurturing also involved soothing the wounded egos of migrant men, who were both "dehumanised" at their workplace and looked down by many urban township dwellers. Such a man was "bound to be unreasonably assertive in relation to his partner ... There is little scope for reason and discussion and women suffer assaults and other abuses silently.

"It is the only way in which this man can reaffirm his humanity and maintain some measure of control over his environment.

"The women are thus silent unpaid psycho-therapists to keep these men sane in a brutal and insane world."

Stressing the importance of these power relations for political activists, Ramphele said the "rot" in Crossroads had set in when women relinquished control over the settlement to a male-dominated system of headmen. Outsiders had "consciously or unconsciously" reinforced that phenomenon.

It was "easier to deal with orthodox leadership than to attempt to strengthen the hand of people operating at an informal level with no rigid leadership structures. This is interesting in the light of the rhetoric about democracy.

"This mistake was made by all groups: lawyers, community workers and churches. Thus those purporting to be headmen won the day and made their fortunes."

She criticised progressive political leadership which was clearly working against the interest of the majority in their areas.

"Short-term gains were allowed to overshadow issues of principle. No one was concerned about the exclusion of women and ordinary people from the decision-making process".

Ramphele also criticised opposition political groupings for allowing supporters to operate under a political morality that "would have been unacceptable anywhere else"

Agents climb in as Cape Flats house sales boom

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By TOM HOOD
Property Editor

THE booming R50 million-a-year home sales market in the Cape Flats is attracting untrained sales men and women and the Institute of Estate Agents has warned people to be on their guard

Most coloured families are first-time home buyers and have never dealt with estate agents before — "they're sitting ducks", says institute member Abdul Harneker, head of the Hedgehoppers franchise on the Cape Flats.

Through a weakness in the Estate Agents Act, he said, almost anyone could obtain a licence to trade as an estate agent for one year before being forced to write a qualifying examination

Also, untrained agents were being taken on without any intention of employing them for more than a year

There was an urgent need for the Estate Agents Board and the institute to educate the public and police the activities of certain agents

"The situation is becoming chaotic," he claimed "Agents who have been established in white areas for many years have converged on the Cape Flats in hordes hoping to grab a slice of the booming market They see this as a chance to survive the recession"

Newcomers, however, also included bigger companies which trained their agents properly

Abuses taking place, he claimed, included·

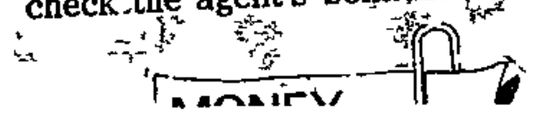
● Agents employing untrained and unlicensed "runners" to find Government employees at schools, hospitals and prison services and persuade the workers to sign blank housing subsidy application forms

● Incentives of video sets, and even cars offered to employees who signed up for new subsidised homes

● Agents telling home owners in Mitchells Plain their R35 000 home would sell for R75 000 and locking them into sole selling mandates for three or six months

"Sellers should take the advice of agents who give them realistic prices and give one- or two-month sole mandates. If the agent doesn't perform, move to another reputable agent," says Mr Harneker

Before signing any document, a buyer or seller should check the agent's bona fides



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More houses in Langa, Guguletu

Municipal Reporter

ULUNTU Utility Company, which receives its money from the Urban Foundation, is engaged in two new "middle-market" housing projects involving 41 houses in Langa and another 160 in two locations in Guguletu

The regional director of the Urban Foundation, Mr Colin Appleton, said some of the 41 houses in Sandile Avenue, Langa, would be ready for occupation by the end of this month

Several customers had expressed interest and prospective buyers had been offered either 99-year leaseholds or freehold title, he said.

Houses in both Langa and Guguletu were priced in the "middle-market" at between R34 000 and R44 000

"The Langa project involves R1,5-million and the Guguletu one about R8-million," he said "One of the Guguletu sites is near the Nyanga station and the other is opposite the New Orleans hypermarket."

Uluntu Utility Company was also behind the 158-dwelling Malunga Park development in Guguletu, which was its first project

The company was formed about five years ago when no houses were being built in the Western Cape for Africans because of the "coloured labour preference policy", which has since been abolished.

Bokaap up in arms over new council houses

Environment Reporter

AN action group formed to represent the interests of the community of Schotsche Kloof has called on the City Council to hold a public meeting in the Bokaap to discuss the sale of the 95 new houses erected there by the council

The Bokaap Action Group (Bokag), which represents 15 community organizations and sports clubs, submitted a memorandum to the executive committee of the council earlier this month in which it stated that the community had the right to play a dominant role in deciding issues that affect it

Bokag objected to the sale of new houses erected on ground expropriated in the 1930s by the council in terms of the Slums Act because

- The houses will be too expensive for purchase by the original occupants of the Bokaap and could therefore be bought by people with no historical roots in the area,
- Although the land was expropriated in the 1930s for redevelopment of low-cost housing, homes were allowed to fall into disrepair for over 50 years and council should now address the problems of the residents of the area, such as overcrowding and long waiting lists for decent, affordable housing.

Selling prices of the new houses will be between R58 700 and R77 000.

A section of the memo from Bokag to Exco reads: "We are angry because our homes were unscrupulously expropriated by council in terms of the Slums Act of 1934. These houses were regarded as health hazards yet we have lived in them for 50 years since then and are still living in them.

"We constantly feared eviction We are angry because we have been neglected."

Mr Guys Hofmeyr, city administrator, confirmed yesterday that Exco had met the Bokag delegation and that all the issues raised in the memorandum were being pursued

Local houses more expensive than the Reef?

Financial Editor

EXECUTIVES on transfer to Cape Town are evidently getting an unpleasant shock when they begin the search for a house. Prices in the city no longer reflect a big discount on similar accommodation up north

Some prospective buyers even maintain the Cape Town property market is far more expensive than Johannesburg

The national vice-president of the Institute of Estate Agents and head of the Cape branch, Bruce Wilson, agrees there has been a significant shift in recent months

Change

Wilson says average prices here and in Johannesburg are about the same He had previously accepted much higher prices in the latter as a fact of life

He attributes the change to a weak trend caused by socio-political factors such as immigrants from Namibia and Zimbabwe, as well as many people from elsewhere in SA, preferring the Cape

The percentage seeing better long-term prospects in the Cape than elsewhere in the country is small, he maintains, but it is enough to have an impact on the much smaller stock of property

Bob Pitman of Pitman & Associates also believes Cape Town housing has become more expensive than Johannesburg, but not to a high degree He finds that Johannesburgers fail to get their comparisons right when it comes to suburbs

Bryanston, for example is Durbanville or Somerset West rather than Constantia or Bishopscourt, he says Pitman also believes Capetonians tend to gear much lower on their bonds and pay them off faster than their countrymen to the north

Both markets remain in the doldrums, however, and recent valuations are beginning to show lower figures than existing bonds on some properties should permit.

Ogilvie Thompson

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Sick and tired of her reliance on paraffin lamps, candles and gas cooking, Mrs Jasmin Peters welcomed the news that electricity will finally be coming to the remainder of Bishop Lavis after 25 years: With her is her brother, Mr Edwin Dette.

Lights on at Bishop Lavis after 25 years

Weekend Argus Reporter

WHILE supersonic airliners whistle overhead en route to nearby D F Malan airport, by contrast most Bishop Lavis homes have been hidden in the "dark ages" for 25 years

But light — electric, that is — will finally dawn on 2 181 homes in Bishop Lavis within the next 20 months

After years of residents' protest over the electricity issue and even a threat not to pay rent until lights and power were provided, the Citizens Housing League, managers of the approximately 3 360 houses in the area, this week called for tenders for the electrification of 2 181 dwellings at Bishop Lavis

Out of twilight

This will mean that the entire township will move out of the twilight into the modern age

Over the years the estimated 40 000 people living in the township have complained of high fuel bills, and the lack of studying time for pupils

And while electricity is likely to soften the financial hardship of paying more than R100 a month for paraffin, gas and wood, residents, hit by unemployment and the recession, will have to surmount a high initial cost to start off with

Escom spokesman Mr Andre van Heerden said that Bishop Lavis residents would have to pay a refundable deposit of R150 for the service, in addition to their accounts

And Mr J Viljoen, deputy general manager of the Housing League, said residents would face an increase in their rents to help repay the loan obtained from the government

November this year

"The increase will be of the order of R5, but will be more for higher wage-earners

"We expect the winning contractor to start work by November 1 this year, and we hope to complete all work within 18 months of that date," he added

"Each room in the house will be provided with a light and wall socket The kitchen will also have a stove connection, and there will be lights at front and back doors Provision will be made for hot-water cylinders, but these won't be supplied"

Commenting on the one-time demand of residents that they be given electric power free of charge because of the long delay in its introduction, Mr Viljoen said this was "completely unreasonable"

"One doesn't get something for nothing these days The only obstacle in the way of the electrification has been the lack of money

"At last the State has granted us the loan"

In the past Bishop Lavis residents have become so incensed at the lack of action on the electricity front that they have marched to the league's Cape Town offices to demand audiences with its manager

Protesters dispersed

In 1981 about 400 people protested out the offices in Dorp Street, and were dispersed by a large contingent of police

Mrs Jasmin Peters of Swan Street is no newcomer to electricity — her parents' home in Goodwood had the service when the Group Areas Act removed them and thousands of others, also from Parow, to Bishop Lavis in the early 60s

However, for the past 25 years, she has lived by candle and paraffin-lamp light, and cooked on a gas-powered stove

"I'll be very happy when we get electricity," she said this week

Her rundown of monthly fuel expenses for her five-member household was

- R31 for a large tankful of gas for cooking, and R5 for a smaller back-up tank,
- R11 for a 25 ℓ container of paraffin, for lamps and a heater,
- R7,80 for batteries for the four-roomed house's two radios,
- R2,50 at least every second day to recharge the 12 volt car battery used for the portable television set (estimated R25)

This adds up to a conservative estimate of R78,80

"Kill-me-quick"

Certain sections of the township situated between the railway line and Modderdam Road in the past became known as "Ghost town" because they were so dark, and "Kill-me-quick", because of the high crime rate

The situation brightened somewhat with the introduction of high-mast cluster-type floodlights in 1980

Mrs Peters, dancing a jig said "It'll be so *lekker* to have electricity, even if we have to pay R150 for Escom to switch us on"

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Women pretended to be council officials, court told

Court Reporter

THREE women pretending to be City Council housing department staff persuaded desperate home seekers to pay them deposits of between R550 and R1 200 to obtain houses, it has been alleged in the Wynberg Regional Court

The three, Mrs Faghronisha Khan, 40, of Kensington, Mrs Zuleyga Chowglay, 50, of Woodlands, Mitchell's Plain, and Mrs Fatima Rogers, 39, of Kensington pleaded not guilty to 113 counts of fraud, alternatively theft, involving more than R150 000

It is alleged that after paying the deposit, prospective home owners were told to wait because their houses were under contruction They were warned not to contact the council because their names were being pushed to the top of the waiting list and they might jeopardise their chances of a home

It is also alleged that periodic meetings were held to placate people who became agitated and someone would impersonate a city council official People would be asked to be patient

The three were not prepared to disclose the basis of their defence or make any admissions

Prosecutor Mr Petrus Marais asked that the original bail of R500 for Mrs Khan, Mrs Chowglay and Mrs Rogers be increased to R5 000 on the grounds that there were many more charges being prepared and the final figure was likely to be greatly in excess of the R150 150,00 on the charge sheet

Mr Jack Kudo, for Mrs Khan and Mrs Chowglay, told the court he was withdrawing from the case and Mr E de Beer for Mrs Rogers said his client could not afford R 5000 for bail

The magistrate, Mr P M A Louw, set bail at R2 000 each and the hearing was postponed to August 8

● After a separation of trials was requested by prosecutor Mr Marais, a woman allegedly used by the three to pose as a city council official, Maria Ornelas, 38, of Maitland pleaded guilty to being an accomplice on two occasions and furthering the misrepresentations allegedly perpetrated by the other three women

She was fined R1 000 (or 12 months) with a further 18 months suspended for five years

Housing project bonanza for W Cape economy

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By TOM HOOD

THE Western Cape will get a huge boost from the award of more than R40 million of contracts this year for the giant Blue Downs housing development near D F Malan Airport

The first stage of the project will provide:

- 5 400 jobs a year for three years;
- R18 million a year in wages for these workers, and
- An injection of R180 million for the home building industry over three years

About 7 000 homes eventually will be built by private enterprise — and all will be sold under freehold title

Discussing the R2 billion development, the project's director, Mr Carel Marais, said civil engineering tenders for about R10 million of work at Blue Downs will be awarded in the next three weeks About 30 percent of the cost is labour, providing work and wages for 600 people for a year

The next three tenders, for electrical work of high equipment value for another R3 million, would also be awarded soon.

Before the end of this year a tender worth R20 million would be awarded for the new sewer purification works.

This work had a very high civil engineering component and would provide even more jobs than the others, said Mr Marais Because it would be a very tight programme, the labour force would be even higher for a minimum of 15 to 18 months

Mr Carel Marais.

Other contracts would be put out early next year for roads (R1,5 million) and stormwater drainage (R1,5 million)

"All this means a considerable injection to the economy and labour force here For a start, it will provide 5 400 jobs a year for the next three years

"In addition we expect that construction of housing will start early next year with people moving in after June"

"In the first phase there will be land available for 6 000 houses This means an injection of R180 million for the home building industry over three years.

"The labour content is at least 30 percent so there could be a labour force of 5 400 drawing R18 million a year in wages over the next three years

"The economic impact of this will be considerable A greater impact in the longer term will come by the time the township has filled up with 200 000 people and covers a larger area than Mitchells Plain

"Combined with nearby Khayelitsha, where another 400 000 people will live, there wil be a community of more than 600 000 in that area , which will generate a tremendous amount of commercial development — more than at Mitchells Plain — because of its central situation"

To allow for the commercial development, 20 hectares had been set aside for a central business area and planning of this would start in the next two months

Average selling price of a complete house would be R35 000 but Blue Downs was to cater for the whole housing spectrum

A railway line serving Blue Downs was to be completed by 1988 and for the first time in the Peninsula it would be circular which made the operation of the railway that much easier, linking Nyanga to Blackheath and creating a loop to Cape Town.

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Call on North End housing

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The chairman of the Braelynn Residents' Association, Mr Kemal Obaray, has appealed to the authorities to leave the 60 residents of North End "in peace" until alternate accommodation can be provided for them.

Mr Obaray said families in Bayswater and Richmond roads had been told the land on which their houses stood had been bought by an adjacent sweet factory and they should in future pay their rent at the factory's offices

"I have also been informed that some authorities are trying to get the people to move to other dilapidated houses in the interim while the houses are being built in Braelynn 6 This is definitely not acceptable," Mr Obaray said

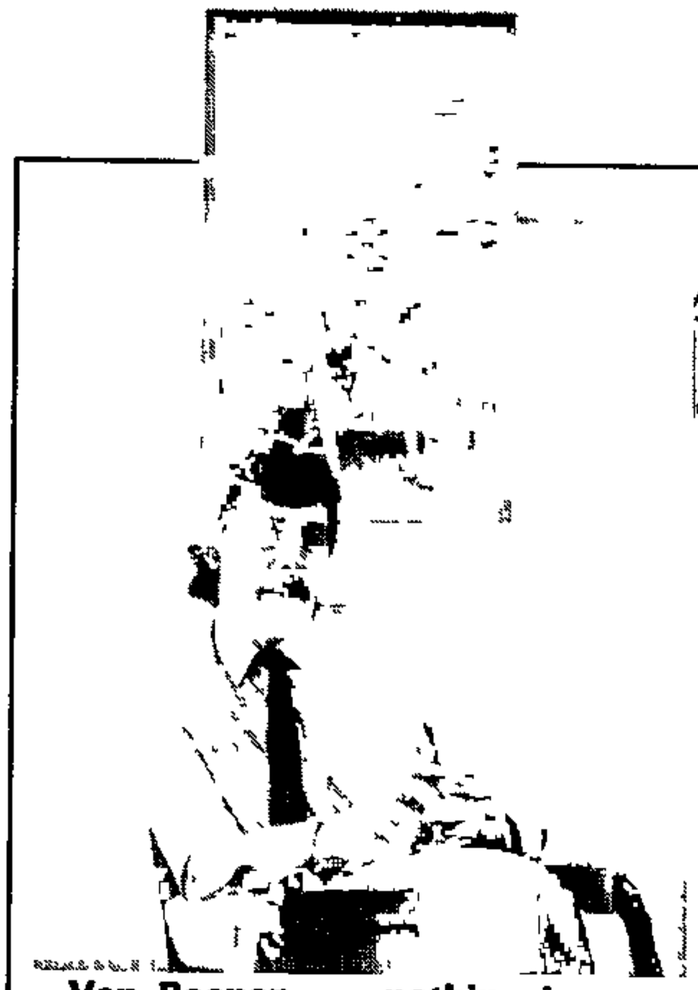
The chairman of the action committee, Mr Donald Card, confirmed that the city council was negotiating for houses for the 60 families

"We are negotiating with the government for the takeover of the North End and I am unaware of moves to shift the people around to accommodate firms which have bought land "

Mr Card said the council's application for rehousing the people of North End dated back to 1984 Funds had been allocated in 1985 for the infrastructure, but the plans for the houses had been rejected by the then Indian Management Committee The chairman of the newly-instituted Indian Management Committee, Mr Edward Vangadajellum, has again rejected the plans for the houses as he said they looked more "like stables"

He said a meeting would have to held with the people to see whether they would accept them

The spokesman for the Department of Public Works which has jurisdiction over the North End premises, Mr J Boucher, was not available for comment



Raymond Preston

Van Reenen ... nothing is as perishable as a hotel room

of this is the sales growth of brands like Winston, JPS and Benson & Hedges

The fact that SI and UTC employ the same ad agency, Grey Phillips, was probably also an important factor in Van Reenen's selection

"Since repositioning JPS and B & H, we've consciously driven those brands and they're both showing healthy growth — about 20% a year," says the outdoorsman Rauch who played eighth man for Stellenbosch and Eastern Province "Now I'll have to get a mind fix on a much faster industry Nothing is quite as perishable as a hotel room If it's not sold, it's gone"

At UTC, Van Reenen has been responsible for a marketing budget of around R30m, R10m of which is billed with Grey Although he is unsure of the exact SI budget, he says it is probably less than UTC's "They have a smaller sales force and hotels are a different ball game, but it's certainly generous enough for me to do the job"

Van Reenen says it's premature to say what he has in mind for SI "Though the product differs from cigarettes, most of the same marketing principles apply I don't know anything about the tourist industry or hotels I've a lot to learn before I start applying my marketing skills There are basic principles that can be adhered to, no matter what you market"

Faced with a sharp decline in foreign tourists coming to SA, he says "We're definitely going to have to address local audiences more closely to compensate for the loss in the overseas market The more restraints, the better marketer you have to be"

Van Reenen matriculated at Cape Town's Jan Van Riebeeck before graduating from Stellenbosch with a B Comm Hons After a stint as a Shell sales trainee, he joined Oude Meester where he remained for seven years At the same time, Burmeister was with SFW Though in opposition, the two became friends and then almost simultaneously left the liquor industry Burmeister joined the hotel industry and Van Reenen joined UTC as marketing director Just over a year ago, he was appointed UTC GM while retaining the marketing portfolio

"I'm going to have to adapt to a fast-moving industry and lifestyle," he says, "but at my age a man must run I have an extremely secure marriage My wife and two sons are a support system and my greatest asset" His wife is the daughter of Meerlust Estate's Nico Myburgh.

Van Reenen had been content to stay at UTC "happily ever after" However, when he was made an offer by SI, "not the proverbial offer I couldn't refuse but obviously a good deal," he decided to take up the challenge Now he intends selling Sol's rooms as hard as he sold cigarettes ■

BEN VAN DER ROSS

Hope is essential

Cape Town attorney, Ben van der Ross, who becomes an executive director of the Urban Foundation (UF) this week, has no illusions about the enormity of the problems facing both the UF and SA

The looming threat of sanctions, he believes, will compound an already difficult situation "SA doesn't have the resources to generate the growth necessary for the sort of socio-economic upliftment we're looking at We need increased investment from external sources There's no alternative if standards of living are to be raised to an acceptable level"

Van der Ross (39) is a UF veteran who attended the Foundation's inaugural conference in the wake of the 1976 riots and has been actively involved with its workings ever since, working on the UF board of governors for some time

Specifically, he'll be responsible for reform and policy planning ("the non-tangibles, urbanisation, the principles of housing, and so on, as opposed to the implementation of development projects") in the western Cape and will also serve on the national executive

Van der Ross says that while he has no formal training in housing matters, his interest goes back a long way He owns an estate agency, is a member of the Estate Agents' Board and a director of Garden Cities, a pioneer housing utility company

Van de Ross ... blacks want an equal deal

"I come from a family in which there was a very strong social conscience and political involvement (his father, Richard van der Ross, is Rector of the University of the Western Cape) By association more than by formal training, I think I have become something of an expert on coloured housing and certainly housing in the western Cape," he says

Van der Ross explains his involvement with the UF as a need to exert a beneficial effect on life in SA "I believe we're in a situation where reasonable minded people of all political persuasions and colours agree that the only way to find an acceptable solution is by allowing moderate forces to emerge as an effective vehicle for change

"The problem is that the centre is so brow beaten by the Right and the Left that this becomes very difficult More people like myself must stand up and be counted," he says "It's easy to criticise and give advice, but it's not that easy to do something We need more doers than talkers"

His views in no way reflect a "soft" attitude to apartheid In fact, he believes too little is being done to rid the country of discrimination "Many of us are convinced that the changes we see are, in fact, reforms It's true that many of these changes appear positive in that they're doing away with certain discrimination, but the problem isn't which discrimination you do away with, it's doing away with apartheid which to me is very simply racial separateness

"Most blacks don't just want a better deal than they now have, they want an equal deal," he says "I'm pragmatic enough to realise this can't be achieved overnight, but structures are going to have to be devised and implemented which will give people hope It's only when people have hope that a vehicle for the effective emergence of a moderate black leadership can be provided

"We're past the stage in our history where a few simple concessions to blacks allow us to continue along the same old path We're into a completely different scenario"

The UF's role includes putting across this message to government "at every opportunity," he says "There's overwhelming evidence that it's going to be absolutely necessary to do away with racial separatism if a level of equality and a political structure are to evolve which will find acceptability with all communities By putting this message across to government, the UF isn't making a political statement, it's merely stating a well evidenced fact"

Van der Ross believes change is inevitable, the only question is how it comes about However, he isn't particularly optimistic about change in the immediate future He does believe, though, that the momentum which has started is significant and is going to become increasingly difficult to control "Therein lies a certain amount of hope"

TOM DE BEER

Key(s) appointment

Sappi's new chairman, Tom de Beer, holds the purse strings of SA's second largest mining house, Gencor, as well as being responsible for the group's property portfolio

However, in line with the management restructuring programme instituted by recently appointed executive chairman Derek Keys, De Beer (51) will not be tackling these responsibilities entirely alone — at least not until Hugh Smith, his "senator," retires Gencor's "senator" or mentor system — whereby an older man, due for retirement, provides back-up to his successor — is Keys's innovation And De Beer believes there's a lot of merit in it

"When you reach 60, your time perspective shortens When top people take executive decisions with a time frame longer than three years, it puts them in a defensive position," he says "Now, when a senior executive turns 60, he moves out of line responsibility, but his knowledge and experience are retained within the organisation There's absolutely no doubt who's boss, we are"

Keys puts it this way "Leading members of management, over 60, fall out of the executive skeleton and become 'senators' They drop out of the musculature, but remain in the nervous system"

He uses the analogy of a sports team to describe his restructuring exercise a professional sports team consists of coaches (the Gencor board), who assist the athletes and managers (members of the operational team, heads of departments), owners (the Fedmynbou board) and the fan club (customers, suppliers, authorities, shareholders and employees)

Keys's restructuring exercise has resulted in two service groups and four basic operating groups or councils — mining, industries, Sappi and finance De Beer has taken over from Basil Landau as Sappi chairman, and also heads the finance board "The major recommendation of the Arthur D Little report was to flatten the Gencor hierachy," he says, "and that's been achieved"

A Hoopstad maize farmer's son, De Beer reckons that still more management changes are likely, although Keys's fundamental concept won't change "We may expand the number of 'athletes', new faces will appear, but the structure will remain the same

"For example, on my finance board not everybody could report to Keys Now he'll be exposed to the 'coaches' and all the 'athletes' on a monthly basis The previous committee structure comprised five executive directors reporting to the board under the non-executive chairmanship of Ted Pavitt Now the industrial division, except for Sappi, falls under George Clark In my finance division, there are separate profit centres — finance, investment, treasury and townships, as well as Sappi, which comprises about 50% of our total R4,8 billion investment in industry"

De Beer has been involved with Sappi since the Ngodwana project hit the drawing boards in 1981 Now completed at a cost of R1,6 billion, Ngodwana makes up about two-thirds of Sappi's assets Although Ngodwana is on stream, it hasn't yet reached design capacity and De Beer says his challenge is to take it there Outside of Ngodwana, Sappi is performing well, De Beer says, but he won't comment on the subject of exports

At one time, De Beer was mentioned as a possible Gencor chief It was said, however, that his lack of operational experience was a major impediment. But does De Beer, a Wits

Raymond Preston

De Beer ... supported by a 'senator'

B Comm CA who started his career as a learner official on GFSA's Robinson Deep mine, see himself as the 55-year-old present chairman's successor? "The future will take care of itself," he says "I haven't run a production plant, quite right, but in finance I've been involved with the whole spectrum of Gencor activities" De Beer has known Keys for some time as a co-director of Sappi and also as a director of Samancor

Since he joined General Mining 21 years ago as a financial accountant, he has seen it grow from a company with profits of around R8m to a group with profits of around R500m today

As for Gencor's rating on the JSE, "we were always aware that Gencor had suffered a heavy discount in the stock market," De Beer says, "but now the share price is where it belongs. When Keys joined, the shares were R39 with a dividend yield of 4,9%, now it's back to 3,7% in line with shares like Anglo"

However, with inflation playing havoc with the cost of starting and developing new mines, De Beer is going to have to stretch his imagination to the limit in developing innovative financing strategies The start up cost of Beatrix alone was more than R450m, he says, so planning has to be extremely thorough and meticulous

However, he holds that "talking with the taxman" will probably be the most important factor in determining the financing of new mines "If exploiting a known reserve is in the interest of SA, the taxman must also make his contribution But if one has a convincing case, I believe you can bring him to the table For example, the fact that he agreed to the merger of Anglo's OFS goldmines is sensible from SA's vantage point"

De Beer says he has little time for interests outside the office other than his six children, who take up most of his spare time But he does support PW Botha ■

RAUCH VAN REENEN

A lucky strike

If you've ever felt the desire to taste America, share the feeling or own the night, Rauch van Reenen, marketing director and GM of United Tobacco Company (UTC) is the man you can thank or blame Van Reenen, Sun International's (SI) latest lucky strike, is the hotel group's newly appointed marketing director

There's a certain poignancy attached to his appointment Just before the death last month of Jurgen Burmeister, SI's former marketing director, he is said to have compiled a list of names of worthy successors Van Reenen's name apparently topped that list

Tracked down by a headhunter and interviewed by Ken Rosevear and Ian Heron, Van Reenen (38) has yet to meet Sol Kerzner Van Reenen had worked closely with Burmeister and SI on numerous occasions — probably the most significant being the Sun City Million Dollar Golf Classic of which John Player Special was a major sponsor

However, the two marketing maestros' styles are poles apart "Maybe opposite poles attract," Van Reenen says "We were friends I always admired Jurgen's skills and think he's going to be a hard act to follow"

During the six years Van Reenen has spent with UTC, he's been responsible for some spectacularly successful marketing drives and advertising campaigns Evidence

Cape Times 8/8/86 124

Victims confront Mayor

By RIAAN SMIT, PETER DENNEHY and RENEE MOODIE

ANGRY Heideveld residents met the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Leon Markovitz, in Klipfontein Road yesterday after water from a burst City Council water main flooded their homes for the second time in less than a month

Yesterday's pipe burst occurred at 5.15am, nine metres from the site of the July 13 burst, flooding 48 houses between the Mitchells Plain railway line and Duinefontein Road to a depth of up to 30cm.

All 48 were among the 200-odd houses which were half-a metre deep in water during the first flood.

The second burst occurred despite internal checks on several hundred metres of adjoining piping which were according to assistant city water engineer Mr Dennis Hodson carried out after the first burst.

At a press conference yesterday, Labour Party members said they were told at a meeting with the executive committee (Exco) yesterday that replacing the pipe would cost R60 million.

Yesterday afternoon Mr Markovitz spoke to an angry Heideveld Manenberg Crisis Committee (HMCC) meeting of about 200 residents carrying placards with slogans such as "What now, Mr Mayor?" and "Give us new houses or no rent".

Mr Markovitz referred to a placard which read 'Is this another Act of God?' — quoting a remark made by him after the first flood — and said he wished to explain that in law the phrase meant an event which could not be foreseen.

"It does not mean that God himself decided to do this act. It has happened a second time and it must be properly investigated so that residents can know the reason for the break in the pipe ' he said.

He told the meeting that Exco had decided to appoint an independent committee chaired by a retired judge, to investigate the causes of both the first and the second pipe breaks.

In a statement issued late yesterday the Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans said the committee would also include a civil engineer and an insurance expert, nominated by independent organizations.

Contrary to previous indications from the council a council spokesman said yesterday the contents of the report to Exco on the first burst would not now be disclosed as this would anticipate the committee s findings.

Early yesterday morning flood-threatened residents were alerted of the latest disaster by street representatives of the HMCC and soon afterwards the Metro rescue service, using a rubber dinghy and a four wheel-drive rescue truck, started evacuating old people and young children from the worst-affected households along Jonkershoek and Winterberg roads.

Council trucks dumped loads of sand in front of houses and many residents shovelled barricades to prevent floodwater from entering their houses. Some residents stacked furniture on their roofs.

An HMCC spokesman yesterday for a second time called for Heideveld to be declared a disaster area.

He said council should take responsibility for personal belongings damaged by yesterday s flood, some of which had already been replaced by residents after the first flood.

Dr Evans said Exco decided yesterday morning that a temporary earth wall should be constructed between the N2 and Klipfontein Road parallel to the railway line, "so that should any further failure occur" the water may be diverted to a nearby drainage canal.

He said although council would as far as possible reduce the use made of the pipeline, it was unfortunately a major feeder main and there was a limit to the extent to which its use could be cut without a serious reduction in water pressure in 'a very large portion of the City'.

At the Labour Party press conference after a meeting with Exco Mr Patrick McKenzie (LP Bonteheuwel) said "We are not happy with what we heard there. City Council did not do what was asked of them after the first burst — we asked them to have a thorough technical check."

Metro rescue worker Mr M J Truter carries Monique Petersen, aged seven months, to a four-wheel drive Metro truck in Winterberg Road

The Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Leon Markovitz, addresses angry Heideveld residents yesterday afternoon after a second pipeline burst in the area, flooding homes and preventing many residents from going to work. ● More pictures, page 7

Cape Times Newscolour: Richard Bell

LP advice to flood victims

By CHRIS BATEMAN

SCORES of circulars distributed by the Labour Party in flood-ravaged Heideveld and Manenberg — which canvassed support and offered damage assessments" — were handed to Crisis Committee members at a meeting of angry residents at the Holy Spirit Church in Bailey Crescent, Heideveld last night.

The circulars dated Monday, told residents that their flood-damage claims had been submitted. The circulars added that if residents had yet to claim they should phone Labour Party MP for Heideveld Mr A F Johannes to arrange for an assessment.

About 150 people resolved that the Manenberg/Heideveld Crisis Committee handle their claims and all legal action as speaker after speaker condemned the Labour Party for its "late intervention".

Committee member Mr Kevin Patel told residents that legal advice was that they should not sign the circulars or damage assessments and that a comprehensive claims assessment would be made "soon" with the aid of University of the Western Cape law students.

Residents heard that several more people had lost possessions in yesterday's flood, the second to hit the area since July 13 when the same council water pipe burst.

Others said they had lost their factory jobs after staying away from work to clean houses and repair damage.

Cape Times 9/8/86 p29

Pipe experts speculate on cause of burst

Staff Reporter

COMMERCIAL water reticulation and valve industry specialists in the City yesterday speculated that "environmental reasons" were the most probable cause of the burst water main which flooded sections of Heideveld this week.

And, most of them added, Thursday's second flood could probably have been avoided if safety valves had been fitted into the Heideveld section of piping after the first flood in July

Although they said this would not be feasible on a large scale because of the cost involved, in a special case like the Heideveld flooding, it would be worth the council going to the trouble of having special large-bore valves manufactured on commission in the United States.

Approached for comment yesterday, Mr Gys Hofmeyr, the City Administrator, declined to comment on technical questions and said the committee of inquiry appointed to investigate the flooding would presumably look into the possibilities mentioned.

In some of the suggestions made yesterday, the specialists canvassed — all of whom asked not to be identified — said:

● An emergency self-closing valve could have been fitted in the pipeline. Such a valve would react to a dramatic increase in water flow through the pipe, as is the case after a burst main, by automatically shutting off the supply

● A smaller "bleeder" pipe could have been fitted above the problem area with an excess-flow valve installed at its mouth. As soon as pressure in the main pipe built up to abnormal levels, the pressure release valve would automatically open to ease the build-up

● A pipe specialist suggested that the entire section of steel-reinforced concrete pipe in the Heideveld area be replaced with a section of steel pipe.

The specialists consulted by the Cape Times all agreed there could be a number of explanations for the pipe bursting twice.

Among the explanations they offered were:

● Because of the abnormal rainfall this winter, the water table is excessively high and this could have caused the pipe to shift in its bed, putting abnormal stress on the affected section.

● The pipe could have reached the end of its lifespan, and because concrete is relatively brittle, "environmental stress", like that of the high water table, would have been too much for it

● One specialist suggested that because of ongoing unrest in the townships, there had been an abnormal amount of heavy, armoured vehicle traffic which could have compacted the ground and increased stress on the pipe.

Upmarket coloured housing planned

CAPE TIMES 12/8/86 (124)

By NEILL HURFORD
Property Editor

A STRUCTURE plan to co-ordinate the private development of a 493ha area west of Mitchells Plain for "upmarket" housing for coloured people has just been completed by a City firm of consulting engineers.

It is proposed to divide the area, to be named Weltevreden Valley, into 6 400 sites averaging 500m² to 600m² each The development, including provision of services, is intended to be undertaken entirely by private enterprise The land is currently held by 12 major landowners According to the engineers, the owners are, following consultation, fully in agreement with the proposals

The study, by the firm Van Niekerk, Klein and Edwards, was undertaken on behalf of the House of Representatives' Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture

The area surrounds the proposed Westgate regional commercial centre, programmed to be constructed from the end of the year Three applications for residential townships in the study area have already been submitted to the authorities

The plan is intended to co-ordinate the activities of the various individual developers by providing an overall framework — major roads, shopping facilities, educational institutions and recreational areas The cost of the services, including stormwater drainage, sewerage, water supply, electricity and earthworks, is estimated in the region of R6 million The co-ordination of financing of the services among the different landowners along the valley is seen as the most important aspect of the plan

A spokesman for the firm, planner Mr David du Plooy, said that central to the plan was the provision of a "park way" service corridor providing a linear green strip giving road access to the residential sites

The structure plan was currently being advertised for objections; and queries, said Mr Du Plooy, should be directed to Mr J D Slabbert of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture

● Diagram, page 8

Scheme to use city's empty flats

By KIN BENTLEY

MOST of the vacant flats in Port Elizabeth's North End could be filled if it became a "grey area" — an areafor residential occupation by people of any race group

This is the view of Mr Bruce Trehaevan, chairman of the PE and Midlands branch of the SA Institute of Estate Agents

He said about 10% of the 4 000 to 5 000 flats available for letting in the city were unoccupied at present.

Most vacancies were among batchelor flats in Central and two-bedroomed flats in North End The latter were being let for R190 to R200 a month, he said.

The reason for the increase in vacancies in North End was that a number of job opportunities in the area had been lost, mainly through shop closures caused by the four-month old black consumer boycott and the closure of Ford

Many former tenants had moved back to their families or made other accomodation arrangements

However, he said, there were many coloured, Indian and black people earning money who were not political If grey areas were formed "there would be a demand from those wanting to get out of the township environment and carry on living normal lives", he said

Mr Trehaeven said most property owners in PE were coping, but a few in North End were struggling "Pressure (for grey areas) must come because many of their flats are standing empty

Owners are only really interested in whether the tenant will pay and behave himself."

He said for "emotional" reasons, he could not foresee the Group Areas Act being "torn up" as easily as happened with the Immorality Act But, he added, the institute, the SA Property Owners' Association and businessmen would welcome the introduction of grey areas as a first step. The declassification of certain trade areas of the CBD and North End should logically spread to the adjacent blocks of flats, where there were presently "a lot" of vacancies

He said the President's Council, currently looking into the Act, would have to respond to this demand soon "We are running out of time to phase it in"

● It has been reliably learnt that wealthy blacks from PE's townships are interested in buying vacant houses in PE's more affluent suburbs, but Mr Trehaeven said this had not been aired within the institute, although he realised that individual estate agents would prefer to "play it on a low key"

Township residents owe R84 000 rent

Tygerberg Bureau

PEOPLE living in Kraaifontein township owed R84 000 in rent and many were unemployed and sub-let rooms, the area's management committee has been told

At a meeting last night committee member Mr J D Watson said there were people who owed the municipality more than R800

He said unemployed people had been given the opportunity to apply for a reduced rent of R48, but some working residents had paid only part and had built up large debts Others had paid no rent

Mr Watson said many in debt were sub-letting rooms and spending the money on themselves

"It is better to evict these people and make the houses available to the many others who need a home and who would be good tenants"

(iii) die nagaan van die graderig van wattelbas by fabrieke;

(iv) die uitreiking van inspeksieverslae;

(v) die inspeksie van die rekords van kwekers ten opsigte van inligting ingevolge hierdie regulasie aan die Adjunk-direkteur-generaal voorgelê; en

(vi) die verrigting van enige werksaamheid bykomstig tot of verbonde aan bostaande of die gehoorlike uitvoering van sy pligte as inspekteur.".

5. Regulasie 9 van die regulasies word hierby gewysig deur die woorde "en meulenaars" en "of meule" te skrap

6. Vervang regulasie 10 van die regulasies deur die volgende.

"10. Niemand mag wattelbas uit die Republiek uitvoer nie, tensy 'n uitvoeringsertifikaat deur 'n inspekteur uitgereik is.".

7. Skrap regulasies 11, 12, 13, 14 en 15.

8 Skrap die woorde "wat vir uitvoer bestem is" waar dit in regulasie 16 van die regulasies voorkom.

(iii) the checking of the grading of wattle bark at factories,

(iv) the issuing of inspection reports;

(v) the inspection of the records of growers in respect of information submitted to the Deputy Director-General in terms of these regulations; and

(vi) the performance of any function ancillary or incidental to the above or to the due and proper carrying out of his duties as an inspector.".

5. Regulation 9 of the regulations is amended by the deletion of the words "and millers" and "or mill".

6. Substitute the following for regulation 10 of the regulations.

"10 No person shall export any wattle bark from the Republic unless an export certificate has been issued by an inspector."

7. Delete regulations 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15.

8 Delete the words "intended for export" in regulation 16 of the regulations.

DEPARTEMENT VAN STAATKUNDIGE ONTWIKKELING EN BEPLANNING

No. 1677 **15 Augustus 1986**

OMSKRYWING VAN GROND VIR 'N SWART DORP EN TEHUIS TE GRAHAMSTAD

Ek, Petrus Johannes Badenhorst, handelende namens en in opdrag van die Minister van Staatkundige Ontwikkeling en Beplanning, maak hierby bekend dat kragtens die bevoegdheid hom verleen by artikel 35 (2) van die Wet op die Ontwikkeling van Swart Gemeenskappe, 1984 (Wet 4 van 1984), die grond in die Bylae hiervan omskryf vir die ontwikkeling van 'n dorp en 'n tehuis kragtens artikel 35 (1) (a) en (c) van genoemde Wet, afgesonder is

P. J. BADENHORST,
Adjunk-minister van Staatkundige Ontwikkeling en Beplanning.

(Lêer A6/5/2/G28)

BYLAE

'n Sekere gedeelte grond, 203,9741 hektaar groot, synde Erf 7175, Grahamstad, soos aangedui op LG-kaart 8345/85

No. 1690 **15 Augustus 1986**

STADSRAAD VAN LEKOA.—VERORDENINGE BETREFFENDE DIE VORDERING VAN BEDRAE VIR DIENSTE EN DIE GEBRUIK VAN FASILITEITE—WYSIGING VAN GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWING 1930 VAN 30 AUGUSTUS 1985

Ek, Petrus Johannes Badenhorst, Adjunk-minister van Staatkundige Ontwikkeling en Beplanning, heg hierby kragtens die bevoegdheid my verleen by artikel 27 van die Wet op Swart Plaaslike Owerhede, 1982 (Wet 102 van 1982), my goedkeuring aan die verordeninge van die Stadsraad van Lekoa vervat in bygaande Bylae, welke verordeninge op die eerste dag van die maand wat volg op die datum van publikasie hiervan in werking tree.

P. J. BADENHORST,
Adjunk-Minister van Staatkundige Ontwikkeling en Beplanning.

(Lêer A2/17/8/21/L58)

DEPARTMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

No. 1677 **15 August 1986**

DEFINITION OF LAND AS A BLACK TOWN AND HOSTEL AT GRAHAMSTOWN

I, Petrus Johannes Badenhorst, acting on behalf and by direction of the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, do hereby make known that under and by virtue of the powers vested in him by section 35 (2) of the Black Communities Development Act, 1984 (Act 4 of 1984), the land defined in the Schedule hereto has been set aside for the development of a town and hostel in terms of section 35 (1) (a) and (c) of the said Act

P. J. BADENHORST,
Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(File A6/5/2/G28)

SCHEDULE

A certain area of land, 203,9741 hectares in extent, being Erf 7175, Grahamstown, as shown on SG Diagram 8345/85

No. 1690 **15 August 1986**

TOWN COUNCIL OF LEKOA —BY-LAWS RELATING TO THE MAKING OF CHARGES FOR SERVICES AND THE USE OF FACILITIES—AMENDMENT OF GOVERNMENT NOTICE 1930 OF 30 AUGUST 1985

I, Petrus Johannes Badenhorst, Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, do hereby, under and by virtue of the powers vested in me by section 27 of the Black Local Authorities Act, 1982 (Act 102 of 1982), approve the by-laws of the Town Council of Lekoa contained in the accompanying Schedule, which by-laws shall come into force on the first day of the month following the date of publication hereof.

P J. BADENHORST,
Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning.

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THE EASY HOME SHOW

ARGUS 15/8/86

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A UNIQUE self-help housing exhibition — the first of its kind in South Africa — has attracted innovative ideas from throughout the country. Now contractors are bringing their imaginations to bear on the concept of providing a low cost self-help home that will cost R9 000 . . . or less!.

The help yourself homes

By DICK USHER, Staff Reporter
Pictures WILLIE de KLERK

THERE'S a unique project taking shape at Belhar in the search for an answer to South Africa's serious housing problems

On a site, presented by the Divisional Council, 40 contractors, who have been freed from some of the restraints which have hampered developers up to now, are building their versions of a low-cost self-help family home which will meet the need of thousands of people who do not have homes

They will go on show to the public and housing officials when the Easy Homes Show opens on October 2 The upshot is expected to be a boom in self-help and easy to construct cheap housing

THE Easy Home Show is the first exhibition of its kind in South Africa — it has attracted innovative ideas from throughout the country as contractors bring their imagina tions to bear on the concept of providing a home that can be built for a maximum building material outlay of R9 000

With millions of people in dire need of homes and ever lengthening waiting lists as authorities struggled to come to terms with the need by conventional methods, the self help concept was finally accepted as one solution which could help overcome the massive shortage

For the first time, timber frame and other unconvention al houses, which will be exhibited, are being considered as a serious option by the authorities It's a long-awaited con cession which is regarded as significant

THE concept has two major advantages By substituting the homeowner's labour for hired labour, costs are im mediately reduced And while self help builders are putting their own work into the project it immediately introduces the pride of creation and self esteem

The first advantage helps bring home ownership within the grasp of more people while the second helps build com munity spirit

The Easy Homes Show incorporates both these concepts — but it has also been a challenge to South Africa s devel opers to produce imaginative solutions to the need for low-cost homes

All 40 homes to be built for the exhibition will employ different construction techniques ranging from cement blocks through prefabricated wood panels to interlocking cement bricks

One that is certain to attract major interest is a design built out of sprayed foam on a shade cloth base It already stands, well insulated even in cold conditions, and looks vaguely Saharan with its pointed domes

Conventional standards have been deliberately relaxed for the show homes to see what developers can come up with when allowed almost free rein

THE challenge to provide easy-to build, easy-to afford and easy-to-extend housing was taken up by the Divi sional Council of the Cape — and contractors were invited to show what they could do.

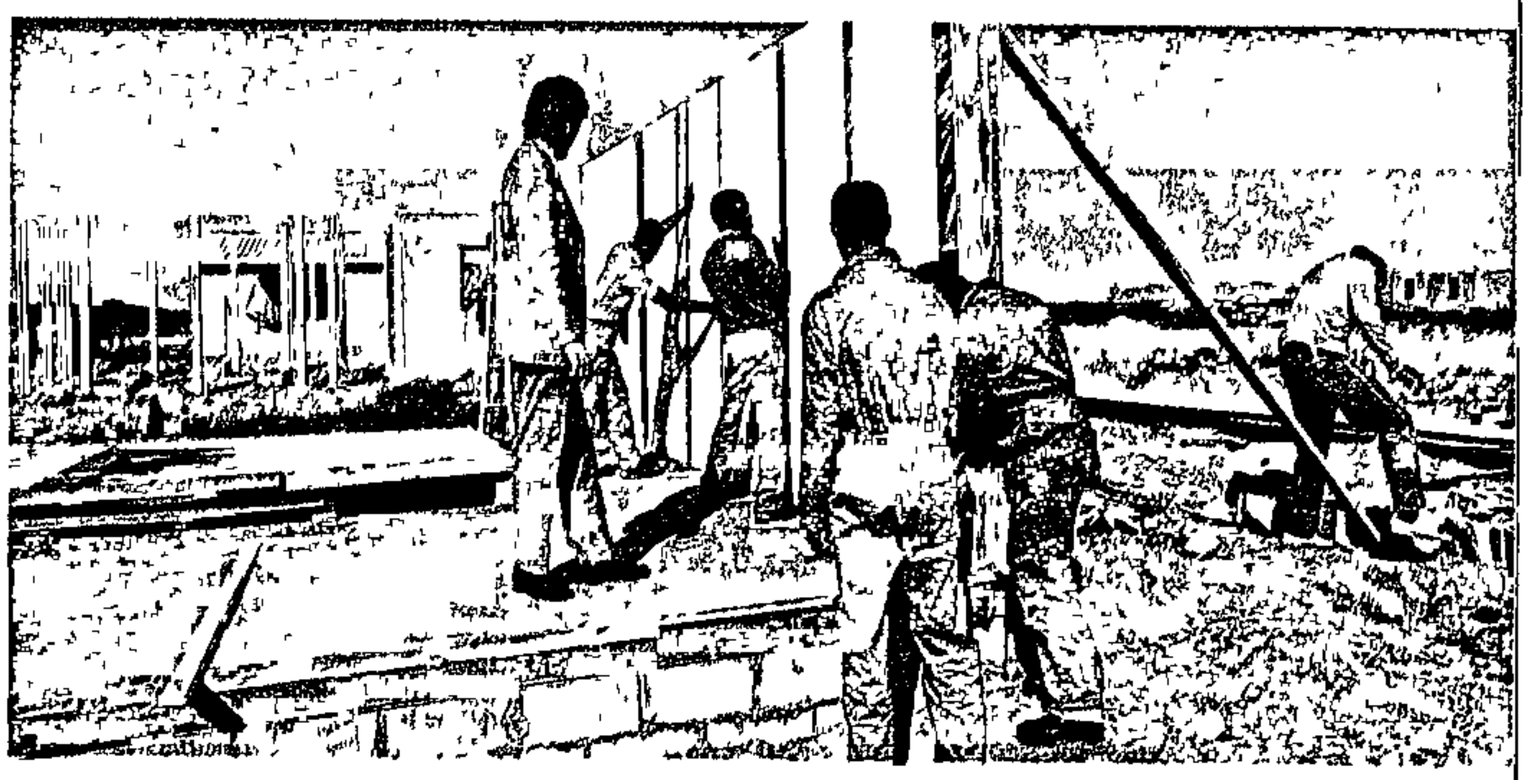
Each house will stand on its standard 300 metre erf and, provided it is accepted as suitable by the council, will be sold and occupied after the show either by an employee of the firm or by someone on the council's housing list

All the homes must be suitable for future expansion and must have two or three bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, bathroom and toilet, plumbing and electrical installations

While the total cost may not exceed R9 000, some of the homes on show will cost as little as R2 000

The site will be landscaped by the council before the show which is opened on October 2

Participants include major construction companies (including some international concerns), civil engineers, materials manufacturers and construction companies



TOP Workers position the prefabricated panels of another of the low-cost home designs that will be on display at the Easy Homes show. ABOVE It's up! Mr Karl Frederick Ketzer, developer of this ingenious concept in low-cost housing is delighted at the success of his structure.

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Tenants in back rooms up in arms

Post Reporter

BACKROOM tenants in Malabar are up in arms about squalid living conditions experienced by families living in a cluster of flats beneath a house.

Thirteen people, among them six children, have been living in a series of back rooms without any windows in the bedrooms for nearly three years. The only ventilation is a portable fan "that always breaks", according to the residents.

One tenant, Mr Noel Arthur, was last month forced to rebuild the bathroom his family was using. Until then they had been washing in a pool of water in the outside shower.

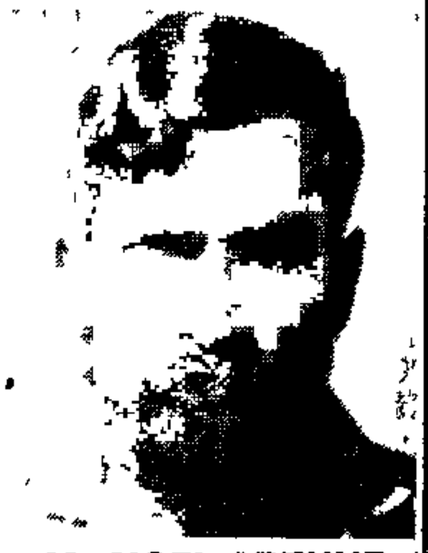
He and his family left after the landlord, Mr Billy Dorasami, pushed up the rent from R150 to R200. Mr Dorasami told them that the communal water and electricity account "had escalated dramatically" and that "uneccessary wastage had forced him to pay up to R300 on occasions".

Another family of seven also decided that the time had come to move and gave notice.

There is now only one flat still occupied.

"The premises were passed as legal years ago by the municipality," said Mr Dorasami. "There is no problem at all. Even I would live there."

Weekend Post visited the premises and found dank, mouldy rooms with absolutely no sunlight in all four bedrooms. The only sign of life were flies circling beneath the yellow light bulb suspended from the ceiling.



Mr NOEL ARTHUR

One tenant chased away reporters out of fear that she would get into trouble for allowing outsiders in. She has nowhere else to go.

The chief health inspector of the Port Elizabeth Municipality, Mr Andries Steyn, was approached for comment.

He said: "The regulations concerning premises used for occupation are fairly simple. Each room must have window space of at least 10% of the floor area.

"It is possible that licences can be granted without windowed ventilation, but only in cases where mechanical ventilation, say air-conditioning, is sufficient.

"We will look into the matter."

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†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

Cape Peninsula: housing

506 The LEADER OF THE OFFICIAL OPPOSITION asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) (a) How many housing units for Black occupation were built in the Cape Peninsula in 1985 and (b) what is the number to be built in this area in 1986,

(2) (a) what was the estimated shortage of housing for Black families in the Cape Peninsula at the end of 1985 and (b) when is it expected that the shortage of housing for Blacks in this area will be eliminated?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) (a) 2929 houses

(b) The number of houses to be built in this area in 1986 is dependent on the availability of funds

(2) (a) 7500 houses

(b) It is impossible to give a meaningful reply to this question due to the following factors which will have an influence on the provision of housing and the subsequent elimination of shortages—

(i) Economic climate

(ii) Availability of funds for sub-economic housing,

(iii) Availability of funds for infrastructure,

(iv) The pace at which development by the private sector will take place,

(v) Rate of urbanisation

(vi) Growth rate of the urban Black population

Black local authorities

1076 Mr F J LE ROUX asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning †

What was the total amount by which Black local authorities in the Republic were subsidised in each of the latest specified three years for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

No subsidies according to a set formula are paid Bridging loans are provided to assist the communities to phase in economic charges

1983/84	1984/85	1985/86
R25 240 226	R51 345 532	R63 317 861

Weapons provided to community councillors

1113 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) With reference to his reply to Question No 871 on 23 May 1986, what was the total value of the arms and ammunition that had been provided to community councillors as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) whether these weapons (a) remain the property of and (b) are licensed by his Department, if not, (i) who is the owner of each of these weapons and (ii) in whose name is each licensed, if so,

Building plans R10m down

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city council last month passed a total of 78 building plans, valued at an estimated R4 632 300

The total number of plans passed between January and July this year was 471, valued at R25 422 100

This is 35 plans fewer than the total number of plans passed for the same period last year — 506 plans valued at R36 152 200, according to statistics released by the city engineer's department.

This is a decrease in value of over R10 730 100

Among the more costly projects are plans for five new townhouses to be built in Chamberlain Road by Mike Weyer The estimated cost is R226 800

Other projects included a warehouse and new office block by Marley Sales in Riverview Road, estimated at R216 500, and 178 houses in the Buffalo Flats area by the East London Municipality, valued at R2,5 million

Housing project nears halfway mark

EAST LONDON — A R2,5-million project for 178 houses underway in Buffalo Flats is nearing the halfway mark

A spokesman for the municipality's property department, Mr Leonard Lester, said the houses were part of a fourth phase of an original contract for 1 000 houses

This had led to a second phase for another 300 houses followed by a third phase consisting of an additional 60 houses The total number of houses in the project is 1 538

The development of the 10 508 square metre site was awarded to Time Housing

The houses, which vary in type and size, are being built in Skipper Road and are scheduled for completion by mid-October — DDR

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Langa bid to beat the bulldozers

By MONO BADELA

THE saga of Langa township near Uitenhage – the scene of last year's March 21 shootings – is continuing.

Last week, homes of 426 families in the Kabah area bordering the white suburb of Levyvale were razed by authorities.

Bulldozers accompanied by troops, police and Kwanobuhle council officials moved into the embattled Kabah area in the dead of night, razing scores of homes.

This was despite a pending judgment to be given by Judge Kroon in the Port Elizabeth Supreme Court on Tuesday, concerning the future of the 426 families.

Four families, however, filed an urgent application in the same court last weekend demanding that the Kwanobuhle council return them to Langa and re-erect their shanty homes.

PE civil rights lawyer Patrick Bracher told *Cape Times* this week that the case had been postponed and was also set for hearing on Tuesday. The applicants are Michael Madi, Alfred Kika, Widman Bani and Mthetho Kinikini. In their affidavits, they claimed they had been removed forcefully to Kwanobuhle.

Meanwhile, a spokesman from Planact, a group of academics involved in township development, Mark Swilling said: "Now the State has shown clearly that forced removals are what it means when it talks about orderly urbanisation."

The homeless are now being housed in tents near Kwanobuhle township.

High power bills anger flood victims

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

HEIDEVELD residents who used City Council-supplied heaters to dry out their homes after last month's pipe-burst flood are angry that their electricity accounts have shot up "sky high"

At a meeting with the Heideveld/Manenberg Crisis Committee on July 15, council officials, among them Mayor Mr Leon Markovitz, promised to supply heaters to help dry out houses, without charging residents for the electricity

Yesterday the HMCC held a meeting in the Heideveld Congregational Church and several of the residents who attended had their latest electricity accounts with them

'All of a sudden'

Mrs Ruwayda Galant, a committee member, said accounts which used to amount to between R20 and R35 a month had "all of a sudden gone up to between R60 and R70"

She showed the Cape Times three or four of her accounts

"It's because of the heaters that people were using," she said "A lot of people have approached us with these high accounts I don't know why the council did not deduct amounts"

Other committee members spoke about drainage problems and the "constant, unhealthy dampness" in the area

Mr Markovitz said last night that at the July 15 meeting it had been agreed "that we will adjust accordingly any additional electricity charges as a result of the residents drying out their homes"

"The whole idea was that any electricity used purely for drying their homes, the additional charges would not be borne by them"

Asked if he could give a categorical assurance that no resident would have to pay the additional costs incurred, Mr Markovitz said

"I'm 98 percent sure that that's the case I'll have to check my notes of the meeting, but whatever was agreed to then will be carried out

"I will look into the matter first thing in the morning and take it from there"

Standing outside their makeshift shelter are (from left) Mr Jonathan Davids, Ms Christeline Visagie, her daughter Chantal, 3, and her husband Joe. Picture: Obed Zilwa

Highway squatters

Cape Times 21/4/86

By HILARY VENABLES

THIRTY people have been left to fend for themselves — some alongside a noisy highway — after Paarl Town Council demolished their homes last weekend to make way for a recreational centre.

The bewildered group, which includes at least five small children, have been sleeping in the open since Saturday night.

For the past five years most of them have lived in the wood-and-iron changing rooms which served "the Kraal" rugby fields at the edge of Paarl's coloured group area.

"We lived quite happily there," Ms Katie Bruintjies said "When the rugby players needed to change, we would go outside, and then go in again when they had finished

"They didn't mind and we didn't mind. We had running water and toilets. We were happy together"

They still haven't been told why the council decided to demolish their shelters

Mr Frans Crause said "But I hear it has something to do with Sacos (South African Council of Sport) players using the Kraal

"The council wants them to go and play at 'the Dal' (the Dal Josaphat Stadium in the coloured township)

"But what that has to do with putting us out, I don't know.

"When we moved in we cleaned the place up and kept it nice The municipality never came to see," he said, as municipal trucks carted away piles of shattered walls and roofs.

Eight of the group, including a three-year-old girl, moved into the bush on the bank of a stream, rather than live next to the road.

They set up a rudimentary shelter, scarcely larger than couple of dog kennels, but fear that if it rains the river might swell and wash their new "home" away

One of them, Ms Christeline Visagie, said she had been on the council's housing waiting list for eight years

A worker for the local Congregational Church said the church had been distributing food to the group and that the Red Cross had given blankets.

● The town clerk, Mr N Liebenberg, is in Pretoria and could not be reached for comment but a municipal official said yesterday that the changerooms had been demolished because the council was going to upgrade the sports fields into a "recreational complex"

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Cape options

Government's development plans for the rapidly expanding Weltevreden valley residential hinterland at the head of the Cape peninsula depend almost entirely on the private sector

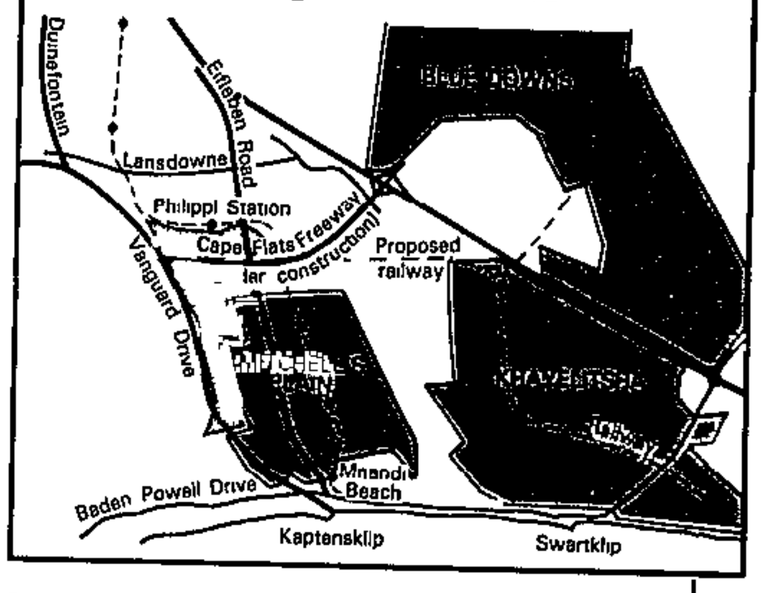
This is clear from a newly released draft local structure plan now being advertised for objections It is essentially intended to coordinate the activities of a multitude of individual developers by providing an overall framework and guidelines

The general area, comprising the huge new Blue Downs scheme, Mitchell's Plain, and Khayelitsha, will clearly be where the action will be in the western Cape residential property market for several years

Development potential of the Weltevreden portion — including the controversial Westgate shopping centre recently given the green light by the Province — is about 6 400 houses for some 35 000 people Trunk services, including stormwater drains, sewerage, water supply, electricity and earthworks are estimated to cost about R6m

Initiative for the scheme comes from the

Cape action



House of Representatives' Department of Local Government, Housing, and Agriculture The study is being conducted by consulting engineers and urban planners Van Niekerk, Kleyn and Edwards.

Most of the land (totalling 493 ha) is privately owned Major holders include Anglo American Property Services, Cape and Transvaal Land and Finance, National Portland Cement, Colorado Development, and several individuals (named in the study as Messrs Hendriks, Carter, Van Schoor, Le Sueur, and Kastan)

Several development proposals have already been submitted to the Divisional Council of the Cape

- ☐ Cape and Transvaal is going for a township of 901 dwellings, most of them single residential units, and some group housing Facilities proposed for its sections include a primary school, three business sites, and six churches,
- ☐ Kastan has submitted a detailed township application for 529 single residential stands and a group housing stand for another 15 units Facilities include another primary school, garage, community shopping centre and an old age home,
- ☐ Ampros has prepared a preliminary conceptual plan showing 614 single residential sites; and
- ☐ The Colorado area is already partly developed as a higher income residential area and plans for more are in the pipeline

National Portland does not intend to develop and would like to sell Sats is another seller (36 ha)

Other proposals include a motel and car sales business, both of which have been conditionally approved. ■

By DENISE BOUTALL

URGENT attention is being given to the provision of a massive area of additional land for African housing in Port Elizabeth.

Proposals to provide land to double the size of Motherwell, the African township north of the Swartkops River, are expected to be finalised next week

In an interview today a spokesman for the Greater Algoa Bay Planning Authority (GABPA) confirmed that urgent investigations into the provision of additional land for housing had started about six months ago and proposals would be put to the GABPA on September 4

The development of Motherwell started in 1984 and by September next year all 16 000 sites in the townships will have been serviced

A direct road link between Motherwell and the old townships is not, however, expected to be completed before 1991

The provision of more land was described as "very urgent" by the chief director of the Cape Provincial Administration's Community Services office in the Eastern Cape, Mr Louis Koch.

If necessary the matter would taken up by the East Cape Strategic Development Team which was appointed in July to expedite development proposals in the region, he said.

The GABPA spokesman said seven alternative proposals had been considered The final proposals provided for the expansion of Motherwell to the north and north-east of the existing area and would virtually double the size of the township

The proposals were a compromise reached after representations had been made by the Uitenhage and Despatch municipalities and the Coega Farmers' Association

He said the existing guide plan for the Greater Algoa Bay Area did not make any provision for the expansion of Motherwell although reference was made in the text of the plan to possible expansion in a northerly direction

The original proposal that the major African housing area of the region be developed north of the Swartkops River met enormous resistance from the African community, farmers in the area, the Bantu Affairs Administration Board and its successors as well as the Midland Chamber of Industries .

One of the main arguments against it was that the African people would live a great distance from the city and the places of work

After nearly nine years a compromise was reached which included the development of two smaller high-income residential areas, Kwamaxgaki and Kwadwesi, next to the Uitenhage Road to the north-west of Veeplaas and Kleinskool

Meanwhile access to Motherwell remains limited, with work on the Bramlin-Markman Arterial, which will link Motherwell directly to Kwazakele, due to start only af[illegible] mid-1988

Plan to double Port Elizabeth township

Temmers: blame govt policy

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The blame for some houses in Buffalo Flats extensions not having gutters and drainage should be laid at the door of the government whose policy it was to build cheap houses, the chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr Johannes Temmers, said yesterday

He was reacting to complaints from residents who said houses at Extension One, commonly known as Fynbos, had no gutters or drainage at the water taps at the back of the houses Residents also said that after it had rained their yards were flooded and this made it diffucult to get in or out of the houses

One resident, Mr S Kops of Pagoda Road, Buffalo Flats, said the water was absorbed into the ground around the house

"As a result, the houses were cold and damp"

Mr Temmers said it was the policy of the government to provide people with cheap houses

Asked how he thought the problem might be solved, Mr Temmers said he had a "few ideas" One was that people should group themslves and approach a building contractor to have drains installed in their homes The cost would be cheaper for a group

His other suggestion was that the government should be approached again for loans However, it would take a long time before the government would consider such a loan, Mr Temmers said

He pointed out that the concept of the houses was that they should be cheap to build and cheap to purchase The reason why gutters and drains were not installed was to cut down the cost People would buy the houses cheaper and if they had the means they would improve them, he said

Housing fraud: Woman jailed

Court Reporter

ONE of three women charged with defrauding would-be homeowners was yesterday sentenced in the Wynberg Regional Court to 18 months' imprisonment for 34 counts of fraud

Fagroniesa Khan, 42, of Ninth Street, Kensington, pleaded guilty and was acquitted on a further 80 counts of fraud

The court heard that Khan had posed as a housing agent for the Cape Town City Council and pretended she was entitled to enter into contracts on behalf of prospective home purchasers sooner than the council's waiting list period required.

'Poorest people'

She had allowed people to complete an application form and pay her R550 as a deposit Khan admitted that she had received R21 690

Mr J Kudo, for Khan, asked the court to take her five children and her age into consideration He said she would pay the money back at R350 a month

The magistrate, Mr A Knox, said the "poorest people were involved" and reminded her that the crime had taken place over a period of 18 months He said that "as if that was not serious enough, you used some of it to play the horses"

The other two women who appeared with Khan are Ms Zuleiga Chowgley, 50, of Mitchells Plain and Ms Fatima Rodgers, 42, of Woodburn Avenue, Athlone Both of them pleaded not guilty to 113 counts of fraud

Bail of R2 000 was granted to each of them and the hearing was adjourned to October 23

Mr P Marais was the prosecutor Mr M Parker appeared for Ms Chowgley Mr E De Beer appeared for Ms Rodgers

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Possible upgrading for Fingo Village

GRAHAMSTOWN — A restructured East Cape Urban Foundation will explore the possibility of upgrading Fingo Village

The decision was taken at a meeting of the city's sub-committee this week

Key speakers were the East Cape policy and programmes director, Mr Roger Matlock, the housing director, Mr Peter Arton-Powell and the professor of development studies at the Institute of Economic and Social Research at Rhodes University, Professor Bill Davies

The Urban Foundation was the major contributor in funding research for Prof Davies' paper, Planning for Growth and Development in Grahamstown (February 1986)

Mr Matlock said the foundation's focus in the East Cape would be on housing He suggested a start be made with Fingo Village

"Our study reveals that there will be a shortage of 3 000 housing units, even when every piece of land now available is built on But the question remains what are the people going to do," said Prof Davies

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R2m scheme for Lavender Hill?

Municipal Reporter

BUDGETARY provision was made for almost R2-million for a site-and-service scheme at Lavender Hill during the City Council's monthly meeting yesterday

The finance would come from National Housing Funds, according to a report before the council

Acquisition of the land would cost R820 000, while R1 155 000 would be spent on servicing the sites

Mr Frank van der Velde said concerned people who lived in Rondevlei and Zeekoevlei, near the scheme, had not been involved enough in its planning.

"Lets play open cards," he said "Its not my area, but I have been tackled by worried people at the Zeekoevlei Yacht Club I know there have been negotiations of which people in the area are not aware

"I believe a road is now going through the area, and this might allay some of their fears Let's give them the full plan"

Mrs Eulalie Stott said the scheme would cover about 65 hectares.

"We won't take the land they (the conservationists) want," Mrs Stott said "I am happy to try to help Zeekoevlei residents, and our staff have done their best"

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Construction of township roads delayed

EVEPOST 4/9/86

By DENISE BOUTALL

ROAD reconstruction costing R5,5 million in Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage's black townships will probably not start this year because of the political situation

A spokesman for the Port Elizabeth City Engineer's Department said the municipality had been told that the contracts would not be advertised because contractors were not prepared to work in the areas under the present conditions

This year, for the first time, major sums were available to subsidise the reconstruction of roads in the townships

To date, the upgrading of access roads to the townships had been given priority Meanwhile the planning and design work on the upgrading of major routes in the blacks areas had gone ahead and funds had now been provided

The projects due to start this year were the reconstruction of Matanzima and Mabandla roads in Kwanobuhle, Uitenhage, at a cost of R740 000 and R1,45 million respectively

In Port Elizabeth major work was due to start on Daku Road, Zwide, which is ultimately destined to be the major road connecting the old townships with the new residential areas in Motherwell north of the Swartkops River

The cost of the Daku Road reconstruction had been estimated at R1,48 million.

The other Port Elizabeth road due for major reconstruction was Johnson Road, Veeplaas, where the rebuilding of the road was estimated to cost R1,52 million and the provision of a bus terminal another R380 000

The chairman of the Eastern Cape branch of the South African Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, Mr Edward Sunde, confirmed that the federation had been asked whether members would be prepared to tender on one of the Kwanobuhle contracts

"We felt it would be better to wait for conditions in the townships to return to normal"

He said contractors were not prepared to risk the lives of their staff and also felt that their presence in the townships could be seen as provocative

The president of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, Mr Carl Coetzer, said it was issues such as the delay on the road construction programme which he hoped to tackle through East Cape Option (Eco), the organisation which is being set up to look for local solutions to the region's problems

"My intention, once the tenders are advertised, is to get the potential tenderers around a table with the identified leaders of the community and work out what the tenderers want and then find out from the community leaders what activity they can bring about to meet the guarantees required by the contractors"

Women from Heideveld, whose homes were flooded when a water-pipe burst, crowd into the Athlone office of Mr A F Johannes, Labour Party MP for Heideveld, and help themselves to forms which the overwhelmed clerks left behind

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MP dismayed by flood victims' cash demand

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

THE Member of Parliament for Heideveld, Mr A F Johannes, was dismayed yesterday at Heideveld residents' overwhelming response to his offer of payment to victims of the two pipe-burst floods.

Between 200 and 300 residents arrived in several buses and took over an entire floor of the offices of the House of Representatives in George Street, Athlone, yesterday morning

Faced with a demanding crowd of women, most of whom were not at all interested in filling in forms, clerks in the offices fled to the storey above

Mr Johannes said yesterday that he had sent out letters this week inviting residents to submit their claims to his office on Wednesday and yesterday from 9am He had also sent out officials to deliver these by hand

Nobody had arrived on Wednesday, but yesterday "it was such a mess, such a big crowd that the chief clerk estimated it at over 200 people, trying to be rude and demanding payment immediately"

"They know they can't get payment now," he said "It's the Crisis Committee that is the cause of the trouble They went and told people they would send buses"

Mr Johannes said he had told his chief clerk that despite residents' demands, he himself was not going to go to the offices Instead, he instructed the clerk to call each resident into an office individually, then "close the door and attend to them"

A Crisis Committee spokesman confirmed that the committee had organized buses to help people respond to the "Labour Party invitation".

Officials tell landlord to improve premises

Post Reporter

MALABAR landlord Mr Billy Dorasamy has been warned by municipal health officials that action will be taken against him unless he improves his premises

The warning follows a complaint by one of Mr Dorasamy's tenants that he was being overcharged for poor backyard and basement accommodation. This has led to other similar cases being reported

Health inspectors investigated a complaint by Mr Noel Arthur

The municipal chief health inspector, Mr Andries Steyn, said the rooms were badly ventilated and Mr Dorasamy had been warned to make the necessary improvements or legal action would be taken.

One room occupied by tenants was originally designed for storing goods

Mr Dorasamy said the municipality had passed the rooms as legal "years ago".

Large black town for PE

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By DENISE BOUTALL

PLANS for a black township of 24 400 houses for 169 200 people of the current Motherwell development, have been approved by the Greater Algoa Bay Planning Authority

Plans for the township, which will extend from existing development north over the Coega-Uitenhage Road to the edge of the Coega Valley escarpment, form part of a comprehensive proposal for the development of the area north of the Swartkops River

The proposals, which are to be submitted to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, have been given priority treatment so that work on the provision of housing would continue uninterrupted once the servicing of the first phase of Motherwell is completed in June, 1987, a spokesman for the planning authority said today

The plan is aimed at providing different areas for different income groups

The high density area catering for low-income families will be built adjacent to the first phase of Motherwell and up to the Coega-Uitenhage road

It is estimated 94 600 people will live here in 13 700 houses on 860 hectares

North of the Coega-Uitenhage road, 568 hectares will be set aside for medium density housing for middle-income families

The area provides for 5 700 families — 39 760 people

Low density neighbourhoods catering for the high-income group will be established further north and west, in areas abutting the agricultural land of the Coega River Valley and the Swartkops Valley Planners estimate 34 840 people in 5 000 units will live on the 871ha

Two large areas of land have been set aside in the north-east, for special purposes, which could be used for hospitals, educational facilities or local authority or Government administration, public utilities or service industries

The land included for residential development in the plan is rated by the Department of Agriculture as having a low economic potential

CMC in bid to reduce housing backlog

(24/11/4/86)

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The sub-division of 234 erven for coloured housing here has been given the go-ahead in an attempt to reduce the more than 1 000-strong housing waiting list

The Coloured Management Committee (CMC) has authorised the municipality to sub-divide several pockets of land in different parts of the coloured areas.

The MP for the Border, Mr Peter Mopp, is to approach the House of Delegates for finance to construct the houses

The areas are Parkridge south (27 erven), Lavender Road in Parkside (35 erven), Canterbury Road in Buffalo Flats (160 special residential erven) and Chapman Street in Buffalo Flats (12 erven).

The CMC had been asked what type of housing would be developed in the different areas ownership, self-help, assisted or sale to a finance-building company

However, the committee decided that because of the urgent need for the houses the sub-division should go ahead and the details could be decided at a later stage The proposed plans could also be refined then

● The CMC has received progress reports on 356 houses being built in Buffalo Flats extension

The first report said the contractor was 4½ weeks behind schedule with the R2,3-million project but was on contract for the completion date of October 20

The second report said the completion date for civil works on the project in the Link Road and bus terminal area had been set for September 13 but was amended to September 17 The total value of the civil works is R398 579

Action over rent subsidy is withdrawn

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The East London branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees' Association (Saame) has withdrawn its industrial court action against the municipality over housing subsidies for its members

This was confirmed by the municipal director of personnel and management, Mr Leon Deetlefs

The dispute over housing subsidies was declared after Saame wanted the municipality to extend subsidies to people who rented houses Subsidies are only paid to people who buy houses

The city council opposed the extension of the facility to cover its 2 500-strong staff complement which would have cost R250 000 a year.

The chairman of the local branch of Saame, Mr J Davel, could not be contacted yesterday for comment on why the action had been withdrawn, but Mr Deetlefs said other possible fringe benefits in its place had been mentioned

"All the details of the matter have not been worked out but I can confirm that the industrial court action has been withdrawn It is going to be replaced with something else," he said

The action had been brought earlier this year and initial argument was over whether the industrial court had jurisdiction to hear the matter

The council's legal representatives argued at the time that the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning did not exercise his discretionary powers in terms of the Labour Relations Act Consequently, proper terms of reference had not been established

The attorneys also argued the city council had discretionary powers to decide whether it wished to pay either a housing allowance or a housing subsidy, but not both

Saame attorneys opposed the interpretation and the court indicated at the time it would consider the arguments and give a ruling

Six women held in raid on township hostels

Cape Times 17/9/86

By PETER DENNEHY

SIX WOMEN, some of them married, were taken from their beds in a "routine" pre-dawn raid on the single-quarter hostels at Mfuleni township, Stellenbosch, yesterday

A woman who escaped by fleeing into the bushes, Mrs Mavis Nkawane, said she thought 26 women had been taken

The township manager, Mr Terius Ellis, said only six had been arrested for "sleeping there without permits"

Mrs Florence van Wyk said "They used to catch us for passes, now it is for trespasses, but the fines are still the same, R30 to R50"

Mr Ellis said 2 500 of the 3 900 official Mfuleni residents were single-men who lived in "hostels" owned by the Community Services (formerly the Western Cape Development Board)

Each hostel was a single-roomed semi-detached house, in which up to ten men paying R8,18 a month live Women could not live there, he said

Mr Stanley Tsotetsi, a construction worker, said his wife Paulina had been taken with their seven-month-old baby Princess A Mr Tobile Tyatyeka and his wife Nolusapo had also been separated, he said

Mr Tsotetsi said his children, four-year-old Mapula and the baby, had been born in his present home in Mfuleni

Mrs Nkawane said the previous raid had taken place two weeks ago

Women fined for sleeping with husbands

Staff Reporter

SIX women from Mfuleni township near Stellenbosch who pleaded guilty were convicted of contravening the Black Communities Development Act, number 4 of 1984, in the Kuils River Magistrate's Court yesterday.

They were found sleeping with their husbands, common-law or otherwise, in a pre-dawn raid on the township's "single quarters"

Tobeka Sitetu, 21, Rosie Mayekiso, 19, Paulina Tsotetsi, 27, Margaret Booysens, 24, Denise Abrahams, 21, and Nolusapho Tyatyeka, 22, were fined between R30 and R50 each

Mr E Kleynhans was on the Bench
Mr L Jordaan prosecuted

IMC move over new plots angers Malabar residents

By LLOYD COUTTS

INDIANS who have refused to use the Raman Bhana Community Centre in Malabar will have to attend a meeting there if they want to buy housing plots.

Those who do not attend the meeting will not be considered when plots are allocated, the Indian Management Committee has decidsed.

For months some have refused to use the centre because it is named after a political figure. But the allocation of 91 erven is something many of them will not want to miss

The IMC has circulated a notice to applicants to attend a meeting at the centre tonight.

Should they fail to attend, they will not be considered for an allocation, it warns.

An anti-tricameral Parliament body, the Malabar Residents Association (MRA), said today that malabar residents objected to the name of the hall and would not attend

Mr Raman Bhana is an MP in the House of Delegates and a member of the allocation committee.

Mr Mac Dana, the chairman of the association, said yesterday many residents strongly objected to the IMC, a situation which had been compounded by its involvment in the Tricameral Parliament

"I think this has been engineered by the IMC with the connivance of the city council to get people to attend IMC meetings The purchasing of plots should be non-political," he said

Mr Dana said people who voted for the IMC were favoured by the body

But the deputy chairman of the IMC, Mr Jay Kathan, denied yesterday that residents were being blackmailed.

Mr Kathan said there was a waiting list for plots In the present economic climate they "may or may not be still interested in buying a plot"

"What we are asking is for people to come to the Raman Bhana Community Centre and to basically acknowledge whether they are still interested"

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Residents slam 'costly' Schotschse Kloof houses

Staff Reporter

MRS Eulalie Stott, chairman of the City Council housing committee, faced criticism from Schotsche Kloof residents when she addressed a meeting on the council's housing project in the area.

About 200 residents were at the meeting, hosted by the council in response to a request to the executive committee by the Bo-Kaap Action Group

The council delegation consisted of Mrs Stott, Mr N Riley, deputy city engineer (housing), Mr P Muller, deputy mayor, Mrs M Mulder, director of housing, and Mr Norman Osburn, councillor for the area

The council recently completed 106 houses which are for sale for between R52 000 and R77 000 None has been sold

Residents complained last night that they were not consulted on the plans for the houses, the prices were too high for most of them, and that they were too small

"The houses are so small that you can't even change your mind in them," complained one resident

Mrs Stott said the project had been undertaken to cater for the housing need and because the council had been embarrassed by the derelict state of houses in the area

"It is council policy to give preference to residents of the area to buy the houses, especially those who have been on the waiting list longest," she said

"The original tender price was R35 000 but this escalated because it included land and services"

Mrs Stott said the council never dreamed the residents would object to the houses

She said she knew they were expensive but maintained there were people willing to pay the price

After the meeting, a spokesman for the Bo-Kaap Action Group said the council had failed to meet residents' demands

"The council is unsympathetic and out of touch with the residents of our area," he said.

Schotsche Kloof cold-shoulders council houses

By JOHN YELD
Municipal Reporter

THE CAPE Town City Council's new houses in Schotsche Kloof stand bright as pins, their gay colours sparkling in the clear September sunlight

But as yet there are no prospective residents vying to cross their thresholds and their presence has developed into an emotive wrangle between the council and the tightly-knit community on the slopes of Signal Hill

A council delegation of housing committee chairman Mrs Eulalie Stott, councillors and senior officials had a hostile reception at a meeting called by the Bo-Kaap Action Group this week when residents complained that the new houses were too small, that they had not been consulted on plans and that the price tags — between R52 000 and R77 000 — were far too high

Compromise

But the council, which has already been forced to compromise by re-negotiating a contract with the builders at a cost of R166 000 to the ratepayers, still finds itself in a cleft stick At the moment there is an uneasy stalemate

The 106 properties, all around the intersection of Upper Wale Street, Chiappini Street, Upper Dorp Street and Pentz Street, were bought during the late 1930s as part of a slum clearance programme

But by the time the council got around to planning to demolish the old houses and build flats, as it had done further up the hill, environmentalists pointed out the importance of the Malay Quarter

It was declared an area of special architectural merit and a national monument — and the parameters of any future buildings or restorations were clearly defined

The council then took the decision to build 106 houses in a traditional style which would satisfy the National Monuments Council and called for tenders, expecting the price to be around the R25 000 indicated by the city engineer

However, his calculations proved to be way out and tenders came in at around R35 000 — excluding escalation, the price of the land, the cost of services and professional fees

The council had to decide whether to abandon the project or build the houses which would clearly not be eligible for a subsidy because of the R25 000 limit set by the National Housing Commission — and went ahead in the interests of urban renewal

Abandoned

But because of the cost of redesigning (to add an extra bedroom to most of the houses) and taking sales commission and caretaking services into account, the cost has soared to between R52 000 and R77 000 — excluding finance charges — effectively putting them way beyond the means of most residents of the area

In response to community pressure the council abandoned plans to build all 106 units and, after renegotiating the contract with the builder at a significant cost to the city, decided to complete only 69 houses, 18 of which are complete

Another 19 will be left at foundation level and the balance will be left as vacant erven, to which Schotsche Kloof residents on the council's waiting list will have first choice

The community says it is dissatisfied with the state of affairs Residents are also highly reluctant to allow in outsiders who qualify for generous Government subsidies — such as civil servants — and would undoubtably snap up the houses, despite their very modest size

The issue is further bedevilled by Schotsche Kloof's special group area status

Glowing in the warm September sunlight — three of the Cape Town City Council's new houses stand in sharp contrast to an unrenovated neighbour.

Concern over health rates

By GAVAN O'CONNOR
Municipal Reporter

MEMBERS of the Algoa Farmers' Union have expressed concern over the ever-increasing health rates levied by the Dias Divisional Council

In a letter tabled at the council's monthly meeting today, the farmers pointed out that the question of rural ratepayers subsidising squatters had already been brought to the council's attention.

"We also have to subsidise health services of all those who are employed in Port Elizabeth or Uitenhage but who live in the divisional council area," the letter said.

This was unfair to the rural ratepayer as they also had to pay an attendance fee for labourers.

A spokesman for the union told the meeting that farmers were tired of subsidising the health of squatters and said the burden should be spread to those other than farmers

The Secretary of the council, Mr N W Anderson, said the subsidy income for the health service was fixed and the balance had to be found by the council

A councillor, Mr D W N Glendining, said urban dwellers were not contributing to the health of squatters

He proposed a large area for an Eastern Cape regional services council under which health services would fall, but another councillor, Mr Frikkie Kotze, said this would be premature.

Mr Kotze also said during discussions that people who were being pointed at were not at the meeting "Let's talk with the people, not against them."

He proposed that note be taken of the farmers' letter and the matter be referred to the relevant council committee for discussion

This motion — and not Mr Glendining's — was eventually approved by the council

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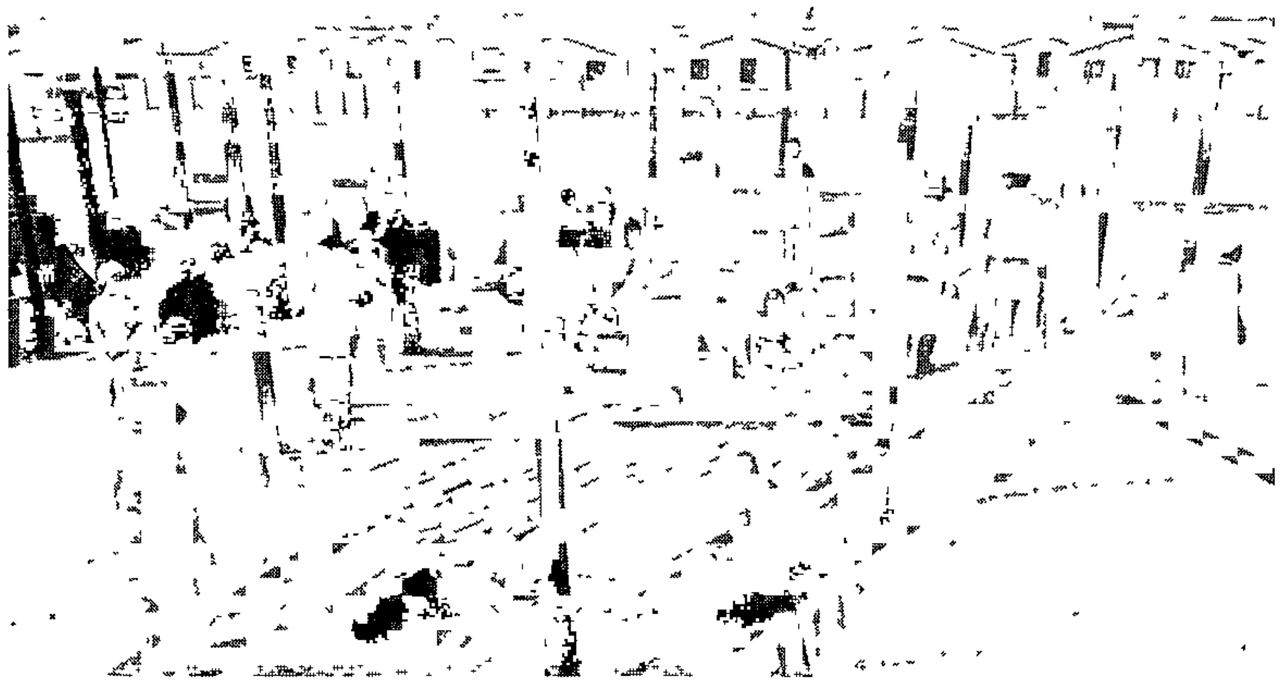
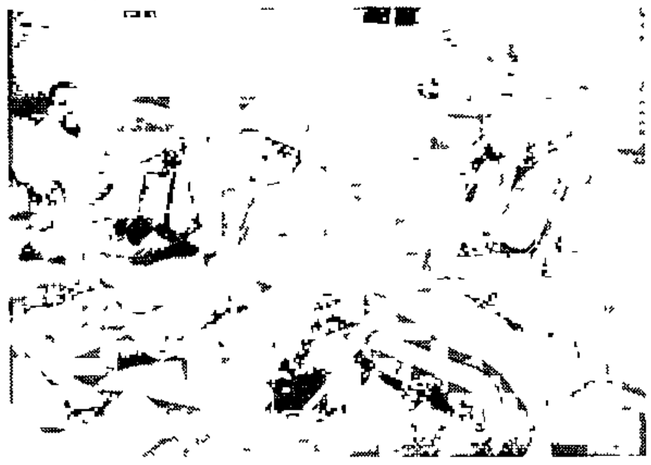
'Bean-bag' housing cuts shortage, creates jobs



Foundations are built using bricks made on the spot and filled with sand from the site.

Timber shutters are nailed to the uprights as guides and the sand-cement filled bags are laid and cemented between them



Women at the Khayelitsha Resource Centre sew polyethylene fabric into tubes which are cut into bags and filled

The first "beanbag" house to be occupied in Khayelitsha. It is built without skilled labour but when plastered resembles its more conventional neighbours

Municipal Reporter

A CAPE TOWN City Council-sponsored pilot scheme for cheap housing at Lavender Hill could create more jobs and sharply cut the long waiting-list for homes

The council recently approved a city engineer s report on strategies for fighting unemployment and promoting low-cost job creation

This indicated a high priority in sectors directly serving the basic needs of the majority of citizens — such as housing construction The report was firmly in favour of changing housing strategy and cited studies showing the extremely-high, employment-generating potential of low-cost homes

The houses in Lavender Hill are being built by the ' bean-bag" method in which walls are built of porous glass-fibre bags stuffed with a sand and cement mix

This method has been used worldwide and is cheap and labour-intensive A substantial house with full services can be constructed for as little as R7 000

About 20 units are being built at the Lavender Hill site-and-service scheme near Retreat The council is providing ground and services, while construction is done by private enterprise using labour recruited through the Department of Manpower's unemployment alleviation programme

Similar construction methods are already used at Khayelitsha

Extensive use

Mr Neville Riley, deputy city engineer (housing) pointed out that bean-bag-type houses had been used extensively in the past

' And many of them, believe it or not, are still standing all over the world " he said

"And if the experiment proves successful and acceptable, second and third phases will be embarked upon in the same area "

The inference is that there are prospects of many more jobs within the guidelines recommended by the city engineer's report

However, Mr Riley warned that, despite the obvious advantages, bean-bag housing was not a comprehensive solution to the housing crisis, merely one of a range of options which had to be provided in the market place

Little training

This type of construction is very labour-intensive Workers need little training and can be involved at all levels of production, including the basic stage of making cement blocks and paving bricks on site

The blocks are laid cross-wise in a trench as a basis for the foundation Walls are constructed of fertiliser or other bags of glass-fibre threads woven into a loose mat

The porous bags are filled with a dry sand and cement mix, sometimes with extra lime added, before being placed between shuttering, tamped down with more dry mix for bonding purposes and then lightly moistened

When the walls are dry, the shutters are removed and a strong plaster mix is applied to both sides

The authorities will be looking closely at the completed pilot project and could give the go-ahead for a large-scale operation

Wedgwood squatters told to leave

By JIMMY MATYU

TEN black and two coloured families living in wood-and-iron houses on a property belonging to the Wedgwood Park Country Club have been ordered by the club's management to pull down their homes and leave by Sunday

They have been told that if they do not move harsher methods will be adopted

The club's management feel the families should be evicted because of burglaries on the property

An Evening Post team yesterday found the families worried and uncertain where they were to go

Some affected by the order feared for the future of their children who were pupils at the Wedgwood farm school, built by them with materials from the Urban Foundation

They produced eviction notices dated October 23, written in English and Xhosa by the club's manager, Mr Roy Grant-Smith, which they claimed were handed to them on November 17

Mr Grant-Smith confirmed that an eviction order had been served on certain people

"This is our property and these people are not in our employ We have been pressurised by people in the area whose businesses have been burgled and who have laid charges with the police against some of the illegal squatters

"These people have no adequate water supply and I have found them taking water from the club, which we pay for They have no ablution blocks, which could become a health hazard and there are vagrants who congregate in the area"

Mr Grant-Smith said the club first issued eviction notices to the families 10 months ago When they did not leave, no further measures were taken

The Port Elizabeth Black Civic Organisation (Pebco) has appealed to the club to reconsider its plan to evict the families

Mr Ernest Malgas, Pebco's executive member, said "The Wedgwood management should remember that one swallow does not make summer They cannot drive away 12 families because 'vagrants' are committing crimes The police are there to arrest criminals"

R4-m Cape Flats upgrade welcomed

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COMMUNITY organizations and the City Council's Housing Committee yesterday welcomed an immediate injection of R4-million for the upgrading of the run-down Cape Flats housing estates.

By PETER DENNEHY, Municipal Reporter

Chronic overcrowding, cracked and leaking houses, damp conditions, unpaved sidewalks and a host of similar problems had plagued residents of the housing estates for years, a spokesman for the Heideveld/Manenberg Crisis Committee said

The spokesman welcomed the government grant, despite the "political motivation" he said was behind it, as it would assist those in dire need of better living conditions

Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, made the R4-million available yesterday for community improvement projects

The funds had been granted partly in response to the Heideveld pipe-burst floods, Mr Curry said, but the whole problem of urban decay on the Flats would be tackled on an ongoing basis, with more funds being made available later

Mrs Eulalie Stott, chairman of the City Council's housing committee, said she was delighted that the money had been made available, and she hoped it would be a grant rather than a loan

Suburbs where upgrading is a priority include Kensington, Bonteheuwel, Manenberg, Heideveld and Hanover Park.

The R4-million, to be used before March next year, would all be spent in City Council areas, Mr Curry said

The City Council would implement whatever decisions were taken

A community committee, established to decide how the money would be spent, met for the first time yesterday

Parliamentarians, management committee members, and possibly City Council officials would serve on the community committee, he said Posts on it had not yet been allocated

Riaan Smit reports that five residents of Riebeek Kasteel, 10km east of Malmesbury, last night attended a Heideveld and Manenberg Crisis Committee meeting in Heideveld and appealed to the Labour Party to make some of the R4-million available for upgrading in their area.

Houses in the area were without electricity, internal running water, had a bucket sewage removal system and drainage was non-existent, one of the residents, Mr Jerimia Jehoma, said

"Refuse and sewage are dumped about 500m from where we live We have spoken to the local management committee about it, but they did nothing We are now setting up our own crisis committee," he said

Frontline states to get US aid

President Reagan

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Huge US and Allied economic aid to frontline states aimed at reactivating the beleagured Beira Corridor is set to be included in President Reagan's response to Congress's anti-SA sanctions bill this week.

The move is part of a new programme worked out between Washington and its European partners to reduce frontline state dependence on South Africa

Mr Ron Miller, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, last night described as "totally inappropriate" the Reagan administration's coupling of US aid to Southern Africa and sanctions against Pretoria

But he made it clear that Pretoria welcomed any moves to build-up the Beira Corridor, which links Zimbabwe and the Mozambican port of Beira

Simon Barber reports from Washington that according to Senate sources, the Reagan administration intends to request as much as $500m for the project — ten times the current Southern Africa aid level — with the lion's share of funds devoted to the Beira project

Details of the project are expected to be discussed when Secretary of State Mr George Shultz visits the region next month

A meeting with ANC president Mr Oliver Tambo could be on Mr Shultz's agenda, the State Department confirmed yesterday

As matters stand, the Beira project is arousing much controversy from US political quarters that militantly oppose any aid to Marxist Mozambique

Some Reagan advisers, citing Pretoria's continued support for Renamo, fear the move would lead to serious conflict with South Africa

But Mr Miller dismissed speculation that aid to reactivate the Beira corri-

Will SA see sanctions as US 'act of war' — Page 6

dor would be interpreted by government as "an act of war".

Sapa-Reuter reports from Maputo that Mozambique yesterday launched an urgent appeal for international food aid, saying nearly four million of its people face famine because of the war with right-wing rebels

The Minister of Co-operation, Mr Jacinto Veloso, speaking to officials coordinating the relief effort, blamed the rebel Mozambican National Resistance (MNR) for disrupting agriculture and forcing villagers to flee their homes

"We appeal to all countries and international organizations to assist us in this particularly difficult moment in which hunger is affecting almost a third of the Mozambican population"

Mr Veloso said figures just released by the state-run Natural Disasters Office showed that 3,9 million Mozambicans were critically short of food

Rent control brought back for hundreds

Staff Reporter

HUNDREDS of tenants in the Cape Peninsula are to regain the protection of rent control following a rethink of government policy

The government announced yesterday that rent-control boards for coloured people and Indians would be provided by the Department of Local Government Housing and Works in the House of Assembly

The announcement by the Minister of Communications and Public Works, Dr Lapa Munnik, comes after claims of "large-scale exploitation" following the abolition six months ago of rent boards for the two groups.

The rent-control boards for coloured and Indian residential areas were abolished in March this year when housing was designated as an "Own Affair" under the new tricameral constitution.

The cases were referred to the Administration of the House of Representatives which has failed to constitute its own rent board, officials said

'Landlords took the gap'

Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Representatives, said "some guys (landlords) took the gap with the implementation of the new constitution".

Asked if Dr Munnik's intervention did not represent a flaw in the House of Representatives' administration, Mr Curry said. "There are various things we cannot do in 'Own Affairs' because of certain technicalities."

About 200 Salt River and Woodstock tenants are reported to be facing highly inflated rentals.

At a meeting last night they decided to take legal action against the landlords

Landlords, however, maintain their increases are justified

Langa removals slowing down

By DENISE BOUTALL

THE rate of the removal of people from Langa in Uitenhage to the Kwanobuhle resettlement area had slowed down, the administrator of Kwanobuhle, Mr Barry Erasmus, said yesterday

About 4 800 families had been moved since mid-July, when 8 000 families were living in Langa

Mr Erasmus said the flow of people was not as great as it used to be because the number of families remaining in Langa had been reduced substantially

Many of those in Langa lived in the 1 032 State-owned brick houses

"Those living in brick houses will not be moved now," he said

Those moved to Kwanobuhle have been accommodated in tents prior to rebuilding their shacks

Although Kwanobuhle officals have maintained the move was voluntary, people have claimed they did not want to move and were not given a choice in the matter.

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Landlords warned on rent control

By EBRAHIM MOOSA
Political Reporter

LANDLORDS in coloured and Indian areas have been warned against imposing excessive rent increases, because rent control would be applied restrospectively

The warning follows an outcry from tenants in the Woodstock and Salt River areas of large-scale rent exploitation in recent months, following the abolition of rent boards for coloured people and Indians six months ago

However, a contradiction in government policy surfaced this week when it was discovered that not all rent control boards for coloured people and Indians in the Peninsula were abolished

In terms of government policy, rent boards for all population groups were to be segregated from March this year

The chairman of the Peninsula rent control office in Cape Town, Brigadier P A J Marais, said control areas for coloured people and Indians under his jurisdiction had not been abolished in March

The areas under his control are. Mowbray, parts of Athlone and Crawford, the eastern part of Retreat, Clarement and Ottery.

A spokesman for the Bellville rent control board, Mr J J Burger, said rent control would once again become effective as soon as the new regulations, which reinstitute coloured and Indian control boards, were announced

The main areas to be brought under the rent control office in Bellville are Woodstock, Salt River, Lansdowne, Athlone, Elsie's River and Grassy Park.

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Walmer future: officials silent

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Post Reporters

THE Department of Constitutional Development and Planning was tight-lipped today about the future of Walmer Township

"If a decision has been made, it will be made known in due course," was all a spokesman would say about reports that the township is to be retained

Meanwhile, the redevelopment of sections of Duncan Village, East London, is getting under way with tenders for the servicing of 590 sites advertised today.

Tenders will soon be called to upgrade the Ziphunzana area and plans to upgrade the rest of the area are in the pipeline.

In Despatch, between 50 and 60 families living in shacks have been moved to Kwanobuhle by Kwanobuhle Town Council officials

The Town Clerk, Mr Eddie Coetzee, said shack dwellers working in Uitenhage had asked whether they could move to Kwanobuhle, which was closer to their work.

Reports that Walmer is to be retained have been welcomed by most residents, who feel a top priority is the provision of homes, a library, youth centre and community hall.

Because of a shortage of houses in the township, young married couples who had grown up in the area had to apply for houses in New Brighton, Zwide, Motherwell and Kwazakele

Because of the indecision the township's amenities are among the poorest in the region and residents have been reluctant to develop their homes

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Tenders invited for R2-million hostel project

Post Reporter

THE Ibhayi Town Council has called for tenders for a R2-million contract for the upgrading of the Mabusa Road hostel in Kwazakele, Port Elizabeth

Building should start before the end of the year and construction will take about 18 months

When completed, there will be private rooms and accommodation facilities to suit the living requirements of Transkeian migrant workers who live there

At present the migrant workers, some with families, live in a single-storey dormitory

A spokesman for an Eastern Cape construction company said five tenders were on the shortlist for alterations and additions to the existing hotel

He said the lowest tender was R2 397 397. The job would entail the upgrading of single accomodation facilities in Mabusa Road

"The floors, ceiling and ablution facilities will be completely upgraded," he said.

The Port Elizabeth Municipality started building operations two years ago, but since then the Ibhayi Town Council had taken over the running of the hostel.

The Town Clerk of Ibhayi, Mr E I Pullen, said the tender would be awarded by November 3

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Call to North Enders to return income forms

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The chairman of the Indian Management Committee here, Mr E R Vengadajellum, has appealed to all people in North End to return their income survey forms

Mr Vengadajellum was speaking at yesterday's meeting of the IMC.

He said the income survey forms were in connection with the houses which were being built in Braelynn Extension six

Less than 50 per cent of the forms have been returned to date

"People failing to return their forms would have to live in inferior houses," Mr Vengadagellum said.

He said he had been unofficially promised a sum of money by the Minister of Local Government in the House of Delegates, Mr B Doekie, to fund 200 service plots if the council could find the land.

It was also decided at the meeting to paint 45 houses in Braelynn two and three, because they had not been touched since their construction four-and-a-half years ago

The committee agreed to all the recomendations from council concerning the house of Mrs P Kooverjee at 3 Santa Cruz Street.

The recommendations are that a final letter be sent to Mrs Kooverjee advising her of the consequences of not occupying the property in terms of the requirements of the deed of sale, that the sale of the property be cancelled should this not be complied with by a given date, and that the property then be offered to the next applicant on the waiting list

Mrs Kooverjee has not resided in the house for over nine months, and has been allowing Mr P. Pillay to occupy it in a caretaker capacity.

She is attending to her brother in Durban who is reported to be in failing health.

Mrs Kooverjee was required to assume occupation after three months, a condition she has not complied with

Shacks for U'hage people

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THE Kwanobuhle Town Council has started providing new shacks to house people in the Kwanobuhle resettlement area.

About 5 000 families have been moved from Kabah and Langa in Uitenhage and 200 from Despatch to Kwanobuhle since mid-July

In an interview the Kwanobuhle Town Clerk, Mr Eddie Coetzee, said the council now also had to contend with requests from lodgers from the old section of Kwanobuhle for sites in the area where the people were being resettled

Many of these people had no material with which to build shacks and the council could provide them with shacks These cost R900 and could be bought from the council, with payment of between R16 and R18 a month over five years.

In addition, the council provided loans of up to R4 000 which enabled people to buy conventional building materials from the council to build their own permanent homes

The council was also continuing with its housing project whereby it built conventional houses for people as they requested them

For people who had no means of acquiring material the council could provide material at no cost from donations of building materials made by a Uitenhage company.

The new shacks, which were being bought by the council after it had called for informal tenders, were six metres by three metres, and had two windows and a door The shacks were provided in five panels and were erected on the site by the town council staff.

Bigger, more expensive shacks were also available

The material loans were not paid out in cash, but enabled home builders to obtain materials, bought in bulk by the local authority, from the council The current limit allowed them to draw material up to a value of R4 000

Meanwhile moves are afoot to upgrade the roads and bus shelters in Kwanobuhle

The president of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, Mr Carl Coetzer, said in a statement today that on Tuesday he met representatives of the Metropolitan Transport Advisory Board, the Community Services Division of the Provincial Council, the Civil Engineering Contractors' Association and Mr Coetzee He said they resolved to arrange for

- The calling of a R100 000 tender to reconstruct the shelters at bus terminuses
- The combining of the road building contracts of Mbandla Road and Matanzima Road into one contract.
- The granting of a R100 000 contract to effect temporary repairs to the Kwanobuhle roads while the start of the major road reconstruction is awaited

Innovative homes show open at Belhar

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

AN exhibition of 44 different low-budget houses, with material costs of under R9 000, was opened in Belhar yesterday by the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry

"This is the result of innovation," Mr Curry said amid the variety of homes made of materials including chicken wire, sacking, plastic, metal, timber, and various types of board

Apart from a few in the "emergency homes" category, the dwellings will be sold to the public and remain permanently on their present site in Drosdy Road, Belhar.

"We are not talking of lowering standards, but of building quality housing with less money," Mr Curry said

"When I told my colleagues we were going to build a cardboard house, they laughed at me. But there it is," he said, indicating a house with solid walls

Cardboard sleeves are used as moulds for sand and concrete "bricks" from which the walls of this house are constructed. The cardboard is peeled off before the walls are plastered.

Mr Curry said the viewing public would have the largest role in accepting or rejecting Easy Homes Show exhibits.

Evaluation would take place over the next few weeks and the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and the Bureau of Standards would help with technical aspects such as fire resistance.

The Easy Homes Show, presented by the Divisional Council of the Cape, private enterprise and the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, runs until October 12 The homes are open for public inspection.

Picture WILLIE de KLERK, The Argus

Mr David Curry, right, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, opened the Easy Homes show at Belhar. With him are his wife Letitia and Mr I Koller, one of the contractors at the exhibition.

Fresh look needed in low-cost housing

Staff Reporter Argus 3/10/80

THERE was a strong need for a fresh approach and changes in attitudes and the regulations if the problems of providing low-cost housing were to be solved, speakers at a housing seminar concluded

Yesterday's seminar on affordable housing was a preview to the exhibition in Belhar of innovative building methods

Speakers at the seminar emphasised the need for change and fresh approaches to all aspects of the housing problem

Property economist Dr Peter Penny saw the greatest necessity in the provision of land, the encouragement of private ownership and the use of informal resources

"The major role of the Government in housing should be in assuming the availability of land where it is most demanded and in developing infrastructures," he said

Free markets and the free movement of people would provide the optimum approach to the long-term solution to the problem South Africa had been a society of large-scale social and economic controls, a socialised rather than a capitalist society, he said

"Let us now move towards freedom in the choice of where a man may occupy and own a house and how that house should be developed," he said

Mr L J Rothman, chairman of the Cape Divisional Council, said the council had taken the first steps to aid self-build housing in the Western Cape with the minimum of State assistance

Mr J C Sullivan, chief town planner of the Cape Divisional Council, said that existing building regulations were still too prescriptive and inflexible

Different sets of standards should reflect different levels of expectations and affordability, and be applied in different areas of the city

'Free people from slavery of landlords'

Staff Reporter

PEOPLE must own their own plots and houses, however humble, to free them from the slavery of being at the mercy of a landlord, says Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives

Opening an "affordable housing" seminar at the Cape Showground, Goodwood, yesterday, he said he wanted to start, on a small scale, building houses to help combat social evils

The seminar was held in conjunction with the Cape Divisional Council's Easy Home show at Belhar

Mr Curry said cheap housing for the poor was not the only necessity Methods which employed all available resources and would bring back community pride were also necessary

NEW METHODS

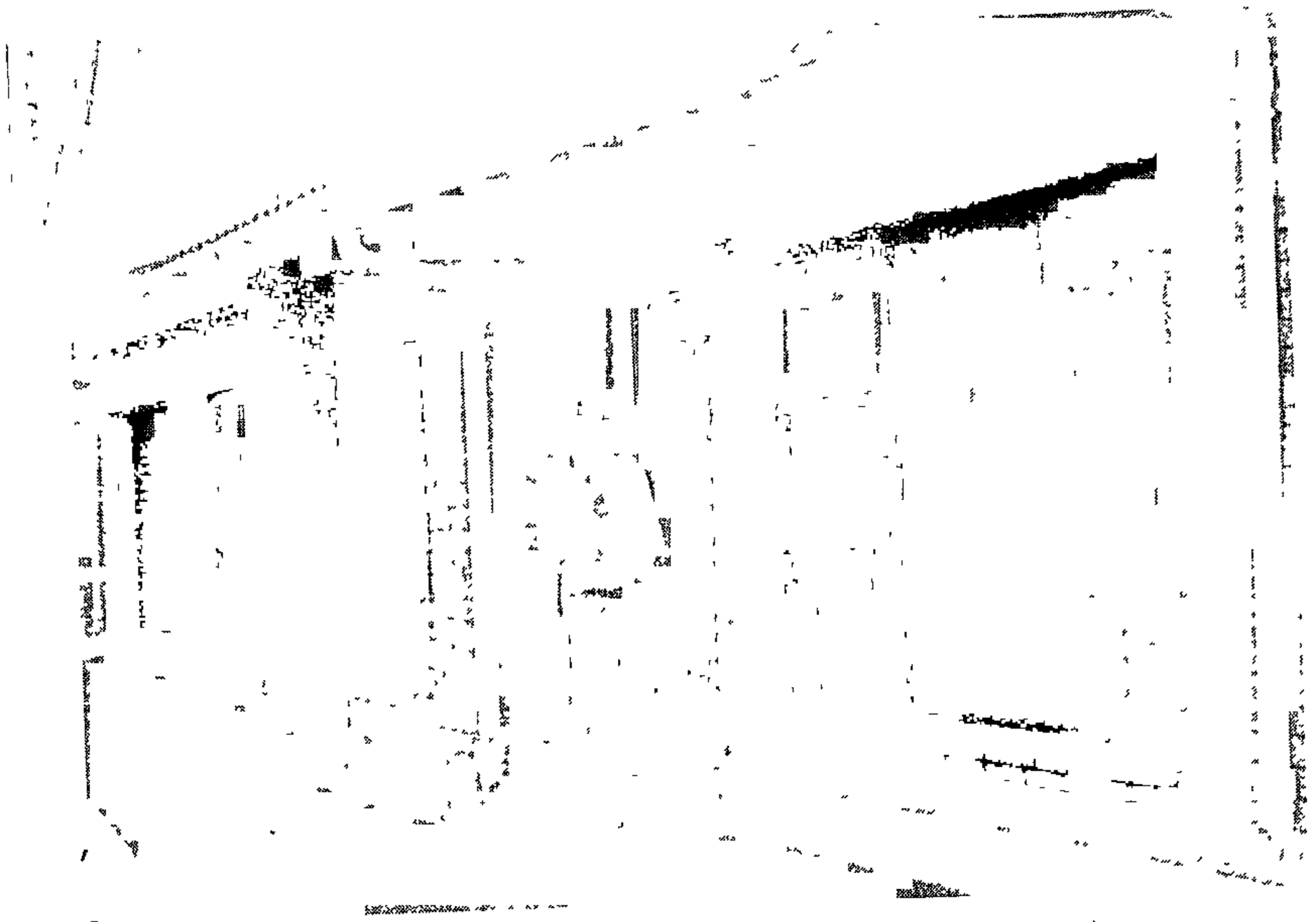
If existing methods of building homes did not meet all the challenges "we must be prepared to change", he said

"There is nothing wrong with the conventional brick or block house, but if this is not affordable any more, or if it is not sympathetic towards involving the layman in providing his own home, we must be prepared to look at new methods

"My department intends to take this exercise further and all the houses in this show will be evaluated"

He called on all local authorities to be as bold as the Cape Divisional Council and to give worthwhile new methods of building a chance

While it was no use trying to force new houses on people, they must be given a chance to get enthusiastic about them



Mr JULIUS BENYA, proud owner of this R46 000 Kwamagxaki home.

Families say they are 'living in a new world'

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By MIKE MABUSELA

FAMILIES in newly-built houses in Port Elizabeth's townships are "living in a new world"

After years of living in sub-standard conditions, they now sit in comfortable lounges watching television, switch on electric appliances and have bathrooms, children's rooms and guest rooms

"We are very excited to have a house of our own choice," said Mr Julius Benya, of Kwamagxaki, a senior interpreter in the Department of Justice

He belongs to a growing number of civil servants, business and professional people living in the new suburb of Kwamagxaki, overlooking the Chatty River Bridge on the Uitenhage main road.

"Now I can entertain my friends as I like. Before, I was staying in a municipal house in Zwide," said Mr Benya.

"There I had to put in floors and ceiling. The house had no electricity and no bathroom The only water available was from a tap in the yard

"When I moved into this house earlier in the year, it was ready for occupation with built-in kitchen units and wardrobes, a beautiful ceiling and carpeted floors

"I got a subsidy of R46 000 — the cost of the house — from my employers and now I am paying a monthly bond of R250, payable over 28 years Service charges are R21,11 a month."

Miss Eunice Mqotha, a teacher living in a new development in Zwide, said she had been one of 13 people in her family staying in a one-roomed house in New Brighton

"We were packed like sardines with no privacy at all"

Mrs Frances Nocawe Mhlangani said her husband's employer, an oil company, had provided their house as part of a transfer arrangement

Minimum income levels required of applicants, according to project controller Mr Gladstone Manyela of the Kwazakele Advice Centre, are R500 a month for a self-help scheme house and R600 a month for a contractor-built house

The deposit was R1 000 in both cases and the monthly service charge for new Zwide houses was R21,11 The bond, varying with the cost of the house, was payable over 25 years

Monthly bond repayments on a house costing R6 000 would be in the region of R70 a month

The houses at Zwide have built-in wardrobes, kitchen units, three bedrooms and a diningroom They cost between R18 000 and R21 000 Bond repayments would be between R200 and R230 a month They have been wired for electricity, due to be laid on soon

Urban Foundation regional development director Mr Peter Arton-Powell said the organisation was building 64 houses at Ford-Zwide, 116 at Kleinskool, 880 at Kwadwesi, 400 at Motherwell, and 66 low-cost houses at Kwanobuhle, Uitenhage

Cost of these houses varied between R15 000 and R23 000, while those at Kwanobuhle would cost from R6 000 upwards Wiring and electrical fittings would increase the price

Mr Arton-Powell said the choice of either buying the house under the 99-year leasehold or full ownership depended on the buyer

There was a desperate need for more houses in the townships.

Helping to build or buy a home in townships

Weekend Post Reporter

HOW should a potential home-owner in a black township go about buying or building a home, either under leasehold or with freehold rights?

A first step in getting a house in any of the mushrooming PE townships is to go to the Urban Foundation's Advice Centre in Kwazakele, according to the regional development director, Mr Peter Arton-Powell.

The buyer would provide the agent with details of his income, period of employment, size of his family and residence qualifications.

Advisors would provide information on the options available in houses and designs

Mr Arton-Powell said the cheapest house in a self-help scheme could range from R6 000 for a basic unit to R15 000, while contractor-built houses could cost from R20 000 upwards

The minimum level of income required to purchase a house was R500 a month for a self-help home and R600 a month for a house to be built by a contractor.

Deposits began from R1 000.

The choice made and financial requirements settled, an application would be made to a building society for a bond.

Amendment could've relieved housing shortage for elderly

By YVONNE STEYNBERG

PORT ELIZABETH has the highest ratio of old age homes to population in the country and the 30 homes have had long waiting lists for years

A rezoning amendment which could have relieved the situation will now unfortunately be further delayed owing to a new provincial regulation

In April the City Council decided on a rezoning amendment which would allow "second dwelling units", or cottages, to be built on a plot with an existing home, even if a common access road had to be used

Before it could be passed by the provincial administration, a new ordinance for urban building, which might have conflicted with it, was promulgated by the province

So the City Council decided to withdraw its applicatgion and to request rather that the amendment be included with the new ordinance

The Mayor of Port Elizabeth, Mr Ben Olivier, said

"I do hope that our application to have our suggested zoning amendment included in the new ordinance does not take long because old folk are happiest when they are living near their families"

Mr Olivier said his wife, Maria, and he had visited 22 Port Elizabeth old age homes during the past year and they understood how older folk wanted to feel part of their families

"Granny flats" attached to homes are already allowed, but because the maximum size is restricted to 50 square metres, these have not been too popular

However, the new amendment would have allowed second dwelling units of an upper limit of 120 square metres to be built, unattached to the main building, and it was felt that these would be popular with retired folk

Mr Arthur Clayton, City Engineer, said the City Council approved this amendment in April this year and then had to submit the amendment to the provincial administration for approval

In the meantime, a new provincial ordinance was promulgated and as the rezoning clause might have conflicted with it, the council decided to withdraw the amendment and to ask that it rather become part of the new ordinance

"It might take a bit longer to have this type of building approved," a City Council spokesman said.

He said the second unit would not be allowed to be bigger than one-third of the main dwelling

Builders said 120 square metres would provide comfortable living space for a large lounge, bedroom, bathroom, and kitchen, as an average small house today averaged about 160 square metres

Mr Olivier, who has always been concerned about the plight of senior citizens, said he hoped that when this ordinance was passed, many families would get their parents to invest in cottages and live near them

Mr Paul Kruger, director of Red Cross, Eastern Cape, said accommodation was still of major concern for elderly folk

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Kwanobuhle to be 'model area'

By DENISE BOUTALL

PLANS to make Kwanobuhle a "model housing area" have been disclosed by its Town Clerk, Mr Eddie Coetzee.

Describing the reluctance of firms to get involved in black housing as "mind boggling", he said in an interview that funds were being sought for two new community halls, six clinics, three creches, a swimming pool, four rugby and five soccer fields.

About 3 600 families have been moved from Langa and Despatch within the past few months and live in shacks.

The overall shortage of housing units in the Uitenhage/Despatch area has been estimated at 8 000 units.

Mr Coetzee said improvements planned included one approved tender to build a satellite fire station next to the municipal buildings.

Urgent representations had also been made to have a lower primary school built in the new shack area.

The council had applied for funds to electrify all the houses in Kwanobuhle.

Tenders closed on Friday for the servicing of Rautenvale, the farm expropriated by the council to provide additional land for the people who had been moved and tenders had also been called for the provision of high mast lighting.

Traders from Langa could now apply for business sites in Kwanobuhle and the question of church sites was being discussed with churchmen.

The housing options available were that people built their own shacks, bought shacks from the council, built shacks and then used State-funded materials or loans to build permanent houses on their sites, asked the council to build houses for them or had a house built by one of the construction companies building upper income houses.

The contractor built houses cost between R30 000 and R40 000.

The houses being built by the council cost about R12 800. They had three bedrooms, a lounge-dining room, kitchen and bathroom.

All the houses were being wired for electricity eventually.

These houses were built only on application by the buyer. To date 75 houses had been completed and 140 were currently under construction.

Making their final preparations for an inflatable craft race to be held on the Orange River this week, is the Eastern Cape team of (from the left) PETER ROUX, NEIL McLELLAN and (in the front) back-up man TREVOR BAILEY. The international event is expected to produce a spectacular challenge to the people and their flimsy vessels

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WCHA: 'Police halted meeting'

POLICE disrupted a meeting of several hundred people organized by the Western Cape Hostel Association ((WCHA) in Langa on Saturday, the WCHA said yesterday.

Mr Johnson Mpukumpa, WCHA publicity secretary, said police arrived at the Langa Presbyterian Church hall about 2.30pm and told the organizers that the meeting was being halted in terms of the state of emergency.

"The youth got very angry but we managed to calm everybody down and people eventually went home without incident," said Mr Mpukumpa.

He said that at the meeting a brewery had handed over a mini-bus for use on a WCHA health project and speeches were made by United Democratic Front and Western Cape Civic Association officials.

Mr Super Nkatazo, WCHA general secretary, said the incident was "yet another example of the government not wanting people to voice their opinions. You open your mouth and they take action regardless of what you are saying".

A Bureau of Information spokeswoman, Miss Ronelle Henning, said last night that police had acted on a report of an illegal gathering. After arriving and speaking to brewery officials at the hall, police had left, she said.

Now that the Wienberg Affair has been concluded, the question needs to be asked: How important is the Cape Town City Council's Housing Committee — and more to the point, *what* is its work?

They call it the dog box

by ANTHONY DOMAN, Staff Reporter

IN private, city councillors call it the dog box. Many agree that it is dull and in desperate need of a revamp. Most seem to make little effort to be part of it. But every year eight councillors have to be appointed to this glamourless body which exercises the ultimate say over the half a million souls in 70 000 flats and houses in Greater Cape Town: the City Council's Housing Committee.

Faced with all that, Councillor Arthur Wienburg decided not to honour his appointment to the committee. It was a decision which plunged the council into more than a year of soul-searching and acrimony before the Wienburg Affair concluded in a climb-down — and some hard words — at the council meeting this week

One of the important issues raised, said the council's executive committee in its response to the problem, was the present and future role of the housing committee

How important is its work — and more to the point, *what* is its work?

According to an executive committee report, the terms of reference of each Standing Committee, as laid down in the Cape Town Ordinance, say that it *shall* supervise, investigate and consider matters allocated to it and *shall* report and make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee

Certain powers are delegated to standing committees and officials

While the executive committee concedes that the various departments of local Government and Housing control the purse strings, and through them, the overall policy, they say the allocation of funds and the formulation of policies are often guided by the major local authorities — which in Cape Town means the housing committee

The actual work of this committee has included supervising past and present construction of Mitchells Plain Except for specialised matters, such as waste water treatment, the entire development of this town of a quarter of a million people was dealt with by the housing committee initially.

Mitchells Plain — dealt with entirely by the housing committee.

THE housing committee also has to adjudicate in housing policy matters The issues include, among others, the problems arising from the continuing lack of sufficient funds for proper maintenance work in the letting estates, increasing administration costs, adjudication on disputes regarding requests by contractors for variations or price increases in contracts involving millions of rands, eradication of slums, the sort of developments needed for the homeless

Other demands are also made on the committee Community groups regularly seek interviews with it — there have been two in the last month, and in the first 10 days of this month housing committee councillors were wanted at after hours meetings by three community groups

Passing on functions to other committees would not be easy, though it may well be that some adjustment of the functions of the various committees is required, says the report

While more delegation to departmental heads is possible and probably desirable, says the report, it remains an essential part of democracy that policy decisions should be dealt with by elected representatives

According to the Council's Standing Orders, the housing committee is, in terms of section 11 (2) of Ordinance 24 of 1965, charged with the superintendence and investigation of, deliberation and reporting on, and the making of recommendations to the council on all matters connected with

● THE general administration of the council's housing policy,

● THE development and administration of housing schemes on land acquired or set aside by the Council for housing purposes,

● THE administration of the Housing Act 4 of 1966 and the Slums Act 76 of 1979,

● THE administration and control of all city land and buildings acquired or leased for housing purposes with the exception of land and buildings under the control of another committee,

● THE administration of those provisions of the Camps Bay, Bakoven and Clifton bungalow leases which relates to the leasing, transfer of leases and sub-letting of bungalow sites and garages

Under delegated powers it acts as lessor, fixes selling prices and also deals with removal of restrictions on land required for housing, and street names

AT the most recent housing committee meeting on September 9, 58 items were dealt with

In financial matters, 15 items involving the expenditure of about R31 500 000 were dealt with These ranged from approval of the costs of construction of a variety of dwellings, tenders, and applications to the Government for financial advances

Decisions were taken on the re-appointment of the street naming sub-committee and the dissolution of two others which had completed their tasks

Three items dealing with the sale to house developers of over 93 hectares of land, including the proposed methods and conditions of sale, were dealt with

In addition, there were five items dealing with the sale of erven to religious bodies, and two concerning business premises

Reports studied and acted on included two concerning interviews with Ministers of State, one on the implications of a government circular and another on future medical facilities for the doctors in Mitchells Plain

Regular monthly progress reports included subjects such as the planning and progress of housing schemes, financial matters, allocations of dwellings for rental and sale, arrears in rental or loan instalments, waiting list statistics.

Also dealt with were 10 items involving serious antisocial behaviour by tenants or their families

The committee acts as a review body for recommendations by the Director of Housing in these matters

● The housing committee itself, frustrated by its inability to obtain enough land to house the 45 000 families on its waiting list, and conscious of proposals to give decision-making powers to management committees, discussed its future role — based on a report it had commissioned — last year The matter was adjourned indefinitely because of the committee's workload and the lack of clarity on future issues like Regional Services Councils

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The Western Cape Hostel Dwellers' Association will now operate a mobile clinic for thousands of people living in 1 200 hostels in Nyanga, Langa and Guguletu. At the weekend the marketing manager of South African Breweries, Mr Raymond Howard (left), handed over the keys of the clinic to an executive member of the association, Mrs Nokwakha Toti (centre). Dr Mamphela Ramphele (right), adviser to the WCHDA, said the mobile clinic would screen patients for diseases and refer them to appropriate TB clinics and hospitals

Ready to buy or build show homes — but there's no land

Staff Reporter

THERE has been a great demand for houses from visitors to the Divisional Council's Easy Homes Show at Belhar — but sellers are being hampered by the lack of available serviced plots

Mr H Blackman, who is exhibiting a house of pre-cast box units built by means of a reinforced concrete/polyurethane sandwich technique, said he had received many inquiries

"We have just launched the R15 000 house, and there is a R9 000 do-it-yourself version," he said

"People want to buy the house and building societies are willing to give bonds, but they need land to build on"

Mr Don Swift, who is marketing the Sandsleeve building system using cardboard boxes to erect integrated concrete walls, claims that he could have sold 600 houses during the first weekend of the show if he had been able to supply plots

COUNCIL PLANS

Divisional Council spokesmen said that all serviced land had been sold, although the council had plans to make more land available

There was a possibility of the Simon van der Stel rifle range being ceded to the council by the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture

Mr Chris Sullivan of the town planning department said the council planned to make 2 300 erven in the eastern extension to Belhar available over the next few years

"There is no immediate answer to the problem of supplying land for homes for the coloured community At present we have land to offer only in Atlantis but we also hope to have about 400 erven in Elsies River"

Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, said "We are constantly being offered land near the centres of towns and villages in the Cape and we are working with the Cape and Stellenbosch Divisional Councils to provide serviced plots"

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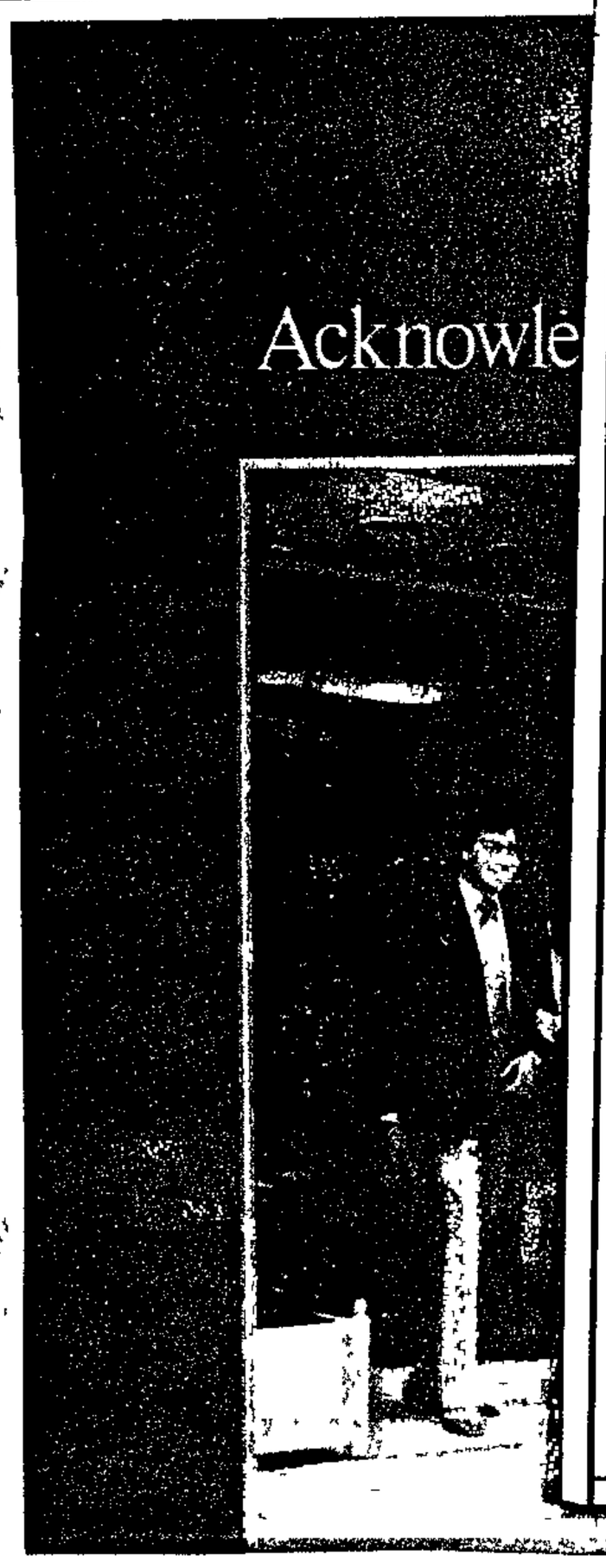

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Ashton rent boycotters out

By CLARE HARPER AND HILARY VENABLES

THE Cape Provincial Administration's office for Community Services confirmed that three families were evicted from Ashton's Zolani township yesterday following a seven-month rent boycott

The liaison officer for Community Services, Mr Sampie Steenkamp, said the local Town Council decided to evict residents whose rentals were over six months in arrears

The Unemployed Workers' Movement, which claims to have members in each of the three houses affected by the evictions, said the "insensitive" actions of the authorities could have tragic repercussions

"We would remind Community Services and the Zolani Town Committee of what happened in Soweto when people were evicted as a result of the rent boycott there

"It is time the authorities began dealing with the legitimate grievances of the people in Zolani in a sympathetic manner, instead of taking these kind of heavy-handed actions which are bound to fuel the community's anger and lead to tragic consequences," UWM organizer Mr Cassiem Majiet said

Mr Steenkamp said the Town Council had the authority to evict more families who were two or three months in arrears, if they so decided

The liaison officer for the Zolani Civic Association, Mr Timothy Tyalisisu, said the families of civic association members Mr Ronnie Wesley Mabombo, Mr Ntsokolo Dayidayi and Mr Tom Velenva were evicted

He said a Community Services official, Mr Willie Fourie, was assisted by police and the South African Defence Force with the evictions

Mr Tyalisisu claimed that there were some "vigilantes" in Zolani who had not been evicted, although their rent was over six months in arrears

Mr Steenkamp denied that evictions were selective and said "we don't work that way"

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Three Zolani families evicted

Staff Reporter

THREE families in Zolani, Ashton, have been evicted from their homes for being in arrear with their rent for six months, according to Community Services liaison officer Mr Sampie Steenkamp

A rent boycott has been in operation in the township for seven months

Mr Steenkamp said a fourth family would also have been evicted today, "but there was no one at home."

This family would probably be evicted tomorrow

Mr Steenkamp said Zolani Town Council decided to evict the families after they had disregarded an ultimatum to pay their arrears by yesterday or face eviction

"Workers went into their homes and removed their possessions. Their houses will be allocated to other people," said Mr Steenkamp

The Dayi and Plaatjie families, assisted by neighbours, pack their belongings and prepare to move to the houses of friends and family after being evicted from their homes in Zolani township.

Picture Lala Steyn

Zolani rent evictions 'selective' — residents

By CLARE HARPER

A ZOLANI Civic Association spokesman yesterday named two home guards employed by the local Town Committee who were not evicted from their homes this week, despite their being over six months in rent arrears

Mr Timothy Tyalisisu claimed that rent evictions in Zolani township, near Ashton, on Wednesday were "selective" as those evicted were members or supporters of the civic association, whereas "vigilantes" in arrears were left alone

Evictions for rent defaulters are carried out by the Zolani Town Committee

He said the home guards, Mr Meschack Jantjies and Mr Teacher Ndabeni, were R680 and R450 in arrears respectively, whereas a Mr Ntsokolo Dayidayi, evicted on Wednesday, was only R126 in arrears

Mr Jantjies and Mr Ndabeni were among the 16 residents of Zolani who were restrained by a Supreme Court order in March from "operating as vigilantes" and imposing their own curfew

And Mr Tyalisisu claimed that a Miss Nonkwela Matroos, the sister of three home guards, had moved into the home of civic supporter Mr Tom Velenva, following his eviction on Wednesday

Yesterday a spokesman for the Cape Provincial Administration's Office for Community Services, Mr Sampie Steenkamp, confirmed that Mr Jantjies and Mr Ndabeni were over six months in arrears

However, he said, "they made arrangements to pay off their rent, after they received their notices"

Mr Steenkamp said he did not think it was strange that the sister of employees of the Town Committee had been offered a house

"Houses go to people who are at the top of the waiting list," he said

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Woodstock tenants fear eviction after rent hikes

Staff Reporter

TENANTS in the Woodstock/Walmer Estate area have had to pay rent increases of up to R54 per month or face eviction with one month's notice.

The Secretary of the Salt River/-Woodstock/Walmer Estate Resident's Association, Mr Anwah Nagia, said yesterday the association demanded a statement that rent on all premises subject to rent control boards "must be frozen until the rent boards are set up".

Following a statement by the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry, that tenants should not pay even "a one cent increase, but contact their local rent control boards on clarity", Mr Nagia said he had been unsuccessful in his attempt to follow the advice.

On behalf of the tenants Mr Nagia said he tried to "get clarification" from the Rent Board in Bellvile, where a Mr J J Burger had told him he expected notification on Coloured and Indian Rent Control Boards last week. "As yet we have received no clarification," he said

Mr Nagia said the tenants had to pay increases under protest and are in "an absolute panic". He said some rents had increased from R170 to R224. "Some people just cannot afford it," he said.

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Hostel dwellers: 'Eviction doesn't scare us any more'

By CLARE HARPER

THE first annual conference of the Western Cape Hostel Dwellers' Association was held at the St Francis Mission, Langa, at the weekend

The two-day conference was opened by the Rev W Mabuza, who referred to the association as an "organization of hope, formed as a result of oppressive apartheid laws"

"We are all tired of bringing up our children in overcrowded places We do not know freedom, but even if we are detained tomorrow or evicted, we are not scared because we have started a new haven," Mr Mabuza said

In a statement, the general-secretary of the association, Mr Super Nkatazo, said the conference had unanimously passed four resolutions and demands

☐ Delegates demanded full citizenship rights for all, irrespective of race or place of birth (in Transkei or within South Africa)

☐ The association rejected the use of violence by warring factions in the townships, and called on leaders to "take drastic steps to discipline their own rank and file".

☐ Delegates resolved "as people who believe in a democratic society" to defend the aims and objectives of the association in campaigning for better living conditions and family rights for hostel dwellers

☐ They called on all squatter-camp leaders to meet and start negotiations about their future as quickly as possible, and to "iron out their past hostilities"

The conference was the first since the organization was launched on June 1, 1986

Crime pushes up costs of EL housing scheme

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Security at a housing scheme here is adding hundreds of thousands of rands to the cost of the development — because of vandalism and theft

This emerged at the Coloured Management Committee's (CMC) monthly meeting yesterday where

● The former chairman of the CMC, Mr Johannes Temmers, told of incidents of crime he had witnessed in the Buffalo Flats extension area where he said there was a killing every week

In one incident, a security guard had been robbed of his gun and was beaten up so badly that he had to be admitted to intensive care. The guard with him, who was handling a dog, fled for his life.

● The deputy city engineer, Mr B Bradford, revealed that he had been informed by the contractors that the money spent on replacing broken windows in the unfinished houses could have been used to build two additional houses

Security at the sites was costing hundreds of thousands of rands while the theft of items such as doors and fittings was occuring all the time

"I have been told that contractors are having difficulty in getting the houses ready on time and that the vandalism and theft was the worst since the contract for the 178 houses was started," Mr Bradford said.

CMC members criticised the police for the escalating crime in the area and a senior city councillor, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, proposed that a delegation from the CMC, the engineers' department and other officials meet the divisional commissioner of police and state their case

He had appealed to CMC members to try to help curb crime in the area. The chairman, Mr Sonny Segers, said they would see what they could do

Mr Segers said he had personally witnessed one incident when he accompanied a family one night to get their house ready for occupation the next day When they arrived the next day, two windows had been broken

Mr Temmers said the problem had been minimised in the past by families being allocated their homes before they were completed They were then able to move in to the house immediately it was completed

Mr Godfrey Fortuin, of the municipality's property department, said they also employed security guards when the houses were completed but the problem was that some tenants did not move into their houses immediately

Mr Temmers said the crime arose because of sociological factors It resulted from the break up of communities with people being lumped together "who did not know or care for one another"

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Steenberg plot and plan likely to 'platz'

By PETER DENNEHY and ANDREW DONALDSON

THE dreams of about 40 prospective home-owners were apparently dashed this week when they found the City Council had no intention of selling land in which they had invested in a plot-and-plan housing scheme.

According to one of the "hopefuls", Mr Ganief Elloker, of Steenberg, investors were asked to hand over R250 to "book into" the scheme and ensure a first option on a new home in Steenberg

Prices of the completed homes ranged between about R39 000 and R53 000

The money was to be paid to a developer via estate agents

Mr Elloker said yesterday that he and other investors had discovered on Monday that the council had "warned the public not to buy the council-owned land from unauthorized persons offering it for sale"

Nobody had been given the right to sell the land in Steenberg Area A, south of Military Road and next to Steenberg railway station This was confirmed yesterday by Mr Ted Doman, the council's public relations officer

According to Mr Peter Eaton, the managing director of Maynard Burgoyne City Estate Agents, the homes had been offered to the public in "good faith"

"We have the sole mandate for the developer We were acting on his instructions and they were sold in good faith"

The developer could not be approached for comment Calls to his city office yesterday afternoon went unanswered

It was understood, however, that the developer had offered to reimburse any clients dissatisfied with the scheme, Mr Eaton said

"But as far as I understand, the deal is still going through. We have a Friday deadline (to sort out any problems) and until then, the deal holds good"

Five plead not guilty to E Cape 'necklacing'

Cape Times 15/10/86

GRAHAMSTOWN — Five people accused of killing Mr Lodewyk George Vlooh — the first white victim of a "necklace" murder — appeared in the Supreme Court here yesterday

The accused — Mr Henry Swarts, 36, his common-law wife Miss Pamela Lewis, 28, Miss Marie Lewis, 19, Mr Bernard Lewis, 18, and Mr David Lewis, 21 — have pleaded not guilty

On June 14 Mr Vlooh, 40, was allegedly hacked, stoned, robbed of his clothing and R6 in cash and then set alight

The deputy attorney-general for the East Cape Division, Mr P J Strauss, SC, said he would submit medical evidence saying Mr Vlooh had died from the "effects of third-degree burns" and "trauma to the head"

He would also submit evidence that Mr Vlooh had left his home on the morning of June 14 with R10 in his possession, that he had taken a R4 bet at an off-course tote, but had not returned home

His wife reported him missing on June 16 His body was found two days later in KwaNobuhle, Uitenhage — Sapa

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Mfuleni hostel raided again

Cape Times 15/8/86

BY CLARE HARPER

POLICE have confirmed the arrest of 34 women and seven men on trespassing charges following a pre-dawn "routine mopping-up action" at the Mfuleni Hostel, near Stellenbosch, yesterday.

Community Services spokesman Mr Sampie Steenkamp said their office laid a charge with the police when it came to their attention that "women were staying in the single sex quarters in the township".

The raid is the second on Mfuleni in under a month.

The Western Cape Hostel Dwellers' Association's publicity secretary, Mr Johnson Mpukumpa, said yesterday's actions "made a mockery of the scrapping of the pass laws".

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CAPE FLATS CRISIS

By HILARY VENABLES
Labour Reporter

COMMUNITY and family life is steadily disintegrating under the weight of mass unemployment and poverty on the vast low-cost housing projects of the Cape Flats.

The Advice Office Forum — an umbrella body for 14 advice offices in the Western Cape — said this came to light during their current two-week focus on unemployment in Cape Town's coloured community

● Mitchells Plain owes the city council R2-million in rental arrears An estimated 75 percent of Mitchells Plain households are behind in their rent because their breadwinners are unemployed according to figures given to the AOF by the City Council Some families owe the council R600 for rent. Local advice office worker Ms Shahieda Issel believes there is "at least one person out of work in every house in Mitchells Plain"

● In Manenberg in August only 52 out of 4 700 tenants paid their full rent. "Ninety-three sub-economic tenants were in arrears in May If the City Council decides to evict people who can't pay their rent they will have to evict the whole of Manenberg," Mr Kevin Patel of the Hanover Park Advice Office said

● Health screenings of the unemployed and their families last week showed unusually high levels of chronic depression high blood pressure, malnutrition scabies alcoholism and drug addiction "All the children are losing weight. One woman had a nervous breakdown because she was so worried about her arrears and she now goes for treatment at Valkenberg," Mr Patel said

● Domestic violence is spiralling The AOF said Red Cross workers had reported an alarming increase in incest wife and child battering and general aggression in the home AOF workers say the pressure of unemployment and grinding poverty is putting a strain on the most stable marriages

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32 flats planned for Schotsche Kloof

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By PETER DENNEHY

FOUR more blocks of terraced flats, comprising 32 units at an estimated cost of R1,1 million, are being planned for Schotsche Kloof

The 32 new flats, costing about R34 000 each without taking land value into account, are to be built beside the 24 already under construction in upper Bo-Kaap, a City Council spokesman said yesterday

Details have been submitted to Mr David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, according to a report tabled at the City Council's housing committee meeting yesterday

Mr Curry is expected to provide the funds for the dwellings The City Administrator, Mr Gys Hofmeyr, discussed the financing of the flats with Mr F W de Klerk, Minister of the Budget, who said the council should take it up with Mr Curry "as a matter of urgency"

A City Council spokesman said Schotsche Kloof residents had been unhappy with the prices — up to R77 000 — of 69 houses the council had built on ground expropriated in the 1930s in terms of the Slums Act

The council had noted the residents' complaints that the houses were priced out of their reach It wanted to sell the houses to non-residents who could afford them, and offered, by way of compromise, to try to get more money for flats

The compromise had been rejected at a meeting of 150 Bo-Kaap residents in September, but the council is pressing ahead with the plan It hopes to bring the price of the 32 flats down

MBSA starts R4m social plan

DURBAN — Mercedes-Benz has committed itself to the social upliftment of its employees in East London in the fields of housing and education.

By ROBIN ROSS-THOMPSON
Motoring Editor

And R4 million has already been set aside as a start to the project

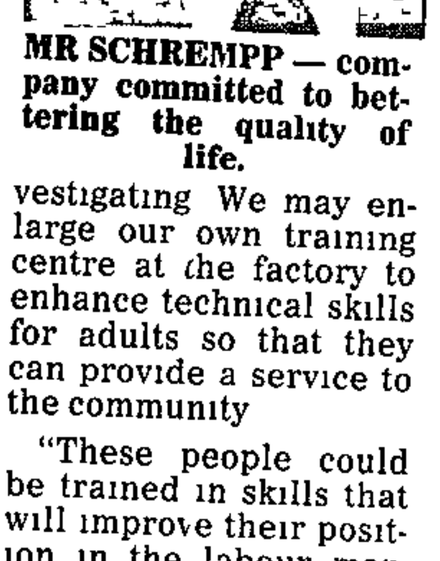
It has also been revealed that the company has acquired the entire area of the Chloride plant for future expansion

The chairman of the management board of Mercedes-Benz South Africa, Mr Jurgen Schrempp, announced at the press launch of new models in the company's S-Class range of cars at Umhlanga Rocks near here, that his company was committed to a social programme which was in the process of being instituted to better the quality of life of all population groups, specifically in housing and education

In an interview after his address, Mr Schrempp said Mercedes-Benz was looking at ways of improving the lot of its staff in East London and was consulting with the Urban Foundation on ways to achieve this

It could involve the funding of a multi-racial primary and secondary school, he said "There is a tremendous shortage of qualified teachers in the black areas and we may do something to improve that, too

"Adult education is another facet we are investigating We may enlarge our own training centre at the factory to enhance technical skills for adults so that they can provide a service to the community



MR SCHREMPP — company committed to bettering the quality of life.

"These people could be trained in skills that will improve their position in the labour market, and not only for employment at the factory We have a social responsibility to the community in which we operate"

On the subject of housing, Mr Schrempp said he would like to see amendments to the Group Areas Act that would enable his company to provide high quality housing for employees

At present the company was working on a package that could include an improved housing subsidy scheme Assistance would be given on a non-racial basis but was aimed primarily at blacks and coloureds

The main emphasis at present, however, would be aimed at improved education with housing improvements coming later "The two are, of course, complementary to each other," he said

Mr Schrempp leaves South Africa at the end of the year to take up a position at Daimler-Benz in Germany with responsibility for world marketing and sales of all the company's commercial vehicles

He will, however, still have an interest in the South African operation, remaining on the board of directors here

He will be succeeded as chairman in South Africa by Mr Sepp van Hullen who is the present finance executive

The management board member responsible for manufacture in East London, Mr Gunter Kamuf, said the property formerly occupied by Chloride had been acquired as a long-term strategy to consolidate the area around the plant The buildings would be used as storage space for the time being before a final decision was taken on how best to develop it

"Let this be further proof of our desire to remain in East London," he said

● The Mayor of East London, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, reacted to the announcement yesterday by congratulating the company on what she called a fine gesture

"If we as a city council can be of any assistance, we would be only too happy to do so, especially on the housing aspect"

● Officials of General Motors in Port Elizabeth remained tight-lipped yesterday on any possible moves to quit SA

A Daily Dispatch correspondent reported that in the absence of any official statement, speculation was rife in motor manufacturing circles that "there is no smoke without fire"

The general consensus was that any moves now by local GM management to seek alternatives, such as a buy out or a partnership, have been left too late

"By their silence they are damaging their own market We are going to see buyer resistance after the proceedings of the past few days," said an industry source

"The feeling is that GM in America is looking for an out Maybe not immediately but certainly early next year An emphatic statement from PE refuting the Automotive News allegations would have done a lot to restore confidence"

The industry was abuzz on what is to happen to the company's forthcoming launch of its Opel Monza on which about R30 million has been spent on tooling up

Analysts said it looked as if the company would take the loss

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'Conditions in rural areas bad'

CAPE TOWN — Senior members of the Progressive Federal Party's Unrest Monitoring and Action Committee (Umac) say conditions in platteland townships are even worse than the urban ones

And they should know

They have just returned from a four-day, fact-finding trip to Southern Cape townships.

Mr Ian van Eck, MP for Claremont and chairman of Umac, and Mrs Val Rose-Christie, regional co-ordinator of the committee, visited George, Knysna, Oudtshoorn and Plettenberg Bay

Mr Van Eck said yesterday requests and allegations arising from the mission would be sent to the authorities

"One of our most sobering observations was the appalling condition of platteland townships — much worse than those in urban areas

"There was a tremendous desire to talk to us because no other channels exist — the alienation between township residents and the authorities has never been worse"

The delegation assessed conditions at George's Lawaaikamp shantytown and Sandkraal, the new "self-help" township

Lawaaikamp residents have been ordered out of the squatter settlement by the George Municipality and most have been resettled at Sandkraal

Mr Van Eck said about 400 families were still at Lawaaikamp but the municipality had told him the place would have to be "cleared" by the end of the year

"The Town Clerk, Mr Carel du Plessis, has changed his attitude for the better, but the municipality and community services are still blaming each other for the unhappy situation"

Mr Van Eck said Sandkraal was a "disaster"

Conditions were shocking, with no services, stormwater drainage, sewerage or roads

"After two weeks of heavy rain, home after home was flooded. Little rivers were running through kitchens"

The municipality had created a second Lawaaikamp at Sandkraal.

There was a huge backlog of essential services and many people were paying R22 a month for a basic plot

"The anger is deep in spite of the removal of leadership under the state of emergency"

The representatives spoke to "dozens" of parents of child detainees

They also met senior Black Sash representatives who are trying to set up a Southern Cape advice office — Sapa

Housing plan a ruse — Mopp

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The MP for Border in the House of Representatives, Mr Peter Mopp, has questioned a city council decision, backed by the Coloured Management Committee, to develop pockets of land in the coloured ares to provide additional housing

Mr Mopp said the costs of the services were far too high and asked how low cost housing could have services of more than R13 000 an erf.

"Who is going to pay for this Are low income earners going to afford to live there once all these costs have been taken into account?" Mr Mopp asked

He said it seemed a ruse to side-track his demand for land in the Cove Ridge area for coloured housing.

"For years we have asked for additional houses to erase the housing backlog of 1 400 in the coloured areas. All this time we have been told there is no land. No sooner we ask for Cove Ridge, than the officials come up with pockets of land all over the show

"Why are they tinkering around with little pieces of land? They should just give us Cove Ridge and get on with the job of providing homes to erase the backlog."

The deputy city engineer, Mr Brick Bradford, was given the go-ahead from the CMC for the proposed sub-division of sites in the coloured areas to provide 222 erven

There are 12 erven at Chapman Street Extension in Buffalo Flats, 27 at Parkridge south for low cost housing, 35 erven at Lavender Street in Parkside and 160 special residential erven at the area below Canterbury Road in Buffalo Flats

Mr Bradford could not be contacted yesterday for comment on Mr Mopp's criticism.

Paid fee, but no preference

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Municipal Reporter

SIXTEEN prospective home-owners who each paid a R250 fee towards the design of homes they hoped to acquire in Steenberg will not be given any preference when the City Council allocates the 330 plots.

This was confirmed by a City Council spokesman yesterday after a meeting between housing officials and a developer, Mr Clive Parkes, on whose behalf an agent had been selling council land.

The council had no intention of selling the land as it is earmarked for a site-and-service scheme It warned the public last week not to deal with "unauthorized persons" purporting to be able to sell it.

Mr Parkes said he had been in touch with the 16 clients, but they had not demanded their money back.

Mr Parkes said an estate agent had "jumped the gun" and sold the scheme as plot-and-plan whereas it was in fact a site-and-service scheme.

The managing director of the firm he named denied "jumping the gun", and read out a letter signed by Mr Parkes, saying "we are authorized to sell the abovementioned plots".

A City Council spokesman said the government had already allocated money for the site-and-service scheme. The 330 plots in the area were serviced, and the council would go through its waiting lists to find interested persons.

"If we don't find enough takers, we will advertise the scheme," he said.

Mayor's pledge to city's hungry

By CHRIS ERASMUS

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Cape Times Investigation

CAPE FLATS CRISIS

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30pc of Divco's housing units sold, says report

Staff Reporter

JUST OVER 30 percent of all dwelling units under the control of the Divisional Council had been sold, Mr Louwtjie Rothman, the Divco chairman, said yesterday in his annual report.

In the past financial year (July 1 last year to June 30 this year), the council had built 2 000 new dwelling units "by conventional means", according to the engineer's department report Practically every new housing unit was immediately sold

About 700 of these new homes had been built in Atlantis, the report said The building of 225 more was soon to begin there and a further 691, also in Atlantis, were to be put out to tender.

Self-help housing had gained impetus in the past year as a "partial solution to the housing problem", the engineer's report said

Schemes at Grassy Park and Belhar and an exhibition of houses with material costs of under R9 000 each, had attracted national attention as "pacesetters"

The number of building plans approved had dropped to 4 075, from 4 820 in the previous year This he ascribed to the recession, which was still affecting the building industry

Sales of electricity continued to increase, although "at a markedly lower rate" Over 80 percent of all electricity was used by industry and commerce Only 6 504 Divco homes consume electricity

The council had been "extremely busy" with squatter-control operations in the past year, according to the report Squatting had been exacerbated by the recession and the shortage of funds for housing development

Mr D Manefeldt, the director of housing, said the Hangberg housing estate above Hout Bay harbour was "severely overcrowded" The council had consequently constructed 87 maisonettes in the saddle of the Sentinel mountain

crowd turned up It was impossible to hold a public meeting, no hall was available and I had not arranged such a meeting, so I refused to hold it

"Instead I met representatives whom they chose They also met the management committee I chased no one away," Mr Curry said

Symposium for black farmers will be a 'first'

JOHANNESBURG — Black farmers from all over Southern Africa will meet at a symposium in Pretoria in November

A statement issued by the South African Institute of Agricultural Engineers said the symposium will be held at Palms Hotel, Pretoria, between November 11 and November 13

Mechanization

The theme will be "Irrigation Farming and Mechanization Schemes in Developing Areas"

Mr Johan Murray, president of the Institute, said more than 300 delegates would attend They would be from most of the independent states surrounding the Republic, as well as from most of the homelands and farming areas within South Africa

"This will be the first time in Southern Africa that farmers and operators in developing areas — the majority of whom are black — will have the opportunity to discuss farming matters not only with each other but with those responsible for many of the bigger projects and farming organizations," he said — Sapa

might join Iran, Afghanistan and other na-

Priorities studied for Walmer uplift

Weekend Post Reporters

WALMER township has been reprieved, and the Urban Foundation is studying a consultants' report it received this week on the area's priority needs.

The foundation's recommendations could serve as a valuable pointer to how the R1 million earmarked by the Government for the immediate upgrading of the township should be spent.

The organisation's regional director, Mr Roger Matlock, today pinpointed sub-economic housing as an urgent priority, with taps, water-borne sewerage, a clinic, a community hall, and a pre-school also high on the list.

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced the allocation of the R1 million — for the current financial year — at a Press conference in Port Elizabeth yesterday.

He finally dispelled any doubts about the township's future.

It is to remain within its present boundaries and upgrading is to start immediately.

Mr Heunis also announced that a further R1 million had been allocated for housing in Motherwell and an equal amount for other PE townships; that work on the road between Motherwell and Port Elizabeth would be expedited; and that extensive social facilities for Kwanobuhle township, Uitenhage, were planned.

The announcements, particularly the one on Walmer township, have been widely welcomed by community and church leaders and politicians.

Mr Matlock said today the R1 million was a "good start but obviously more is needed."

He had recently also received a report from the Port Elizabeth Youth Congress (Peyco) on priorities for upgrading Walmer township.

This had been handed to the consultants whose report he had received two days ago

Mr Matlock said the foundation estimated the township's population at about 7 000, of whom about 75% lived in shacks and needed sub-economic housing.

There were also only a few taps, only bucket toilets and no community hall, clinic or pre-school facilities

The Peyco survey had found that the unemployment rate among residents was about 40%, with the income rates among the employed being low.

A member of the St Vincent de Paul (Catholic) Society, Mr John Molyneaux, said today that the township was over-populated. Additional land would have to be made available and the township also needed more drains.

To improve the community life, the ony recreational centre for the residents — Victory Hall — would have to be rebuilt and enlarged, preferably by the residents themselves.

The chairman of the Walmer Residents' Association, Mr Gareth Nombiba, said he was very happy about the decisions.

The PFP MP for Walmer, Mr Andrew Savage, said he was "delighted that the Government is committed to immediate, positive action, and we will watch the spending with great interest."

PE to upgrade two suburbs

By RAYMOND HILL

PORT ELIZABETH is to spend hundreds of thousands of rands on upgrading Korsten and Schauderville from next year

Work on a "master plan" for the two areas has already started

Tenders for a major part of the work closed this week and tenders for the next phase were called for this month

The news follows the announcement by the Government yesterday that R1 million has been earupgrading of the reprieved Walmer Township and that another R2 million will go to black housing in the PE area, in addition to money already allocated (See Page 2)

Although the "master plan" for Korsten and Schauderville was approved by the municipal-

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Korsten and Schauderville to be upgraded

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ity and the Northern Areas Management Committee more than two years ago, little progress has been made

This week an official of the PE Town Planning Department disclosed details of the scheme and said its completion depended on funds being available.

The main emphasis will be on improving roads and creating attractive open areas.

The plan for Korsten includes the upgrading of residential areas Plots will be sold for a home ownership scheme there.

Only a portion of one street has been surfaced since the plan was first approved R40 000 has been allocated for the surfacing of another street — Stemela Street — soon

Work will begin in March on a R100 000 upgrading programme for part of Durban Road, which will be slightly widened There will also be better parking facilities and the verges will be improved

More underground cables, sewerage and water services will be provided and the remainder of the road will be upgraded later

Korsten was described as an "important part of the northern areas" which needed upliftment.

The planners have suggested that vacant land zoned for business purposes be reserved for the building of houses

Another suggestion was that part of Highfield Road, a major thoroughfare, should be closed or changed into a one-way street to ease traffic flow

The planners also proposed that Highfield Road be linked directly with Cottrell Street, and that access to Burt Drive and Second Avenue be closed

It was hoped that Standford Road would be used as much as possible as a result of the route changes

The planners also suggested that quieter streets, used as "playgrounds" by children, should be made safer through speed restrictions for motorists

Sidewalks and traffic circles in Schauderville would be improved at a cost of R25 000.

CPA counting 'illegal' houses

A MAJOR census of all "illegal" structures in the Peninsula's black townships is being carried out by the Cape Provincial Administration so that "orderly urbanization" can be planned

Mr Sampie Steenkamp, spokesman for CPA's Office for Community Services, reported this when asked to respond to rumours that a major "forced removal" was imminent

Several alarmed Nyanga residents reported officials counting refugees and structures in their area early last week and rumours of imminent removals were rife

Mr Steenkamp confirmed the Nyanga count, but added that the census was at all Peninsula townships Not only illegal backyard and open ground structures, but

By CHRIS BATEMAN

actual inhabitants were also being counted, he added The operation had been under way for over a week.

He emphasized that there was "nothing sinister in this"

"We simply have to do it if we are to have any success in an orderly urbanization process which has replaced influx control. Nobody will be forcibly removed There are already 20 000 families who have moved voluntarily to Khayelitsha," Mr Steenkamp said

He appealed strongly to township residents to co-operate with CSO officials

The census is in line with a government policy statement by Mr Kent Durr, Deputy Minister of Finance, Trade and Industry, during a speech at the opening of a KwaZulu Industrial Corporation factory at Esethebe in last Friday

Mr Durr said the government had no wish to fight urbanization, which he described as "an irresistible demographic and economic shift"

Mr Steenkamp said Khayelitsha's Site C was "already overcrowded" with 30 000 residents

A nearby serviced "town" was fully developed and occupied, while a second area with space for 5 000 sites had been levelled and was ready for service installation This second town should be ready for occupation by early next year, he said.

IMC refuses to pass housing proposals

Call for ministerial visit

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Committee (IMC) yesterday refused to pass three new proposed residential areas with more than 300 special residential sites because "it is too technical for us".

The chairman, Mr Edwin Vengadajellum, asked that the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Delegates, Mr Baldeo Dookie, be invited together with his officials to give advice on whether the proposals should be accepted.

"We don't know head or tail about these reports and we cannot pass them," Mr Vengadajellum said

The deputy city engineer, Mr Brick Bradford, offered to explain the proposals with the aid of sketches he had brought with him but Mr Vengadajellum said it would serve no purpose

"We also want the people to be involved in this. We don't want to do anything behind their backs and therefore I don't think we can pass the proposals," he said

Mr Bradford said the demand for erven was high and asked whether the committee could accept the proposals in principle and later adjust them to suit the needs of the community

"We have got to get in while the department is busy allocating funds for next year," Mr Bradford said, but Mr Vengadajellum said the minister could be asked to come as a matter of urgency.

"He owes us a visit," he said

Three reports were prepared by the city engineers department for the committee. The first concerned Braelynn Extension 8, for erven for home builders

The report said there were 84 special residential erven for home ownership on the land between the Amalinda River, Fitchett Road and the extension to the Mdantsane access road The erven varied in size from 750 square metres to 1 395 square metres

The second was for the proposed Braelynn Extension No 10, which lies north of the Mdantsane access road extension and west of the proposed Braelynn Extension 8 The total area is 28,3 hectares

The scheme allows for 192 special residential plots, four public spaces, a church site, three miniature electricity sub-stations and a reserved site of 3 680 square metres for use as a creche or a library and shops as the need arises The residential plots vary in size from 738 square metres to 1 413 square metres

The third proposal is for Braelynn Extension 9, which lies between Fitchett Road to the west, Braelynn 6 to the north and the proposed Ziphunzana by-pass to the south.

It is proposed to have homeowners' erven in the vicinity of Fitchett Road with an average size of 800 square-metres and 79 erven for assisted housing similar to the houses in Braelynn 6.

● The IMC has called for the appointment of a public relations officer

Mr Vengadajellum told municipal officials at the committee's monthly meeting yesterday to contact the Bureau for Information about the matter as "they know all about it"

"It can be done from the city council's point of view," he said

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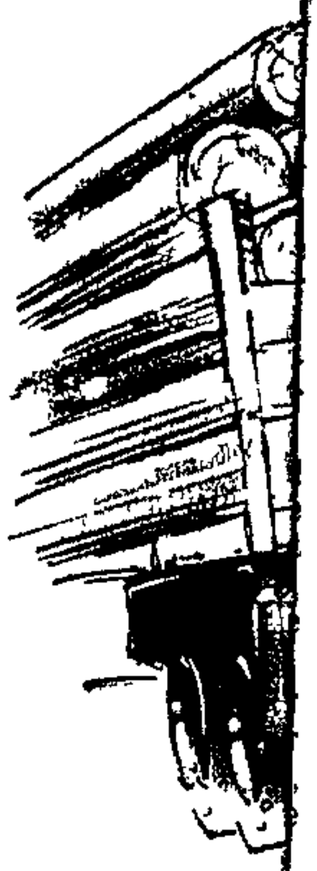

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Only 100 families in shacks at Langa

By DENISE BOUTALL

ONLY about 100 families of nearly 7 000 are still living in their shacks in Langa in Uitenhage

And those who remained yesterday in shacks scattered about the hills in the western section said they had been told this week they would have to move by tomorrow

However, the Town Clerk of Kwanobuhle, Mr Eddie Coetzee, denied that the people had been instructed to move by Friday "I have my hands full with dealing with the problems of the people who have moved to Kwanobuhle"

A group of 10 women still living in Langa interviewed yesterday repeated what many others have said since the removal started in mid-July "We don't want to move If we move, it is by force"

Some have partially demolished their shacks while others are defiantly sitting it out, but all seem resigned ultimately to moving into the tent town where more than 6 000 families from Langa and Despatch are living

Allegations of intimidatory tactics by Kwanobuhle municipal police have also been denied

Miss Ethel Dobo said that through the intervention of her minister in the early days of the removal she had been left alone "And I'm not going to move"

She dismissed promises of a model town at Kwanobuhle "Why can't they help us here?" she asked

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Beating the economic squeeze . . .

Mr Des Riley

By ANTHONY DOMAN
Staff Reporter

SOMEWHERE in the labyrinth that is Cape Town's Civic Centre works a group of people convinced that two into one *will* go, that you *can* drink the same glass of water twice and that there *is* life after death.

Like the rest of us, the City Engineer's Department is battling the economic squeeze — and has come up with these ingenious ways of beating it But the problems don't end with economics, as new boss Mr Des Riley is finding

For starters, he is inheriting an empire only recently released by his predecessor, Mr Jan Brand

But the council has split the empire (into engineering and planning), Mr Riley is encouraging teamwork and he says he has enough time to do what he must

Bare minimum

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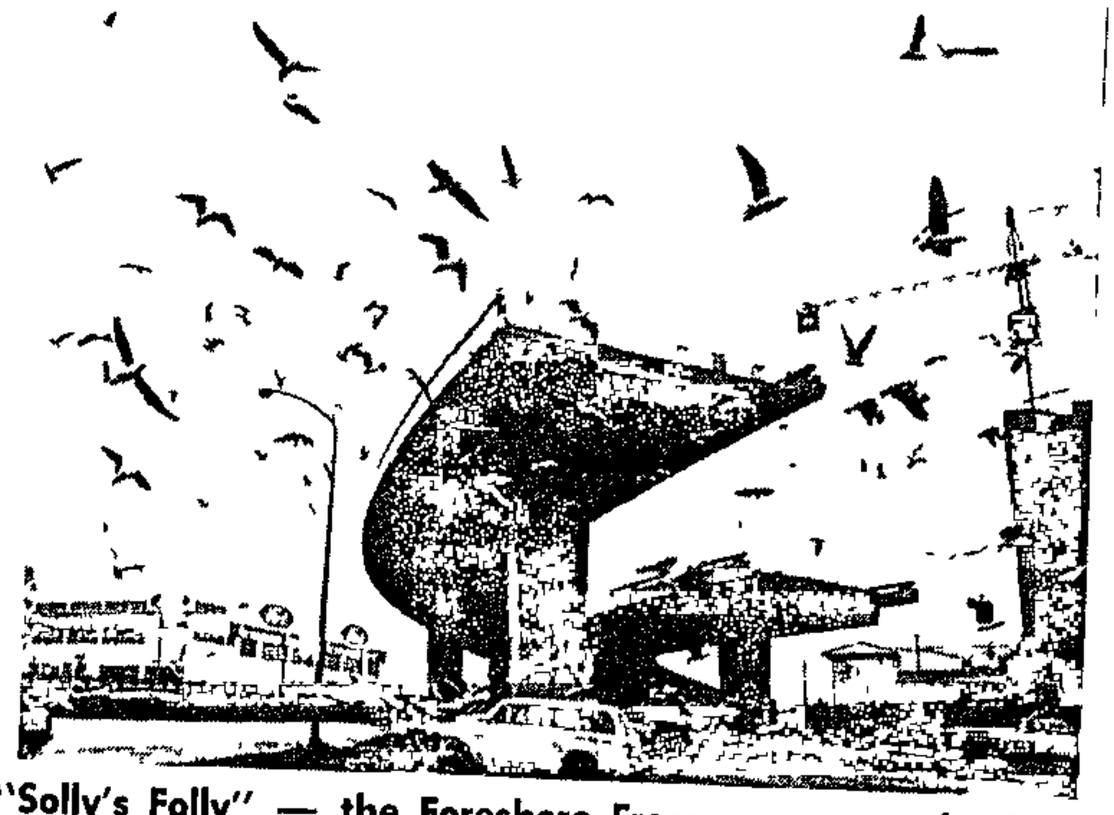

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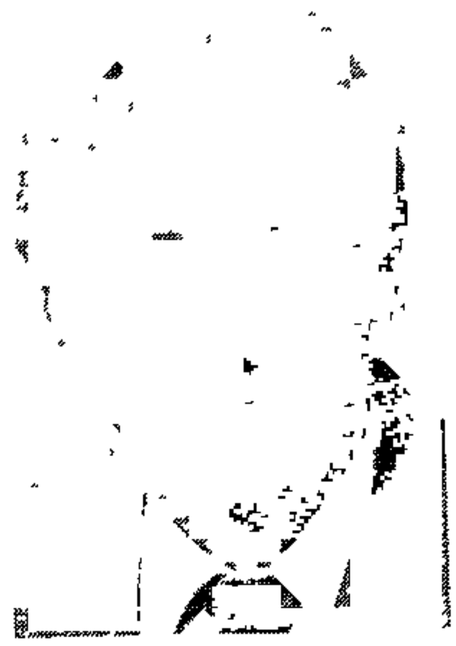

Mr Des Riley

By ANTHONY DOMAN
Staff Reporter

SOMEWHERE in the labyrinth that is Cape Town's Civic Centre works a group of people convinced that two into one *will* go, that you *can* drink the same glass of water twice and that there *is* life after death.

Like the rest of us, the City Engineer's Department is battling the economic squeeze — and has come up with these ingenious ways of beating it But the problems don't end with economics, as new boss Mr Des Riley is finding

For starters, he is inheriting an empire only recently released by his predecessor, Mr Jan Brand

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The Star Bureau

LONDON — Liberal Party leader Mr David Steel is appalled at conditions he saw in Khayelitsha on his recent trip to South Africa.

And he spells out his distaste in an open letter to South African Ambassador Dr Denis Worrall in the *Guardian* today.

The letter is in reply to one Dr Worrall sent to all Liberal Party conference delegates in September in which he urged Mr Steel to visit Mitchell's Plain to see "the reality of development".

Writes Mr Steel: "What I found makes me question if you have ever been there yourself

"I was frankly appalled by conditions I found in Khayelitsha The scene that greeted me as I arrived there was a queue of 2 000 women and children waiting under armed security guard for government food handouts to arrive

"Many of them were housed simply in canvas army tents, three or four families to a tent Those not so lucky were in smaller plastic tents which they'd had to make holes in to avoid almost suffocating inside

"Some of these families, who had been forcibly moved here from their homes in Crossroads, had been living in the tents for several months

"The queue for food and other supplies is a daily occurrence The women told me they receive no meat, and no soap

Thirty miles from the centre of Cape Town there is little work and there are few amenities

"My guides took me to see inside one of those houses of which you are so proud. The house, for seven people, consisted merely of two small rooms

"There is no electricity and there is no bath. There is not even plumbing for a bath

"I have of course seen worse housing elsewhere — in refugee camps, in Third World shanty towns and even in some inner city areas in Western Europe

"But in none of those places have such poor housing conditions been a result of deliberate government policy"

The Liberal leader admits he saw an excellent community centre, school and clinics "But building modern facilities in a semi-desert area where nobody wants to live and then corralling people in there is hardly the way to create a community"

Mr Steel says urgent steps are needed to involve the majority population in the construction of an open society

"As a start, you should release Nelson Mandela from Pollsmoor Prison and open talks with the leaders of the African National Congress

"The effect of this on our opinions of South Africa would be far more favourable than visiting townships designed to reinforce the 'separate development' of black and white"

Job-creation house handed over

THE key to the first of 90 houses built under the job-creation scheme at Khayelitsha near Cape Town at a cost of about R900 000, was handed over to its owner yesterday.

Sponsored jointly by the Department of Manpower, the Western Cape Training Centre and the Office of Community Services of the Provincial Administration, this pilot project introduced a new, labour-intensive way of building low-income housing, which also created job opportunities, SABC radio news reports.

'Cut land costs to ease housing crisis'

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By ANTHONY DOMAN
Weekend Argus Reporter

RADICAL measures such as cutting land costs and lowering municipal standards will have to be considered if affordable housing is to become a reality, says Cape Divisional Council chairman Mr Louwtjie Rothman in his last annual report

"Against the background of inflation the ever-increasing cost of land, services and construction (and) the present economic situation, it is essential to adopt a policy of flexibility," he said

He suggested taking a hard look at

- Reducing the cost of land,
- More effective urban planning and land use,
- Lowering of standards of municipal services,
- Methods of financing and administrative levies,
- Reducing costs of community facilities and planning and using existing facilities more effectively

The council itself had tackled the housing problem in several ways These included involving the private sector, starting self-help schemes and encouraging innovative housing

He singled out for special praise the self-help projects which "have proved popular and beneficial to the communities concerned"

With all divisional councils set to disappear when regional services councils are introduced, Mr Rothman — a chairman for three terms — said this would probably be the last annual report of its kind.

Illustrious history

He said the council had an illustrious history spanning 131 years At its inception in 1855 its staff consisted of a secretary, a road inspector and half a dozen labourers Today, one of the largest local authorities in the country, it employed more than 5 000

However, it had managed to retain some of the elements of a rural local authority and still had a "close and personal relationship with its inhabitants" through the local areas and management committees.

Among the council's significant achievements were the redevelopment of the Elsies River slum area and the establishment of the decentralised growth point of Atlantis.

Making a plea for a harmonious transition to regional services councils, Mr Rothman agreed there were certain points of disagreement but said "parochial jealousies and differences should be set aside"

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Part of the Paarl East kennel-shack family. From left, Mr Alfie Koopman, 34, Mrs Eva Steer, 39, and two of her sons, Marius, 6, and Edward, 10, with the evicted dog, Lady.
Picture STEWART COLMAN

Evicted family of 8 live in kennel

By CHRIS BATEMAN

THE housing backlog in Paarl East has reached such proportions that a local charwoman, Mrs Eva Steer, 39, her six children and her cerebral palsied cousin have been living in an adapted backyard dog kennel for over two months.

Five more of Mrs Steer's children live across the road from her Coprosmas Street shack with her sister, but this home too is overcrowded.

The family was evicted from a nearby Paarl East home where 27 people from five families occupy three bedrooms. The town's housing backlog at present runs to 3 000 families, according to a Paarl newspaper.

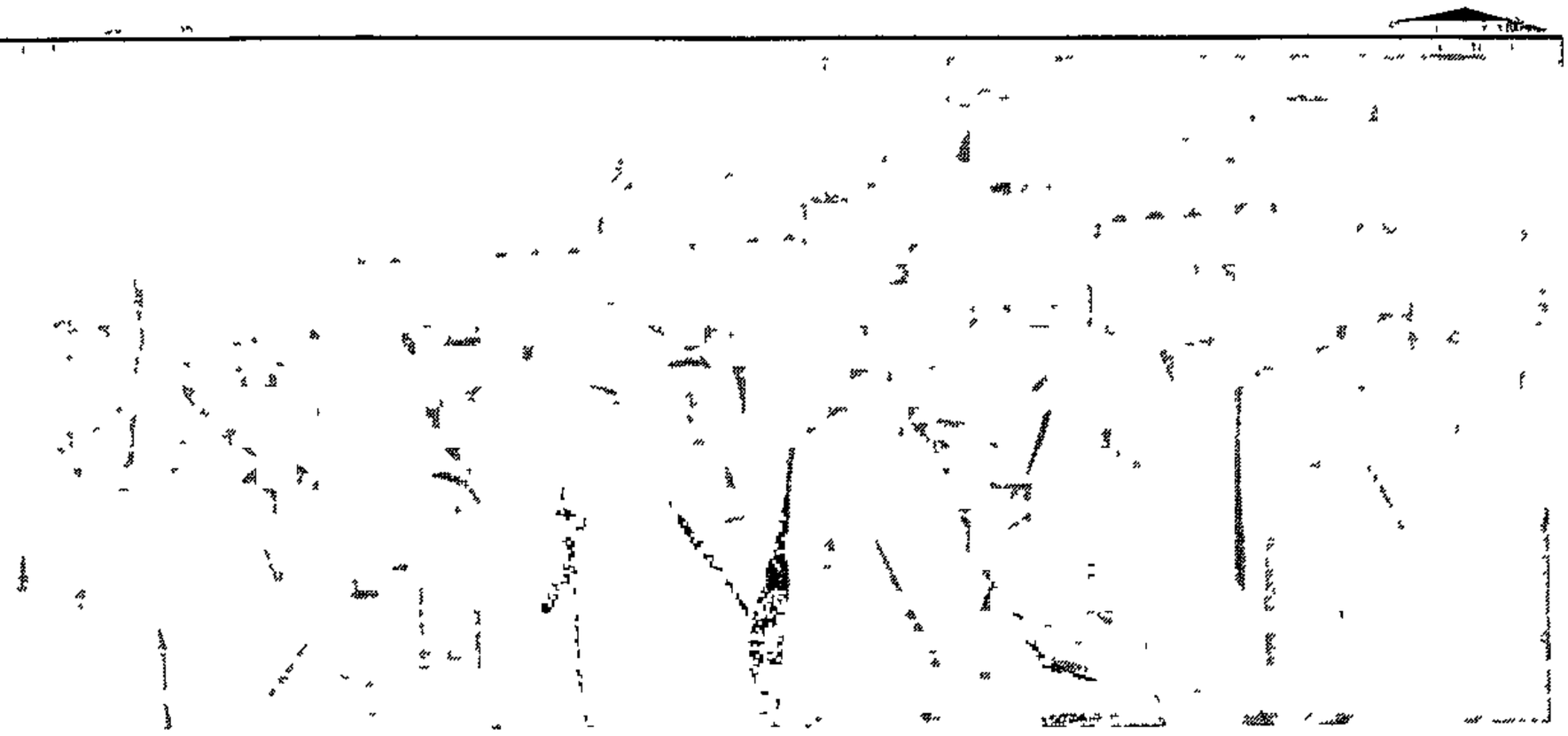
Interviewed outside the dog kennel shack — the dog is being housed in the bathroom of Mrs Steer's hosts — Mrs Steer said she had approached the council authorities twice in as many months.

"They just tell me every time that they will hold a meeting about it," she said

Mrs Steer's host, Mrs Joyce Booysen, said her common-law husband had come in for severe criticism from work colleagues for "making people live in a kennel" after the Paarl Post newspaper highlighted their plight

"But we did it out of the kindness of our hearts, we just have no room in our one-bedroomed house," Mrs Booysen said.

Mrs Steer, who chars three times a week at a Long Street home in Paarl, earns R8 for a six-hour shift and receives a R180-a-month welfare allowance for her children



East Cape Building and Allied Association executive members checked on progress at Kwadwesi this week. They are (from the left) Mr T GOTYANA, Mr J WAKA (treasurer), Mr S DONDASHE (chairman), Mr M GROOTBOOM, Mr J MTENGWANA, Mr J MPITI, Mr M SKAAP (technical director) and Mr M MPONGOSHE.

Kwadesi houses give boost to many black contractors

By MIKE MABUSELA

DETERMINATION to reap the benefits of increased building in black areas is paying off in a big way for contractors building Kwadwesi township

All are members of the East Cape Building and Allied Association, formed in 1982 and now becoming a major force in the building industry

They include bricklayers, plumbers, painters, concrete wall makers, electricians, cabinetmakers and builders

All have sound backgrounds in their trades, learnt at Emthonjeni In-service Training Centre in Port Elizabeth, the Building Industry Federation of South Africa (Bifsa) training centre and technical colleges or in their previous jobs

The 880 houses now being built by the association's contractors for the Urban Foundation at the west end of the Chatty River bridge, three kilometres from Kleinskool, will have two and three bedrooms, kitchen, bathroom, lounge and toilet and be wired for electricity

Some of the association's founder members were previously involved in various businesses in PE townships.

They include Mr Richard Vantyi (an undertaker), Mr Sidney Nomoyi (a cartage contractor), Mr Monwabisi Mkaza (businessman), and other business people Mr Jonas Oliphant, Mr Jonas Klaas and Mr Peter Vapi

Association chairman Mr Solly Dondashe said these men had aimed at having an organisation outside the formal sector with a code of conduct to provide work for unskilled labour, to develop the skills of black artisans practically and technically, and to change the role of black men from employees to employers

Seventy-two unskilled people are employed by association members

Other jobs the association has undertaken include building houses for employees of SATS, Industex and a cooldrink company at Motherwell, and 64 at Zwide for residents

A project for the association to build 1 000 houses is still in the pipeline and its details would be revealed when all contracts had been signed, Mr Dondashe said

The Urban Foundation's regional develpment director, Mr Peter Arton-Powell, has said the houses at Kwadwesi will vary between R15 000 and R230 00

One of the houses at Kwadwesi which is virtually ready.

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Move to sell R2 800 homes

Tygerberg Bureau

RAVENSMEAD residents may be able to buy houses for as little R2 800 if the Government approves a scheme initiated by Mr Hansie Christians, Labour Party MP for the area, and approved by the Parow Town Council.

The houses are in Anemone Road, Bluebell Road and Milldene Road near the Ravensmead sportsgrounds.

"I worked out how much the municipality still owed on the building of the homes and divided the amount by 100, the number of houses in the scheme," said Mr Christians.

Small profit

"I added a small amount so that the municipality would still be making a small profit which they can plough back into housing."

The houses will be sold "as is" if the scheme is approved and the R2 800 price tag will be valid for the first three months after approval

According to Mr Christians, the normal price of these houses, as sold by the Department of Community Development, was R4 175

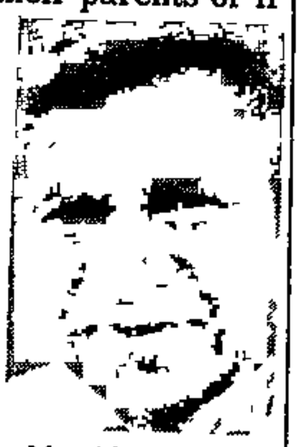
Built in the early 1960s to accommodate coloured families who had to move because of the Group Areas Act, they consist of two bedrooms, a kitchen and a lounge, but no bathroom.

Mr Christians said the houses did not have ceilings or proper floors and buyers would be responsible for repairs.

The scheme was developed to give the tenants an opportunity to buy the houses

An elderly tenant's children could buy their parents' home on condition they took up residence on the death of their parents or if the parents moved elsewhere

Mr Johannes Joubert, a resident who lives with his mother, Mrs Maria Joubert, said he would consider buying their home



Mr Christians

"Many people will be interested in buying because no more plots are available in Ravensmead," he said

"I think it's quite a bargain.

"There is quite a lot of space on the plots for improvements, but up to now we have not been able to improve unless we owned the house.

"At the moment the people here pay rent of between R40 and R50 a month"

EL and Duncan Village urged to work together

EAST LONDON — The new town council in Duncan Village and the East London City Council must embrace each other and work in the interests of the whole area, the chairman of the provincial committee responsible for upgrading black areas, Mr Koos Theron, said here yesterday.

Addressing the public meeting called to discuss the future of Duncan Village, he emphasised that as far as the province was concerned, Duncan Village was an independent local authority

"This local authority will do the planning for the area with our assistance and it is necessary for it to liaise with the city council," Mr Theron said.

He told the meeting that he understood that there was "bad blood" between the two bodies

"It is not in anybody's interests to live in isolation and the two mayors must take the initiative to liaise, because what happens in Duncan Village affects the lives of all the people in East London"

The mayor of Duncan Village, Mr Eddie Makeba, said there was friction between his council and the East London City Council He said the problem would have to be solved internally, as it concerned the greater East London area.

"We will solve that. We want you to solve the problems of development," he told Mr Theron "We hope we will solve the situation."

He said people had to see what development was going on in Duncan Village. It was the pride of his council and that was why they would not resign, despite threats

"With the help of the government and certain whites, we will achieve our goal of upgrading Duncan Village," he said.

The deputy chairman of the provincial committee and welfare and services, Mr T Mnyati, said he had participated in the old community council system because he wanted to improve the lot of the people and to gain experience

"Blacks have not been allowed to participate in local government for more than 100 years and they have formed their ideas of what it is and what it should be doing We have a great task in setting this right. If blacks and whites can come together, there can be peace and progress"

He said blacks should realise that their numbers and violence would not put them in charge without the necessary training

Blacks should realise that not all the problems were caused by whites and they must take advantage of the opportunities that were being presented

Mr Mnyati said blacks wanted the same things in life as other races

"The priorities are a home and proper facilities The whites will never be able to provide us with all the homes we need nor will they be able to create all the jobs required

"The population explosion makes the problem worse We must all try to solve the problem," he said

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Big prices for houses in coloured areas

AT THE AUCTIONS

By TOM HOOD, Property Editor

SMALL houses in coloured areas are fetching high prices — and many are sold in cash deals at auctions.

"The money is there and people are investing The market is showing a definite upturn," says Mr Cecil Levitt, who auctioned several properties this week.

One of the top prices was R83 000 for a house at 66 Kent Road, Wynberg — which was snapped up before the auction.

Among other prices were R75 000 for a four-room house without a garage at 14 Eden Road Wynberg, and R51 000 for a two-bedroom house on a 296 sq m, 3 York Road, Wynberg

A new spec house with a flat roof at 119 First Avenue, Grassy Park, was knocked down for R75 000. It had three bedrooms and a 495 sq m plot.

A semi at 63 Regent Road, Woodstock, went for the asking price of R45 000 on the day it went on the market, says Mr Levitt.

In white areas, he auctioned a block of three shops and seven flats for R214 000 at Southfield

The property, at 72 Victoria Road, included the Shalom Court flats.

Another Wynberg property, a three-bedroom house with a garage at 98 South Road, fetched R90 000 on on the day the For Sale board went up

A 475 sq m plot in Southfield, erf 76273 in Monty Road, fetched R14 000.

A three-bedroom house at 180 Ottery Road, Golf Links Estate, Wynberg, was sold for R66 000 after the auction

A well-restored house, 29 Loader Street, on 392 sq m in central Cape Town, finally went for R73 500 at an auction attended by more than 40 people.

"MORE THAN EXPECTED"

At Heathfield coloured area, an incomplete double-story house being built by an owner-builder fetched R80 000, which auctioneers R M Auctions say was more than expected. The house at 37b Eleventh Street also went for cash.

Another coloured area property, 61 Seventh Avenue, Belgravia Estate, fetched R54 000 at an auction by the Michael James Organisation

A timber frame holiday house at Scarborough was fetched a top bid of R56 500 after bidding by five keen buyers, reports Michael James.

A wine farm with a KWV quota, South Cross Farm at Simondium, was knocked down for R175 000 by Julius Buchinsky this week

The 12,3 ha property includes a farm house Negotiations for the farm equipment are continuing

A block of five small shops at 277 Main Road, Wynberg, was sold by the same auctioneer for R95 000

A top bid of R406 000 for shops in a good position in Station Road, Wynberg, was later turned down when a buyer offered R420 000 by telegram

A third offer of R500 000 is being considered, says Mr Buchinsky

Still about 1 300 families in Langa

By DENISE BOUTALL

THERE are only about 1 300 families still living in Langa in Uitenhage, most of them in McNaughton, the established housing scheme

This was disclosed today by the Administrator of Kwanobuhle, Mr Barry Erasmus, who said there were few shacks left in the area where 7 000 families had lived until mid July.

"Those remaining in shacks are people who don't want to move and we will leave them there," he said.

"We hope they will ultimately move to Kwanobuhle"

McNaughton consists of 1 032 houses and a number of backyard shacks

Mr Erasmus said people living in the houses would not be moved as they could only be moved if similar accommodation was provided and there were no houses available

The removal of Langa and Kabah, an established black shack area between the white and coloured residential areas of Uitenhage, started in mid-July when people were moved to Kwanobuhle

They were initially housed in tents and then expected to rebuild their shacks

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Appeal to involve private sector

Post Reporter

A REPORT by Port Elizabeth's Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, advocating private sector involvement in township development to help overcome the acute housing shortage in Malabar, was adopted by the Indian Management Committee yesterday.

The report recommended that land identified for sale to higher income groups in the proposed Malabar Extension 5 development be earmarked for sale to private developers.

The proposed development, which will be considered for approval by the Provincial Administration next year, comprises 700 erven, of which 257 will cater for lower-income groups.

A lack of serviced land was a major factor in the acute housing shortage, which the involvement of private developers could help alleviate, the report said.

12 000 houses to be built in new suburb

By PETER DENNEHY

MORE THAN 12 000 houses are to be built by the private sector in the next ten years in a new suburb called Meltonrose, next to Blue Downs, according to a structure plan released yesterday by the Stellenbosch Divisional Council

Meltonrose will comprise Eerste River, Kleinvlei and Gaylee, covering just over 1 100 hectares along the railway line between Blackheath and Faure

The plan provides for a population of 70 000 in Meltonrose, and sets aside land for 21 primary schools, eight high schools, 17 creches, three community centres and two large sports complexes

Mr J C Adendorff, the SDC's chief planner, said the development of Blue Downs had given a boost to the growth of Meltonrose, which already had 2 300 houses

"We get so many applications from private developers that we can hardly cope," he said

Meltonrose was about a third of the size of the Blue Downs project The two would develop together

Mr Martin Hutton-Squire, an associate partner in MLH architects and planners, said at a news conference in Stellenbosch that some of the dwellings envisaged would be shell and core houses

Certain streets, such as Forest Road, Bob's Way, Stratford Road and Canal Road, would channel traffic away from residential areas and provide development lines for small commerce

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Pilot core housing scheme to be launched

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By DENISE BOUTALL

THE Port Elizabeth municipality will launch a pilot core housing scheme in Bethelsdorp Extension 17 next year in an effort to meet the serious housing shortage for low income families in the city

Tenders for the 137 core houses were called for today

In interview the Director of Housing, Mr Eddie Samuels, said a second project of 244 houses was being planned and could be followed by a third one of more than 500 houses

It was the first time the Port Elizabeth municipality would be embarking on a self-help project

The core houses would consist of a kitchen, bathroom and one living room

Mr Samuels said the cores would be fully serviced with water, waterborne sewerage and electricity

"Experience has shown that it is extremely difficult and expensive to provide services at a later stage

"The idea is to provide a basic house which the owner will extend on a self-help basis as he can afford to We will provide support in the form of technical advice and by channelling Government loans to help people buy building materials"

He said self-help was not only a way of providing housing but also helped foster a sense of independence and self-sufficiency among participants

"We believe the people will be very receptive to the idea, as has been shown in the schemes run by the Urban Foundation"

Mr Samuels warned, however, that self-help would not solve South Africa's massive housing shortage It was one of the many approaches that would have to be used

"To meet the housing shortage we need to build as many houses between now and the end of the century as have been built since Jan van Riebeeck landed at the Cape"

Construction of the core houses would start early in the new year and would be completed in the second half of 1987.

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★ Cape Times, Wednesday, Nov

Govt gives details of poverty in the Karoo

Political Staff

DETAILS of poverty in the black residential areas of several Karoo towns that have been released in Parliament have revealed that under 20 percent of people there are in formal housing

And, according to official figures, 93,72 percent of black homes in the Eastern Cape do not have electricity

The details came from the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, in response to questions by the Progressive Federal Party's Mr Peter Soal

Mr Heunis revealed that in Steynsburg only 642 homes had been provided for an unofficially estimated population of 6 470 Rents were outstanding for almost half these houses

Ten houses had electricity and sewerage, was the bucket system

The government had not established informal housing "because the state does not provide informal housing"

Mr Heunis said sports facilities in Steynburg were a tennis court, two rugby fields and an athletics track. No library for black people had been built because of "the acute housing shortage throughout the area under the throughout the East Cape Development Board's area of jurisdiction"

Upgrading of roads, water and sanitation at a cost of R186 742 had been in progress since 1985

The situation in Beaufort West, Jansenville, Hanover, De Aar, Cradock, Graaff-Reinet and Middelburg was essentially the same

In Jansenville there are 304 houses for 3 870 people.

Rent board relief for tenants on the way?

CAPE 11/11/86

By PETER DENNEHY

RELIEF is on the way for hundreds of tenants who will have recourse to rent control boards again from Friday when a government backdown over "own affairs" boards is gazetted

Rent control was in effect scrapped for all except whites on March 27 this year when boards were abolished and reconstituted "for whites only"

Meanwhile, the Houses of Representatives and Delegates had failed to establish their "own" rent control boards

Tenants — stripped of their protection against market forces in the midst of a housing shortage — faced steep rent increases, and an outcry followed

Dr Lapa Munnik, then Minister of Communications and Public Works, announced in September that affected tenants would regain their protection

This has not yet happened Mr C A J Ebersohn, district representative of the Department of Local Government and Housing, said yesterday he was told the new proclamation would be gazetted this week.

Mr Anwah Nagia, chairman of the Salt River, Woodstock and Walmer Estate Residents' Association, said yesterday "It's a victory for us and a setback for the landlords"

The State declined to oppose a Supreme Court application which Mr Sayed Iqbal Mohamed brought in Durban last week contesting the validity of the March proclamation, Mr Nagia said.

"We are going to argue that landlords of tenants in controlled premises who have raised rents since March should reimburse tenants," he said. "There are a couple of hundred of affected tenants in my area alone"

Mr Ebersohn said the Bellville rent control office had advised tenants to pay increased rents in the meanwhile Reimbursements would be decided on by the office

The new proclamation was expected to re-extend the area under the Bellville office's control to the entire Bellville magisterial district and to Athlone, Walmer Estate, Salt River, Grassy Park and Kuils River

Bo-Kaap blunders?

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WEEKEND ARGUS SPECIAL REPORT

by DALE LAUTENBACH Weekend Argus Reporter

AND now, that angry Bo-Kaap and Schotsche Kloof community has rejected the latest plan to come off the City Council's drawing boards with the warning "Consult us on what concerns us, because nothing less is acceptable anymore".

The City Council proposed to have the Bo-Kaap declared an area of special architectural, aesthetic and historical significance a proposal which was rejected outright last month at a public meeting of the community which would be effected by the declaration

The Council responded by indicating it was likely to withdraw the proposal until a joint committee comprising councillors, officials, community representatives, the National Monuments Council and the Cape Provincial Institute of Architects' heritage committee had been appointed to discuss the issue

"If this is Council's response, it once again misses the boat," says Mr Saleh Jamodien, vice-principal of Schotsche Kloof Primary School and a Bokag (Bo-Kaap Action Group) official "It is once again *their* design for something *they* believe we need and again we have not been officially informed but have learnt about it only through Press reports"

His chuckle emphasises an irony "In its very efforts to compromise and consult us, the Council has already designed how that consultation will take place without consulting us

"Our bottom-line remains community consultation and a couple of community members on a joint body comprising all those other powerful interest groups is not our idea of community involvement"

BUT lack of consultation is not the only fuel in the angry fire which has been fanned in this community The rejection of the special area proposal must also be seen in the light of the community's long history of disappointment with Council activities in the area Since the first property expropriations by Council in 1936 under the Slums Clearance Act of 1934, the coals have been glowing

"The people are suspicious of their homes, their streets being declared 'special'," says Mr Hassan Khan, chairman of the Schotsche Kloof Civic Association "It's a suspicion borne of their many year's experience with the Council as a body which has just not come up with the goods

"Many felt too, that the declaration might in time curb their rights as owners, curb their style of renovations and the possibility of building extensions to accommodate growing families"

Mr Hassan Asmal is an architect and a member of a Bokag-affiliated group in the area called Concerned Architects and Engineers

"The rejection of the proposal does not mean the community wants the freedom to randomly destroy the so-called character of the area," he says

"Exactly," says Mr Jamodien "We are probably more proud of our heritage than anyone else and by involving the community in the maintenance of this heritage, Council would get the co-operation of some very skilled artisans in Bo-Kaap"

AND, yes, there was the fear that the declaration could invade the dynamic streets of a very real neighbourhood with the atmosphere of a museum, that tourist coaches trundling past would make inhabitants feel like exhibits

"We don't want the area moulded specifically into a tourist attraction" says

PEOPLE are suspicious of their homes and streets being called 'special'

Mr Jamodien

"That's it," says Mr Khan "We perceive the Council as prepared to develop the area as a tourist attraction, but not prepared to develop the area to meet the very real needs of the community Ironically, if they did the latter, worked with the community and met our demands, the area would quite naturally become what they call a tourist attraction"

Mr Asmal "We reject the joint body which Council is reportedly proposing now because the NMC and the CPIA don't represent the interests of the community A good example of how things go awry when you have the wrong interest groups involved for the wrong reasons is the latest housing development in the area It meets the conservationst's interests but the people's needs have been totally ignored No one in the community can afford to live in those perfectly conserved houses There are 69 of them standing empty Is that conservation when there are 10 people elsewhere in Bo-Kaap living in one room?"

THE project to restore these 69 houses is one of the best examples (in a very complicated history), according to these spokesmen, of why Council's actions have bred today's suspicions

The 69 represent phase 2 of the re-development thinking which, in 1936, was the original motivation for expropriation (Phase 1, according to information supplied by Council, was first discussed in 1963 and involved the restoration of 53 houses

The scheme was completed in 1976 with the restoration of 52 houses, a museum and several shops and stalls These are the facts supplied in a Council statement A tiny shift of perspective gives quite a different view take a hypothetical case if a family, including a pregnant mother, was moved out pending restoration, her child would know the family home for the first time at the age of 13)

The same Council statement says phase 2 was first considered in 1974 Early thinking involved 106 houses In 1985, the lowest tender for one unit was in the region of R34 000, according to the statement, which the Department of Community Development rejected as too high to subsidise

The report records Council's next move "Although the City Council has never built for people earning over R800 a month, Council decided to embark upon the Schotsche Kloof scheme in order to finally ensure the rebuilding They therefore resolved to fund the scheme themselves and awarded the tender to Multi-Bou"

The number was reduced to 69 and according to the community spokesmen, these houses were put on the market in July this year for between R55 000 and R77 000 (see table of figures)

Mr Jamodien "When they began the project I looked at the enormous costs and I said at last Council is putting its liberal identity into effect by providing for the needy the kind of house that someone in a more affluent bracket would be proud of But I was mistaken Having departed from its duty to provide housing for the needy and gone into the property development market, Council is now asking prices for these houses that puts them way beyond the means of the people in the community who really need housing"

Mr Asmal "At a public meeting in September to which the Council invited the community, Mrs Eulalie Stott (chairman of the Council's housing committee) admitted that the houses were being built not with the specific interests of the community in mind but for anyone who could afford them"

Mr Jamodien "Bokag and other community organisations have subsequently insisted to Council that none of those houses are sold to people outside the community Council has responded by halting its sales campaign"

This demand was part of a memo to Council from 14 community organisations in the area and it included a resolution that the community totally rejected the tri-cameral system of government and all its agents

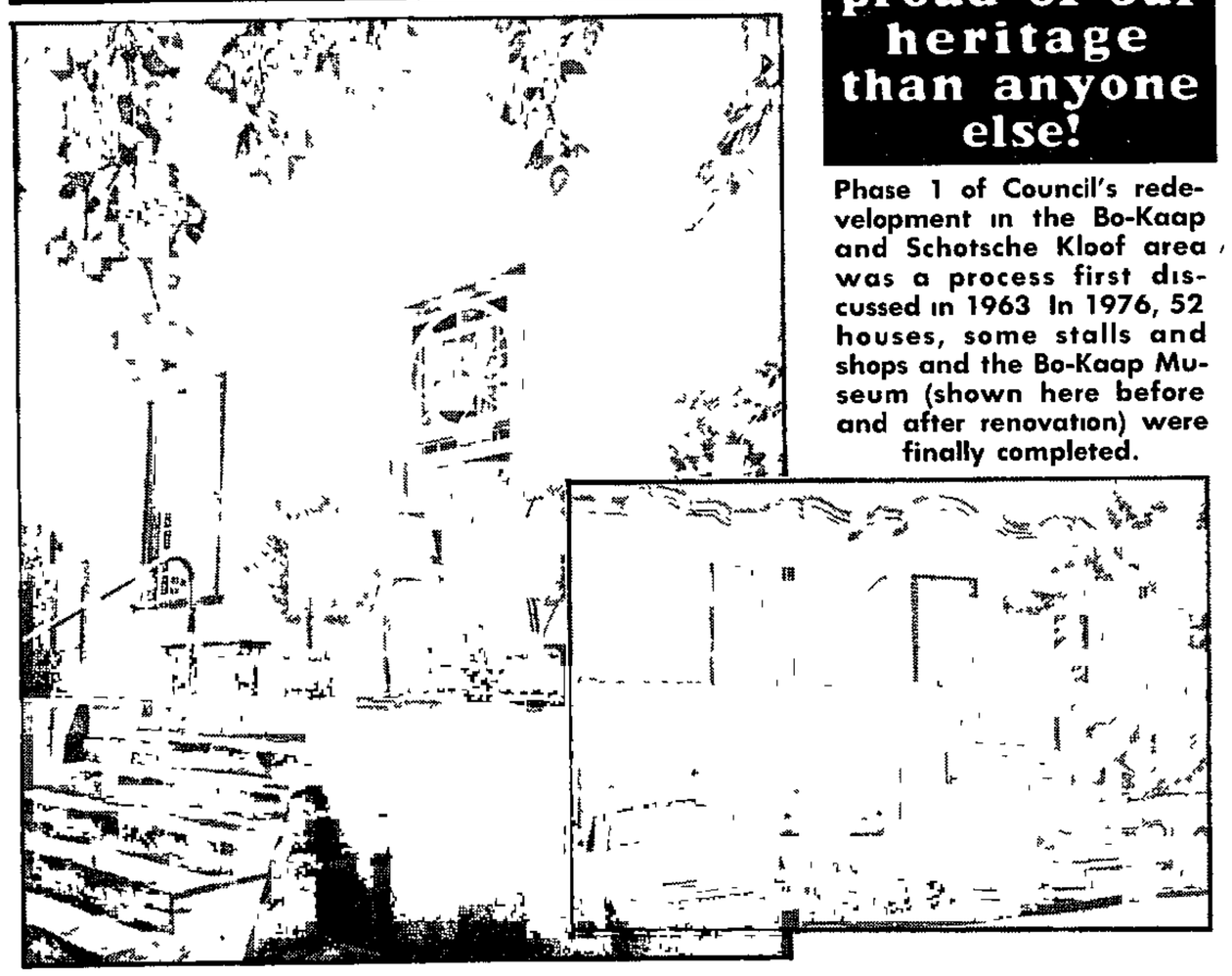
Council's statement recording its history of involvement in the Bo-Kaap (this was requested by Weekend Argus and is the statement quoted in this report) notes that it has "endeavoured to meet these demands" and terminated sale of the houses

THE statement's very next point is "In an effort to resolve the matter of the high cost of the dwellings, meetings have been held between Councillors and Ministers Curry and De Klerk"

Mr Jamodien "When Council called for tenders for these houses the estimated cost was R23 000 a unit One questions the wisdom of those responsible in accepting tenders which so far exceeded this figure especially as that R23 000 would have qualified the scheme for State subsidy

"The Council has much to answer for When it accepted this costly contract it once again, while fully aware of the needs and income of the community, turned its back on the people of Bo-Kaap

"You asked earlier whether the present Council members are more progressive than in the past They are more prepared to listen, certainly. But it is not enough to listen progressively You have to be prepared to act progressively on what has been decided mutually and nothing short of that will satisfy this community now"



WE are probably more proud of our heritage than anyone else!

Phase 1 of Council's redevelopment in the Bo-Kaap and Schotsche Kloof area was a process first discussed in 1963 In 1976, 52 houses, some stalls and shops and the Bo-Kaap Museum (shown here before and after renovation) were finally completed.

What it will cost

TRADITIONALLY, the City Council provides housing for people earning less than R800 a month. In Bo-Kaap there are many such needy people according to community spokesmen for the area

Recently, Council renovated 69 houses in Bo-Kaap but eschewed State subsidy deciding to fund the project itself

Council attempted to sell these completed houses for between R77 000 and R55 000

This table reveals the implications of buying the cheapest and the most expensive house, calculated for the most average sort of bond available

	Most expensive	Least expensive
25 percent deposit	R19 250	R13 750
Building society bond	R57 750	R41 250
Monthly repayments at 16 percent	R 785	R 560
Monthly salary needed to quality for bond	R 3 140	R 2 240
Cash for legal and transfer fees	R 2 607	R 1 882
Total cash needed to secure purchase	R21 857	R15 632

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Ramshackle and run down: many of these old buildings just above Wale Street in the Bo-Kaap had deteriorated so severely that they had to be demolished before the Council restoration process could begin . .

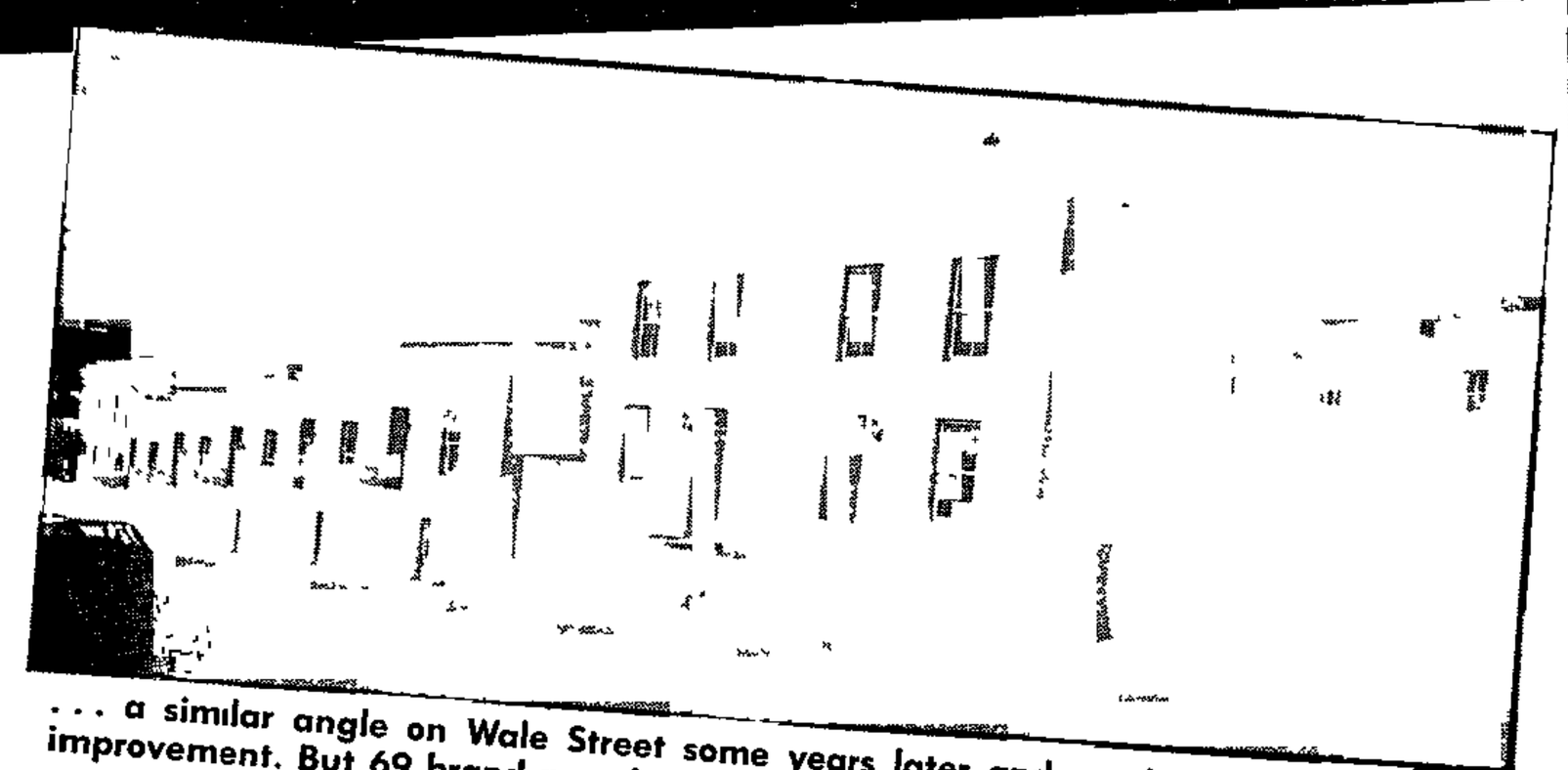
"MR Chairman, we are dealing with a community which is angry . .

"Angry because our homes were unscrupulously expropriated .

"Angry because the threat of eviction has hung over us for 50 years .

"Angry because we have been neglected, we are voteless citizens who cannot right injustices at the ballot box . .

"We are angry because the City Council has been dragging its feet, because it does not respond to what our community needs but decides instead what our needs should be ."



. . . a similar angle on Wale Street some years later and on the face of it a vast improvement. But 69 brand new houses in this area are standing empty We[illegible] Argus asked the community why?

Evicted families want Sash to intervene

Post Reporter

TWELVE black families being evicted from land belonging to the Wedgwood Park Country Club in Port Elizabeth are asking the Black Sash to intervene

The families were told to be off the property by yesterday

Today a spokesman for the families said no families had moved "on their own accord" — as the club's manager, Mr Roy Grant-Smith, had said earlier

In a statement today, the residents said "We want to live where we are. We have been here for more than 30 years now

"We are happy here and also prepared to pay any reasonable rent the club would like to impose now

"All was quiet yesterday although there was tension as we expected to be forcibly removed However, some of us attended church services as usual. We appeal to Mr Grant-Smith and his management to reconsider their decision"

The spokesman said the families had not been paying any rent to the club

Mr Grant-Smith was unavailable for comment today.

R89m to be spent on township

Post Reporter

THE upgrading and development of Kwanobuhle in Uitenhage to cope with an increase of 48 000 people in the last few months is expected to cost about R89 million

The amount will be spent over the next two to three years

Of that amount R9 million has been spent on transport, toilets, tents and food for the people who were resettled from Langa and Despatch and R2 million for compensation to them

The administrator of Kwanobuhle, Mr Barry Erasmus, said today the full amount had not yet been approved by the Government as the planning had not been completed

The total cost of the infrastructure would be R68 million

To date R10 million for basic infrastructure had been approved as well as R7,5 million for a contract which had already been awarded for the servicing of 3 000 of the 7 000 sites where some of the people were resettled

Mr Erasmus said he expected approval soon of an amount of R23 million for the provision of high mast lighting and the provision of low tension electricity infrastructure for domestic use

Community facilities, including two community halls, would cost R10 million

Pilot scheme in G'town to house single black women

Countrywide housing shortage for professionals says initiator

Dispatch Reporter

GRAHAMSTOWN — A pilot scheme — a first for South Africa — to build appropriate housing for single black professional women is underway here.

It is a project which the Grahamstown club of Soroptimists' International has undertaken, and it is hoped that other centres will follow suit.

The motivator is the Matron of Settlers' Hospital and a member of the Soroptimists' executive, Miss Jill Ueckermann, who identified the housing need

"It was brought home to me by my own staff who must rent accommodation in our overcrowded townships But this is not just a local problem, it pertains thoughout the country and applies to women teachers, social workers, in fact all single professional women who can afford a better lifestyle"

Several of the hospital sisters were "desperate" for accommodation One woman had been commuting to Grahamstown from King William's Town where she could live with her family

The Grahamstown Soroptimists went ahead and found a building society which was willing to fund the project to a level of 80 per cent

The Rini Town Council has earmarked five building plots near Makana's Kop Extension Five for the scheme

And a Grahamstown architect has agreed to draw plans

Miss Ueckermann said "We then looked for a black entrepreneur, but these are thin on the ground in Grahamstown"

So she approached Mr Graham Godiner, a civil engineer, and Mrs Joyce Matebese

Mr Godiner will double as entrepreneur and contractor, while Mrs Matebese, a trained nurse and businesswoman, will act as agent

Miss Ueckermann said a questionnaire had gone out to prospective tenants This had revealed that about half the women had one child The rest had no dependants Those with families would obviously need family accommodation

It was decided to start with 30 units "The women are not keen on high rise flats, so we will go for two-storey blocks of one-and two-bedroomed flats with built-in cupboards, kitchens fitted for a stove and a refrigerator and combined bathrooms and toilets"

The flats will have reticulated water and electricity

The project would be strictly an economic one Costing had not yet been done, but the potential occupants were earning between R700 to R1 400 a month and could afford economic rents

"There is now parity of salary for all nurses," Miss Ueckermann said.

What now needed to be finalised were the building plans, costing, and listing potential tenants, she said

It was hoped building would start early next year

Miss Ueckermann said "If this gets off the ground we shall have to look at other areas right here in Grahamstown We might have to go into sub-economic units if we detect a need and there is certainly a need for housing for single women in other areas

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90 new plots big boost to PE's Indian housing

Weekend Post Reporter

MORE than 90 plots in a new section in Malabar have been sold to people who were on a waiting list, greatly easing the battle to house Port Elizabeth's Indian community

Years of struggling for a home of their own are nearly over for the families concerned — they hope to start building in Malabar Extension Three early in the new year

The families were among more than 400 on the waiting list for residential plots in the new area

Many of the couples have young children and are looking forward to building their "dream homes"

And those living in council flats will be able to make way for other desperate families

Mr Jay Kathan, deputy chairman of the PE Indian Management Committee, said yesterday that the community's housing problem had changed from "critical" to "improved" because of the allocation of the plots

He expected the first house to be built by March or April because of an administrative holdup

The plots cost between R4 000 and R12 000

Those who missed out when the allocations were made would be re-considered when 104 more plots became available in Malabar Extension Four next year

But while much progress had been made, the battle to accommodate people on the waiting list would continue, and ways of easing the housing shortage for lower income families were still being investigated, he said

Mr Leonard Theunissen, 30, a sales clerk, is one of the lucky plot-owners

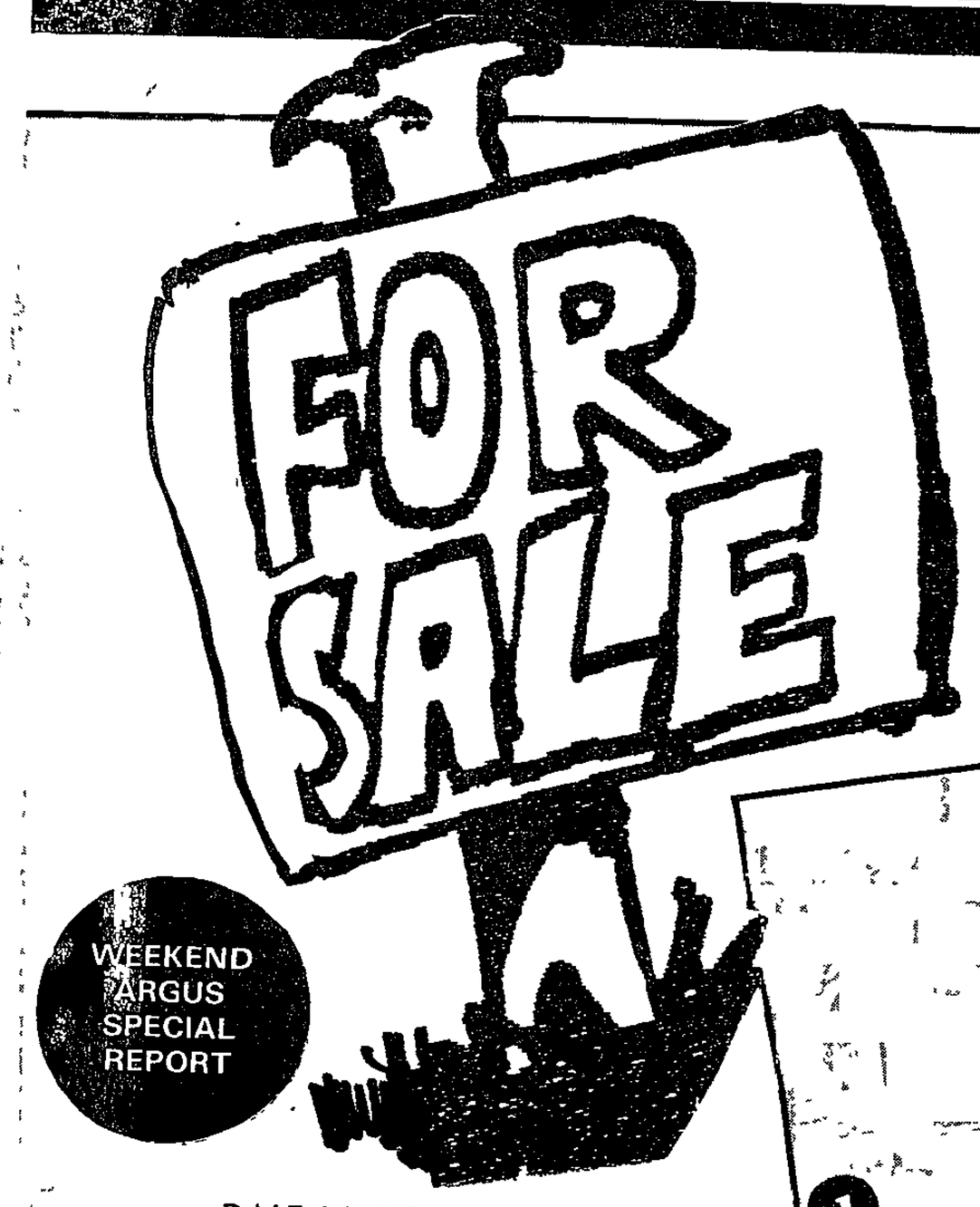
He and his wife and two children lived with his mother before moving into a council flat

"I pestered the housing department and prayed for a home of my own," he said "I was elated when I was told a plot had been allocated to me"

Mr Theunissen and his family moved into a council flat a year ago — but they were still determined to get their own home after four years on the waiting list

A clerk, who did not want to be identified, said he had been on the waiting list since 1982

He has lived with his wife's parents for six years while saving for a new home



WEEKEND ARGUS SPECIAL REPORT

WHITE houseowners in Bishopscourt and Constantia get a better deal than the people who are obliged to buy in Cape Town's poshest 'coloured' suburbs.

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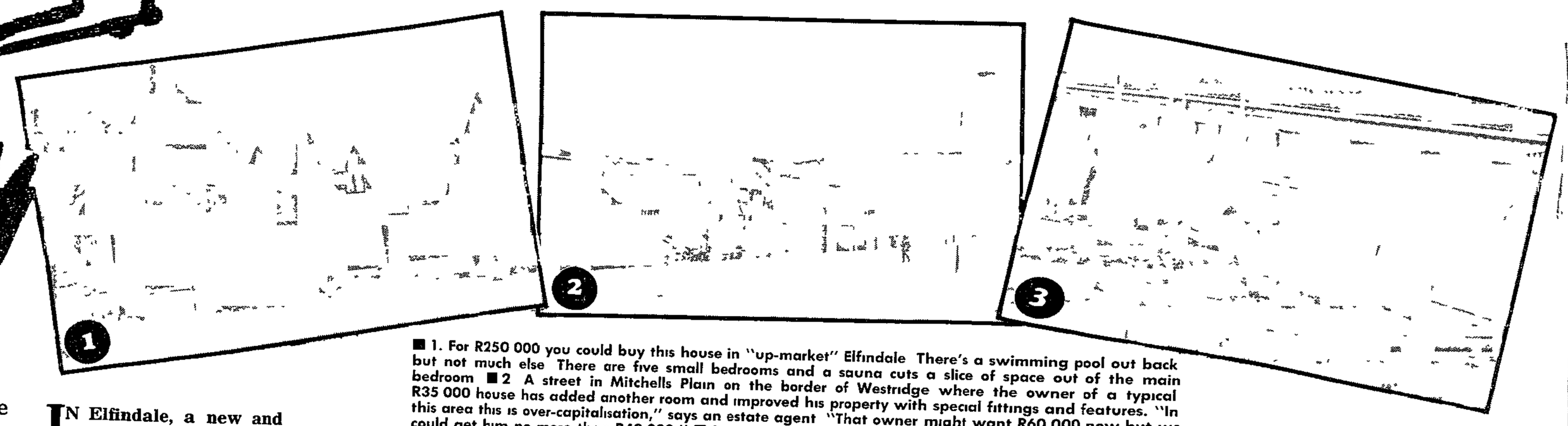
But is it a boom?



■ 1. For R250 000 you could buy this house in "up-market" Elfindale There's a swimming pool out back but not much else There are five small bedrooms and a sauna cuts a slice of space out of the main bedroom ■ 2 A street in Mitchells Plain on the border of Westridge where the owner of a typical R35 000 house has added another room and improved his property with special fittings and features. "In this area this is over-capitalisation," says an estate agent "That owner might want R60 000 now but we could get him no more than R40 000." ■ 3: A typical R30 000 house in Mitchells Plain with an identical semi just over the fence

DALE LAUTENBACH,
Weekend Argus Reporter

STATISTICS tell us it's boom time in the so-called coloured property market ... and statistics don't lie.

Or do they ?

Mr Quentin Pavitt, estate agent, and chairman of the Cape Town residential committee of the Institute of Estate Agents, strings some thoughts together on the boom ...

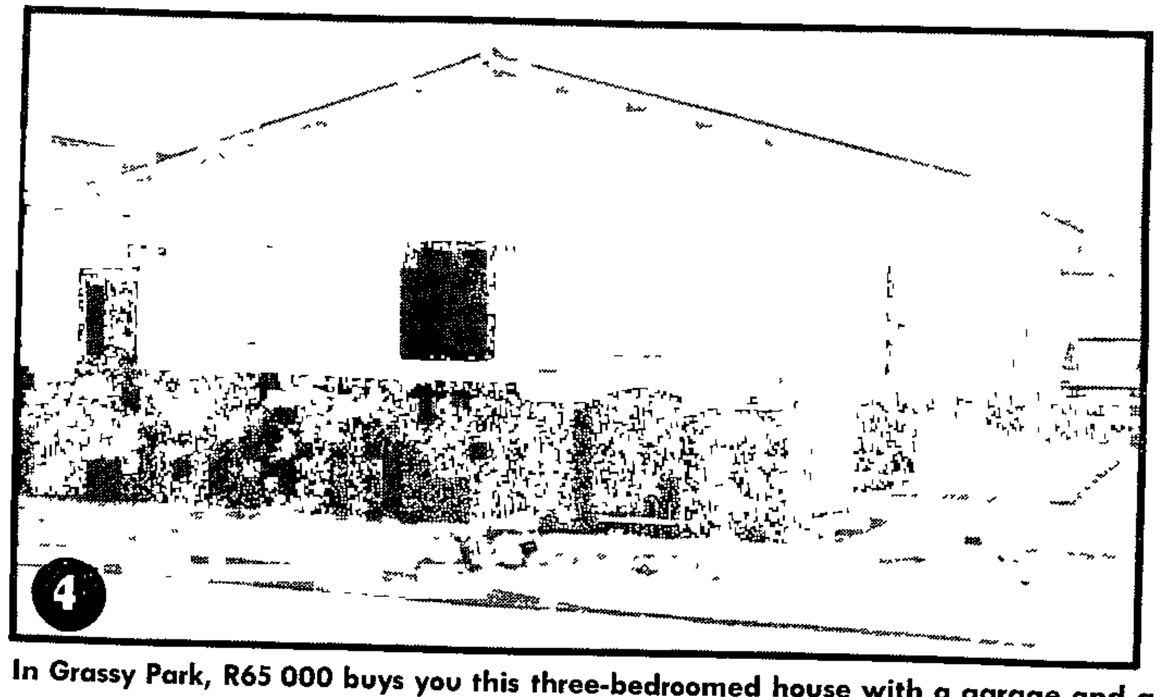
"If, over many years, you have a limited supply of land to a particular population group because of a particular piece of legislation called Group Areas ... And if, when suddenly some land becomes available and it's snapped up, you call that a 'boom', then I suppose you could say there's a boom in the so-called coloured property market.

"And when you consider that the demand for land has so far exceeded the supply that the prices have become inflated out of all proportion to what is available and to the extent that only those earning more than

IN Elfindale, a new and expensive "coloured" suburb of Cape Town with some pretty views of Princess Vlei and some big and pretty houses, the bottom of the price range is R100 000 and the odd available plot goes for R30 000 to R40 000.

For R250 000 there you could secure five bedrooms (three en suite but all small by Bishopscourt standards), a patch of a garden out back, where an average pool leaves little space for landscaping ambitions, a sauna built into the corner of the master bedroom just two strides from the bed, standard living room, double garage etc

For R250 000 there are no rambling lawns, no long driveways, no TV playrooms, poolrooms, breakfast rooms or summer and winter livingrooms By "white property



In Grassy Park, R65 000 buys you this three-bedroomed house with a garage and a nice yard out the back.

'IS it a boom when there are people earning less than R1 500 a month who have to rely on council housing of which there is just not enough. There are people without roofs over their heads; meaning that we are slap bang in the middle of a housing crisis? Is that boom time?'

picture," says Mr Pavitt And he adds that this is another consideration which throws a warp on the conclusion that this is a property boom.

YET another warp is that most of the people buying at the moment (or, mostly the only people who can afford to become home-owners

curity of owning a roof and four walls.

"Group Areas has taken away normal opportunities," says Mr Pavitt.

There was some anticipation, he says, that the legislation was going to be repealed.

"And yes, there were a number of people who would

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R1 500 a month can afford to even think about buying the very cheapest house in Mitchells Plain — are you still going to call that a boom?

"Is it a boom when all those many people earning less than R1 500 a month have to rely on council housing of which there is just not enough, meaning that there are people without roofs over their heads; meaning that we are slap bang in the middle of a housing crisis? Is that boom time?"

If a person earning R1 000 a month, and with R5 000 cash in hand, approaches Mr Pavitt with an eye on the security of home ownership . . .?

"I just can't help him."

as people can they sell up and move closer to town or to a better area.

"But for most first-time buyers, Mitchells Plain is the only place they can afford And many of the people moving out, those whose salaries have increased significantly in the past five years, are moving back closer to where they came from .. to Grassy Park, Athlone . some would move back to District Six if they could. Others are moving to Glenhaven in the northern suburbs or to Eerste River or to Southfork in the Strand."

At the bottom of the price range in Mitchells Plain there are houses going for R30 000 to R35 000. Most are semi-detached and small. To secure a typical R35 000 house you need R9 000 upfront and a salary of just under R1 500 to cover your monthly bond repayments of R369 a month.

"The sales statistics for Mitchells Plain are misleading though," says Mr Pavitt. The sales register reflects two transfers for most of the houses sold: one is the transfer from council to the house owner and the second is the transfer from the owner to the new buyer.

"So cut the statistics by half to get a more realistic

market" standards you don't get much for your R250 00.

Moving down the price scale there's a house in Grassy Park on the market for R65 000 It has a garage, three bedrooms and "a nice yard at the back". Its owner is leaving for Australia

"A house like that we sell in less than a month," says the estate agent. "But the more expensive ones move more slowly. People are less willing to pay high prices when they could get more for less in the white areas and when they would be getting the council service and maintenance of roads and public areas commensurate with the money they're spending. Here now) are those with government subsidies

"Group Areas legislation has held people back for so long and has placed such an artificial constraint on the property market that the present prices as dictated by limited supply and huge demand are totally unrealistic," says Mr Pavitt "This means, too, that you have thousands of people who have reached the point now where they will never becomes home owners; the prices have left them behind"

And those rushing in to buy now, says another estate agent, are doing so because they see it as the last chance they'll have to afford the se-

you get expensive houses and outside the roads are potholed, the 'park' down on the corner is a vacant gravel lot"

ARE many people selling up to emigrate; more than last year, for example?

"I haven't thought of that," says the estate agent, "but I know of quite a number of people who are leaving."

The area where the sales figures contribute most significantly to the apparent boom is Mitchells Plain.

"There are about 38 000 families here," says one estate agent. But he says the area is not popular "As soon have bought in 'white' areas. But not nearly as many as some people might have feared Some might have moved because it's cheaper to buy in white areas now but the extent of the feared influx would not have been that great"

Not that great because Groups Areas is just one slice of the legislative loaf. When your home and business is in Athlone and your children are receiving their separate education just down the road, Athlone becomes the place where you spread your bread, no matter how appealing the Atlantic seaboard might appear were it to suddenly open its arms after all these years

13 Braelynn families to move for highway

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Thirteen Braelynn Heights families are to be moved to their new homes in Braelynn Extension 4 from Monday to make way for the R20 million Ziphunzana bypass road

The announcement has been condemned by the Braelynn Residents' Association, who said 24 letters of objection against the move had been sent to the town clerk but the residents had not received any reply and had not been given a hearing

The acting director of housing and estates, Mr Marius Smith, said the move was inevitable in the interests of security and because the road builders wanted to move on site as soon as possible to demolish the homes which were built about 12 years ago

"We cannot leave the houses vacant over the Christmas period because of vandalism in the area, and it will be in the interests of the prospective tenants to move into their new homes," he said

He was supported by the chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Edwin Vangadejellum, who said people need not move into the houses physically, but could take possession of the key and see to it that the house was protected

"I will also approach the authorities about placing a guard at the houses, but I don't see why the people should be difficult about this

"Some are coming with all sorts of excuses such as Indian custom that it is not an ideal time to move into a new house"

He said the houses would be ready on Monday and the rest of the eight would be ready by January 7

Mr Vengadajellum said some people were complaining about the payout they would get

"People have to understand that this is a straight swop, and money they paid on the house will be transferred to the new houses

"They will be compensated for things such as improvements which include walls and gardens"

Yesterday the chairman of the Braelynn Residents' Association, Mr Kemal Obaray, said it was "arrogant" and "insensitive" to inform people at such an inopportune moment that they would have to move to make way for a road they had never accepted

"A total of 24 letters were sent to the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, objecting to the road, but the people were not afforded the courtesy of a reply, let alone a hearing of their grievances

"This is just not on, and even if they argue that the road is a fait accompli in terms of the power of expropriation of the Road Transportation Commission, which is building the road, we should protest against such ham-handed handling of a sensitive issue involving home and hearth"

Mr Kumm said the matter had to be dealt with through the housing department, but that the council had decided that the road had to go ahead in the interests of greater East London and nothing could be done about it

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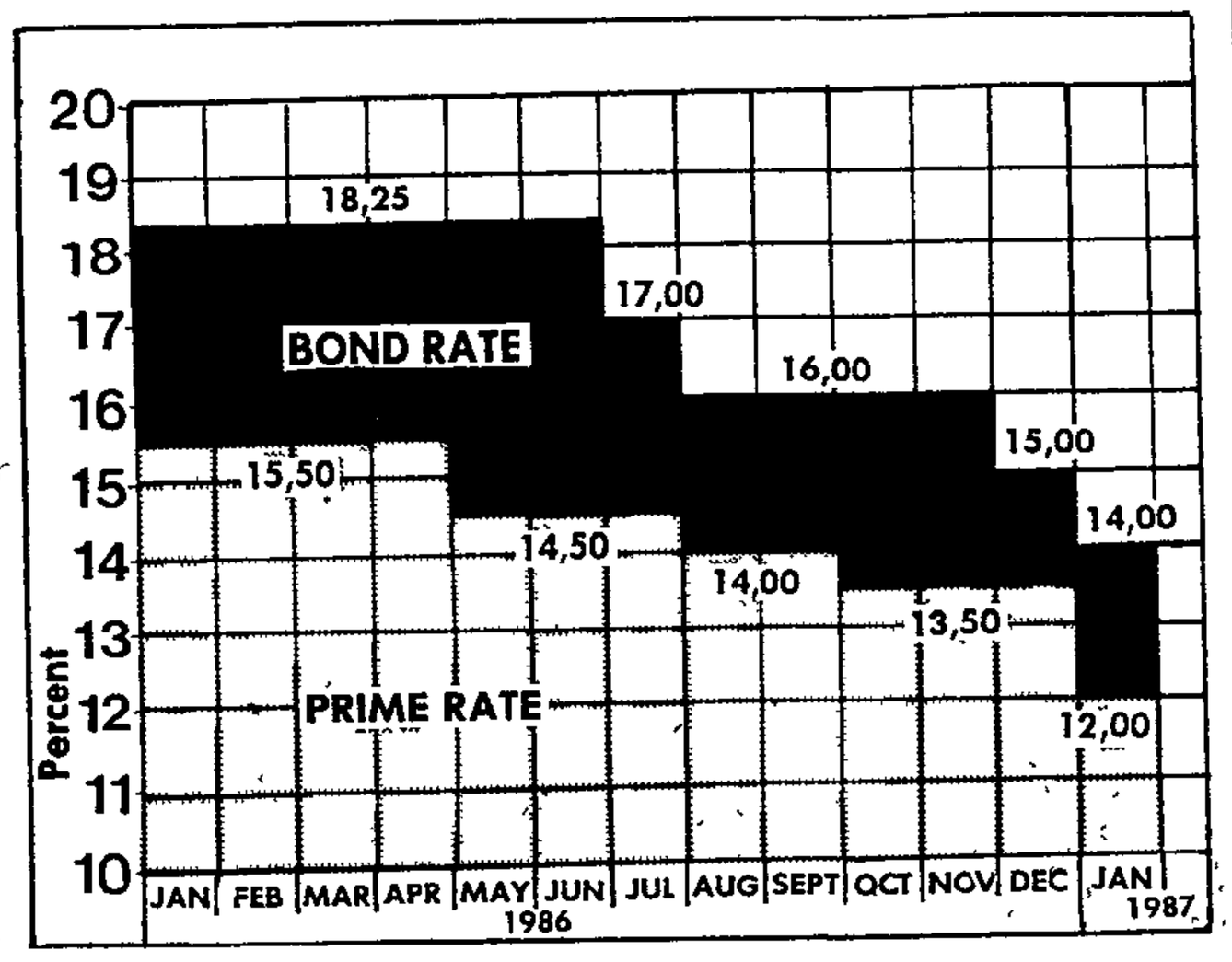
House prices lag 40 pc below replacement costs

CUT RATES: Borrowing money became cheaper this week, with commercial banks dropping their prime overdraft rates to 12 percent and building societies cutting home loan rates to 14 percent in an unprecedented pump-priming deal to get the economy moving The rate-cutting was helped by the Reserve Bank lowering its lending rate to banks Then the Post Office was persuaded to reduce its saving bank rates, which enabled the building societies to fall in line and cut their deposit rates, without which they could not make another reduction in bond rates.



By TOM HOOD, Property Editor

HOUSE prices have the potential to rise as much as 40 percent because replacement costs are lagging far behind building costs

But they are unlikely to move much until the excess supply in the white market is mopped up, says Mr Reg van Selm, vice chairman of the Institute of Estate Agents' Cape Town and Western branch

This week's cuts in home loan rates by banks and building societies were expected to make more people think of buying a home but the whole question revolved around confidence in the future

MORE PROJECTS

An election Budget in March was expected and many people believed the Government would get its mandate to abolish the Group Areas Act, which would stimulate the property market further

Many more projects such as townships and retirement villages were being started compared with a year ago

There was an upturn in buying with more and more people getting involved in long-term investments, especially along the coast

The possibility of building prices rising by 50 percent in a year's time was predicted this week by Mr Leon Glaser, president of the West Cape Master Builder Association.

Conditions in the building industry were "as tough as the industry can stand" He said building costs in the Western Cape were between 10 and 12 percent lower than two years ago

"This situation cannot last indefinitely When the turnaround comes I can foresee prices rising 50 percent within a year"

The cost of reinstating a formerly idle plant would be "astronomical"

Present surplus factory space around Cape Town and in the Western Cape would probably decrease by the end of next year, said Mr Glaser, a former president of the Building Industries Federation

Long-term prospects for contractors in the Western Cape remained satisfactory While there would be few luxury projects, a large proportion of the building industry would rely on the upswing in low-cost housing

He believed one side-effect of the recession could benefit the Western Cape as PWV manufacturers, in an attempt to bring down costs, would consider areas where decentralisation incentives existed.

"In this respect the Western Cape is fortunate because we have Atlantis and Worcester."

BUSINESS

Cape estate agents set to raise fees on property sales

Property Editor

MOST local estate agents are expected to raise their fees on house and residential land sales from January 1, when the Cape falls into line with rates charged in the Transvaal

Increases range from 9 percent on a R50 000 house to almost 18 percent on a R150 000 house and 20 percent on high-priced land

The new recommended tariff is 5,5 percent on the full sale price of a house

Current rate is 5 percent on the first R100 000 and 4 percent on the balance, which has been in force since July 1, 1985

The Competition Board has ruled that the tariff is not mandatory, so that some agencies may negotiate and charge less while other may charge more if extra costs are involved in advertising and marketing

Examples of the new fees on house sales

Price	Old	New
R50 000	R2 500	R2 750
R80 000	R4 000	R4 400
R100 000	R5 000	R5 500
R120 000	R6 600	R5 800
R150 000	R8 250	R7 000

Charges for the sale of unimproved residential land will rise to 7,5 percent on the first R50 000 of the sale price and 5 percent on the balance

Present fees are 7,5 percent on the first R20 000, then 5 percent on the next R80 000 and 2,5 percent on the balance

Examples of fees for land sales

Price	Old	New
R20 000	R1 500	R1 500
R35 000	R2 250	R2 625
R50 000	R3 000	R3 750
R75 000	R4 250	R5 000
R100 000	R5 500	R6 250
R120 000	R6 000	R7 250

Before July last year, the commission on the sale of a R100 000 house was R4 250

The Institute of Estate Agents says the increases are necessary because of rising costs, particularly advertising and administrative costs, while the fall in house prices has brought lower earnings from fees

Agents also receive thousands a year from interest earned on deposits paid by house buyers The interest is split 50-50 between agents and the Estate Agents Board if buyers omit to claim the interest, as they are legally entitled to

City Council housing rents up

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Staff Reporter

TENANTS in almost all the City Council's housing estates will be hit by an average six percent rental increase from March next year, the council announced yesterday

There will be no increases in Mitchells Plain as rentals in the area "are already high", the council said in a statement

The heaviest burden will be borne by residents of Schotsche Kloof, because "in the past, rentals in that area were not increased to the extent they should have been"

The council has declined to release details of the increases for Schotsche Kloof until the tenants have been notified.

In all other areas, the monthly increase will not exceed R8,50 a house

The increases were originally scheduled to take effect from July 1, 1986, but were deferred while the council sought financial assistance from the House of Representatives in an effort to minimize the burden to tenants

The City Council is currently subsidizing the housing account by R4,9 million and the increases are necessary to prevent this amount escalating to R6,5 million