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Rent hike: Council slammed

By ALINAH DUBE

THE MABOPANE Town Council was yesterday criticised for having increased rent by R2,80 without consulting local residents.

Angry residents said they were shocked to learn of the increases when they went to pay rent this week They discovered this when clerks at local offices refused to accept the normal R42,55 monthly rental

No reasons could be obtained when residents demanded an explanation, but clerks told them that they were issued with a directive not to accept any amount below R45,35 with effect from January 1

"We were shocked to learn the rents have been increased, as no consultations had been held with the local community. This is the second time that we are faced with such a problem without authorities having given prior warning," said 60-year-old Mrs Marina Mokoena

Residents in the area last year accused councillors of misrepresenting them after a R12 increase was imposed on house rentals at the beginning of the year This was also implemented without consultation

Residents with 5 amp meters had to pay R6 more and those with 15 amp meters were faced with an additional R12

Alex's stand against demolition

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

ALEXANDRA residents threatened with demolition of additional rooms, decided at a meeting this week to request the council to stop demolitions — failing which they would resist the move.

But the meeting's decision was too late to stop the council from implementing its decision as Mr Matthews Mothiba of No 2, 5th Avenue learned six days before Christmas Day

He came home to find his R800 newly-built room without windows, a door, the roofing and timber

Council officials had sent a demolition team armed with a rifle and five hammers to demolish the room and confiscate some of the building material.

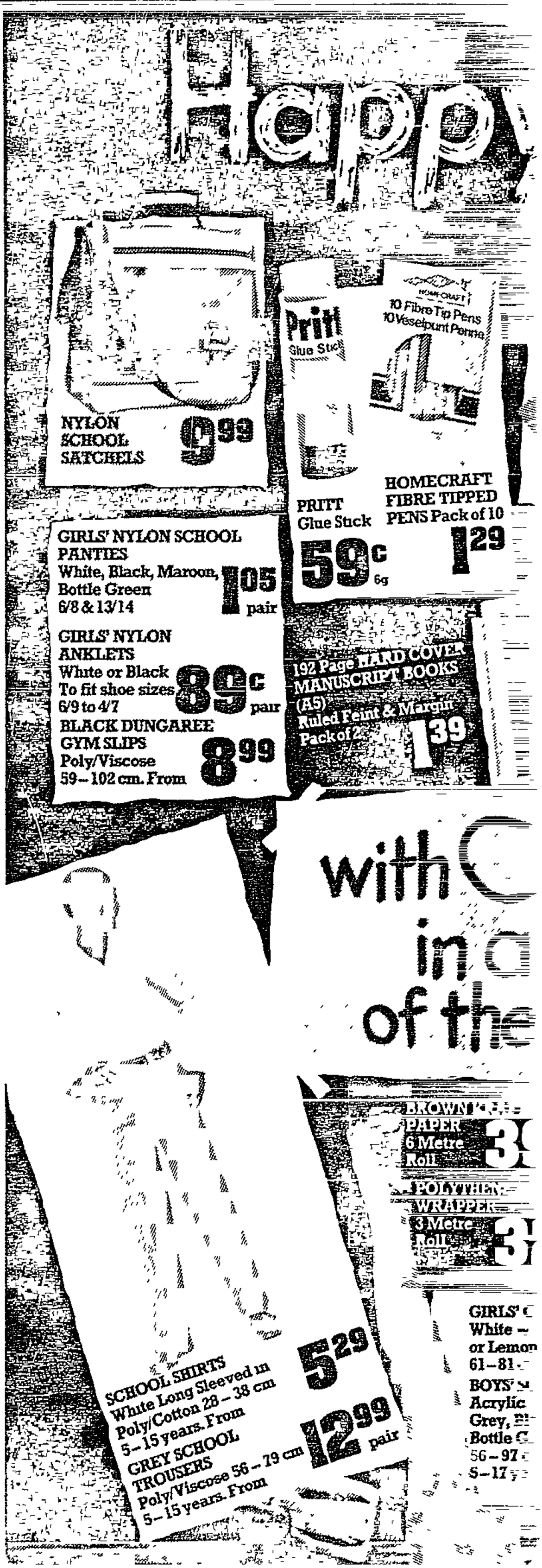
The meeting was the fourth since January 2 when concerned residents, some with notices to demolish their own rooms called on the fiery leader of the Civic Association (ACA) the Rev Mike Beea to convene a public meeting to discuss the issue

Mr Beea was instrumental in the successful month-long Putco bus boycott over a 12,5 percent increase last year.

More than 100 residents had resolved that a letter be written to the township manager Mr A Mmutlana requesting him "not to demolish additional rooms before addressing residents at a public meeting before the end of January"

Mr Mmutlana yesterday confirmed the demolition of Mr Mothiba's room and said the council had warned Mr Mothiba not to continue with the building of the room

He said Mr Mothiba had been notified to collect his building material at the council [illegible]



Non-payment of black rent investigated

By Langa Skosana

A committee initiated by the Department of Co-operation and Development has been set up to look into the problem of Vaal Triangle residents who have not been paying their house rents, water and electricity bills since the start of the unrest in the black townships last year

But the Minister of Co-operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, assured Vaal Triangle residents in a statement in Cape Town today that they would not be summarily evicted from their homes for failing to pay rent

A spokesman for the department, Mr Johan Oosthuizen, said today the committee met late last year and is to meet again on January 16 to decide what steps to take to get the residents to pay their dues

He said the immediate plan was not to evict the residents from their homes but to find a solution to the problem

Employers in the area and other concerned bodies were also looking into the problem for solutions, he said

The acting town clerk of the Lekoa Town Council, Mr Ben Scott, said today about 350 000 people in the Vaal complex had not paid for rent, water and electicity since September 3

The council was faced with the problem of getting the money and one solution was to get a court order to evict those residents who were refusing to pay these fees

He said the council had tried asking employers to deduct overdue money from workers' wages, but this had failed

"If these people don't want to pay they have to face the consequences," Mr Scott said

The president of the United Democratic Front, Mr Frank Chikane, said the Government should address itself to the grievances of the people, which were that the councils should be scrapped

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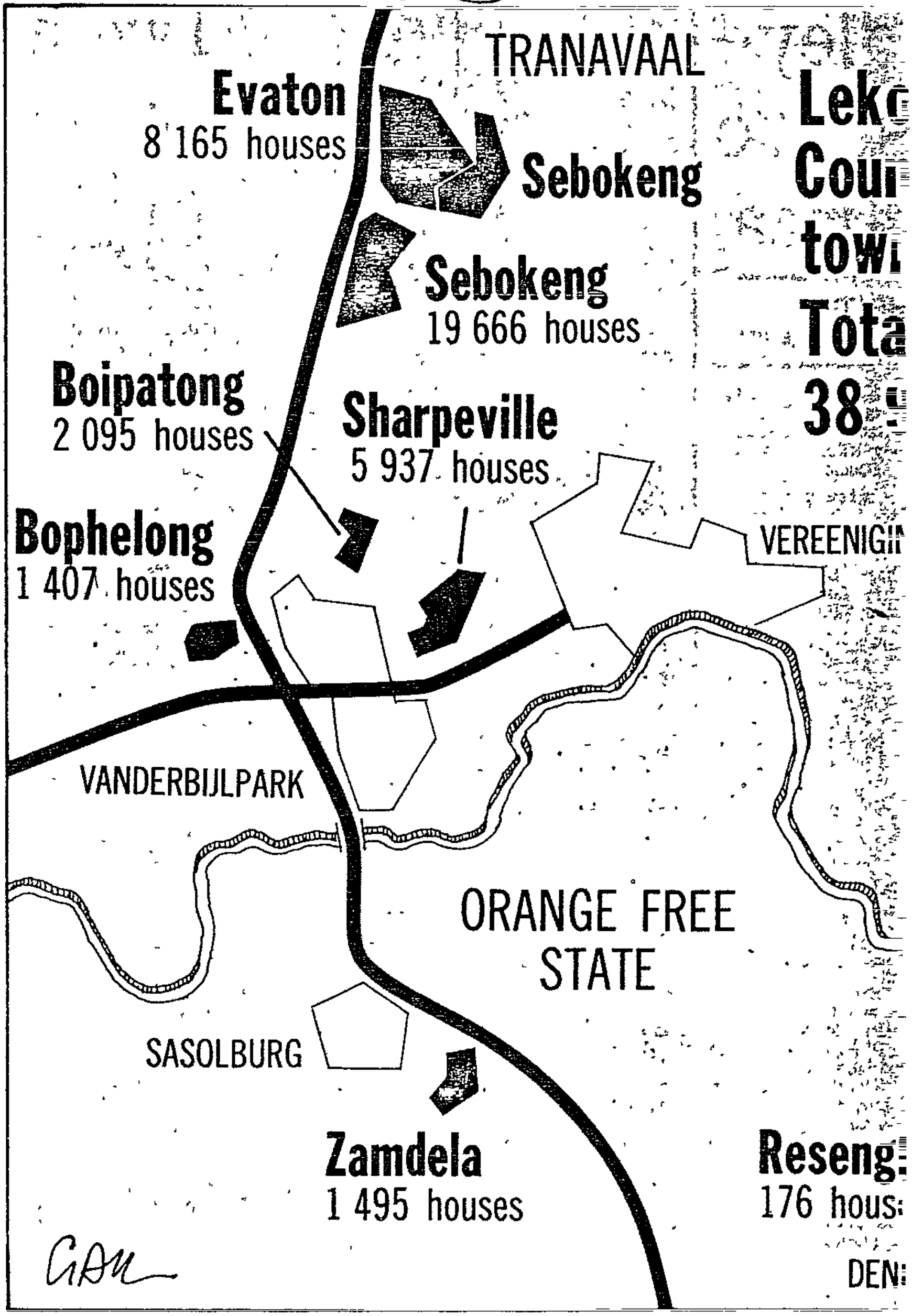
Mr 'X' — a man too afraid to pay his rent

RAYMOND MASHAO



MISTER "X" is a man living with his family in the fear of death He is one of thousands of residents in the Vaal who want to, but have not, paid their rents since the unrest which swept through the townships last year

He's afraid but still won't pay his arrears — which now total R318,70 — because he does not want to be thought a "sell-out"

Mr "X" told me that he used to pay R63,74 per month before the unrest This, he said, excluded his charge for electricity

"I cannot risk my life and that of my family by paying rent now, because it could put us in great danger My house could even be burned down

"During the outburst of the unrest, I did not want to be labelled a sell-out by paying rent

"I simply had to conform to the demands of other residents that rents be reduced to R30," he said

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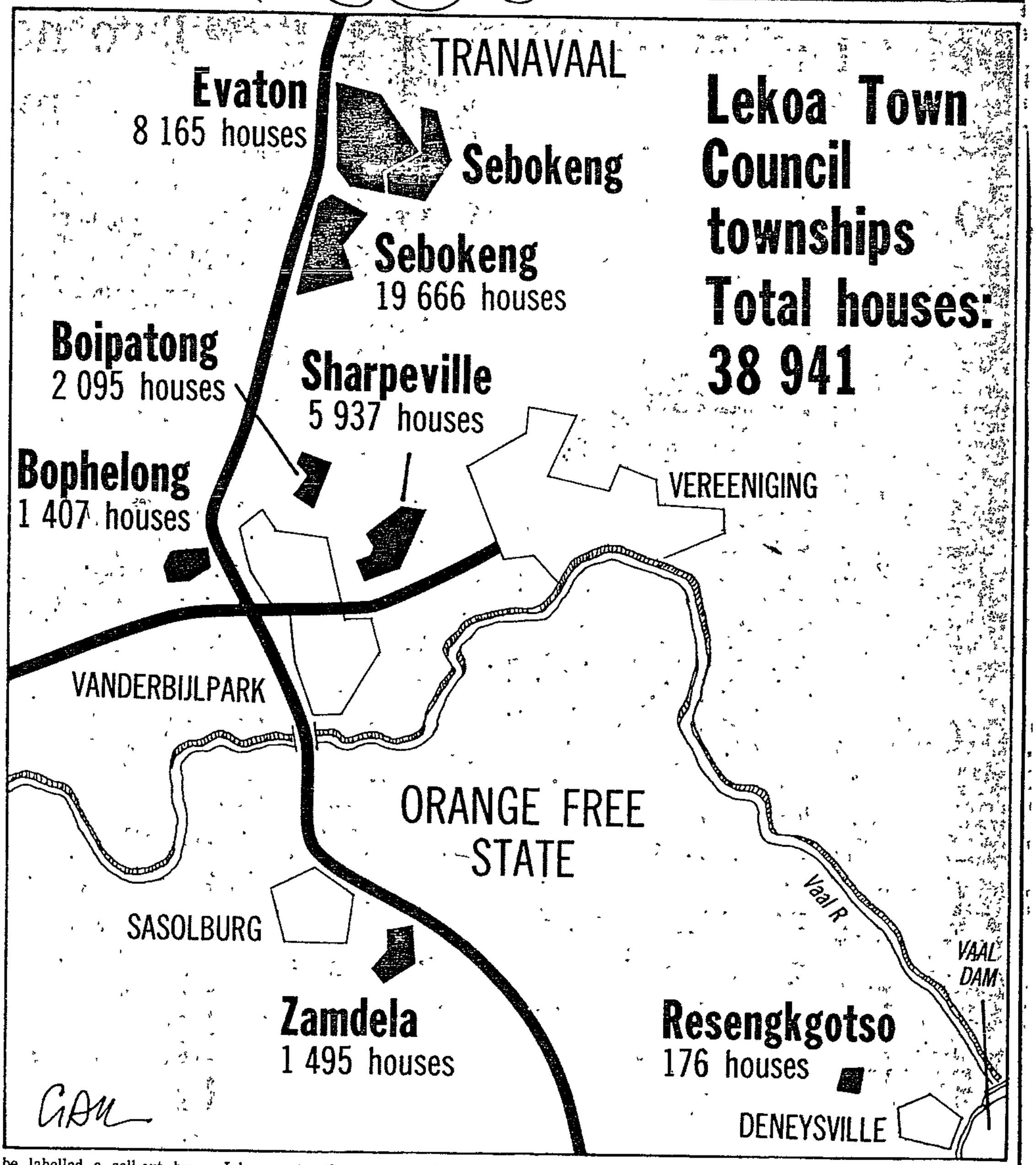

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His only worry, he said, was his electricity bill, which he stopped paying in August last year a month before the riots

"I guess I am owing hundreds of rands for electricity," he said

Vaal body wants rents reduced

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By Revelation Ntoula

The Vaal Civic Association remains adamant that residents in the area will not pay the R10-million arrears until rents are reduced to R30 a month.

This reaffirmation came in the wake of a threat by the Lekoa Town Clerk, Mr Ben Scott, who yesterday said 350 000 Vaal Triangle residents faced eviction if they did not pay arrears accumulated since September 3, when unrest began.

Later yesterday however, the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Mr Gerrit Viljoen, said his department was working on a plan to enable residents to pay arrears over a period of time suitable to them. He said eviction had not been considered.

"There is no intention whatsoever summarily to evict the large number of occupants of the Vaal Triangle who neglected to pay their rent and municipal service fees in recent times," said Mr Viljoen.

The public relations officer of the civic association, Mr Chippa Molefe, declined to comment on Mr Viljoen's plan to spread arrears payments.

MEETING

"As far as we are concerned, the ball is in the Lekoa Town Council's court and we'll wait until it meets our demand to reduce the rents to R30 and cut other service charges," he said.

"The Lekoa Town Council has promised to discuss our demand for the reduction of rents at its full meeting. We know nothing about the Minister's proposal to spread the payment of the arrears," said Mr Molefe.

The rent issue was sparked off when the Lekoa council announced in August that the present monthly rents, which range from R60 to R75, would be increased by R5,90 from September 1.

But residents said rents in the Vaal area were among the highest in the country.

The council's refusal to back down on the increased rents resulted in the September 3 demonstrations which led to the death of three Lekoa councillors.

When the Orange-Vaal Development Board subsequently withdrew the new rates, residents demanded the reduction of rents to R30 a month.

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When 350 000 tenants just won't pay their rent

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The refusal by 350 000 Vaal Triangle residents to pay municipal tariffs has led to a unique situation in South Africa where a municipality provides services but is frustrated when it tries to get payment

In its latest bid Lekoa Town Council threatened to evict almost the entire township, which has steadfastly refused to pay the tariffs since September 3 last year when unrest broke out in the area

The uneasy peace prevailing in the township may be disturbed by any moves to evict residents.

Yesterday Lekoa Town Council revealed that it was owed about R10 million by the residents in outstanding rent, water and electricity bills

By Langa Skosana

Acting Town Clerk Mr Ben Scott, revealing that the council was contemplating evicting residents in arrears, said that whatever measures were going to be taken to recover the money they would be such that they did not lead to further unrest.

The last incident of violence came on Christmas Day with a confrontation between police and township residents.

The Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said yesterday that the Government had no intention of evicting residents.

He added that he accepted the recommendation of the commission which investigated Vaal unrest that arrangements should be made to get residents to pay outstanding amounts over a reasonable period.

Dr Viljoen's explanation has apparently not answered the reasoning behind the refusal by residents to pay rent.

The Vaal residents have vowed not to pay rent until it is reduced to R30.

The council has made several unsuccessful attempts to collect.

- **It has exhorted residents to pay.**
- **Police have accompanied officials to demand rent from defaulters. Angry residents forced them to flee.**
- **Employers were asked to deduct arrears from employees' pay packets. This met with resistance from the employees**
- **Electricity to some houses in the township was cut in an attempt to force residents to pay It was later restored.**

The eviction threat is the latest move by the frustrated officials to retrieve the arrears which grow by R2 million each month.

Yesterday residents said that as long as the rent remained where it was, they would not pay.

They added that the money they were paying was too high for services offered by the town council

They maintained that the councils should disband because they did not serve the interests of the people.

A spokesman for the Department of Co-operation, Development and Education, Mr Johan Oosthuizen, said a committee was set up last month to investigate ways to recover the money and would meet again on January 16

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No evictions over unpaid rents, promises Viljoen

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By THELMA TUCH

A CABINET Minister yesterday intervened in the Vaal rents crisis and assured the 350 000 residents in the area that they will not be evicted from their homes.

The Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said yesterday that no legal action was being envisaged against residents who had failed to pay their rents and service charges.

Most of the households have refused to pay their rents since September, when unrest hit Vaal townships, and the Lekoa Town Council is now in arrears of up to R10-million

The acting town clerk of the Lekoa Council, Mr Ben Scott, said this week that if efforts to persuade residents to pay their rent arrears were unsuccessful by the end of this month, court action would be taken.

He said residents could pay over a period of up to six months

A circular sent by council officials to residents last month informed them that the council had resolved to abide by the existing house rentals, service charges and tariffs applicable since April 1, 1983

It warned them that refusal to pay their monthly dues would result in the loss of their houses through legal proceedings

However, a statement released yesterday by Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said there was no intention to summarily evict the large numbers of residents in the Vaal Triangle.

"In my statement on the Van der Walt inquiry, I emphatically stated that arrangements will be made to enable black residents of the Vaal Triangle to distribute the payment of their arrears over a reasonable period.

"Discussions regarding such arrangements are being held with the Town Council of Lekoa and further details will be made known shortly."

These discussions are between the Lekoa Council, the Orange Vaal Development Board, the Department of Co-operation and Development and organised industry

The Lekoa Town Council usually has the authority to take legal action against residents It is only decisions on financial matters, such as the raising of rents, that ministerial approval is required

However, in this case the Minister had stated categorically that no legal action would meanwhile be taken, the public relations officer for Co-operation and Development, Mr Johan Oosthuizen, said yesterday.

He added that the letter sent out by the council last month warning of eviction was a regular circular sent to residents who failed to pay their rents, and it did not specify any date that legal proceedings would be taken

The executive committee of the Sharpeville Civic Association yesterday slammed the Lekoa Town Council's suggested action to evict residents who did not pay up by the end of the month as "an act of betrayal and insincerity"

Mr Scott and the Director of the Orange Vaal Development Board, Mr D Ganz, were yesterday not available for comment

300 families won't move

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More than 300 families, in Alexandra due to be moved to make way for a sewerage system, have vowed not to move before they have been given accommodation they approve of.

This comes in the wake of a meeting called by the council to be held at Entokozweni Hall on Sunday at 2 pm to discuss the issue with affected residents.

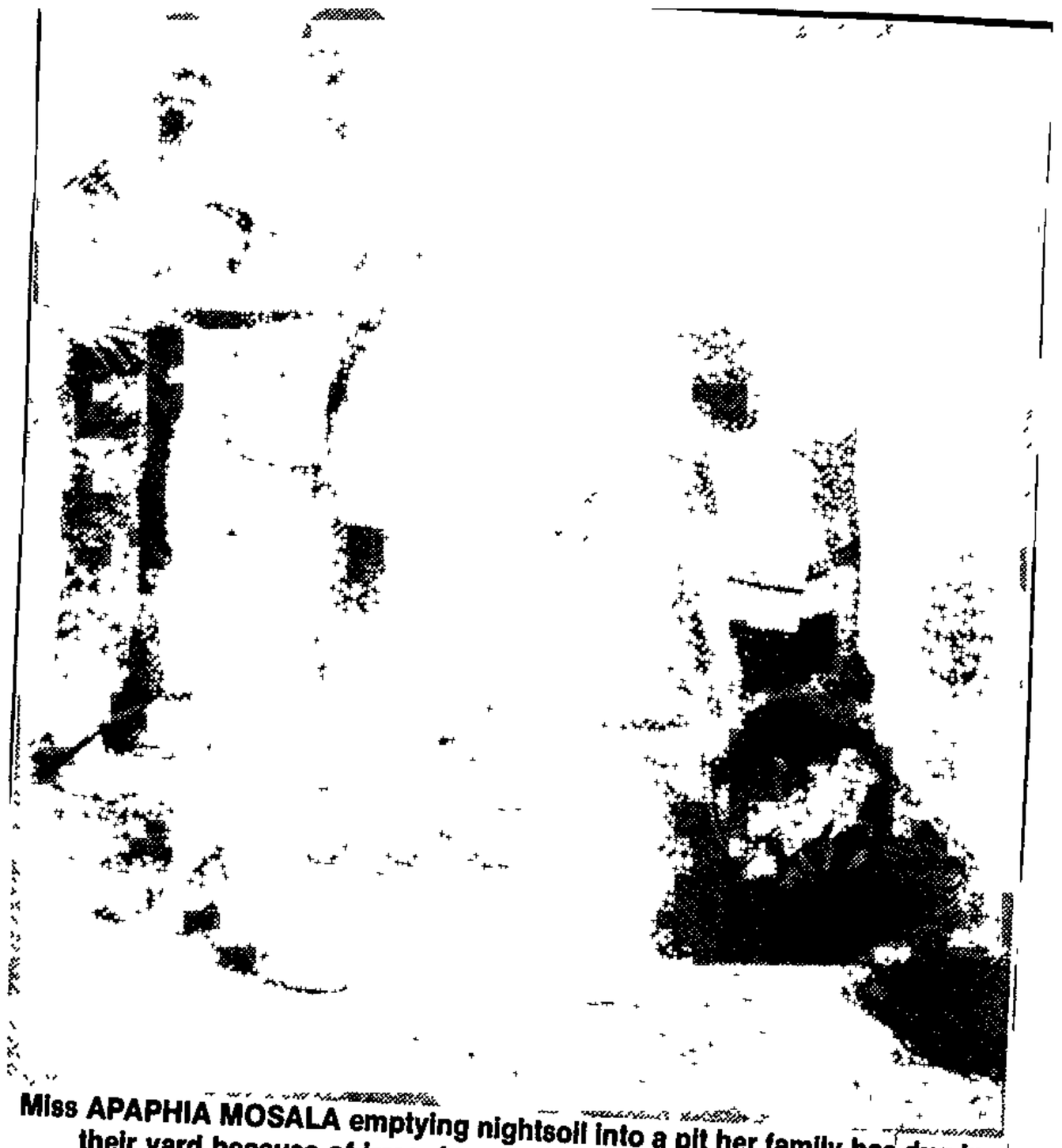
The move affects 324 families from 7th to 22nd Avenue

Affected families have been meeting in groups and said they had taken a stand to resist moving before they approved of the council's promised accommodation

An elderly man said "We took that stand because the people in the buses were made to believe they would get proper alternative accommodation but were dumped into the buses much against their will," he asked not to be named

A woman, who did not want to be named for fear of victimisation, said "We have decided not to move into tin shacks which we understand the council is providing for us because they are too hot during summer and too cold during winter."

Notices have been delivered to all families affected urging them to attend the meeting "without failure" because it was "very important for their future stay in the township



Miss APAPHIA MOSALA emptying nightsoil into a pit her family has dug in their yard because of irregular collection in Residensia township.

Vaal residents concerned over 'nightsoil collection'

THE IRREGULAR collection of nightsoil by the Lekoa Town Council in Residensia has caused great concern among the residents.

A number of residents told **The SOWETAN** they were worried that if the situation is allowed to continue, hygenic conditions in the area would become intolerable

They said those houses which did not have the flush-type system stank a lot Residents said this situation had caused them and their visitors great embarassment over the festive season and it was high time a proper network system was installed.

According to Miss Apaphia Mosala, the nightsoil used to be collected two or three times a week but was now being collected once a month She said with the outbreak of the unrest, the situation has become worse.

"This has led to people digging pits all over their yards to empty the uncollected buckets What has further annoyed us is that when we complained at the offices we were told to pay R70 if we want a sewerage system to be installed, whereas some people had it for free early last year," Miss Mosala said.

Miss Mosala also said people in Residensia, where Mr Knox Matjila is the ward councillor, were unhappy about many other things

She said despite the fact that water meters had been installed in the area, they were paying the same amount for water every month

Miss Mosala said that since December 1983 her house rent has been increased three times to an amount totalling R34

When the new tariffs were introduced in the Vaal townships last September, they were also supposed to pay them, she said.

She also said electricity bills of some residents were extremely high

According to her, some families have had their garages demolished without notice and later told they were standing in the way for the building of a road.

"We are disgruntled with the whole system of the town councils It is our belief that it is not doing proper things for the community it is supposed to serve. We call for the scrapping of the council and the resignation of councillors," she said.

Asked to comment on the resident's grievances, Mr Ben Scott, the Lekoa Town Council acting town clerk, said to his knowledge they have not received any complaints about the handling of nightsoil

He said during the height of the unrest, there may have been problems because council employees and vehicles were being stoned, but for the last month everything had gone smoothly He said people with complaints were welcome to report them to the township manager, or even the head office

Bosses refuse to take rent from staff pay

By THELMA TUCH

MOST large employers in the Vaal Triangle are not following a Lekoa Town Council instruction to deduct rentals from their workers' wages, because the legality of this is being questioned

The Lekoa Town Council has lost more than R10-million because most of the 350 000 residents in the Vaal have not been paying their rents since September last year, when unrest broke out in the townships

In November last year the council ordered employers — in terms of a proclamation under the Black Urban Areas Consolidation Act of 1945 — to deduct outstanding rentals from their employees' wages

According to the proclamation, workers consent is not required

Yesterday, the president of the Vaal Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Mr M Weitzmann, told the Rand Daily Mail, the Lekoa Town Council could not enforce their demands upon industry

"We have taken legal opinion on the particular proclamation employed by the council and been informed that it was not legal and would not stand up in a court of law," he said

For this reason some employers had refused to deduct rent arrears from their workers pay

Other companies were consulting works committees and trying to obtain their employees' permission to have their arrears deducted from their wages

Organised industry has been meeting regularly with the Lekoa Town Council, the Orange Vaal Development Board and the Department of Cooperation and Development to resolve the rents crisis

"Our attitude is to look after the welfare of our employees and we have taken up a number of workers' complaints with the council," Mr Weitzmann said

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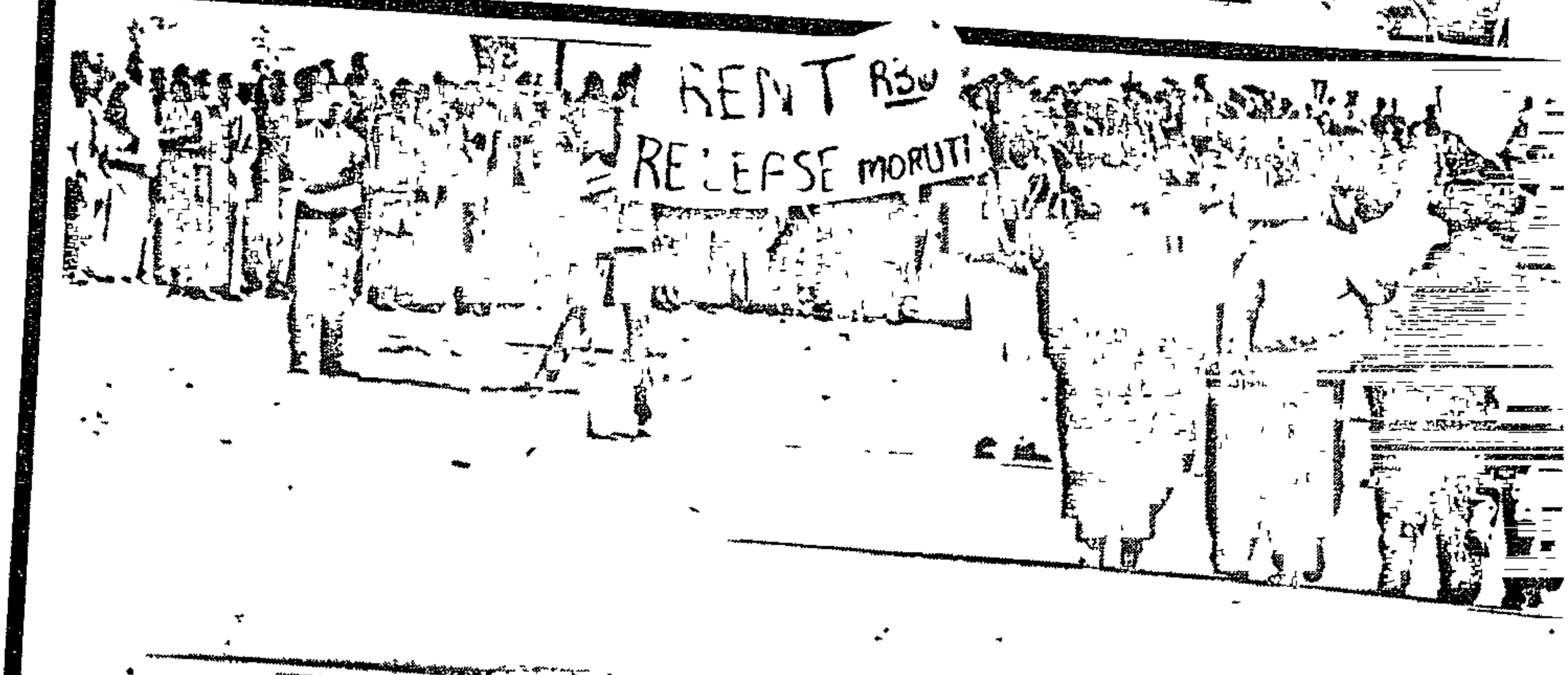

R30 rent, and our priest out of jail: Neither of the Vaal demands have been met.

You won't get the rent paid that way!

THERE we go again.

All of us have been at great pains to point out to students that continuing to stay out of class is counter-productive.

Many parents have been active in that arena — so much that all student organisations have urged their colleagues to go back to school

No sooner had the atmosphere cleared and hopes raised that this will be a normal school year than the Vaal Administration authorities — that bungling insensitive army of bureaucrats — make an announcement that there is going to be a massive eviction of residents from their homes

They said unless residents pay up their rents at the end of this month, court orders for their ejection will be issued.

If it is true — and we have no doubt that it is as close to the truth as can be — that almost 80 percent of the residents have refused to pay rents unless certain conditions are met by the authorities, then the Vaal complex is going to be a mighty empty place

Did anybody in that board — yes, just anybody — ever sit down to reflect on the harm that his threat could do in the vast area?

Or are they going back to their usual ostrich-in-the sand attitude?

They must not swallow the claptrap that rents have nothing to do with education — as has recently become the stance in misguided quarters

We sincerely hope that Co-operation, Development and Training Minister Gerrit Viljoen, who has shown critical sensitivity in the past few weeks, will step in and tell the board officials to use a bit of intellegence in dealing with this most delicate situation

Since we doubt the existence of that intelligence in view of their actions, the least he can do is to tell them to shut up

We believe the Minister must seriously consider discussing and negotiating directly with the community's representatives

Relations between the community and the administration board have become so polarised that meaningful discussion between the two cannot be a viable proposition

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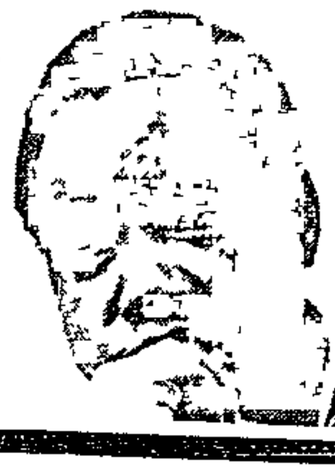

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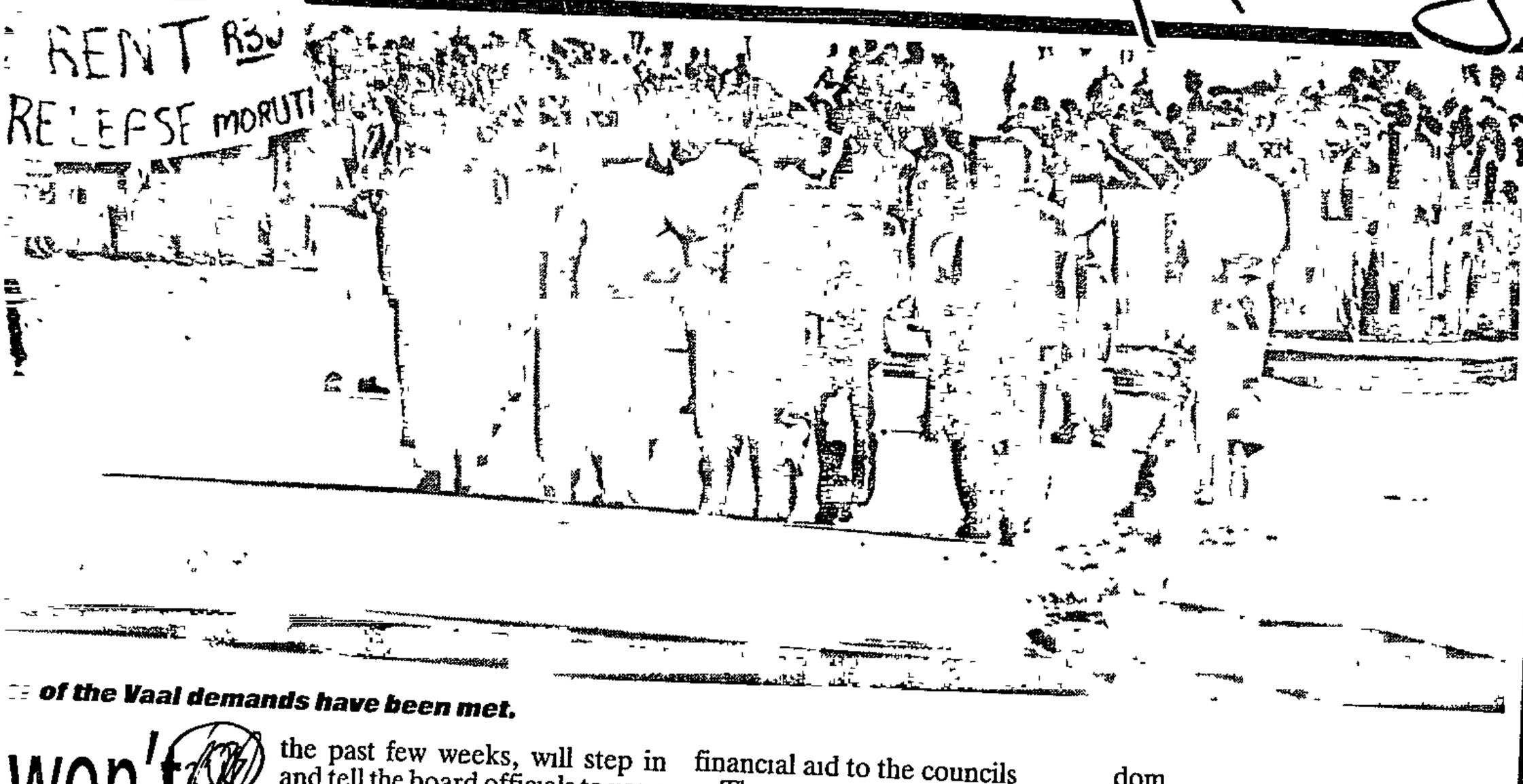

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Dr Viljoen has committed himself to the in-depth investigation of revenue sources and increased financial aid to the councils

This, more than anything else, has been the centre of the problem for all those who would otherwise have been sympathetic to local authorities

If he can solve this problem, that would make it obsolete for local authorities to raise rents at the drop of a hat, as a means of raising funds

It would go a long way in enhancing the councils' bettered image

But the immediate action the Minister must take is to defuse the potentially dangerous eviction statement

He must assure Vaal residents that there is no immediate danger of eviction, pending discussions on ways and means to break the deadlock

Prince Mfanasibili and Dr George Msibi of Swaziland must rank as the most sinister characters seen wandering around Southern Africa

Their hold on their country is frightening, to say the very least They are responsible for locking up anything which moves on two legs and looks like a threat to their power base in the tiny kingdom

In the persuance of their ambition, they have recklessly turned Swaziland into a South African bantustan extension

They have also, presumably at the insistence of South Africa, disregarded their being signatories to the United Nations' decree on refugees

Genuine refugees, known to have kept their noses clean in the kingdom, have been the victims of cruel and inhuman treatment Now they are being kicked out of Swaziland in droves

It is imperative for the Organisation of African Unity and the United Nations to critically examine what is happening in Swaziland

I believe they will find evidence which must of necessity lead them to exclude Swaziland from membership of both organisations.

And behind all this activity the sinister dark hand of the two men can be seen — even without binoculars

Everytime you go to Swaziland and spend your money there, you only help to perpetuate the rule of that two-man government — and you give them the resources to continue oppressing the Swazi people in a most ruthless manner

We'll fight rent hikes - residents

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By ELLIOT TSHINGWALA

ABOUT 1 500 Katlehong residents yesterday vowed at a meeting to act against increased rents which came into effect this month.

The meeting was held at Tshabalala Higher Primary School and addressed by members of the Katlehong Action Committee According to notices sent to residents by the local council, house rent has been increased by R4 and the master plan — loan repayment on the electricity project — by R6

The mayor, Mr A P Khumalo and his councillors were also called upon to resign their posts

Referring to the electrification scheme one resident said the council promised to electrify all the houses in two years' time when they started in 1980

"Up to now only three of the five sections have been wired and there is no sign of progress in the others," he said.

Other residents complained that although their houses had not been wired they were being forced to pay for the master plan. The initial fee in 1980 was R2 "but now we are being forced to pay R13 while there is still no electricity. Where does the money go to?" said one agitated residents

Residents said they were given the council only a month to decide whether or not to go on with the rent hike "If they decide to carry on we are going to take action," said one speaker

Another meeting is being planned for next Sunday It will be held at the local Huntersfield Stadium

Vaal rents may drop

RENTS in the riot-torn Vaal Triangle might be reduced following this week's near-explosion of violence over the threatened eviction of 350 000 people.

Township authorities — apparently nudged by the Government — have adopted a softer line on the question of unpaid arrears as the seven areas controlled by the Lekoa Town Council seeth and simmer.

Within days they dropped the talk of eviction in favour of promises to negotiate with the people about the repayment of R10-million worth of arrears.

In addition, a commission to investigate the problem had been established — and its findings could result in a lowering of house rentals, Lekoa's acting Town Clerk, Ben Scott said this weekend.

"Legal action will be the last step," he said

Mr Scott was reluctant to provide details about rents saying only that the compilation of rents could change as a result of a new parliamentary Bill concerning revenue for local authorities.

Mr Scott's new approach — coming in the wake of a promise by Co-operation, Development and Education Minister Gerrit Viljoen that evictions were not being considered — could be a face-saving method of meeting the Vaal Civic Associations.

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Alex residents flay council

ALEXANDRA residents yesterday rejected the local council's intended police unit and demanded the council use the money for housing.

Speakers among the 1 200 residents who crammed the Entokozweni hall said the council was no longer serving the community but the Government The meeting was called by the newly formed Alexandra Residents Association (ARA) to discuss the council's decision to demolish shacks in the area

A member of ARA, Mr Tony Kgobe, said· "The councils move to demolish shacks is a ploy to force residents into flats which they have outrightly rejected because of high rents We see no point in demolishing shacks because the whole of Alexandra is a slum, and we call on the council to build us houses at affordable rents with the money they intended forming their "mini army" with

The council came under fire for failing to attend public meetings called by residents, including the one called yesterday

Residents also said since the Rev Sam Buti was elected into office they have never had the opportunity to speak to him personally whenever they had complaints

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Man left in the cold

By SYD KHUMALO

A MAN who has bought his house and has full rights of tenancy to it, is now stranded and in the street — without accommodation.

Mr Leonard Molefe, of No 5 Moletsane, claimed that the councillor in that ward, Patrick Gaboutloeloe called him to the council chambers where he told him to vacate the house in favour of Mr Cleophus Magano, the former owner of the house

"When Mr Magano left for Rustenburg he said I could take over the tenancy of the house and we went to the office to change the necessary documents into my name Later on I then bought the house and was sure that my problems were over"

Problem

The local township manager, Mr Petros du Plessis confirmed that the house belonged to Mr Molefe and that he had actually bought it

"The only problem is that the old man that had relinquished the right of tenancy in favour of Mr Molefe, had a problem with accommodating his children and he asked Mr Molefe to temporarily accommodate them until we had given them alternative accommodation."

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Atteridgeville rents to rise

By MONK NKOMO

THE ATTERIDGEVILLE Town Council has announced that rent will be increased by about R8,40 per month from March 1.

The increases, promulgated in the Government Gazette, are for major services, including water, electricity and sewerage

And in terms of the increases, published in the Government Gazette, residents will have to pay an extra R2,45 per month for refuse removal, and an extra R1,25 a month for sewerage Residents with electricity meters in their homes will have to pay nearly 2 cents more per unit The council, which has a deficit of more than R1 million, also announced that lodgers' fees would now be R7 per month and R14,65 for a married couple. The previous fees were R6 and R12 respectively Hostel inmates' rent will be increased from R15 to R18

The rent increases in the area were implemented and then later withdrawn last year by the council when the then mayor, Mr Z Z Mashao announced that the economy of the country was still too bad to effect the rent hikes

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Soweto shacks will stay, says mayor

By SOPHIE TEMA

RESIDENTS in Soweto have been assured that not a single shack will be demolished in the area

This assurance was given yesterday by the newly elected mayor of Soweto, Mr Edward Kunene

He said. "I received calls from residents inquiring about the announcement, made by loudspeaker in Orlando East and other townships last week.

"But I want to assure the people of Soweto that no decision to demolish shacks was taken by the council"

Two years ago a body was formed to fight shack demolitions because of the acute housing shortage This was spearheaded by Mr Ambition Brown, Sofasonke Party public relations officer

The committee consisted of residents from the East Rand and Soweto and was formed after an order was brought to the Supreme Court preventing councils from destroying shacks.

Atteridgeville mayor explains increases

SOWETAN Reporter

THE ATTERIDGEVILLE Town Council had recommended service charge increases in the township so that streets could be tarred and the electrical network improved, the mayor, Rev Enoch Sibanyoni, said yesterday.

Rev Sibanyoni also announced that the increases were imperative so that they could start with the infra-structure of Atteridgeville Ext 2 "as soon as possible to overcome the chronic housing shortage"

The R8,40 increases for major services and a 20 percent hike on business site fees were promulgated in the Government Gazette on Friday. The increases come into effect on March 1

Rev Sibanyoni yesterday said "The public had been given the opportunity to raise objections to the tariff increases before they were promulgated, and the announced increases do not include rent" He requested the residents to co-operate as they did when the rent hikes were implemented and later abandoned in July last year.

Rev Sibanyoni, who promised to call a public meeting soon, also announced that the increases would still leave the council with a R2-m deficit

"I am aware that certain residents, especially pensioners, may find it difficult to pay the new tariffs These people must not hesitate to approach our social welfare section who will investigate their cases, and under deserving circumstances they will recommend rent remission to the council", Rev Sibanyoni said yesterday

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Residents vote to stop tariff increases

SAULSVILLE Residents' Organisation yesterday voted to stop tariff hikes that come into effect in the town on March 1.

Residents will have to pay between R8,20 and R8,80 more a month (about 50 percent) for various services including electricity and water.

Businesses will pay 20 percent more — an increase of more than R100 in some cases.

A spokesman for ASRO, Dr Abie Nkomo, said the organisation rejected the increases because nothing had changed to justify the implementation since they had been successfully opposed last year.

"We shall continue to discharge the mandate from the people to oppose any rent increases," said Dr Nkomo

He also said that ASRO was shocked at the increased financial burden imposed on the churches

Churches in the area will pay a site rental of R15 a month.

This is an increase of more than 300 percent in some cases

Dropped

ASRO was in the forefront of opposition to tariff increases in the township last year.

The hikes were implemented in March and were dropped the following month on a technicality Implementation date was moved to September 1, but the proposal had to be abandoned in the face of strong opposition from residents

ASRO claimed the subsequent "indefinite suspension" of the hike as its victory

The Mayor of Atteridgeville, the Reverend Enoch Sibanyoni, announced yesterday that he would hold a public meeting to explain the tariff hikes before their implementation

Rev Sibanyoni said the tariff hikes were postponed last year to give residents "breathing space" and to secure an undertaking from the Government that financial assistance would be available to the council

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Meeting for Vaal residents

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

A MEETING of all Vaal Triangle residents to discuss the recent uprisings and the rent increases is to be held at the Zone Three golf course on Sunday at 10am.

An executive member of the Vaal Civic Association, Mr Mfanimpela Magagula, said the meeting had been convened to explain to the residents actions the association was planning to take against the Lekoa Town Council

The council has refused to respond to the residents' demands, which include:

- Reductions of rents to R30;
- Resignation of all councillors;
- Release of all detainees; and
- An end to the class boycott which resumed when school re-opened last week.

Mr Magagula reiterated that all councillors, including Mr Sam Rabotapi of the Evaton Council, were invited to the meeting because "crucial issues will be discussed."

He indicated that the association has briefed lawyers on various aspects concerning the people's problems, especially the enforcement of rent reduction from workers' salaries.

"This has turned out to be a thorny issue, as most residents have complained that money for rent has been deducted from their pay packets. The act enforcing these people to pay rent is going to be challenged in a court of law soon," he added.

Residents have not been paying house rents and service charges since last September 3.

Houses for SATS workers

SOWETAN REPORTER

THE SOUTH African Transport Services (SATS) has built and purchased houses for hundreds of its black employees since it introduced house ownership schemes for them 10 months ago.

Mr D J Botha, SATS deputy director of house ownership schemes told The SOWETAN that SATS was proud to have introduced this scheme to its black employees, since its conditions are applicable to all races in their employ.

He said they had two kinds of housing schemes The 100 percent scheme and the assisted scheme SATS had already acquired and registered 363 houses for their workers in terms of the first scheme and 669 were in the process of being acquired in the next month or two On the latter scheme 1 380 of their black staff already had houses while 121 were in the process of being granted houses



THIS IS ONE of the SATS houses built for an employee at Diepkloof Extension 3, Soweto

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Youth is shot, councillors stoned in rent meeting chaos

By RICH MKHONDO

A 14-YEAR-OLD youth was shot, cars, buses, a beerhall and councillors were stoned, and police were called to disperse irate residents during a public meeting held at the Huntersfield Stadium in Katlehong, near Germiston, yesterday

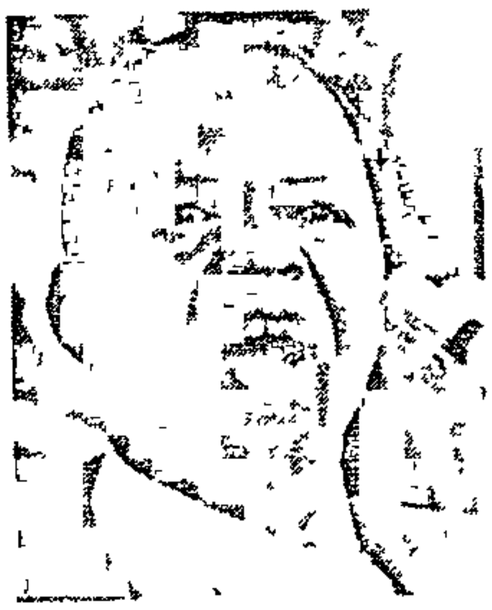
The meeting was convened by the local town council to discuss rent increases

A spokesman for the Police Directorate in Pretoria confirmed the incidents and added that the youth was shot "by someone other than the police"

And at another meeting called by the Katlehong Action Committee, about 3 000 residents resolved not to pay rent and service charges until they had been reduced to a level where every resident could afford it

It was also resolved that all businesses owned by councillors and the East Rand Administration Board should be boycotted until all councillors had resigned

At the meeting, councillors were barricaded in one of the stadium offices for about 30 minuntes and police had to be called to escort them from the stadium



MR A P KHUMALO
under attack

Police used teargas and birdshot to disperse the group which stoned the councillors and called for their resignation

Chaos started when Katlehong's mayor, Mr A P Khumalo, tried to address more than 6 000 residents at the stadium

Mr Khumalo announced that the proposed rent and service charge increases had been suspended indefinitely

Site rent had been increased by R4, the electricity masterplan levy (for the electrification of the township) by R6, and business site rentals increased from R44 to R107 from January 1 this year

Mr Khumalo said, however, the decision was unfortunate because certain projects which the council wanted to undertake would have to be shelved

These projects included the upgrading of the refuse removal services, the improvement of the main streets, and the upgrading of stadiums, halls and sewerage

Before Mr Khumalo could finish speaking stones were hurled at him and the other councillors who were sitting next to him

During the stone throwing, Ms Joyce Mahomane of Shongweni Section was shot She was taken to the Natalspruit Hospital

Hospital authorities could not be reached for comment

At the afternoon meeting, convened by the Katlehong Action Committee, residents said the Governmnent should find means of financing all the town councils recently bestowed with city status

"We cannot afford to finance these government-created institutions," a resident said

By late afternoon Katlehong township was still tense but quiet Buses and government-related vehicles were not entering the township

Residents won't budge



PUBLIC: The Rev R W Radebe addressing an open-air public meeting in Zone 3 Sebokeng on Sunday.

HUNDREDS of Vaal residents vowed they would not budge from their determination to have their rent reduced to R30 at a meeting held in Sebokeng at the weekend.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

Members of the Lekoa Council, who had been invited failed to turn up, and police, in hippos, landrovers and private cars kept close watch

The open-air meeting was held at the Zone Three golf course in Sebokeng and was without incident

Residents expressed disappointment that councillors did not turn up as they had hoped to discuss matters that led to the unrest in the area since last September

Speaker after speaker lashed out at councillors, who are still holding office and those who had resigned

They said it was extremely serious that these officials did not attend public meetings where consensus between themselves and residents who elected them could be reached

Various speakers said residents should not back down on their demands that rent should be reduced to R30 They said since the beginning of the upheavals they had made their stand clear and they were waiting for a suitable reply from the Lekoa Council

They had thought that this would be a crucial meeting where these matters could be raised and thrashed out with the councillors

Their demands are that rents be reduced to R30, that councillors should resign, and people detained during the unrests be released

Among matters that came under criticism were people who disrupted classes in the area, people who pay their rents secretly when others are not doing so, councillors who go abroad to make loans which create heavy interest rates that eventually have to be paid by residents, and youths who stone buses thus inconveniencing commuters

One speaker said "It is going to be very interesting to see what will happen to the people paying rent now after we have won our battle They will be the losers in the end "

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ceed without the presence of the two. The magistrate postponed the case to March 4 The three were not asked to plead. Two of the accused were warned and a third's bail of R50 was extended

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Vaal body to take legal action over rent

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THE VAAL Triangle Civic Association intends taking joint legal action against the Oranje-Vaal Development Board (OVDB) and the Lekoa Town Council on various issues, including high rentals and service charges in the area.

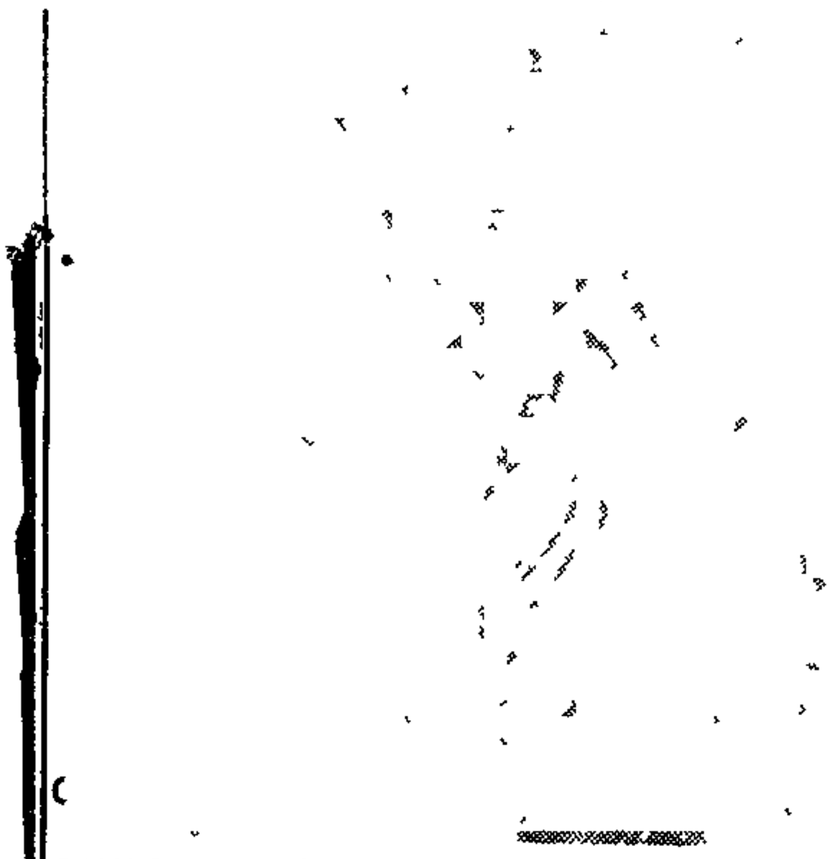
The association's executive member, Mr Mfanimpela Magagula told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that they have discovered that residents paid inconsistent rates, high rentals and that there were certain irregularities which needed to be challenged

"We have for this purpose briefed a firm of lawyers to restrain the board and the council from continuing to exploit the people Our lawyers have already indicated our intentions to the bodies," he said

A spokesman for the firm of lawyers in Johannesburg has confirmed that they had consultations with members of the association who needed clarity from the council and board on various issues which they felt were unfair

Their clients have advised them to seek a Supreme Court order restraining the authorities from continuing with these issues, which include deduction of rents from residents' pay packets and duplication of charges

Mr Magagula said that they were "disappointed" that councillors failed to attend a public meeting to explain their role and line of action following the large scale unrest which swept through Vaal townships last year



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R80-m Soweto house scheme gets go-ahead

Plans for 2 500 houses — the Protea North development project in Soweto — have been given the go-ahead and the installation of the infrastructure had started, Mr B D Whittaker, Transvaal regional director of the Urban Foundation, said yesterday.

The project, initiated by the foundation, is being undertaken with the West Rand Development Board and the Soweto Council.

Finance came from the National Housing Commission, with loans made possible by a R21 million Old Mutual investment, said Mr Whittaker.

He said the installation of services and the construction of homes was expected to cost over R80 million Land has been set aside for six primary and three secondary schools, a business centre, four creches, two garages and 44 ha of open space.

The first serviced sites are expected to be available by May.

RAND DAILY MAIL, Thursday, January 24, 1985

Soweto tariffs plan slammed

By Mail Reporter

SOWETO residents, civic and political organisations yesterday slammed the Soweto Council's intention to raise tariffs for water, electricity, sewerage services and site rentals for large residential sites.

In October 1981, the then-Soweto Community Council, under Mr David Thebehali, increased rentals by R8.

Last year in September, the Soweto City Council under Mr E T Tshabalala increased the electricity levy by R5.

Following widespread protests by Soweto residents, the increases were scrapped.

The town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, said the financial climate in the country and the confusion the levy had created among residents had contributed to the scrapping of the increases.

Residents also alleged that tariffs were last year increased by about R10 without advance warning.

Mr Malan announced this week that the tariffs would be increased in conjunction with the increases determined by the Rand Water Board, Escom and the Johannesburg City Council.

This month Escom increased its electricity tariffs by 10% and the Rand Water Board announced that its tariff increases had been shelved until April.

Soweto residents said yesterday the increases were "inopportune" and would cripple them financially.

"It will be difficult for most residents to afford the increases because their wages have not been increased. Most are still earning below the breadline," said a Mofolo North resident who did not want to be named.

Mr Gray Mdluli, of Jabavu, said "We pay for the electrification and improvement of facilities. Street lights, roads, and other facilities are in a hopeless situation. What is the council doing with the money?"

United Democratic Front publicity secretary Mr Patrick Lekota said it was absurd for the Soweto City Council to pass the increases on to consumers who were struggling to survive in a "very difficult economic situation".

"The proposed increases in water tariffs are arbitrary because the Rand Water Board announced that it would not increase its tariffs before April, but the Soweto Council is going ahead with the increases," he said.

Mr Lekota called on Soweto residents to register a strong protest through their community organisations such as the Soweto Civic Association in order to stop the council from going ahead with the increases.

The publicity secretary of the Azanian Peoples Organisation, Mr I Moosa, said his organisation opposed the increases.

Mr S S Nakane of the Orlando Civic Association said the OCA would hold a residents' meeting at the local N G church on Sunday to discuss the increases.

The council should call ward meetings to get residents' views. We will strongly protest at the implementation of the new tariffs," he said.

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Lekoa bosses deny R10m loss in rents

By SIPHO NGCOBO

THE mayor of the Lekoa Town Council, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, and the Town Clerk, Mr P N Louw, have denied that most Vaal Triangle residents had not paid rentals during the past four months.

They were reacting to a statement by Mr Ben Scott — who was acting Town Clerkwhile Mr Louw was on leave — that the council had lost more than R10-million during the past four months because most of the 350 000 residents had not paid rent.

But, said Mr Mahlatsi and Mr Louw, many Vaal Triangle residents who fell under the Lekoa Town Council, were paying their house rentals by postal order.

Mr Louw refused to disclose the exact number "as the climate was not yet ripe for such disclosures".

Mr Scott told the Rand Daily Mail a fornight ago: "We have nothing less than one hell of a problem.

"The residents have not been paying any rents, service charges or instalments on houses purchased from the Development Board."

Dismissing Mr Scott's statement, Mr Louw and Mr Mahlatsi said. "How can we lose at that rate when we have the majority of the residents paying their house rentals every month.

"We are receiving money from residents every day.

"It is easy.

"They just send money by post in postal order form and all we do is issue receipts and post them to whoever has paid his or her rent."

"We are pleased that residents are now paying the rent."

Mr Louw also denied that his council had instructed some of the large employers in the Vaal Triangle to deduct rentals from their workers' wages in terms of the Black Urban Areas Consolidation Act of 1945.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Rent-rise violence

Township rent hikes still cause violent disturbances

In the latest incident, a public rent meeting organised by the Katlehong Council at the local Huntersfield Stadium in the East Rand ended in chaos last Sunday when councillors were attacked by some of the 4 000 assembled residents.

In the Vaal Triangle townships of Sebokeng, Boipatong, Bophelong, Sharpeville and Evaton the local town councils backed down because of pressure from residents after they had increased rents and service charges. Residents are now demanding a reduction of existing rentals.

Katlehong Council recently announced rent hikes amid bitter opposition from local township residents and from at least one councillor. Ironically, trouble on Sunday erupted as mayor Packard Khumalo was telling the crowd that the proposed rent increases have been "suspended indefinitely"

Khumalo was still explaining that the decision to suspend the increases was unfortunate because, he said, it meant that the council would no longer be able to carry out some of the projects it wanted to do when some people began pelting him and his colleagues with stones The councillors fled into a nearby building and barricaded themselves inside The police had to disperse the crowd by throwing teargas and they eventually led the trapped councillors out of the stadium

It seems there is much bitterness against rent increases but mayor Khumalo says the people who caused trouble at the meeting are not local residents but "hoodlums from outside the township"

For a house in Katlehong the council wanted to charge a basic monthly levy of R9 plus 4c/m2 on each site — which meant that the bigger the site, the higher the rent would be Previously, families paid a site rent of R17,20 plus R7,50 house rent. The average monthly rental for a family was then R45.

In addition, families had to pay an additional R10 rent each month for every backyard tin shack. Before the proposed hikes, residents paid R6 for each tin shack. As a result of housing shortage, Katlehong has more tin shack structures than official houses.

The new levies excluded charges for water and electricity. Katlehong was among townships hardest hit by the unrest which erupted in Sharpeville early last September in opposition against rent increases but spread to other townships in the PWV area.

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Tembisa mayor slates TCA

THE mayor of Tembisa, Mr Lucas Mothiba yesterday lashed out at the Tembisa Civic Association (TCA) leaders, accusing them of causing confusion among the families who have settled in hostel-houses at Jiyane Section.

"The TCA enjoys issuing Press statements about matters they do not understand and even going to the extent of making threats about taking legal action They have no right to discuss these issues of Jiyane families if they cannot come to the council, which is the authority concerned," said Mr Mothiba

He said the 375 houses have all been occupied by families and more were still making inquiries about them

"Families have opted to buy those houses and were not forced," he said The houses were sold for R1 800 each

Mr Mothiba said it had been explained to all families that they would have to renovate the houses at their own expenses and if they rented them they could still claim the renovation costs from the family taking occupation of the house

The row over the houses started this week when the secretary of the TCA, Mr Solly Ngobese, said they were going to discuss the council's conditions that residents improve the houses while they paid high rentals

Plans to break rent boycotts leaked

By SEFAKO NYAKA

PLANS by the Oranje Vaal Development Board (OVDB) to use several government departments and officials in an elaborate strategy to break the 15-month-long rent boycott in townships were disclosed this week

A document released by the Sharpeville Civic Association (SCA) at a press conference gives a detailed account of how the police, parliament, the courts and extra judicial law enforcers were to be used for the "immediate collection of rent arrears, service charges and house payments"

The authorities also planned to harness young people, training them at special weekend camps to persuade their parents to pay rent, as well as recruiting students at the Sebokeng campus of the Vista University as "liaison officers" for the local authority

But an official at the OVDB, who would give his name only as "Schutte", denied any knowledge of the document.

According to the document the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has already been requested to pass legislation which enables Development Boards and Local Authorities to implement stop orders in respect of rent and service charges under "certain circumstances".

Retrospective approval of already declared tariffs by the minister were also to be investigated and the OVDB's chief legal adviser "must plan for a possible defence"

This has raised doubts whether the increased tariffs in the area had been approved before they were implemented

"This move clearly undermines the law which is used to give retrospective approval to tariffs which were invalid in law," a spokesman of the SCA said

The document also calls for the creation of extra courts and the appointment of more officials to deal with cases

The plan also states that "no acknowledgment through negotiations must be given to revolutionary groups or organisations"

Some steps to be undertaken by the authorities include

- The recovery of hostel fee arrears "through combined action with the security forces",
- The transfer of already "identified problem officials".
- The utilisation of the media, especially Radio Sesotho in presenting a simultaneous series of information talks
- Re-establishment and maintenance of discipline within the context of family structure (parent/child relationship) and the establishment of law and order committees in wards to serve as a forum of dialogue between parents and "rebellious youth"

Rent victory for ETV residents

By DERRICK LUTHAYI

THREE TINY townships have made history in their battle to pay rents they can afford

Chief Magistrate JJB Templehoff told residents of Thokozani, Thandukukhanya and Old Location townships in Piet Retief this week that 100 summonses issued against those with rent arrears had been withdrawn.

The Eastern Transvaal Administration Board, which had taken the residents to court, also agreed to investigate all deserving cases

Subsidies may be given to those who cannot afford to pay rent, especially pensioners

The subsidy will come from ETAB's relief fund ETAB also agreed not to evict residents who haven't paid their rent

ETAB came to an agreement with the residents' lawyer, Nakedi Phosa, that they would not go ahead with their plans to ask employers to deduct rent from their salaries.

The matter will go to the Pretoria Supreme Court early next month

Residents say that basing rent on their income was unacceptable - and smacked of petty communism

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PFP slams city council over hostel conditions

Star

By Colleen Ryan

The hostel system for black migrant workers in Johannesburg will come under the spotlight at tomorrow's meeting of the city council.

The Progressive Federal Party will introduce a motion calling on the council to upgrade the hostels which are "totally inadequate".

Two PFP city councillors, Mr Les Dishy and Mrs Claire Quail, will speak in favour of the motion

Mrs Quail said she would also question a management committee decision to sell two valuable stands that were originally earmarked for recreation development for city hostels

The Johannesburg City Council employs about 10 000 migrant workers and they are housed in 17 hostels in Johannesburg and Soweto.

The motion is highly critical of the management committee and is likely to be fiercely debated by the National Party/Independent Ratepayers' Association coalition which controls the council. The motion says that

- The management committee has neglected its responsibility in respect of housing and the quality of life of its black labour force and the living conditions in the hostels are totally inadequate. The hostels have deteriorated because of inadequate maintenance
- Facilities for leisure and recreation activities are inadequate The council has not provided sufficient elementary facilities

The motion calls on the management committee to investigate living conditions in the hostels fully and report back within six months. It also asks the council to allocate more funds in the 1985/6 budget for maintenance and upgrading of hostel accommodation and facilities.

Residents take Lekoa Council to law court

ABOUT 5 000 Sharpeville residents yesterday resolved to take legal action against the Orange Vaal Development Board and the Lekoa Town Council over the controversial house rentals which sparked off unrest in the Vaal complex last year.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

The emotion-charged meeting held at the local Communal Hall was addressed by the Civic Association's publicity secretary Mr Phillip Molefe who said residents were angry with the board and council for their reluctance to solve the rent issue since the uprisings

He said: "We would like to warn the council and the board that nothing will come right in the area unless they resolve the thorny issue — house rentals and other service charges."

He said that on numerous occasions they held discussions with the council and pleaded with them to reduce rentals, but this has been in vain.

Rates

"It is now clear that the council is not prepared to meet the residents' demands and we are forced to seek legal advice on this aspect We intend briefing our lawyers on this issue this week," he said.

Angry Vaal residents have not been paying their rates since September 3, last year — the outbreak of violence in the area. Since then the council and the board have been trying various methods persuading residents to pay their rates but this has been to no avail.

Mr Molefe said that their lawyers have already instructed both the council and the board that a proclamation under which they were forcing residents to pay rents by deducting money for rents from their pay packets was invalid.

However, he added, the parties have replied that they were bound to implement the proclamation because residents had persistently refused to pay the rents.

Mr Molefe also condemned the council for announcing that it was going to hold by-elections in those "constituencies" where councillors died during the riots or resigned from the council

● Meanwhile about 100 people attended an Inkatha meeting in Evaton township which condemned the continuous detention under Section 29 of the Internal Security Act of Mr Ishmael Tsotetsi and Thomas Nhlapo, both executive members of the organisation

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Residents won't pay increases

ABOUT 2 000 Atteridgeville residents yesterday vowed not to pay the R8,40 rent increase to be effected from March 1, and also called for the local town council to disband forthwith.

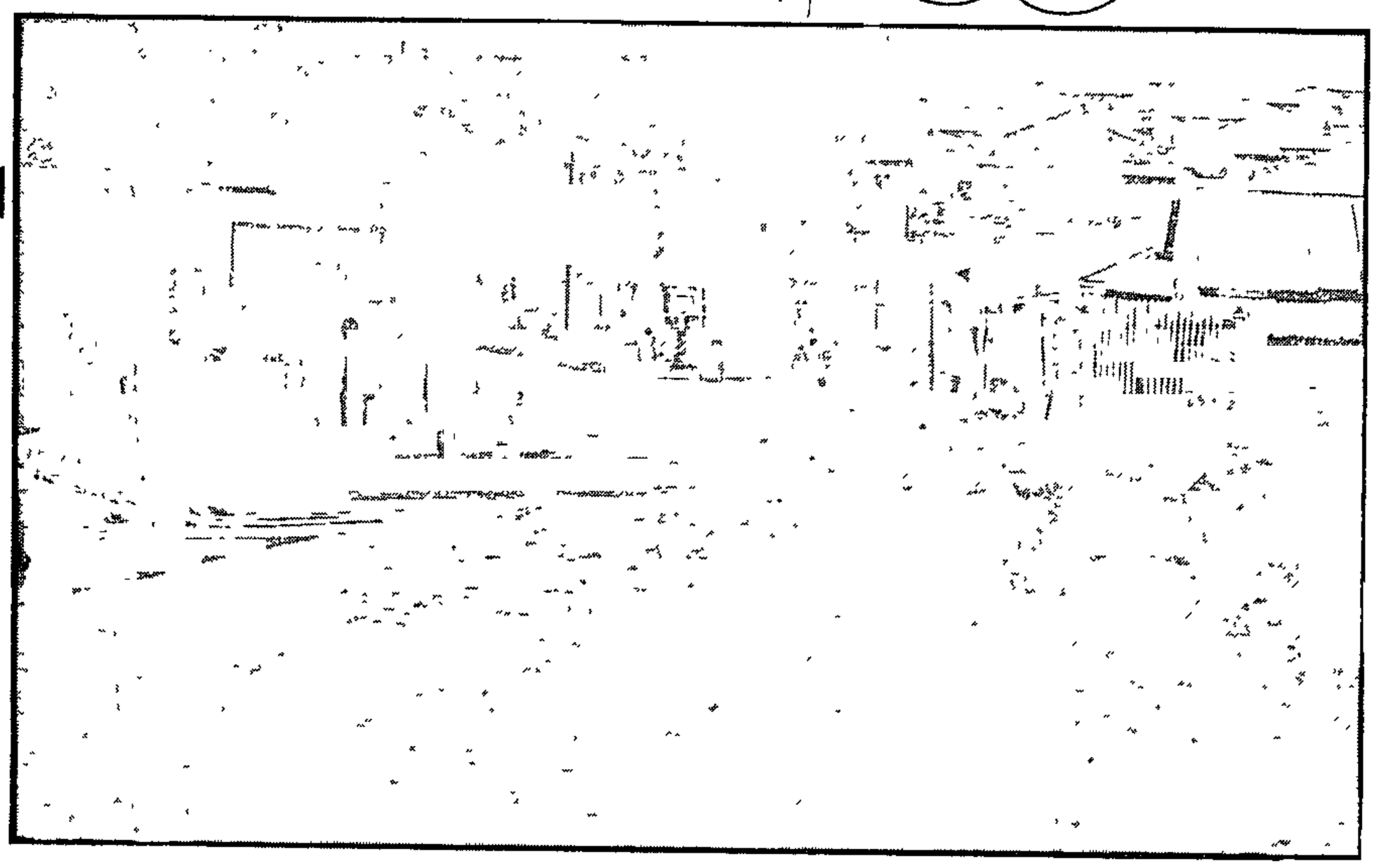
The residents, at a meeting arranged by the Saulsville/Atteridgeville Residents Organisation (ASRO) rejected the increase and accused the town council of supporting the Government's policy of apartheid The rent increases, residents said, were channeled through to "the police force and the South African Defence Force"

The Rev David Mosoma, an executive member of Asro, lashed out at the council for having increased church tariffs "The churches are not meant for business purposes but the council deems it fit to get profits from them", he said The Rev Mosoma also called on the council to explain how much they collected from the residents and how much was spent.

Amid shouts of "Sibanyoni get out" and "Away with town councils", Mr Mosoma also lashed out at the council for implementing rent increases without consulting the residents. "We are forced to subsidise a racist regime", he said

Speaker after speaker accused town councillors of being selfish and called for the scrapping of lodgers' fees Residents also warned the council to first build houses and alleviate the acute housing shortage before they increased rents

The more than 2 000 residents vowed not to pay the increased rents and instead called for the council to decrease them because of the declining economic state of affairs in the country This decision would only be finalised after several meetings had been held in the township's wards



ALEXANDRA TOWNSHIP .. Mr Buti's council's motto is: "Through development we reach for the sky"

Buti's housing plan is ice cold in Alex

ANTON HARBER, Political Reporter

IN A few weeks, the Alexandra Town Council will announce the rents it intends charging for the new houses it is building.

The announcement will be crucial to the future of Alexandra because it will give an early indication of the workability of the crucial redevelopment plans for this unusual township

The Rev Sam Buti, mayor of Alexandra and prime architect of the redevelopment plans, remains confident he can provide new and improved housing for the people of the township

Asked whether he was worried about rent increases sparking off the resistance it has in other Transvaal townships, he said: "We are not worried We have a plan, we have told people about our plan and it is being realised"

The emerging Alexandra Residents Association (ARA), however, has a strikingly different view of his plans

It believes the rent announcement will prove the point it has been trying constantly to make the scheme will benefit only the rich, while the majority of residents will be driven out by the high rents

As the ARA said in a recent pamphlet "Buti's Save Alexandra Party was expected to make improvements in Alexandra He promised sub-economic housing that would cost betweeen R10 and R30 in rent per month

"Instead, he has cooked up a scheme to build houses for the elite, for people who can afford rents of R200 per month, while residents who can't afford it are in trouble"

The divide between the two views of the development plan is striking Although Alexandra is by no means a typical Transvaal township — nestling between Johannesburg and Sandton, ringed by valuable industrial areas and one of the last areas of black freehold property ownership — the divisions within it do typify those in many townships.

One of the less typical aspects of Alexandra's polity is Mr Buti, a mayor who entered the local authority structure with significantly greater credibility than most of his counterparts One could call him a small-town Chief Buthelezi

Mr Buti is a man with a dream, and his dream is not modest in proportions He wants to develop Alexandra from a township that decayed during the many years it was under threat of forced removal — and still, for example, uses a bucket system of sewerage — into a model township, offering good and affordable housing to all its residents

The motto of his town council is "Through development we reach for the sky"

Nobody could accuse Mr Buti of being unimaginative Faced with the fundamental problem of all the black local authorities — a lack of sources of finance for development — he threw out an extraordinary challenge

He asked for the incorporation of Kew, Wynberg and Marlboro — the industrial areas that ring Alex — into the administration of his township Although the idea was met with much scepticism, Mr Buti remains optimistic about its chances of success.

He is presently meeting with the industrialists of the area and hopes to meet Cabinet Ministers soon to pursue the idea

"We are still busy with that. We have had a mixed response One understands this because it is a new concept, something very fresh and it could be threatening to the surrounding municipalities

"But if people want stable communities and if they want to give a sign of goodwill and create an atmosphere of good neighbourliness, then it will work," he said

ARA, however, is completely dismissive of the idea It is a far-fetched dream that will not work, ARA spokesmen say As a result, the Alex Town Council — like all other black local authorities — will become dependent on high rents to finance their development.

They point out that 80% of Alex households are financed by unskilled or semi-skilled workers with an income of between R200 and R300

According to a survey drawn by the council itself, 50% say they would not be prepared to pay more than R25 in monthly rentals Less than 4% said they would be able to afford more than R50

Already, the council is charging R124 for one of its new bachelor flats and R191 for a new two-bedroom flat

ARA believes the Council will have to charge high rents for houses and this will cause a catastrophe it will drive out most of the more than 80 000 residents and force them to find accomodation elsewhere

ARA point out that only 6 500 residential stands and 324 flats are planned in the development scheme, although there are probably more than 14 000 families in Alex

The Council gets its support from Alex's small middle class and is therefore pandering to its needs, ARA argues

The council is driving out those who can't afford the housing in order to create a middle class electorate that will support it

The result will be a backlash and ARA believe it is the fear of this backlash that has prompted the Council to investigate the formation of its own police force

Mr Buti will not talk about the controversial and expensive police force, although he appears to be basically in favour of it

It is likely he will shelve the idea until the dust has settled and there is less of an outcry about it

While new houses are being built, the council has asked residents to live temporarily in converted Putco buses or shacks, commonly known as "zincs"

Some people have been in these "temporary" constructions for over 18 months while their old houses were knocked down and new ones built

ARA believe the new houses will cost more than most of them can afford, leaving them with the prospect of being stuck indefinitely in the temporary houses

As a result, the bus and "zinc" areas have become strongholds of ARA, as the residents band together to fight the scheme

And ARA is urging the next crowd of people who face removal to buses and "zincs" to refuse to be moved, unless they can be given permanent accomodation immediately

Mr Buti, however, is confident they will not resist

"There are opportunists who would like to take advantage They say people are resisting when they are not

"People are suspicious they will be left forever in temporary accommodation We give them a written undertaking they can have the first available accomodation When they have this, they are happy to move," he said

But people in the temporary accommodation say they cannot afford the new housing offered to them

"They are right," Mr Buti said "We are worried about people who cannot pay for those houses, so we are working out ways and means to allow them to afford it But I can't give you details now," he said.

When he does give the details, it will be an indication of how successful his development plan is and whether ARA's fears have been justified

Mr Buti is going to have to pull something extraordinary out of his hat to keep rents low If he fails, he risks adding fuel to the resistance to his grand plan.

Either way, he will set the stage for a long-term struggle in Alex over rents and housing

It is not yet a struggle as serious as that in areas like the Vaal Triangle, but what Alex does show is that the same basic division exists in all the townships

Even Alex, as atypical as it is, has the potential for that division to develop into more serious conflict

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200 march for houses

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

ABOUT 200 people yesterday marched to the Tsakane, Brakpan, offices of the East Rand Development Board protesting against the shortage of houses in the area

Most of the people who took part in the march live in the Silvertown shantytown, also known as Kwavezi, on the outskirts of Tsakane Some have been on the housing waiting list for more than 10 years

The march took place at about 9am

The crowd marched for about 2 km from their shantytown to the offices where they submitted the petition and a memorandum to Mr F G de Beer, the township manager, demanding that they should be provided with alternative accommodation as soon as possible

Deadlock

They also met with Mr de Beer and other senior officials of Eradebo for about two hours, but the meeting ended in a deadlock

Mr de Beer said talks between the two parties would be held in the near future

The residents demand that they should be provided with four-roomed houses built by the board They are against the scheme introduced by the board that they should pay R3 000 for an infrastructure which includes water facilities and material to build two rooms and a toilet

About 400 families in the shantytown, which was established in 1981, are presently on the housing waiting list In the 14 townships on the East Rand more than 40 000 families are on the waiting list

The shantytown families were resettled from Brakpan's old location early in 1983 and promised proper accommodation by the end of 1982

Less than 200 of the 6 000 families resettled at Kwavezi have since been provided with four-roomed houses erected by the board

Most of those interviewed by The SOWETAN said they have been staying in such conditions for more than 10 years and that they were easily exposed to thugs and sicknesses

Azapo meet

THE SOWETO branch of Azapo will hold its annual general meeting at Bridgeman Memorial Centre in Zola on February 2 at 2.30 pm.

Azapo's president, Mr Ishmael Mkhabela said the meeting would elect the new office and

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Living conditions at black hostels to be investigated

Reports by Colleen Ryan and Stuart Flitton

The Johannesburg City Council is to launch a full investigation into living conditions at municipal hostels where black migrant workers are housed

At the monthly meeting yesterday, the Progressive Federal Party strongly criticised the standard of hostel accommodation

PFP councillors claimed that the city's 17 hostels had deteriorated because of inadequate maintenance

After a heated debate, the council agreed to a compromise motion which called for an investigation into hostel conditions within six months It also agreed to consult trade union leaders on sports and recreation facilities

PFP City Councillor Mr Les Dishy said the council had a moral responsibility to look after the interests of its workers It was a mistake to design hostels with big, impersonal dormitories, and he described the City Deep hostel as looking more like a great penitentiary

He also claimed that

- Sports and recreation facilities for the council's 10 000 workers were inadequate Some hostels had no sports fields
- He questioned the management committee's decision to sell valuable stands originally earmarked for recreation development for hostels

PFP City Councillor Mrs Claire Quail called for a literacy programme for workers, saying the present services offered were inadequate

Mr Francois Oberholzer, chairman of the National Party/Independent Ratepayer's Association coalition management committee, said the PFP had been motivated by the visit of Senator Edward Kennedy

Senator Kennedy saw a West Rand Administration Board hostel in Soweto and said he was shocked by the living conditions

The PFP said it had been investigating the hostel issue for months

Mr Oberholzer defended the council's maintenance programme in the hostels and said workers had not complained about living conditions

Ultimatum for Ratanda residents

THE EAST Rand Development Board has issued pamphlets to residents in the township of Ratanda, outside Heidelberg, to make arrangements to pay all rent arrears or face eviction, according to a United Democratic Front spokesman.

The spokesman visited the township and said "Ratanda could be another Sharpeville "

The Ratanda Council resigned en masse last year at the height of widespread unrest in black townships and, after being persuaded to return, all resigned for a second time when the issue of increased rents could not be settled

Rent protest

Residents in the township have been refusing to pay any rent in protest against the increase and are demanding negotiations with Eradebo to discuss the issue

The UDF spokesman said yesterday that most residents of Ratanda could simply not afford the rent, let alone the increase as well

The simmering situation has been brought to the boil by the pamphlets which urge residents to settle their rent accounts and threaten eviction if they don't

"The situation is very tense and we could have another Sharpeville on our hands unless something is done soon," the UDF spokesman added



'Employers, stay out!'

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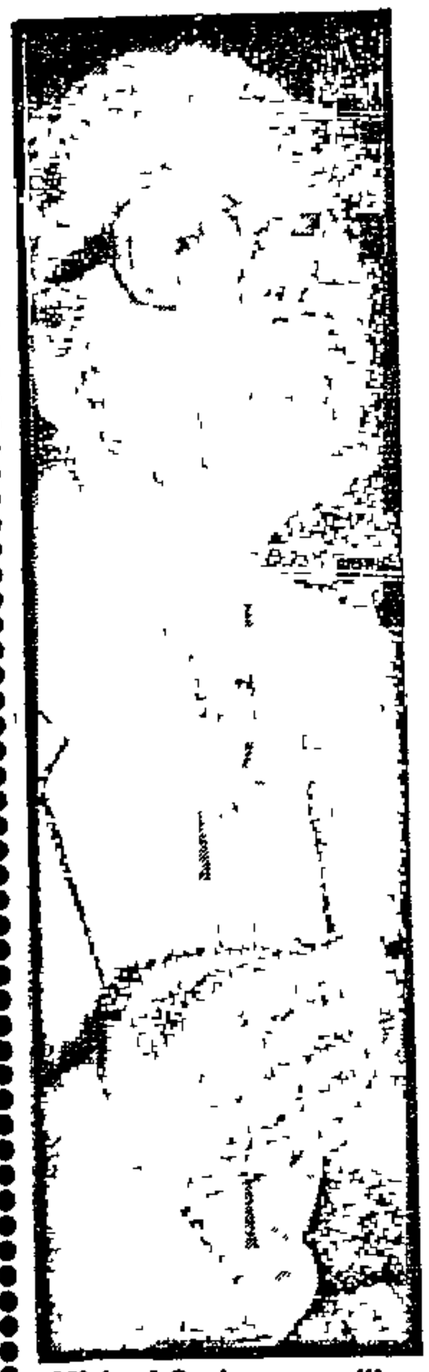
By NANA KUTUMELA



Michael Sechemane: "I was fired".

THE SHARPEVILLE Civic Association will soon be taking several Vaal Triangle employers to court to stop them deducting rent money from the workers' earnings

This was confirmed by the association's legal adviser, Priscilla Jana.

She said such employers won't face criminal charges, but a civil application would be made to stop "illegal" deductions on workers' earnings

"When the Lekoa Council announced that employers were going to be empowered to deduct rent from workers' earnings, we consulted our legal adviser, who told us the move was illegal," said SCA PRO Chippa Molefe.

"We even distributed circulars in the Vaal informing employees and the council about the illegal aspect involved

"The council did not heed our advice and we are therefore taking employers to court for carrying out the council's illegal orders "

The issue has caused an outcry from residents, who say they don't understand why their employers have started "doing council work".

Michael Sechemane of Sharpeville claims he was fired in November last year when he demanded an explanation from his manager about the R44,50 which had been deducted from his wages.

But Keens Electrical Appliances said he was "retrenched".

Eradebo withdraws Ratanda eviction threat

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THE East Rand Development Board yesterday withdrew its threat to evict all the residents refusing to pay increased rents in Ratanda, Heidelberg.

Last week the board issued pamphlets to residents in the township telling them to pay all rent arrears or face eviction

During the same week the residents also received written warnings from Eradebo to settle their housing debts by the end of this week or face further action

Rents were raised by R5,60 a month by the board which took over the running of the township when the community council resigned en masse and no candidates would stand in fresh elections last November

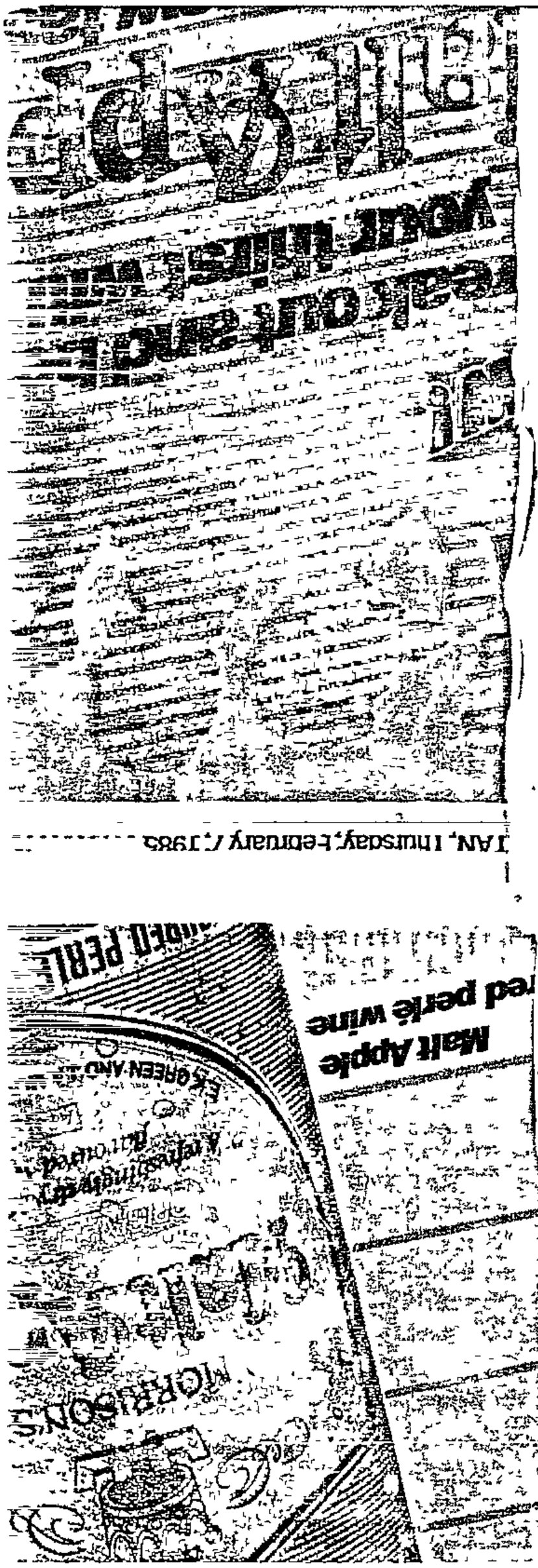
The increments were introduced last October. Before then, the Ratanda residents were paying an average monthly rent of R30

Mr J H Opperman, the senior director of Eradebo, has assured residents in the township that they should not panic as the board has decided not to evict any family failing to pay the increased rents

He said the board was working on new plans to recover the money and that senior officials of Eradebo will be meeting families who have not paid the new tariffs

More than 500 people decided at a meeting held in the township not to pay the new tariffs until the standard of living in the township was improved

They also decided to boycott taxis in the area following the decision by the local taxi association to increase taxi fares from 60 cents to 80 cents per single trip to town



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Mayor takes tough line on 'illegals'

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By SYD KHUMALO

SOWETO's mayor, Mr Edward Kunene, said yesterday that all structures built by illegals in his area would be demolished.

Mr Kunene made this shock statement while other newspapers reported him yesterday as having displayed anger at the demoliton of the shacks in Protea belonging to 27 people

Mr Kunene also described Dr Abu Baker Asvat, who has been battling to get the squatters properly accommodated, as a "pain in the neck"

In an interview with **The SOWETAN** yesterday the mayor said that all illegal squatters and their shacks would not be tolerated by his council because the law states very clearly that if people do not qualify to be in a certain area, "the law will take its course".

Stranded families

He said that the fact that these people were taken to his house was not going to make him treat them differently from other cases "In the first place they should not have been taken to my house — that Dr Asvat is a pain in the neck," said the mayor

It was earlier reported that the mayor had sympathised with the shack-dwellers who had their tents torn down by the West Rand Development Board policemen on Tuesday. The tents were provided by Azapo's health secretary, Dr Asvat

In desperation, the stranded families went to Mr Kunene's house in Mofolo where they asked to have their plight looked into by the council with the urgency it deserved

"We had to fetch those people at about 7 pm from Mr Kunene's house because we had been reliably told that the mayor had summoned police to take those people away from his house and back to where they came from So I took them and they spent the night in my house at Lenz," said Dr Asvat.

'Don't come to Evaton!'

THE 350 000 Vaal rent boycotters will not be granted housing in Evaton if they are evicted from their homes, the Evaton Council decided at its monthly meeting this week

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4 die in fight

A FACTION fight between the Vulindlela clan and Mangangen tribesmen this week claimed four lives at Umbumbulu in Natal

Fighting broke out between the two factions in what police described as a "revenge killing"

Six men were arrested and police are patrolling the area

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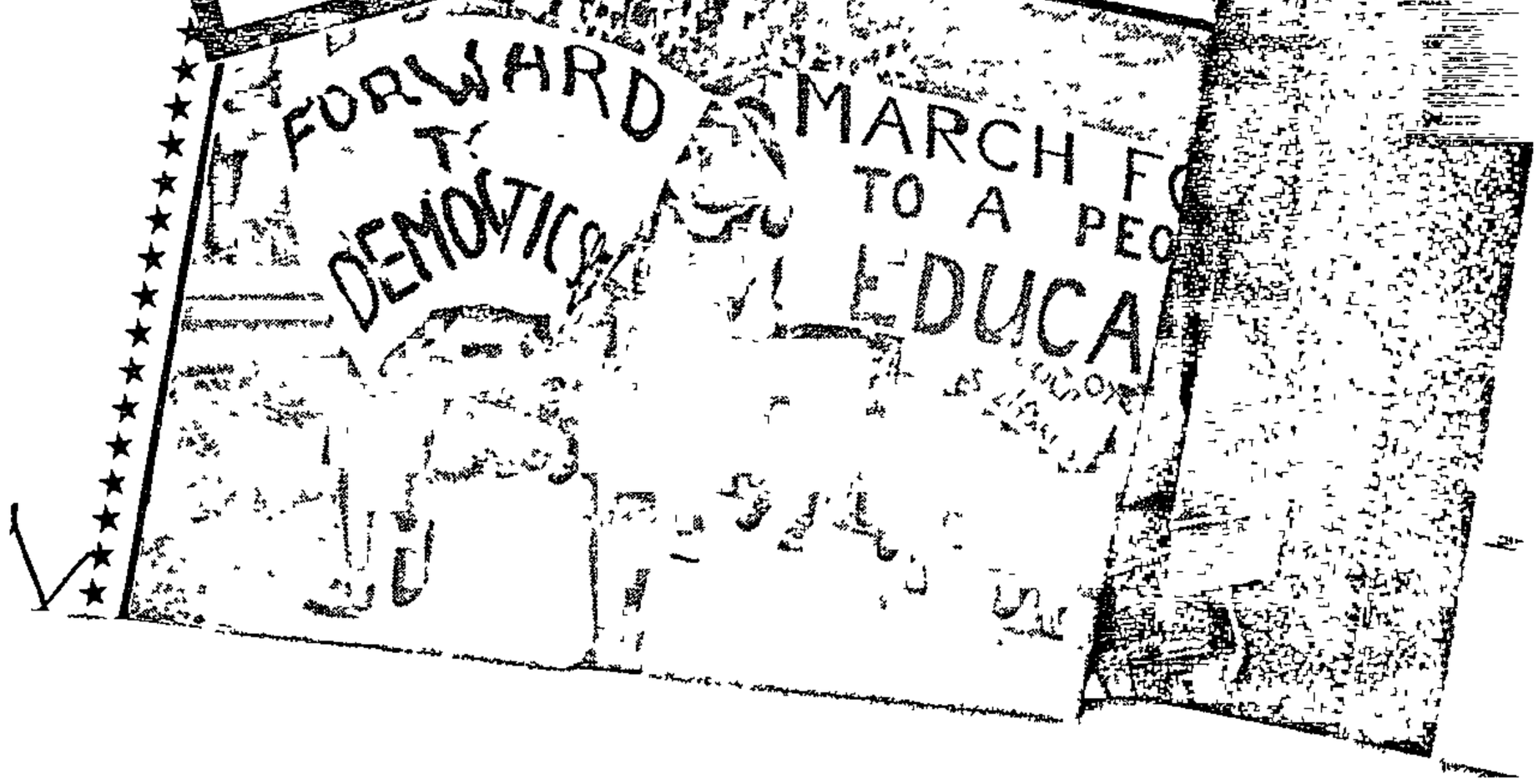

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Misery for families as Eradebo smashes shacks

SHANTY SORROW

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

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During the raid more than 30 shack dwellers were arrested for various offences as early as 3am Most of them were released later in the day

The shack dwellers are against the Site and Service Scheme introduced by the board two years ago. Each family is asked to pay R3 000 before being given the site.

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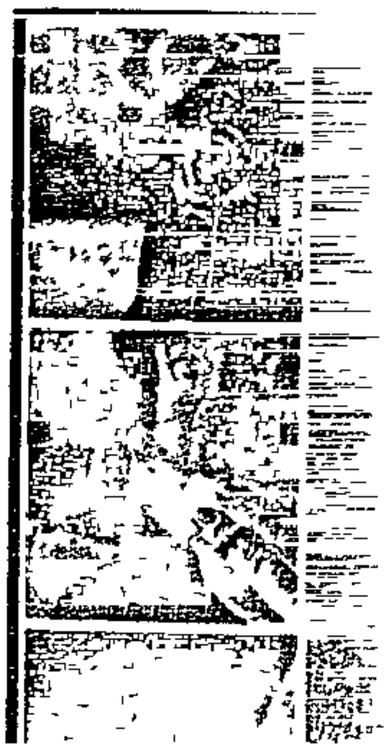

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Mrs Linah Thejane, whose shack was demolished, said· "The officials and policemen removed my furniture out of the shack and dumped it outside before pulling down the structure with a tractor

Warned

"They told me that I was stubborn by refusing to move out of the shantytown and warned me that should they find me again in the area I would be arrested "

Eradebo officials were yesterday not available for comment

By late yesterday evening the seven families were rebuilding their shacks and had vowed not to move out of the shantytown.

Residents to discuss increases

INCREASED service charges in Atteridgeville/ Saulsville will be discussed at a mass meeting on Sunday.

The meeting is being organised by the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' Organisation (Asro) to fight the implementation of the R8,40 tariff increase next month Thousands of people are expected at the Anglican Church, Ramokgopa Street, at 2pm.

Residents in the area have already expressed anger at the council's move to increase tariffs and have resolved not to attend ward meetings which are to take place at different venues on Sunday morning.

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Pageview family will be evicted

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The Community Development Board (CDB) was granted an order by the Rand Supreme Court yesterday to evict a Pageview family whose lease terminated in August

Mr Justice P van der Walt found that Mr A M Cassim had entered into an ordinary contractual lease and his family had no vested interests in the declared white area.

"Pageview has a long history In 1963 it was designated for ownership and occupation of the white group. Other groups do not have vested rights in the area — only rights of temporary residence"

He noted that Mr Cassim's only interest was by virtue of the lease "Once Mr Cassim conceded that the lease had terminated, his temporary interest ceased."

The application was challenged by the executors of the estate of Mr Cassim (who has died), using the new constitution as its base

In terms of section 14 of the constitution, all matters that specifically affect a population group in relation to its identity, and upholding its cultural traditions and customs, are deemed "own affairs"

Mr J Unterhalter SC, for the Cassim family, submitted that if Mr Cassim were to be moved from Pageview he would leave a closely knit community which had built up common interests over many years

This decision should be taken by the Minister handling Indian "own affairs", not by the CDB.

The judge said that though the issue was interesting, it had no merit He said the scheme of the constitution had to be seen together with the Community Development Act

"Where one group has vested rights in an area, and plans to develop that area, that is the predominant interest, and it is the group's own affair which is a first consideration"

Application for leave to appeal was refused, but the eviction order was stayed pending an appeal petition to the Chief Justice

Peter Roach, senior exhibitions executive at Trade Fairs and Promotions, says it is unlikely major exhibitions could be held there because of the limited floor space

Of the estimated 60 annual exhibitions held in Johannesburg, most need an average 5 000 m²-6 000 m²

DURBAN STATION

Back on line

Maybe it will be second time lucky for Durban The city is about to have yet another crack at getting the private sector to develop the old station building in Pine Street along commercial lines

As predicted (*Property* January 13 1984) developers have shown little enthusiasm so far Last time tenders were solicited there was no response The idea of getting nothing but a 50-year leasehold right while being tied to turnover clauses on the retail element clearly held no appeal

Since then there has been a rethink A new document is about to emerge that makes provision for freehold ownership as well as the option of a "leaseback" deal with the city The suggestion is that the council could lease the bulk of the renovated office space for one of its own departments

In its revised form, the tender could arouse greater developer interest One drawback, they note, is that the freehold right does not allow for demolition The city, in its wisdom, has decided that the imperial turn-of-the-century building must be retained If he doesn't do his homework properly, renovation could thus end up costing the developer an arm and a leg

On the positive side, much has happened lately to enhance the site The council has given permission for an underground parking garage on the adjoining speciality centre, work has started on the Church Street underpass and Commercial Road has been extended to give the station a rear road frontage Concern over parking and access has thus been largely removed

Punts a city consultant "Enormous developments are taking place on the station site You already have the exhibition centre, speciality shopping centre and, in five years' time, the new Reserve Bank building One day the owner could find himself occupying a crucial position astride the new and the old CBDs."

TOWNSHIPS

Anglo the brave

Streaming a new upmarket residential township into the current economic droop would look like a kamikaze mission to some. But not to Anglo American Property Services. Indeed, Ampros is looking with some optimism to the May launch of its new



Ampros' Gardiner . . . yet another township.

Fourways Gardens Township in Sandton

Success or not, time will tell But clearly there would have been greater confidence if the drawn-out proclamation procedure had allowed selling to begin by the time the land market peaked about a year ago

As it is, marketing will begin before proclamation, which is not expected before September.

The Fourways Gardens scheme involves two townships, extensions eight and 10, which will be sold in two phases Ampros estates development director Peter Gardiner says Fourways extension 10 will be the first, covering some 70 ha

Later will come Fourways extension eight (78 ha), at which stage Ampros hopes demand will have picked up again Between them, the townships will bring well over 800 stands onto the market

But this year's launch, says Gardiner, will involve only 321 stands, and even these will be released sparingly during the course of the year Between the two extensions, about R23m is being spent on development

Gardiner expects the balance of the stands in the two extensions — about 490 — to come onto the market only in early 1987 The average size is 1 200 m² and the asking price is around R40 000

The location will certainly help Roughly 1,5 km from the Fourways interchange and next to Bareal's Fourways Gardens Hotel, it is in area where most of the recent demand has centred

To encourage buyers further, the new extension eight will feature a 6 ha park and, for the first time, a Sandton township will get street lighting and paving

There are also plans for two townhouse developments plus shopping mall and garage, and Gardiner says discussions are already in hand with builders

Once the Fourways Gardens programme is complete, he says, he will bring on stream the last of Ampros's current Sandton land holdings — nearby Witkoppen extension six — with a further 165 stands But that's long range because the township application has only just gone in

INDUSTRIAL LAND

Cape flat

Being an industrial property tenant in the Cape at the moment means never having to say you're sorry Landlords will do almost anything to keep existing tenants, and if that doesn't work, alternative premises are everywhere

This is the gist of the latest Richard Ellis (RE) survey on metropolitan Cape Town It finds that steadily deteriorating rentals have now reverted to mid-1981 levels

Practically all the industrial areas have been found to have surplus accommodation. The Bellville Triangle, with about 14% vacancies and Montague Gardens, with 12% voids, have been worst hit No one's really surprised because these areas came in for a lot of speculative development, particularly of smaller units, between 1982 and the first half of last year

Even the popular Epping and Southern Suburbs industrial areas are showing about 4% vacancies, and at Paarden Eiland the figure is around 3%

More owners are biting the bullet and selling, evidently believing it is better to get out even in today's depressed market than put up with a hammering from high interest rates and falling rentals

Prices have fallen to the point where RE is advising clients to consider purchasing existing premises rather than develop vacant land Against that, however, builders are now quoting competitively and land prices have generally fallen

Examples cited in the survey include a plot in Borchards Quarry which fetched R30/m² in November compared with up to R43/m² earlier last year

And recent Philippi sales took place around the R18/m² mark against R25/m² at the beginning of 1984 Both areas were speculator favourites in the boom, but Epping Industria, where sales are generally to end-users, is still holding up well at about R75/m²

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Rent issue: Molefe speaks

THE Atteridgeville people's refusal to pay increased rents was "a fight for survival against the Government that denies us the right to live in the country of our birth," Mr Popo Molefe, general secretary of the United Democratic Front, told a residents' meeting at the weekend.

Speaking at the Atteridgeville/Saulsville Residents' (Asro) protest meeting at the St Paul's Anglican Church on Sunday, Mr Molefe said people were fighting for a democratic South Africa where basic necessities such as housing would be available for all People also wanted to ensure that the apartheid regime did its own "dirty work" without the black man's contribution, he said.

dents if not why not, if so, (i) what tests, (ii) by whom and (iii) with what results,

(4) whether the Board consulted any organizations prior to the construction of the amphitheatre, if not, why not, if so, (a) which organizations and (b) what was the response of each such organization and (ii) reasons advanced for this response in each case?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER SUPPLY

(1) No
(a) Falls away
(b) Fall away

(2) Fall away

(3) Fall away

(4) Fall away

Federal Council of Teacher Organizations

*4 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether he held a meeting with the Federal Council of Teacher Organizations on or about 9 January 1985, if so, (a) why, (b) what matters were discussed and (c) with what results?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Yes, (a) and (b) to discuss the reduction of state expenditure and the promotion of higher productivity of employees in the Government sector following a press statement by the Commission for Administration on 6 December 1984, and (c) the Federal Council made it's standpoint known and the matter is still receiving attention

Mr R M BURROWS Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, is he prepared to give the assurance that in cutting back on State expenditure on education, there will be no cutting back on the promotion structure announced last year?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, naturally I am not in a position to give any assurances now The budget will be discussed fully later and the hon member will then receive his answer

Hansard Q. 61-288
Books/stationery 26/2/85

*5 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether pupils at any schools falling under the control of his Department are provided with (a) text books, (b) set books, (c) exercise books, (d) class readers and (e) stationery free of charge, if not, why not, if so, (i) which schools or categories of schools are (aa) provided and (bb) not provided with each such item and (ii) what is the estimated total cost of items not supplied free of charge to a parent of a pupil in (aa) Standard 4 and (bb) Standard 9?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Yes, all schools of the Department are provided with (a) text books (b) set books, (c) exercise books, (d) class readers and (e) stationery, free of charge

(i) (aa) Schools of Industries and Reformatories, 4 Special State schools and 4 state training centres

(bb) State aided special schools and State aided training centres receive a subsidy of 75 per cent from the State and the balance is provided by sponsoring bodies

(ii) (aa) and (bb) The questions fall away because all these items are supplied without any cost to the parents

White Own Affairs: sum allocated

*6. Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of the Budget

Whether any sum has been allocated to White Own Affairs from the 1984-85 Budget, if not, why not, if so, (a) what sum and (b) for what period?

†The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET

Yes,

(a) The sum amounts to R1 087 801 000 This does not include the additional amount still to be voted The details of this additional amount are contained in the estimate of additional expenditure of the Administration House of Assembly which was Tabled by me today

(b) 1 September 1984 to 31 March 1985

(127) Hansard Q. 61-289
East Rand: housing 26/2/85

*7 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

(1) How many housing units for White occupation were built on the East Rand 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 on the East Rand, if so, (a) what was the estimated shortage of housing for white families on the East Rand 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) Figures for the East Rand are not separately available, but 463 housing units and welfare housing for 356 persons were built in the Witwatersrand area in 1984

(b) It is expected that 461 housing units and welfare housing for 2 060 persons 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 whereafter the results will be made available

Johannesburg North: rent-controlled dwellings

*8 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Local Government Housing and Works

(1) How many rent controlled dwellings are there in the electoral division of Johannesburg North or in the areas falling into this electoral division

(2) whether any applications for rent increases in respect of such dwellings were received in 1984, if so how many?

†The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) The required information is not readily available and also not definable as all dwellings occupied before 21 October 1949 are subject to rent control while dwellings occupied after 20 October 1949 and before 1 June 1966 are only subject to rent control if the relevant tenants are protected tenants

(2) Yes There were 12 applications for rent increases in respect of houses and 8 applications for rent increases in respect of blocks of flats consisting of 110 flat units in total

For written reply

General Affairs

(26) Hansard Q. 61 290
Group Areas Act 26/2/85

9 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

How many (a) White (b) Coloured and (c) Indian families in each province were moved from their homes in terms of the group Areas Act in the year 1st

specified period of 12 months for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

	(a) White	(b) Coloured	(c) Indian
Cape Province	14	488	47
Transvaal .	73	207	—
Orange Free State	—	35	—
Natal .	—	102	128
	87	832	175

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

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(2) whether any further prosecutions (a) have been instituted or (b) are pending; if so, how many in each case in each province,

(3) what was the total number of such prosecutions in each province as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

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Natal—none;
Orange Free State—none;
Transvaal (only for the Pretoria-Witwatersrand area)—none.

(b) Cape Province—14;
Natal—none;
Orange Free State—none;
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(3) As in 1 above.

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The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

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(b) . 326.
(c) . 122.
(d) : None.

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Whether any persons were detained in 1984 in terms of section 185 of the Criminal Procedure Act, No 51 of 1977; if so, (a) how many, (b) for what period was each of them detained and (c) in respect of what crime in each case?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

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Services suspended

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Whether any services provided by his Department were suspended in 1984 (a) owing to staff shortages and (b) for any other reasons, if so, (i) what services and (ii) where?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

(a) and (b) No.

Hansard Q.61.294 26/2/85
Langa/Guguletu/Nyanga: swimming pools

70 Mr C W EGLIN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) Whether there are any swimming pools under the control of the Western Cape Development Board in the townships of (a) Langa, (b) Guguletu and (c) Nyanga; if so, (i) how many in each such township and (ii) when last was each such pool open for use by the public;

Housing for low-income whites in Krugersdorp

The Krugersdorp Town Council last night approved a motion to establish a township for low-income white residents, using funds set aside in 1978 for the resettlement of the town's black township, Munsieville

Presenting his motion, Mr Sakkie Nel said the council had unsuccessfully negotiated for more than 20 years with the State to resettle Munsieville residents. He recommended that the council revert to the establishment of a white township, using the R1,2 million set aside for the Munsieville project. — West Rand Bureau

dents, if not, why not, if so, (i) what tests, (ii) by whom and (iii) with what results,

(4) whether the Board consulted any organizations prior to the construction of the amphitheatre, if not, why not, if so, (a) which organizations and (b) what was the (i) response of each such organization and (ii) reasons advanced for this response in each case?

The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER SUPPLY

(1) No
(a) Falls away
(b) Fall away

(2) Fall away

(3) Fall away

(4) Fall away

Federal Council of Teacher Organizations

*4 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether he held a meeting with the Federal Council of Teacher Organizations on or about 9 January 1985, if so, (a) why, (b) what matters were discussed and (c) with what results?

†The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

Yes, (a) and (b) to discuss the reduction of state expenditure and the promotion of higher productivity of employees in the Government sector following a press statement by the Commission for Administration on 6 December 1984, and (c) the Federal Council made it's standpoint known and the matter is still receiving attention

Mr R M BURROWS: Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon the Minister, is he prepared to give the assurance that in cutting back on State expenditure on education, there will be no cutting back on the promotion structure announced last year?

†The MINISTER Mr Speaker, naturally I am not in a position to give any assurances now The budget will be discussed fully later and the hon member will then receive his answer

Hansard Q 61·288
Books/stationery
26/2/85

*5 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Education and Culture

Whether pupils at any schools falling under the control of his Department are provided with (a) text books, (b) set books, (c) exercise books, (d) class readers and (e) stationery free of charge, if not, why not, if so, (i) which schools or categories of schools are (aa) provided and (bb) not provided with each such item and (ii) what is the estimated total cost of items not supplied free of charge to a parent of a pupil in (aa) Standard 4 and (bb) Standard 9?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Yes, all schools of the Department are provided with (a) text books (b) set books, (c) exercise books, (d) class readers and (e) stationery, free of charge

(i) (aa) Schools of Industries and Reformatories, 4 Special State schools and 4 state training centres

(bb) State aided special schools and State aided training centres receive a subsidy of 75 per cent from the State and the balance is provided by sponsoring bodies

(ii) (aa) and (bb) The questions fall away because all these items are supplied without any cost to the parents

White Own Affairs: sum allocated

*6 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of the Budget

Whether any sum has been allocated to White Own Affairs from the 1984-85 Bud-

get, if not, why not, if so, (a) what sum and (b) for what period?

†The MINISTER OF THE BUDGET

Yes,

(a) The sum amounts to R1 007 801 000 This does not include the additional amount still to be voted The details of this additional amount are contained in the estimate of additional expenditure of the Administration House of Assembly which was Tabled by me today

(b) 1 September 1984 to 31 March 1985

(127) Hansard Q.61·289
East Rand: housing
26/2/85

*7 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

(1) How many housing units for White occupation were built on the East Rand 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 on the East Rand, if so, (a) what was the estimated shortage of housing for white families on the East Rand 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) Figures for the East Rand are not separately available, but 463 housing units and welfare housing for 356 persons were built in the Witwatersrand area in 1984

(b) It is expected that 461 housing units and welfare housing for 2 060 persons will be built in 1985

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

Johannesburg North: rent-controlled dwellings

*8 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

(1) How many rent-controlled dwellings are there in the electoral division of Johannesburg North or in the areas falling into this electoral division

(2) whether any applications for rent increases in respect of such dwellings were received in 1984, if so how many?

†The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) The required information is not readily available and also not definable as all dwellings occupied before 21 October 1949 are subject to rent control while dwellings occupied after 20 October 1949 and before 1 July 1966 are only subject to rent control if the relevant tenants are protected tenants

(2) Yes There were 12 applications for rent increases in respect of houses and 8 applications for rent increases in respect of blocks of flats consisting of 110 flat units in total

For written reply

General Affairs

Hansard Q.61 2/1·
Group Areas Act 26/2/85

9 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

How many (a) White, (b) Coloured and (c) Indian families in each province moved from their homes in terms of the Group Areas Act in 1984 or the

specified period of 12 months for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

	(a) White	(b) Coloured	(c) Indian
Cape Province	14	488	47
Transvaal	73	207	—
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Natal	—	102	128
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Hansard Q.601 294
Langa/Guguletu/Nyanga: swimming pools

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Parliament and

Nat MP warns against evictions

Political Staff

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa could not afford the overseas reaction if it began to evict people from houses in terms of the Group Areas Act, Mr Roelf Meyer, the National Party MP for Johannesburg West, said on Wednesday night

"If we are not going to solve the problems of this country, fires are going to start that we won't be able to put out," Mr Meyer told a rowdy meeting in Mayfair

"We all know the explosiveness of the situation, even in this suburb, as a result of the tension between races This is true for all of South Africa

"The tension in black areas is high, the economy is at a low point It is the responsibility of the government to see that we have the maximum chance of stability and peace

"Don't set things alight when we will all burn"

Mr Meyer was addressing a meeting called by the Mayfair Residents' and Ratepayers' Association to protest against the number of coloureds and Indians living in their "white" suburb

The crowd of about 120 people gave Mr Meyer a rough welcome, repeatedly interrupting him with shouts and insults

Racial epithets abounded as people asked Mr Meyer to act against blacks, coloureds and Indians who were allegedly living illegally in the area, dominating the parks and blocking the streets with their cars

Mr Meyer said the government was acting on two fronts to deal with the problem It was considering legislation that would act against landlords who sold or rented properties illegally to coloureds and Indians

It was also planning to build flats in Newton to house those who were living in 'white" areas

"If we are going to evict people and put them out on the street, what will be the reaction of the rest of the world?

"And this is a time when we can't afford it We can't afford disinvestment It is a question of our own interests'

He added that Mayfair was a white suburb and it had to remain so

EVICTION THREATS FOR JORAC 3



MKHIZE

THE HAMBANATI community council is threatening to evict three Joint Rent Action Committee members — claiming they are "not living under family conditions"

Jorac treasurer Ian Mkhize, chairman Richard Gumede and Linda Jack were served with the notices this week.

Unless they satisfy the council within seven days that they are "living under family conditions", superintendent A Ngwenya will go ahead with the cancellation of their permits to reside in Hambanati, says one of the notices

Natal Development Board district manager C Woofard confirmed that the three were served with notices because they don't live in their houses "for more than 30 days"

Mr Mkhize and 25 other families fled their homes last August in the wake of clashes between supporters of Inkatha and the UDF

The Hambanati Residents' Association has condemned the council's action.

Saveton 4/3/85 127

Rent: 300 march

ABOUT 300 residents marched through the streets of Katlehong yesterday chanting freedom songs and slogans after a tempestuous meeting to discuss the rent issue.

Earlier the meeting had defied an order by the police for the meeting to come to an end Permission for the meeting was until 4pm, the police pointed out, but the meeting continued until 4 30pm

About 1 000 people had resolved at the public meeting to stop paying their rent until all councillors had resigned

The meeting also resolved to boycott all businesses belonging to councillors The meeting which was called by the Katlehong Action Committee (KAC) was held at the AME Church in the township's Shongweni Section

Meanwhile in Tsakane, Brakpan, a meeting to discuss the fate of the 300 shack dwellers failed to take place The meeting was to be addressed by Mr F E Marx, chief director of the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo) and members of the Tsakane Community Council

None of them attended the meeting The shack dwellers were to have been moved to a new section in the area by last Thursday

Swartrand and Hartebeeslaagte to Pachsdraai
De Beersput to Vaalbank (KwaNdebele)

Hansard Q.Col. 355 4/3/85
(127) • Soweto

58 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) How many housing schemes are at present being developed in Soweto by the (a) West Rand Development Board and (b) private sector,

(2) (a) when (i) were such schemes initiated and (ii) is it envisaged that they will be completed and (b) how many housing units are involved in each case,

(3) whether any housing schemes for lower-income groups are under construction in Soweto, if so, (a)(i) how many and (ii) how many units are involved in each case and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) Four

(b) Six

(2) Schemes developed by the West Rand Development Board

	(a) (i)	(a) (ii)	(b)
Chiawelo	1981	1985	420
Jabulani	1981	1985	434
Naledi Extension II	1982	1985	777
Protea North	1983	1987	3 327
Schemes developed by the private sector			
Chiawelo	1983	1985	55
Jabulani	1982	1985	53
Naledi Extension II	1983	1986	362
Pimville Zone 7	1983	1986	69
Moroka	1983	1986	53
Molapo	1982	1985	100

(3) No

Unlicensed television sets

67 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs

What was the estimated (a) number of unlicensed television sets in the Republic as at the end of 1984 or the latest specified 12-month period for which figures are available and (b) loss of revenue suffered by the SABC as a result?

The MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

(a) It is not possible to provide an accurate figure However, comparing the results of a random sample undertaken by the SABC to establish an estimate of privately owned television sets with the amount of licenses issued in 1984, it would appear that there are approximately 350 000 unlicensed TV sets

(b) The estimated net loss of revenue is of the order of R15 million.

Hansard 4/3/85
Q.Col. 356
Black spots

122. Mr G B D McINTOSH asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development:

(1) (a) How many Black spots were removed in each (i) magisterial district and (ii) province since the beginning of 1984 up to the latest specified date for which figures are available, (b) what was the (i) name and (ii) population of each such Black spot and (c) where were the inhabitants of each such spot resettled,

(2) what was the total (a) amount paid out in compensation for, and (b) cost of removing, each of these Black spots in 1983 and 1984, respectively?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(1) (a) (i) Ventersdorp—One up to 31 December 1984

(ii) Transvaal—One up to 31 December 1984

(b) (i) Swartrand/Hartbeeslaagte

(ii) 1 078 persons

(c) Pachsdraai, District of Groot Marico

(2) (a) 1983—R1 116 610
1984—R 106 332

(b) 1983—R5 397 285 (transport and developing costs)
1984—R293 354 (transport costs)

Hansards 4/3/85
Q.Col. 357
Townships proclaimed/deproclaimed

123 Mr G B D McINTOSH asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development.

(1) (a) How many Black townships outside the national states were (i) proclaimed and (ii) deproclaimed in 1984 and (b) where are these townships situated,

(2) (a) how many persons removed from the deproclaimed townships had been resettled (i) in and (ii) outside the national states as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) in which areas outside the national states had the persons concerned been resettled as at that date?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT:

(1) (a) (i) Two

(ii) Four

(b) (i) Kareedouw—Eastern Cape,
Allanridge—Orange Free State
(ii) Jacobsdal—Southern Orange Free State,
Hanover—Eastern Cape,
Christiana—Western Transvaal,
Luckhoff—Southern Orange Free State.

(2) (a) (i) None

(ii) Jacobsdal None

Hanover (New Brighton) 23 families still reside on group areas permit basis in the deproclaimed township which is now a Coloured group area

Christiana 30 families (192 persons) were settled in the new township

Luckhoff 264 persons were settled in Botshabelo.

(b) Jacobsdal A number of people were settled in the new Urban Black Township prior to 1984

Hanover (New Brighton) 23 families will shortly be settled in the new Urban Black Township Nompumelelo

Christiana 30 families (192 persons) were settled in the new township.

Luckhoff 264 persons were settled in Botshabelo and 27 families (183 persons) at Luckhoff are still resident in the deproclaimed township which is now a Coloured group area

(Figures as at 31 December 1984)

X Hansard 4/3/85 X
Q.Col. 358
Black spots

128. Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Co-operation and Development

(a) How many Blacks were moved from Black spots to Black states in 1984 or during the latest specified 12-month period for which figures are available and (b)(i) from which Black spots and (ii) to which

Stabilization Account

*16 Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Finance

(a) What amount was standing to the credit of the Stabilization Account as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) what is it estimated will be the balance in the account as at 31 March 1985?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE

(a) R194 788 120 as at 21 February 1985

(b) R194 788 120

Tobacco products: revenue

*17 Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Finance

What was the total amount of revenue received by his Department from tobacco products in the latest specified financial year for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE

Revenues collected on tabacco products for the financial year 1983/84 are —

Customs duty R 26 866 978

Excise duty R402 938 651

Estimated collections for income tax and sales tax are R36,6M and R117,1M, respectively

Airways: fiftieth anniversary

*18 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

(1) Whether a party was given in 1984 to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the South African Airways, if so, (a) what was the total cost of the party and (b) what specified items are included in this figure;

(2) whether the South African Airways paid any part of this cost, if so, what was the total cost to the South African Airways?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(1) Yes

(a) Approximately R650 000

(b) Catering, entertainment and accommodation

(2) No, the gala festival was sponsored by a number of companies of which the Airbus Industry, the Boeing Company, General Electric and Pratt and Whitney were the main sponsors

Hansard
(127) Q. 61 404 5/3/85
Mamelodi

*19 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) Whether additional building stands (a) are being and/or (b) will be provided at Mamelodi, if not, why not, if so,

(2) whether surveying has begun in regard to these additional building stands, if not, why not, if so, when,

(3) whether the surveying has been completed, if so, (a) how many stands will be provided and (b) when will they be available to the public, if not, (i) why not, (ii) what progress has been made in this regard and (iii) when is it anticipated that the surveying will be completed,

(4) whether the surveying of these stands was suspended, if so, (a) when and (b) why?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a) and (b) Yes

(2) Yes, on 1 August 1983

(3) (a) and (b) The surveying will be completed by the end of March 1985

Provision will be made for 2 085 sites, which will be made available to the public as soon as the relevant plans from the Surveyor-general come to hand

(4) No (a) and (b) Fall away

Trans-Karoo Express

*20 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

(1) Whether the Trans-Karoo Express is provided with an air-conditioned (a) dining-room car and (b) lounge car, if not,

(2) whether this train was provided with such cars, if so, when,

(3) whether this facility was subsequently discontinued, if so, (a) on what date and (b) why?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(1) (a) Yes

(b) No

(2) Yes

(a) Since 1960

(b) Since 1963

(3) Yes, the lounge car has been withdrawn

(a) 20 September 1984

(b) To provide more passenger accommodation especially during peak periods and because of misbehaviour of some passengers frequenting the lounge car

Knobel Commission' report

*21 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 9 on 21 March 1984 the report of the Knobel Commission has been considered by the Cabinet if not when will it be considered, if so,

(2) whether his Department intends to issue a White Paper in connection with this report, if not, why not, if so, when,

(3) whether he is contemplating introducing any legislation as a result of the report, if so, (a) what legislation and (b) when?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(1) No, since the necessary documentation for submission to the Cabinet, at the earliest possible date, is still being prepared

(2) Yes, as soon as the Cabinet has ruled on the recommendations of the Commission

(3) (a) and (b)

A decisive reply cannot be given at this stage as the enactment of likely legislation will depend entirely on a decision which the Cabinet may make in the relevant regard after studying the Commission's report

Hansard
Soweto Q. 61. 406 5/3/85

*22 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) Whether he or any member of his Department has received a memorandum concerning the monthly allowances of the mayor and councillors of Soweto, if so, (a) when and (b) what were the circumstances surrounding the preparation and submission of the memorandum,

(2) whether any proposals were put forward in the memorandum, if so, (a) what proposals and (b) what was his

(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

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(3) Yes

(a) 2192

(b) 2203 as at 28 February 1985

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Hansard Q.601.639
14/3/85

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HoA

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(ii) R8 696 437

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Hansard Q 601640
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Hansard

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Q.601642 14/3/85

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(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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Sowetans snap up 41 000 homes

By PETER WALLINGTON

SOWETANS are buying houses at the rate of 1 000 a month — and the figure is expected to rise in the months ahead

More than 41 000 houses in all have been sold in Greater Soweto — Soweto, Diepmeadow and Dobsonville — either under the 99-year leasehold scheme or the old 30-year-scheme

The Department of Co-operation and Development announced earlier this month that 82 000 houses had been sold under the 30-year-scheme countrywide, while 26 000 had been sold under the leasehold scheme

The chairman of the West Rand Development Board (WRDB), Mr John Knoetze, said this week the sale of the houses along with the implementation of free trading areas, the improvement of educational facilities and the upgrading of facilities in Soweto, would lead to a more settled community

Security

He said home ownership would go a long way towards giving people the security and peace of mind they needed

He was "very happy" with the progress being made in Soweto "Now that initial teething troubles have been ironed out we expect to do better in the future," he said

More than 5 000 homes have been registered under the 99-year leasehold scheme since March 1979, while another 21 000 homes have been sold on deed of sale, under leasehold conditions, since the 'Great House Sale' was launched in July 1983

Another 15 000 homes were sold under the old home-ownership scheme — also called the 30-year-scheme — before July 1983 This means more than 41 000 homes have been sold, and those that are not registered under the 99-year leasehold system can be transferred to the scheme in the future

A big stumbling block is that much of Soweto still has to be surveyed, but this should be completed by the end of the month

Mr Knoetze said those who had houses registered under the 99-year leasehold scheme would be able to transfer them to freehold rights if and when this became law

In his address at the opening of Parliament in January, the State President, Mr P W Botha, said the government was considering extending freehold home ownership rights to blacks in areas where they now had leasehold rights

Mr Knoetze said there were another 40 000 houses still for sale

As well as this, about 20 000 homes would be kept by the town councils in Greater Soweto for housing pensioners and the poor

He said the sale of houses was also important in that freemarket principles would come into operation

"We have had people who bought houses for R1 500 and later sold them for R15 000 That means that home-ownership can become a source of income just as it is in the white community

"And after all why shouldn't a man make a return on his investment?"

Mr Knoetze said more than R600-million had been spent — since he became chairman of the WRDB five years ago — on upgrading services in Soweto, on the electrification scheme and on housing

Apart from the sale of existing houses, the board was involved in other schemes, he said

In an ambitious development at Protea North, the board has teamed up with the Soweto town council and the Urban Foundation The project will provide 2 500 sites for housing, nine schools and a business centre

Outlay

Capital outlay on the installation of utility services and construction of houses is expected to exceed R80-million The first sites are expected to be available later this year

While Mr Knoetze is happy with the progress over the last five years, he said there was still much to be done

The housing backlog of about 25 000 units was growing by 4 000 a year To acquire the necessary land, and to service and develop it, would cost hundreds of millions of rands, he said

Mr Knoetze said to create an effective housing programme, the black community, private enterprise and the public sector would have to play their respective roles as effectively as possible

In a recent address to the Johannesburg CBD Association and the Johannesburg Afrikaanse Sakekamer's conference 'Coping with City Problems', Mr Knoetze said social upliftment was necessary for political stability, without which there would be no satisfactory economic progress

Townships blooming, thanks to 'Mr Clean'

THE destruction of property and the environment during the 1976 Soweto riots spurred nature-conscious Mr Jafta Lekgetho into action

He resigned from his teaching post and held a series of meetings with Soweto residents His message was always the same "To destroy the environment is to destroy society — let's treasure our roots rather than punish them."

In 1979 the National Environmental Awareness Council (NEAC) was launched, funded by the private sector.

The council is going strong and is becoming increasingly effective, says its president, Mr Lekgetho, popularly known to residents as 'Mr Clean'

"For three years I spoke to people and found the main reasons for not caring about the environment flowed from non-ownership of land and a hostile attitude towards the administration board

"They said the roads were not graded, dirt was not collected and nothing was done for Soweto There was a feeling 'I'm only here temporarily, so why should I care?' " he said



●Mr Jafta Lekgetho — sense of permanence is important Picture HERBERT MABUZA

The introduction of the 99-year leasehold system had helped create a sense of permanence and a pride in the home Extending this to freehold rights would be another positive step, Mr Lekgetho said.

Mr Lekgetho went from school to school, encouraging pupils to form environment committees and to clean up their school grounds

"The schools were a major success — today many are fenced, the grounds are kept clean and trees have been planted," he said

Residents were then encouraged to help clear areas for parks, and it was this community spirit that was all important, Mr Lekgetho said

Today there are 15 such parks, complete with playgrounds and benches They are grassed and trees and flowers have been planted

The parks are sponsored by private companies

NEAC has a list of proposed projects for 1985, ranging from creating a green belt along the Klip River to starting an agricultural farm

Mr Lekgetho also wants to start a plant nursery and develop the bird sanctuary at NEAC's headquarters

The council's only problem is a lack of funds and will soon launch a campaign to attract new funding from private enterprise

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IT'S A SHAME

. . . Right in the 'city of gold'



SOME OF the homeless people in Johannesburg are seen sleeping next to St Mary's Cathedral in Hoek Street

SCORES of people from rural areas and Soweto are sleeping on pavements in the centre of Johannesburg because they have no alternative accommodation.

The SOWETAN team last week found at least 15 of these people — men and women, including a 20-month-old baby — sleeping in Hoek Street next to St Mary's Anglican Cathedral and a shoe shop.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

twilight children staying in Johannesburg.

The people tracked down by The SOWETAN cannot be classified as hobos because some are doing piece jobs in the city or suburbs or are job seekers.

Police

Their main problem, they said, was the harrassment from the police who wake them up at ungodly hours and chase them away. Many sleep without blankets on cardboard boxes they throw away in the morning and look for

she slept at Johannesburg Station.

She left her Zola, Soweto home a few months ago after her brother and his wife had made life unbearable following the death of her parents.

She has attended school up to Std 9 and survived by doing a half-a-day flat cleaning job earning R40 a month. She was presently trying to save money so that she could take her son to her uncle in Queenstown because "I think I will cope better if I am all by myself".

"I have been sleeping around town for two years after my previous employer, who I had worked for for 15 years, died. However, I am tired of living such a life and have decided to go back home in April", she said.

Mr Tsokolo Skweyiya said he was also from Queenstown and arrived in the city last September. He was employed by a new building construction firm and earned R35 a week.

"Because my firm does not provide us with sleeping accommodation, I had no choice but to seek shelter here in town. Al-

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BURIAL: Mrs Muntu Motlhaping being comforted yesterday during the funeral of her husband, Mr Gilbert "Bra Gil" Motlhaping, ex-mayor of KwaThema, Springs. Thousands of people attended the funeral service and his death was described as a "a big loss to the community."



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Superintendents over react says Kunene

By LEAH MATLARE

TOWNSHIP superintendents who have been evicting residents from their homes because of electricity arrears are acting above the law, Soweto's mayor Mr Edward Kunene has said.

Mr Kunene expressed shock to learn that families have been evicted from their homes for failing to settle their electricity bills He added that people could only be evicted for not paying rent

"Even in the case of rent arrears, the superintendent cannot simply evict families summarily, but has to inform the councillor of the ward concerned first, who can then approach the family to investigate their difficulties It is only when all else has failed that an eviction is effected," Mr Kunene said

The Petersen family of Orlando West owed R240 for electricity and had their property impounded and were threatened with eviction

A member of the family, Miss Eunice Petersen, said council officials removed pots, pans, bedroom suites, the fridge and also removed plates from the coal stove to ensure that the family could not use the stove

She said the family was up to date with their rent payments but had fallen back with the electricity account

"They have given us seven days to pay up and have threatened to cancel our tenancy if we don't pay up," a distraught Miss Petersen said

A section of the Housing Act stipulates that a local authority must either bring a court action or give written notice of the intention to evict

Legal opinion is that residents evicted outside the terms of the Act could sue the local authority concerned

Mr Kunene promised to investigate the case of a Tshiawelo family who have been threatened with eviction for falling back on their rent payment

The head of the family said council officials took away all the family's possessions that could fit into the eviction truck He said his furniture was taken away as well as clothes and even some rice and fish oil the officials found in the kitchen

Neither of the two evicted families were given an inventory of the goods council officials removed

One victim said the officials instead said they would not be responsible for any goods damaged or lost and that the evicted person would have to hire a truck to fetch his goods from the council's storerooms

He said he had consulted an attorney about his eviction

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

(a) On 22 February 1985

(b) A complaint was lodged that three Coloured women were in the building for purposes of prostitution

(c) The persons concerned were requested to leave the building

(2) No, because the complainant did not require further action

(3)-(6) No

Hansard Q-601 755
Death sentences 19/3/85

*43 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice

How many death sentences in each race group were commuted in 1984?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

White males	3
Black males	23
Coloured males	9
Total	35

Hansard Q.601.755
Internal Security Act 19/3/85

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Whether he received any written representations in 1984 from detainees held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, relating to their detention or release, if so, (a) how many and (b) in how many cases did the representations result in the release of the detainees concerned?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes

(a) Ten

(b) None

*45 Mr P R C ROGERS—Foreign Affairs [Reply standing over]

Own Affairs

*1 Mr R W HARDINGHAM—Agriculture and Water Supply [Reply standing over]

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Pageview: rebuilding of house Q.601 756 19/3/85

*2 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Community Development to Question No 15 on 20 June 1984, the house in Pageview has been rebuilt and restored to its legal occupants, if not, why not, if so, on what date,

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(3) what specified steps were taken by the Department to prevent a recurrence of this kind of incident?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

(1) Yes on 23 July 1984

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Fochville Hospital	37
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Glynwood Nursing Home (Pty) Ltd	71
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Demos stone top policeman

By ALINAH DUBE

ATTERIDGEVILLE Station Commander, Major A Maleka, and five other policemen were injured in a stone-throwing incident at the weekend after they used sjamboks to disperse placard-carrying residents who were protesting against high rents in the area.

According to Brig Hendrik du Plessis, CID Chief for the Northern Transvaal, the incident took place on Sunday afternoon as residents were returning from a meeting at the Presbyterian Church Hall The meeting was called in a bid to protest the R8,40 tariff increase which was effected early this month

Brig du Plessis said after leaving the hall, people waving placards marched towards the house of Mr Enoch Sibanyoni, a local mayor Police were called to the scene and on arrival, they advised demonstrators that the proceeding was illegal.

"The mob then surged forward and started throwing stones at the police There was a fracas as police used shamboks to disperse the people.

"Five of the injured policemen suffered bruises and Major Maleka had a cut wound on his upper lip," Brig du Plessis said

It was also agreed that the Atteridgeville-/Saulsville Residents Organisation (Asro) be recognised as a representative body for the 87 percent of local residents who did not vote for town councils when they came into power

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

(a) On 22 February 1985

(b) A complaint was lodged that three Coloured women were in the building for purposes of prostitution

(c) The persons concerned were requested to leave the building

(2) No, because the complainant did not require further action

(3)-(6) No

Hansard Q.601 755
Death sentences 19/3/85

*43 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice

How many death sentences in each race group were commuted in 1984?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

White males	3
Black males	23
Coloured males	9
Total	35

Hansard Q.601.755
Internal Security Act 19/3/85

*44 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Law and Order

Whether he received any written representations in 1984 from detainees held under section 29 of the Internal Security Act, No 74 of 1982, relating to their detention or release, if so, (a) how many and (b) in how many cases did the representations result in the release of the detainees concerned?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes

(a) Ten

(b) None

*45 Mr P R C ROGERS—Foreign Affairs [Reply standing over]

Own Affairs

*1 Mr R W HARDINGHAM—Agriculture and Water Supply [Reply standing over]

Hansard
127 **Pageview: rebuilding of house**
Q.601 756 19/3/85

*2 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Community Development to Question No 15 on 20 June 1984, the house in Pageview has been rebuilt and restored to its legal occupants, if not, why not, if so, on what date,

(2) (a) what was the total cost to the State of demolishing and rebuilding this house and (b) how is this amount made up,

(3) what specified steps were taken by the Department to prevent a recurrence of this kind of incident?

The MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, HOUSING AND WORKS

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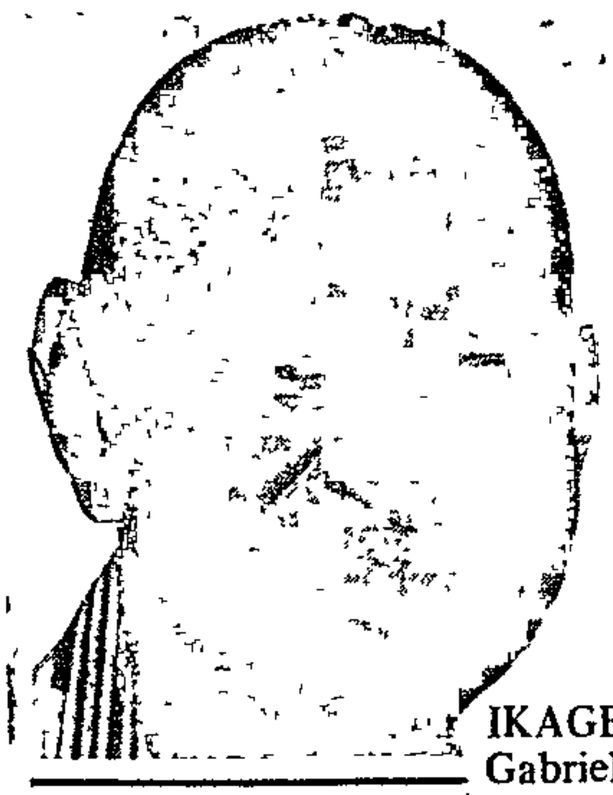


'Have fun in my house for only R20'

IKAGENG mayor Gabriel Moraledi has allocated three houses to his daughter – one is used as a "sex den", the second is hired out and the third houses a female employee of the family.

A City Press investigation revealed that all three houses – stand numbers 4530, 4531 and 2400 – were allocated to Mr Moraledi's eldest daughter, Olga, despite a waiting list of 456 people in the area.

By DANIEL DHLAMINI

The houses have all been registered under her name – and it is at house number 4531 where the fun is

This house serves as a "brothel", or to accommodate men and women who want to have sex

The fee is lucrative – R20 a night This house is also built next to a church, about 10m away from Madibeng Combined School

It is reliably understood that the Ikageng town council has approved Mr Moraledi's application to re-zone the house to operate as a "mini-motel".

Several couples have been booking in for the "nights of passion"

The second house – still under renovation – might be used for a similar purpose

Mayor Moraledi said the house would be available for anybody who want to rent a room

Their third house is occupied by Margaret Ndala, who works in Mr Moraledi's shop The previous owner, S Rapulane, swopped this four-roomed house with the mayor for her present two-room

Mr Moraladí confirmed that the houses were registered under his daughter's name

She doesn't live in any of them and stays with her father at the "main" house

He declined to comment when asked why he granted his daughter the three houses while there was a waiting list in the area

Residents in the township have expressed their disgust at the "brothel" house

Newclare to get 500 new flats

127 Star 10/4/85

By Frank Jeans

Five hundred flats are to be built for the coloured community in Newclare, Johannesburg by LTA Building (Witwatersrand).

Work has begun on the R14 million contract which will run for two years and is one of two being awarded by Johannesburg City Council for coloured housing developments in Newclare this year.

"The fact that these housing projects are going ahead despite severe cuts in spending indicates the Government's continued commitment to easing the housing backlog," says managing director Mr Peter Riddoch

There will be 32 buildings in the project, with no block having more than 28 flats The homes are aimed at small family units and most of the flats will have two rooms.

R20 million repeat

Following completion of the Mmabatho manpower centre for the Government of Bophuthatswana, the Stocks group has been awarded a similar contract near Ga-Rankuwa at a cost of R20 million.

The design of the new facility provides for a 20 000 sq m complex that will accommodate 1 000 students There will also be training workshops, laboratories, classrooms and sports arena

The 'white' road

What is believed to be the first large-scale use of cement concrete in repairing a South African bituminous surface road is transforming 30 km of the N3 from "black" to "white"

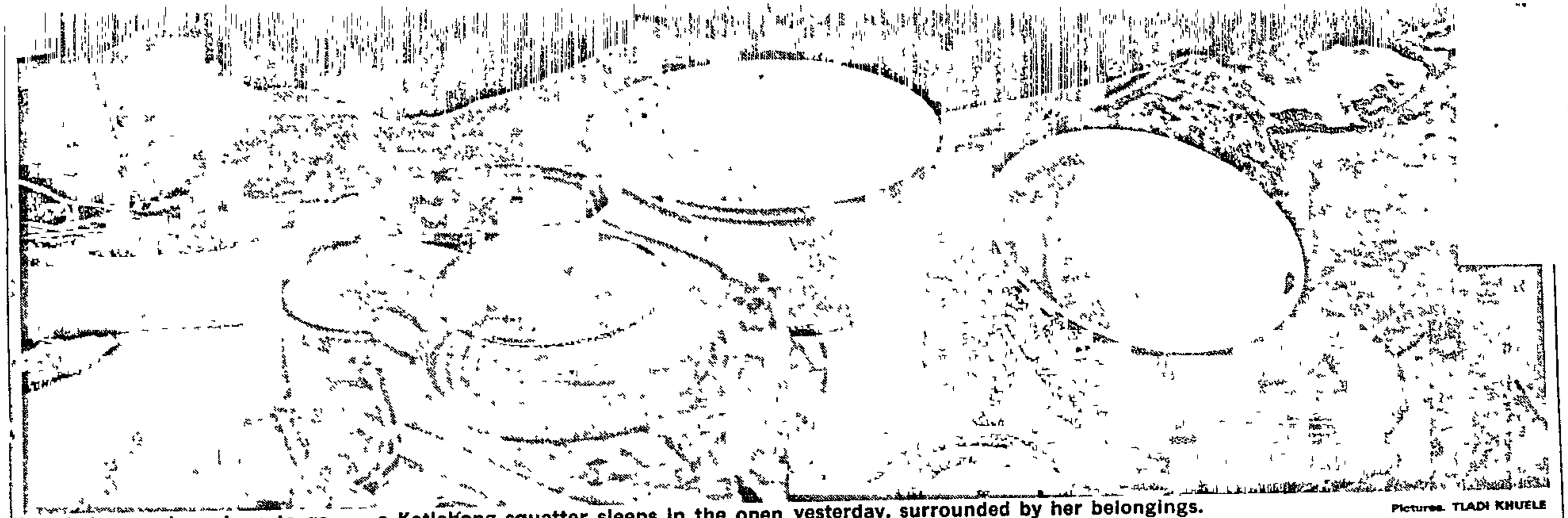
The Cato Ridge-Athlone section of the N3 between Durban and Maritzburg is part of the vital link between Durban and the Reef It has been showing severe signs of damage after a daily load of up to 11 000 vehicles, of which about 20 percent are heavy trucks.

Contractor, Peter Faber is overlaying 80 000 cu m of concrete on the road rehabilitation programme, costing R20 million.

Shopping giant

One of the largest shopping centres in the Cape Peninsula, the R60 million Tyger Valley complex in Bellville is nearing completion.

Features of the new centre launched by Monex Development are its several courtyards designed with specific themes and incorporated into the malls



No shelter, and nowhere to go ... a Katlehong squatter sleeps in the open yesterday, surrounded by her belongings. Picture: TLADI KHUELE

Squatters left out in the open as board police raid Katlehong camp

By SOPHIE TEMA

A CONTINGENT of armed East Rand Development Board police raided the Katlehong squatter families yesterday morning and demolished five newly-built shacks, leaving a partially blind woman and another who is eight months pregnant in the open

The squatter camp is situated between the old Katlehong cemetery and a coalyard

Corrugated iron and other building material were confiscated by the police

Two of the families were not present when their shacks were brought down and their furniture and other belongings were left in the open.

Seven police vans, a "hippo" and a private car conveying Eradebo officials arrived at the camp. The men demolished five newly-built shacks

A police spokesman told the families that all the shacks would be demolished because most of the people there did not qualify to be in the area

When some of the women asked where they were supposed to go, he said "You will have to go back to where you came from because some of you here come from as far as Maputo"

Families at the camp said the police and officials arrived at 9.30am yesterday and started breaking down all recently-erected shacks

They then loaded all building materials on to their trucks

Last week more than 100 families in the camp were served with notices to demolish and remove their shacks from the area by April 22

The notices were served on the shack families by a Mr F J J Jacobs, and Eradebo officials.

Mrs Lettie Sauhatsi, who is expecting her fourth child in May, said she and her family arrived at the camp a week ago after they had been kicked out of the township where they had been living as sub-tenants

"My husband and I went about looking for a place to stay.

"But nobody wanted to take us in, and when we heard of this place we decided to come and stay here with our children just to have a roof over our heads

"I do not know what to do because I am expecting my baby next month"

Mrs Amelia Mokhutsoane said she moved to the camp on Monday night after losing her accommodation in Tsolo Section in Natalspruit

Mrs Mokhutsoane said "I came to Germiston in 1952 and worked in the area as a domestic.

"I left my job when I began to lose my eyesight and went to live in the township

"I never qualified for a house because the authorities kept on telling me that I was not born here

"I have been moving from place to place ever since, and when I found this place last week I thought that my problems were over, but it seems that it was only the beginning"



Pregnant Mrs Lettie Sauhatsi with three of her children and a friend after yesterday's raid by armed East Rand Development Board officials.

Eradebo brings down shacks - 30 left homeless

Sowetan 12/4/85

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MORE than 30 people were left homeless after their shacks were demolished at the Katlehong coalyard on Tuesday morning.

By ALI MPHAKI

Armed East Rand Development Board inspectors arrived at the coalyard at about 9.30 am. They ordered the occupants out before breaking down five newly-built dwellings

One of the shack dwellers, eight months pregnant Mrs Lettie Sauhatsi, had to spend the night at a friend's place. She was with her three children

Other shack occupants also found shelter at relatives' or friends' homes

Yesterday morning, Dr Abu Asvat and Mr Zithulele Cindi, both members of the Azanian People's Organisation (Azapo), visited the coalyard and erected a tent to help house the families.

They said Azapo was doing community service, in response to the plight of the people.

Dr Asvat said. "The Moria extravaganza where President P W Botha preached love, peace and goodwill, also asking those present to assist keeping out the forces of evil was in sharp contrast to the demolition of shacks on the East Rand.

"The same forces of darkness were at work on Tuesday morning and destroyed people's homes without even thinking of finding them alternative accommodation," Dr Asvat said.



HOMELESS: Mrs Lettie Sauhatsi standing in front of a tent erected by Azapo members. In the background Dr Abu Asvat is seen standing at the entrance of the tent.

Arrears delay for Lekoa

(127) C. Press 14/4/85

LEKOA residents have been granted an extension to May 1 next year to pay arrear rates and levies Deputy Education and Co-operation Minister Sam De Beer, announced yesterday

He said he had received the report of the Matthee/Hitge Comittee into rates and levies in the township, and that it found the rates and levies in Lekoa could not be regarded as "excessive"

Mr De Beer called on residents to pay without delay because the council needed the money to sup ply essential services

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(b) Migrants 22 445

Hansard Q Col 1123 16/4/85

Children's homes

597 Mr A B WIDMAN asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

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

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(a) (i) Nil

(ii) Nine (31 January 1985)

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KwaNdebele

598 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(a) How many houses were built in KwaNdebele by (i) his Department, (ii) other specified statutory bodies, (iii) the KwaNdebele authority and (iv) private builders in 1984, (b) what type or types of housing were built and (c) what was the total cost involved to each such body in that year?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(a) (i) Nil

(ii) 125 by KwaNdebele Development Corporation

(iii) Nil

(iv) The number is unknown but thousands of Ndebele built their own homes

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(ii) Improved 51/9-type four-roomed houses

(iii) Nil

(iv) All types, ranging from traditional homes to three- and four-roomed houses built according to approved plans

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(ii) R1 620 500

(iii) Nil

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16/4/85

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Hansard Q. Col 1124

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Hansard

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Q. Col. 1125 16/4/85

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(b)	Langa (R)	Nyanga (R)	Guguletu (R)
Rent commercial buildings	18 761	12 853	54 062
Rentals houses	1 425 970	770 516	2 067 060
Lodger fees	19 875	8 428	20 731
Municipal services	14 151	71 697	64 722
School levies	37 893	26 332	93 200
Cashier surplusses	108	112	241
Advertising hoardings	7 677	—	—
Visitors permits	7 096	4 360	43
Transfer fees	23	20	—
Cemetary fees	277	4 354	—
Bad Debts recovered	1 305	438	—
Maintenance recoveries	1 692	1 858	7 310
Dumping fees	—	19 872	—
School rental cards	—	1 416	—
Refuse bins	—	—	328
Miscellaneous revenue	281	1 507	979
Duplicated rent cards	92	325	—
Beer	359 793	123 945	37 711
Liquor	4 010 193	3 756 124	2 126 676
	5 905 187	4 804 157	4 473 063

(c) For administrative and operational purposes the three townships are treated as a unit

The Western Cape Development Board makes use of a central accounting system for administrative and running costs, and separate figures in respect of each town is consequently not readily available

(i) R4 849 603 for the administration only of these townships Apart from administration costs a total of R23 807 019 was spent on operating these townships This includes municipal services, the maintenance of houses and contributions to housing funds, the maintenance of commercial buildings, welfare services, health services, community services and cultural services such as libraries, community halls and sports and recreation

(ii) Langa R117 681
Nyanga R142 892
Guguletu R827 161

(2) (a) (i) Nil School fees contributed by pupils are mainly used for spots and similar activities peculiar to each school The building and renovation of schools are not financed with any of these funds, but from the separate budget of the Department of Education and Training

(ii) No houses were built as it was Government policy till September 1984 not to allow expansion in these towns In this regard the honourable member's attention is invited to my press statement of 21 February 1985

	(R)	(R)	(R)
(b)	21 706	21 707	731 185
(c)	1 847	27 057	1 847
(d) Sewerage	503	503	503
Water supply	93 625	93 625	93 626
	117 681	142 892	827 161

Expenditure on Development schemes (capital works) are available in respect of each township, because the cost of each scheme is accounted for separately

Hansard 16/4/85
Teachers Q. Col. 1109

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Own Affairs Hansard Q. 61 1110
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For written reply

General Affairs

Hansard Q.61.1111 16/4/85

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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(b) (i) R21 158 388

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Central Transvaal Development Board

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(b) (i) and (ii) Fall away

Highveld Development Board

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(a) 49

(b) (i) and (ii) Fall away

Northern Cape Development Board

(a) 21

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(ii) R275 078

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(b) (i) R9 612 000

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Hansard Q 61.1113 16/4/85

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a) R428 033

(b) 516 033

(2) (a) 4 262

(b) R102 074

The information is for the period 1 January 1984 to 31 August 1984, as these functions were taken over by the Department of Justice on 1 September 1984

Suspended sentences have been included in the above-mentioned totals

Hansard Q.61 1113 16/4/85

Classrooms

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(2) (a) when, and (b) what was (i) the nature of the requests, and (ii) his response thereto, in each case,

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a) (i) Yes, in respect of all the townships mentioned except for Duduza, Delmas, Ratanda and Devon

(ii) No

(b) (i) Yes, Ekangala near Bronkhorstspruit

(ii) No

(2) (a) During 1983 and 1984

(b) (i) The Regional Director for Education and Training, Highveld Region, requested the erection of additional classrooms at existing schools as well as the erection of certain complete new schools

(ii) The erection of additional classrooms and schools were approved for the townships as listed below, within the limits of the funds allocated annually to the Department for capital works

Sowetan 18/4/85

Kagiso rent furore

By LEN MASEKO

KAGISO residents are up in arms over notices sent to them by their town council requiring them to pay rent arrears — in some cases as high as R800 — dating back to 1981.

The residents told The **SOWETAN** yesterday they had receipts to prove that they had been up to date with their rent payments during the period.

A check by **The SOWETAN** around the township revealed that amounts "owed" by residents ranged from R200 to R800. The notices urged residents to report at the local town council's offices to arrange payment.

One resident said. "The council officials have failed to give us a satisfactory explanation regarding the arrears. The whole thing has puzzled us. Is the Kagiso Town Council suggesting that they have been unable to keep their books properly in all those years?"

The council's town clerk Mr J Vorster said the council had sent notices after discovering that scores of residents in the area owed the council thousands of rand dating back to 1981.

"It is just a matter of administration procedure," Mr Vorster said. "We have realised that our accounts department had made mistakes regarding rent payment in certain cases. Our staff, like other human beings, can make mistakes."

The town clerk said no resident would be evicted for having failed to pay the outstanding amount, "but those affected should contact us as soon as possible."

He added that the council had a "surprise in store for some residents", who would be refunded some money for having paid more than they should have done over the years.

RDM 17/4/85 (127)

Rent arrears: 1986 deadline set

By RAYMOND MASHAO

VAAL township residents, who have not paid rates and service levies since unrest broke out in the area on September 3 last year, will have until May next year to settle their arrears.

This follows a report by Professor Tjalt Van Der Walt of Potchefstroom University, which recommended that an official inquiry be set up to assess the amounts and the composition of municipality rates and levies in the black townships of the Vaal in comparison with rates and levies in other municipality areas.

Prof Van Der Walt also recommended that arrangements be made to enable residents in the Vaal Triangle to spread arrear payments over a reasonable period

Both recommendations were accepted by the Deputy Minister of Co-operation Development and Education, Mr Sam de Beer.

A joint inquiry was undertaken by the director of Local Government of the Department of Co-operation and Development, Mr John Hitge and the chief director of the financial service of the Johannesburg City Council, Mr Pieter Matthee

Subsequent to the completion of the report, Mr De Beer issued a statement concerning rentals and charges for residents under the jurisdiction of the Lekoa town council.

The statement concludes that the rates and levies charged by the Lekoa council could not be regarded as excessive and indicated that the rates compared favourably with those of other local authorities.

The statement urged residents to pay up within the specified time period

(b)	Langa (R)	Nyanga (R)	Guguletu (R)
Rent commercial buildings	18 761	12 853	54 062
Rentals houses	1 425 970	770 516	2 067 060
Lodger fees	19 875	8 428	20 731
Municipal services	14 151	71 697	64 722
School levies	37 893	26 332	93 200
Cashier surplusses	108	112	241
Advertising hoardings	7 677	—	—
Visitors permits	7 096	4 360	43
Transfer fees	23	20	—
Cemetary fees	277	4 354	—
Bad Debts recovered	1 305	438	—
Maintenance recoveries	1 692	1 858	7 310
Dumping fees	—	19 872	—
School rental cards	—	1 416	—
Refuse bins	—	—	328
Miscellaneous revenue	281	1 507	979
Duplicated rent cards	92	325	—
Beer	359 793	123 945	37 711
Liquor	4 010 193	3 756 124	2 126 676
	5 905 187	4 804 157	4 473 063

(c) For administrative and operational purposes the three townships are treated as a unit

The Western Cape Development Board makes use of a central accounting system for administrative and running costs, and separate figures in respect of each town is consequently not readily available

(i) R4 849 603 for the administration only of these townships Apart from administration costs a total of R23 807 019 was spent on operating these townships This includes municipal services, the maintenance of houses and contributions to housing funds, the maintenance of commercial buildings, welfare services, health services, community services and cultural services such as libraries, community halls and sports and recreation

(ii) Langa R117 681
Nyanga R142 892
Guguletu R827 161

(2) (a) (i) Nil School fees contributed by pupils are mainly used for spots and similar activities peculiar to each school The building and renovation of schools are not financed with any of these funds, but from the separate budget of the Department of Education and Training

(ii) No houses were built as it was Government policy till September 1984 not to allow expansion in these towns In this regard the honourable member's attention is invited to my press statement of 21 February 1985

HoA

	(R)	(R)	(R)
(b)	21 706	21 707	731 185
(c)	1 847	27 057	1 847
(d) Sewerage	503	503	503
Water supply	93 625	93 625	93 626
	117 681	142 892	827 161

Expenditure on Development schemes (capital works) are available in respect of each township, because the cost of each scheme is accounted for separately

Hansard 16/4/85
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MORE than 25 000 houses have so far been purchased under the Mass House Sale in the West Rand townships.

In Greater Soweto, over 5 000 houses were registered under the 99-year leasehold by the end of last month There are about 105 800 houses in the complex

These figures were released yesterday by the West Rand Development Board which also stated that over 25 000 applications for purchase of homes under the leasehold have been approved since the Mass House Sale was launched two year ago

About 1 350 houses bought on Home Ownership Scheme were converted to the 99-year leasehold

Over 7 500 houses bought on 99-year leasehold were paid for in cash The West Rand Development Board had issued loans for the purchase of 1 376 homes

Meanwhile the Mass House Sale has been extended until next year — for the second time since the scheme was launched two years ago



Rent issue: 'Council lied'

THE Atteridgeville Town Council's recent announcement that prominent members of the local residents organisation (Asro) had paid their rent, was "a lie and a trap" aimed at confusing residents, Dr Abe Nkomo, an executive member of the organisation said yesterday.

At a public meeting attended by about 500 residents at the AME church, Dr Nkomo said. "The council is telling you a lie. No members of this organisation have paid their increased rents "

By MONK NKOMO

He went on to say This is a trap and it is unfortunate that some of you fell into it

The council announced on March 27 that prominent members of Asro were ironically among the first to pay their accounts The town clerk, Mr J P la Grange also announced that 80 percent of the residents had paid the increased rents

Residents at various meetings organised by Asro had vowed not to pay the increased rents

Speakers lashed out at the majority of residents who are believed to have paid rents and accused them of being "crooks and spies who want to kill us "

Bondage

Another speaker warned that blacks will always be in chains of bondage because of their failure to unite "We will never achieve progress until we think of ourselves of being human beings," the speaker said

Other speakers said residents paid their accounts after threats that they will be evicted And those who did not pay were in the minority and this would make it easier for the authorities "to lock them out "

Residents at the meeting resolved to continue with their non-payment of the increased rents and urged others to do likewise "If we pay the council will undoubtedly increase rents again," they warned

Stoning, arson in township unrest

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — A man died in hospital after being injured in a confrontation with police at Duduza near Nigel yesterday morning as unrest flared on the Reef, the Eastern Cape and the Vaal Triangle

And in Sebokeng (Vaal), about 480 people were arrested on Monday night on charges of holding an illegal gathering at a school to discuss the rent issue in the township

According to a spokesman for the Police Public Relations Directorate in Pretoria, their ages range between 12 and 18 They are being held under Section 57 of the Internal Security Act of 1982

The spokesman said many of them paid admission-of-guilt fines and the remainder would appear in court soon

In Duduza, a man died in hospital yesterday after he and three others were injured during a confrontation with police Buses, delivery vans and a councillor's house were stoned in the incident, causing extensive damage

At Emadalweni High School in Soweto, police used tearsmoke to disperse pupils who were boycotting classes while at KwaThema near Springs, two municipal vehicles were damaged by fire

About 50 youths stoned and robbed a bread delivery van in Soweto yesterday and in another incident, a group of boycotters and anti-boycotters stoned each other

Police used teargas, rubber bullets and birdshot to disperse them

In Sebokeng, the driver of a private vehicle was struck in the face by a rock when his vehicle was stoned

At Graaff-Reinet a white man and woman were slightly injured when their vehicle was stoned while they were delivering goods in the adjoining black township

In New Brighton and in KwaZakhele near Port Elizabeth, two buses were set alight and gutted, while at Ebongweni near Cookhouse, a private dwelling was extensively damaged after being set alight.

In another incident in KwaZakhele, petrol was poured over the seats of a bus, which was then set alight causing extensive damage

Sowetan 24/4/85

Warning to anti-rent leaders

THE Atteridgeville Town Council threatened to disclose the names of prominent members of organisations who still called for the non-payment of increased rent, but were among the first to have paid their accounts.

In a statement released on Monday, local mayor the Reverend Enoch Sibanyoni said the council regarded the accounts of residents as a private and confidential matter and would not disclose the payment or non-payment of their accounts.

But, he warned "should the local residents organisation (Asro), continue with their unfounded allegations that the council is lying, the confidential accounts of certain persons may be reconsidered."

Mr Sibanyoni was reacting to Sunday's announcement by an executive member of Asro at a public meeting that the council's statement that some of their members had paid rent, was a lie and a trap.

In his statement yesterday, the Mayor said the Council stood by their recent statement by the Town Clerk, Mr J P Le Grange that prominent members of organisations which called for the boycott of payment of tariffs, were among the first to pay their accounts

Mr Sibanyoni also announced that 95 percent of the accounts for the current month, had already been paid by residents and reiterated the council's "gratitude for the co-operation shown by residents."

At a public meeting held on Sunday, Dr A Nkomo, an executive member of Asro said the council's announcements in the press that some of their members had paid was a lie and a trap aimed at confusing residents

'Boost' for Pta home owners

(127)

Sowetan 25/4/85

THE Atteridgeville Town Council has set aside R100 000 for personal loans to local residents who wish top improve their existing houses.

The announcement of this revolving fund was made at the council's monthly meeting yesterday. The director of community services was empowered to implement the financial loan scheme for the extension or improvement of houses purchased under the 30-year house ownership scheme.

Successful applicants would be eligible to obtain a minimum loan of R5 000 each with an interest of 12½ percent per year.

Applications should be submitted to the local director of community services who will then determine the amount required, consider the material to be used as well as the financial position of the applicant and his or her ability to repay the loan

The council stressed that the loans were strictly for residents who bought their existing houses under the 30-year ownership scheme

The council's treasurer, Mr T L van Strijp, also announced that they had, from April 1, taken over the local development board's function of collecting labour fees of employees who worked in their area The fees were previously paid in by employers at the labour bureau in Von Wielligh Street

Beware of this 'bogus firm,' warns foundation

127 25/4/85 Sowetan

Consumer Corner

By LEN MASEKO



A BUILDING company has placed a series of newspaper adverts claiming to have "an outstanding selection of stands" in the R80-million Protea North scheme — but co-ordinators of the project deny allocating any sites to the firm.

Home Building Construction, which operates from an office in Sherwell Street, Doornfontein, claims to require "very low" deposits as well as arranging bonds for home-seekers.

For the past week, Consumer Corner has unsuccessfully tried to contact the company's director, a Mr R C Parsons, who describes himself as an "industrial engineer, management consultant" on his business cards. Even after leaving messages with his secretary, there has been no response from the director

A Soweto man is frantically searching for the director after he allegedly parted with R1 000 for a site in the area The man, who refused to have his name published, told Consumer Corner how his dream of having a house of his own crumbled when he discovered that the company had no sites in Protea.

The man said: "I became suspicious when I realised that the staff at Urban Foundation's city offices and the site office in Protea did not know him. I discovered that he was enquiring about sites for the first time, although he earlier gave me an impression that he was well ahead with plans in the project

"I immediately confronted him, and demanded my money back He promised to refund me the following day, but he never did," he added.

The Urban Foundation, which is co-ordinating the 2 500-unit scheme, has denied allocating any sites to the company

Mr Matthew Nell, manager in charge of the massive project, said it was the first time he heard of the company's name

Perhaps, the building company may be acting on behalf of some contractor directly involved with the scheme. But the company definitely has no sites in the scheme," the Urban Foundation manager added.



A TIMBER-FRAME home (above), which may soon become a common sight in the townships. Timber-frame homes, which are cheaper to build, take up to five weeks to erect. The concept was launched this week by the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Mr John Wiley, at a Sandton hotel.

Veterans'/disability/widows' pensions

489 Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) (a) How many Black persons were receiving war veterans' pensions for having served in the Korean War as at the latest specified date for which figures are available, (b) what amount is paid to each such person per month and (c) what total amount is paid out each month in such pensions,

(2) whether any of these persons receive military disability pensions, if so, (a) how many and (b) what amount is paid to each per month,

(3) whether any persons are in receipt of widows' pensions in respect of this war, if so, (a) how many and (b) what amount is each such person paid per month,

(4) what are the conditions subject to which persons qualify for such (a) veterans', (b) disability and (c) widows' pensions?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a) None

(b) and (c) fall away

(2) No

(a) and (b) fall away

(3) No

(a) and (b) fall away

(4) (a) The conditions are laid down by sections 1 and 3 of the Social Pensions Act, 1973 (Act 37 of 1973) and regulations 12 and 13 of the Regulations promulgated by Government Notice R1034 of 21 June 1974

(b) and (c) These pensions are not administered or paid by the Department of Co-operation and Development

East Rand Development Board

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

Applications Received 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984

(a)	(i) Cullinan		Nil
	Tokoza		93
	Wattville		6
	Daveyton		15
	Vosloorus		29
	Kwa-Thema		12
	Ratanda		1

Applications Granted 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984

(b)	Nil
	93
	6
	15
	29
	12
	1

	Katlehong	51	51
	Duduza	4	4
	Tembisa	13	13
	Delmas	Nil	Nil
	Devon	Nil	Nil
	Tsakane	7	7
(ii)	Ekangala	Nil	Nil
	Refilwe	Nil	Nil
	Zithobeni	Nil	Nil
	TOTAL	231	231

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(a)			(b)
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	Vosloorus	664	664
	Kwa-Thema	257	257
	Ratanda	28	28
	Katlehong	420	420
	Duduza	267	267
	Tembisa	833	833
	Delmas	Nil	Nil
	Devon	Nil	Nil
	Tsakane	88	88
(ii)	Ekangala	Nil	Nil
	Refilwe	Nil	Nil
	Zithobeni	Nil	Nil
	Total	3 011	3 011

It needs to be mentioned that the right of leasehold in terms of the 99 leasehold scheme is purchased and that use of the term "lease is therefore not altogether appropriate

99-year leasehold scheme

557 Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

How many houses (a) built and (b) sold in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme were financed by (i) building societies and (ii) by means of private capital from the inception of this scheme to the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(a) 8 333

(b) 24 573

(i) 8 949

(ii) 23 957

(Figures as at 31 December 1984)

Veterans'/disability/widows' pensions

489 Mr P A MYBURGH asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) (a) How many Black persons were receiving war veterans' pensions for having served in the Korean War as at the latest specified date for which figures are available, (b) what amount is paid to each such person per month and (c) what total amount is paid out each month in such pensions;

(2) whether any of these persons receive military disability pensions, if so, (a) how many and (b) what amount is paid to each per month,

(3) whether any persons are in receipt of widows' pensions in respect of this war, if so, (a) how many and (b) what amount is each such person paid per month,

(4) what are the conditions subject to which persons qualify for such (a) veterans', (b) disability and (c) widows' pensions?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a) None

(b) and (c) fall away

(2) No

(a) and (b) fall away

(3) No

(a) and (b) fall away

(4) (a) The conditions are laid down by sections 1 and 3 of the Social Pensions Act, 1973 (Act 37 of 1973) and regulations 12 and 13 of the Regulations promulgated by Government Notice R1034 of 21 June 1974

(b) and (c) These pensions are not administered or paid by the Department of Co-operation and Development

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

Applications Received 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984

(a)	(i) Cullinan	Nil
	Tokoza	93
	Wattville	6
	Daveyton	15
	Vosloorus	29
	Kwa-Thema	12
	Ratanda	1

Applications Granted 1 July 1983 to 30 June 1984

(b)	Nil
	93
	6
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Katlehong	51	51
Duduza	4	4
Tembisa	13	13
Delmas	Nil	Nil
Devon	Nil	Nil
Tsakane	7	7
(ii) Ekangala	Nil	Nil
Rethlwe	Nil	Nil
Zithobeni	Nil	Nil
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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(a)		(b)
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Tokoza	17	17
Wattville	Nil	Nil
Daveyton	437	437
Vosloorus	664	664
Kwa-Thema	257	257
Ratanda	28	28
Katlehong	420	420
Duduza	267	267
Tembisa	833	833
Delmas	Nil	Nil
Devon	Nil	Nil
Tsakane	88	88
(ii) Ekangala	Nil	Nil
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It needs to be mentioned that the right of leasehold in terms of the 99 leasehold scheme is purchased and that use of the term "lease" is therefore not altogether appropriate

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Vaal councils deny rumours

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THE Lekoa and Evaton town councils yesterday denied that local residents stand to be arrested for failing to pay rent arrears.

The two Vaal councils were reacting to rumours that there will be house-to-house raids in the areas in connection with non-payment of rent arrears, starting today.

Spokesman for the two councils said in a joint statement yesterday: "We deny in the strongest terms that any resident stands to be arrested for failing to pay rent arrears. Rumours to the effect are totally untrue."

The councils referred to an announcement made last month by the deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Mr Sam de Beer, who stated that residents "who are not in a position to make these payments should make alternative arrangements" with the town clerks of Lekoa and Evaton.

"No act whatsoever makes provision for these so-called arrests," spokesmen for the councils told The SOWETAN.

The Vaal councils have been battling to retrieve thousands of rands owed by local residents since September last year — the period when the whole complex erupted into violence following rent-increase protests.

55 held after march to US Consulate

MAY DAY DEMO

TRUCK loads of policemen yesterday surrounded Khotso House, headquarters of the South African Council of Churches in Johannesburg where a May Day celebration rally was being held.

About 500 people attended the meeting while many others stood outside as police arrived on the scene and kept a close watch and took photographs of those arriving and leaving Riot squad and plainclothed police, some with dogs, formed a "roadblock" at both ends of De Villiers Street

By Ali Mphaki Nkopane Makobane and Sello Rabothata

As the meeting ended, with people outside already numbering about 700, those who had attended the meeting came out singing and chanting slogans Riot squad police formed a wall on the barrier line, facing the entrance to Khotso House The police then steadily approached those who were leaving, forcing them to retreat back into the hall

Police

An announcement, to the police, was made from inside the hall through a loud-hailer that the meeting was peacefull and those who attended were for peace "If you policemen are here to keep peace, move away from here and hide your guns," the announcer said After this announcement a policeman also replied over a loud-hailer that people leaving the hall should do so quietly

In another incident in the city about 55 people were arrested while demonstrating outside the American Consulate They were arrested for gathering illegaly — 41 for marching through the streets and at least 14 for staging a pro-disinvestment demonstration A spokesman for the demonstrators said they have also written a letter to the American President, Ronald Reagan, on the issue of disinvestment and urged him to reconsider it

Meanwhile, at Morena Stores in Katlehong, about 500 members of Fosatu attended a May Day meeting Speaker after speaker condemned the "racist" South African regime

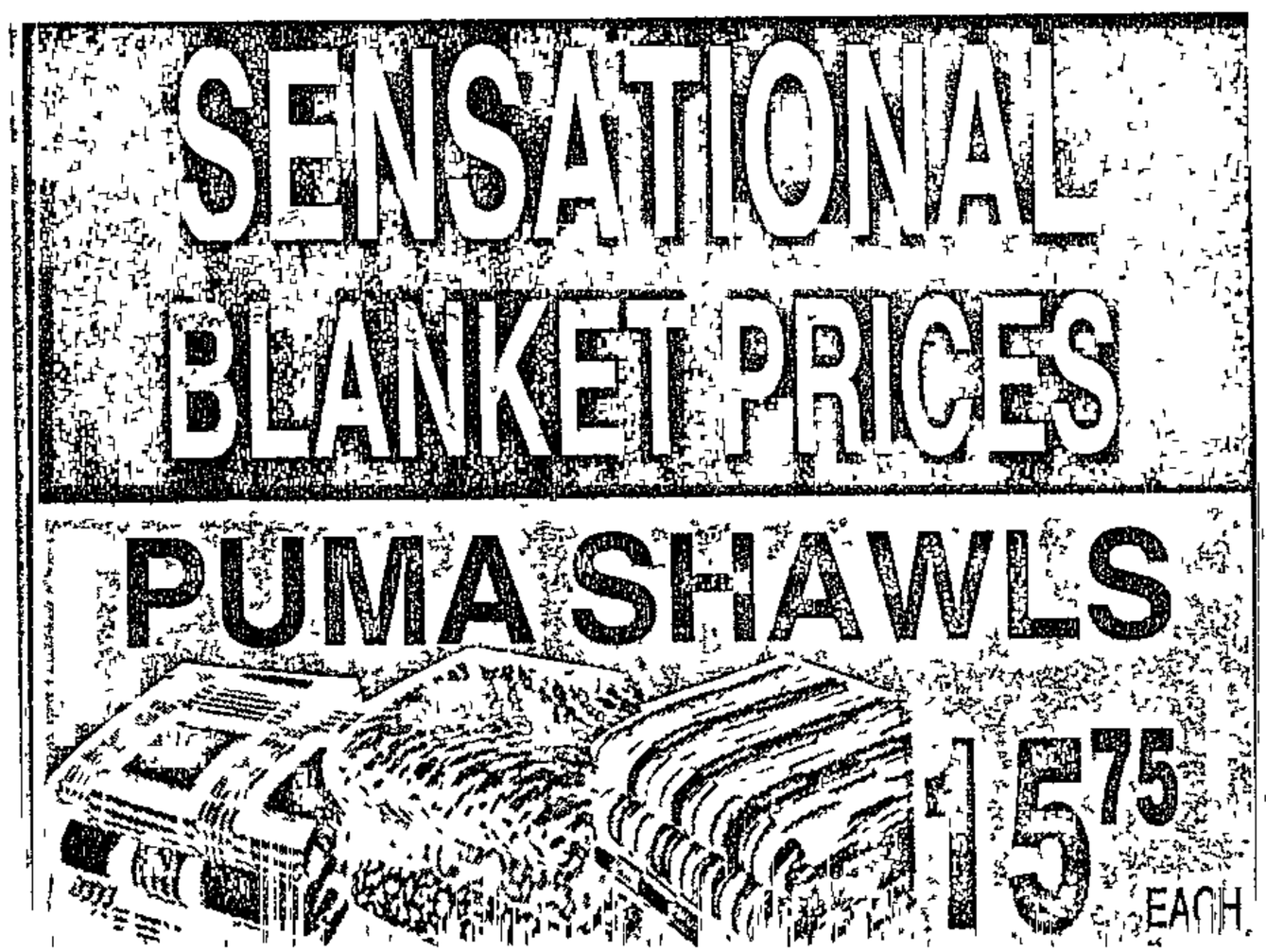
In the Vaal Triangle the situation was tense yesterday following rumours that there will be house-to-house raids in the area in connection with non-payment of rent arrears

The rumours had been intensified by an announcement by the deputy Minister of Cooperation and Development, Mr Sam de Beer, last month, that residents "who are not in position to make those payments should make alternative arrangements" with the town clerks of Lekoa and Evaton

Many schools in the area were deserted or had their pupils sent home Pupils spoken to said they had heard a day before that there may be trouble and as a result stayed away from school or returned earlier than the usual time

On Tuesday evening pamphlets were dropped from an airplane urging Vaal residents to ignore the call to stayaway from work





FIERY DEATH

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ON THE WARPATH: Hostel inmates on guard in Tsakane, Brakpan They were involved in a fight with residents.

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On Saturday, a man was killed and another was seriously wounded and five houses belonging to policemen were set alight when more than 1 000 mourners returning from a funeral of a riot victim went on the rampage.



ON THE WARPATH: Hostel inmates on guard in Tsakane, Brakpan. They were involved in a fight with residents.

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A TWO-year-old toddler died a gruesome death after falling into a pot of boiling water at his home near Brits at the weekend.

Brigadier H A du Plessis, divisional CID officer for the Northern Transvaal, said Goodwill Mabuya of the farm Haartebeestfontein near Brits, was playing inside the house when he fell into the pot of hot water.

According to the police, Goodwill, who was staying with his grandparents, fell into the pot which was being prepared to cook porridge

The grandparents did not take him to the doctor after the incident and he died the following morning Police are investigating

Meanwhile fifteen people were murdered in Soweto over the weekend, CID Colonel P J J Swart said yesterday.

The Colonel also reported 10 rapes, 17 muggings, 14 burglaries, 10 car thefts and 15 thefts from cars

Two of the rape victims were children, aged five and nine Police raided shebeens and arrested 24 owners, he said, according to Sapa

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STAR 8/5/85

The costs of house buying in a township

Mrs Lydia Moaise has been living in her rented Meadowlands Zone 9 house for the past 15 years

This year she decided to buy it under the 99-year leasehold scheme, taking advantage of the Government's mass sale of homes launched in July 1983

Her employer, for whom she had worked as a domestic for more than 20 years, agreed to advance her the full R1 341 price of the house

The breakdown of the cost as given to Mrs Moaise by her township manager was

- Price of the house's actual structure, R749
- Installation of water meter, R80
- Deposit on water consumption, R20
- Survey fee, R95
- Administration fee, R6
- Annual levy, R1.
- Right of leasing the 260 sq m on which the house was built, R390

Total, R1 341

Mrs Moaise's house already had a water meter, so R80 was deducted from her account and she had to pay R1 261.

Cheque in hand, she went to the West Rand Development Board offices in New Canada to make her purchase

The board provides five-year loans at 18 percent interest a year for buyers in their area.

People applying for loans must pay a 10 percent deposit plus survey and administration fees, an annual levy, a fee for installation of a water meter and a deposit for water consumption

If Mrs Moaise had taken a loan she would have had to put down a deposit of R202

But she was paying cash.

The deal took nearly five hours to process, more than three hours of which were spent in queues

The procedure started at the reception desk, where a clerk checked whether Mrs Moaise had enough money and opened a housing file in her name

Next queue the cashier's counter where she paid

The longest wait of nearly three hours came at the estate officer's desk where final papers were signed

It took the estate officer only 15 minutes to process Mrs Moaise's application

Why wait three hours for something that takes only 15 minutes?

Chief estate officer Mr Piet Genis explained that it could take an estate officer (New Canada has five) 10 minutes to an hour to process one application depending on whether the buyer was paying cash or taking the Development Board's loan

He said "Some people want every detail of the documents explained, others don't

Although the West Rand Development Board offices are open on Saturday Mr Genis encourages employers to allow time off in the week for employees who want to buy homes

Fear in Tsakane

RESIDENTS of Tsakane in Brakpan have evacuated their homes in fear of more attacks from the hostel inmates as the clash between them rages.

A hostel inmate was hacked to death by irate residents and then set alight in the streets

In retaliation, hostel inmates attacked the houses near the hostel, forcing the residents to flee to safety elsewhere in the township

A resident said residents formed groups to try and protect themselves against possible attacks from the inmates

Police also used teargas smoke to disperse groups of stone-throwing youths who were attacking delivery and company vehicles

The hostel inmates, armed with mainly with knobkierries, sticks and stones, attacked most of the houses in Koni, Malandela and Pedi streets They smashed the windows and damaged other property in their path of destruction

Buses

Meanwhile ABEL MABELANE reports that Putco buses were withdrawn from Tembisa on Monday following the setting alight of three buses by unknown people at the Esangweni section rank

Early yesterday there were still no buses entering the township and hundreds of commuters either had to board taxis or walk to the nearest railway station to catch trains to work

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People flee township as hostel men seek revenge

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Hundreds of Tsakane residents fled the township, near Brakpan, and sought shelter in neighbouring Kwathema township while others slept in the veld as reports spread that local hostel inmates were raiding houses in revenge for the killing of two of their colleagues

Early today there were reports of continuous fighting between the residents and hostel inmates last night and a report that two inmates died in the clashes

These two deaths were unconfirmed today

The clash between the two groups was sparked by the killing of two hostel inmates yesterday This was the second time that hostel inmates were killed — allegedly by the residents A man was hacked to death and his body set alight on Sunday

Two men were stoned, doused with petrol and burnt to death yesterday by about 250 people in Tsakane, a "situation report" issued last night by the Police Public Relations Division in Pretoria said

The men, aged about 35 and 39, were stoned until they lost consciousness and then set alight Police dispersed the mob with tearsmoke and rubber bullets when they arrived on the scene, the report said

A third death was reported yesterday in Graaff-Reinet, where a man was forced to drink a "vast amount" of soapy water and then stabbed to death, according to the report

It said Mr James Smith had refused to take part in an "act of intimidation"

Major Eddie Snyman, police liaison officer for the South Western Districts, said Mr Smith, 25, of Lemoenpoort, Adendorp, was killed by about 10 people who went from a black residential area to a shop at Adendorp, a white area, about 10 30am

He said the reasons for the attack were not known Mr Smith was held down by about 10 people and fed soapy water He was then stabbed in the right shoulder with a sharp instrument and died as a result of his injuries, Major Snyman said.

Also in Tsakane, a man was seriously injured yesterday when "a group of about 2 000 fought", the situation report said

500 people

In Soweto, tearsmoke was used in the evening to disperse about 500 people who stoned a post office vehicle and on a number of occasions during the day to disperse groups

In three stoning incidents in the township yesterday, police, post office and delivery vehicles were attacked

Tearsmoke was again used in Meadowlands, Soweto, when a police vehicle was stoned in the afternoon, reports said

irt over uncut diamonds

connection with extortion, theft, fraud and contravening certain articles of the Nuclear Energy Act and the Protection of Information Act

No charges were put to the men

Their representatives challenged the validity of the instruction ordering the two men to stand trial on the allegations The magistrate, Mr J Carstens, overruled the claims and both cases were postponed for hearing in the Supreme Court, Cape Town on October 15

Their R1 000 bail was extended

The police investigation began last year after Mr Botha resigned as Minister of Manpower following claims by Brigadier Blaauw that Mr Botha had granted him Orange River diamond prospecting concessions while he was still Minister of Mining

Brigadier Blaauw, a former Air Force officer, caused a storm in November last year when he said he would sue the Government because of these concessions

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Orders to evict 600 miners confirmed

May 1985

Pretoria Correspondent

Applications by the Vaal Reefs Gold Mine to have almost 600 miners evicted from their quarters were confirmed this week by Mr Justice Stegmann in the Pretoria Supreme Court.

The 595 miners were fired at the end of April for striking illegally

Hundreds of men allegedly barricaded themselves into their hostels, refusing to return home, and in papers before the court it was alleged that the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) was unable to control the situation

In the space of three days last month, the mine, in Orkney, Transvaal, brought four urgent applications in the Pretoria Supreme Court, asking for the workers' eviction.

The first application for the eviction of 93 miners was made on April 24, the second and third for the eviction of 72 miners and a further 264 miners were made the next day and the fourth for the eviction of 259 more miners on April 27

Once granted, the temporary order was to have been read to the miners from a helicopter hovering over the hostels as all officials had been locked out.

The provisional orders were confirmed on Tuesday, without the NUM opposing the action

Board sells 250 000 lease-scheme houses

Star 8/5/85

Consumer Reporter

The sale of houses under the West Rand Administration Board continues its rapid rise with an average 1 400 sold each month.

The board has disposed of 50 percent of the 500 000 houses put on sale by the Government two years ago

A fifth of the homes earmarked by the Government for sale are in the board's area.

The massive sale was launched in July 1983 and homes were immediately priced and commissioned for survey.

Blacks buy their homes under a 99-year leasehold scheme

Prices of homes in the board's area range from R400 to more than R1 000 depending on age and size

These are special sale prices

The market values of the homes, said a board official, would be anything from R8 000 up.

The procedure for buying a rented home

● Potential buyer goes to the local township manager for a form which sets out the price of the house

The price depends on size and also installation of water meter if not already supplied, R80, deposit on water consumption, R20, survey fee, R95, administration fee, R6; annual levy, R1; cost of leasing ground depending on size.

● Having obtained this form the potential buyer takes it to the relevant housing office, which for Soweto residents is New Canada.

The house can be paid for in cash. A loan may be obtained from a potential buyer's employer or the West Rand Administration Board.

The board has a five-year scheme in which a loan is repayable at 18 percent interest a year

QUALIFICATIONS

Anyone who has section 10 rights and already lives in a rented house qualifies for a loan.

Buyers of homes already surveyed get their leasehold certificates immediately after paying.

Those who have to wait for their homes to be surveyed get a written agreement from the board confirming the purchase

Organisations wishing to know more about home-buying in the West Rand and the mass sale may invite chief estate officer Mr Piet Genis to address them on the subject. His telephone number is 331-4911

11 die as hostel men clash on East Rand

By Jon Qwelane and Steve Harvey

Vicious clashes between hostel inmates and township residents in Tsakane, Brakpan, last night and today resulted in the deaths of at least 11 people.

Two of the dead were hostel dwellers and the remaining nine were township residents. Shortly after midday the township was cut off from the outside world as all telephones links were severed To complete the isolation no vehicles of any description came in or went out

So intense has been the acrimony between hostel dwellers and township residents that the latter have demanded nothing less than the complete evacuation of the migrant workers from the township.

Lengthy talks between representatives of the two factions, monitored by the police and soldiers, progressed to the point where residents claimed that hostel dwellers had agreed to leave the township

By midday today the Tsakane men's hostel, which houses tens of thousands of migrant workers of mainly Xhosa and Zulu extraction, was in ruins and a number of rooms were still smouldering in spite of efforts by the fire brigade to contain the flames.

In the township several houses including at least one belonging to a policeman were damaged in a night of unrest

The Mbele beer depot was set on fire and windows of countless homes were smashed, allegedly by hostel dwellers.

Shops closed

Thousands of workers did not report for work today and all shops and garages were closed

Many of the township's roads were blocked by makeshift barricades and were littered with stones and rubbish from upturned dustbins

A car belonging to an overseas television crew was set alight by the mob, who thought it was a police vehicle

The mob saw the crew's battery packs and apparently mistook them for teargas canisters Later they said the vehicle could have belonged to the SABC

At noon a seething crowd of several thousand residents stood in a soc-

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11 die in East Rand clashes

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cer field about 500 m from the smouldering hostel, in front of which police and soldiers in many armoured personnel carriers were stationed Behind the police stood hundreds of hostel dwellers

Both the residents and the migrant workers were armed to the teeth with hatchets, sticks, pangas, stones, sharpened iron bars and dustbin lids

Several policemen and soldiers stood with a number of residents and hostel dwellers in the middle of the field, apparently seeking a truce But it appeared that no common ground, short of the total withdrawal of the hostel dwellers, would be acceptable to the township residents

UNREST AFTER FUNERAL

Residents said trouble began on Saturday after the funeral of an unrest victim, when bands of youths invaded the hostel to set the Ebukhosini depot alight.

The migrant workers interpreted it as an attack on them and retaliated by going on a window-smashing rampage. A man was killed

Residents said today that they kept watch on workers while police patrolled the area

At noon rubber bullets and more tearsmoke were used to disperse the crowds.

But as soon as the police drove away, the crowd regrouped and some youths were seen stoning police vehicles.



THE WINNERS

Tsakane residents rejoice after they won the bloody five-day battle to evict migrant workers from the hostels in the Brakpan Township Trucks ferried the migrants home.



THE LOSERS

The migrant workers prepare to leave Tsakane Fighting with residents in which at least 16 people died made their continued presence there impossible ● Pictures. Juda Ngwenya

Migrant workers evacuated after 5-day 'war'

Hundreds of migrant workers were evacuated from the Tsakane men's hostel, Brakpan, late yesterday afternoon in what residents claimed was a victory after five days of violence between the two groups that left at least 16 dead

The violence started last Saturday when groups of youths, returning from the funeral of a man allegedly run over by a police vehicle, entered the hostel to burn down the Ebukhosini beer depot Hostel inmates apparently took it as an attack on them, and went on a rampage which culminated in the smashing of windows of many homes

The violence increased after this incident, and township youths invaded the hostel nightly

Destructive raids by both sides left a great part of the hostel gutted and many homes badly damaged A beer depot and the storerooms of the East Rand Development Board were set on fire, as well as a car belonging to BBC TV reporters

Many streets were impassable They were barricaded with oil barrels and strewn with hundreds of rocks and dustbins

Almost the entire township workforce and hostel workers failed to report for duty yesterday and schoolchildren stayed at home

All shops and other businesses in the township were closed and thousands of angry residents and migrants faced each other and a tense atmosphere prevailed as police and soldiers attempted to arrange a truce

During the negotiations the residents made it clear that the migrants would have to be relocated before calm could be restored Six hours of talks ended in the agreement that the migrants would move

A short while later municipal buses, escorted by police and soldiers, began removing the migrants from the hostel to an unknown destination

● Mr Louis Khumalo, a leading educationist and president of the Mamelodi Parents' Association who played a leading role in quelling school unrest in the township, yesterday spoke of the bomb blast which severely damaged his home

Mr Khumalo, whose house and wife's car were badly damaged by what he described as a "sophisticated explosive device", said police investigating the incident showed him a United Democratic Front (UDF) pamphlet which they said was found at the scene

He said they had then asked him who he suspected could have been responsible for the blast "I told them in front of everybody that nobody except for the police had ever threatened to kill me for my involvement in the affairs of the local community."

Mr Khumalo added that the threat was made by Security Police during his time in detention.

Reacting to this allegation a spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria said police did not threaten people, but only investigated cases

● Soweto schoolchildren yesterday attacked the home and hairdressing salon belonging to the family of a man they claimed was responsible for the death of their friend at the weekend.

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Couple kicked out after 30 years

A Soweto pensioner and his sickly wife were kicked out of their Naledi home of almost 30 years after the township manager had advised them to stop paying rent, a Rand Supreme Court judge was told yesterday.

In an urgent application brought by Mr Johannes Mphofu against the Soweto Town Council, Mr Justice D.O Vermooten ordered that the elderly couple be immediately reinstated in their home and that all their belongings be returned to them

Mr Mphofu, a former bank employee, said in papers that he had lived in the house since 1956 and was granted occupation rights, as well as a residential permit, in March 1980.

"Pursuant to the new dispensation relating to property in Soweto, I decided last year to inquire whether I could buy my home

"In July, I went to see the township manager of Naledi, a Mr Mafujane, who said certain inquiries had to be made about the size of the property.

"He told me that while my application was being investigated, I should stop paying the monthly rental of R42."

In December he decided to start paying rent again "to ensure that nothing went wrong with our tenancy".

"On the occasions when I spoke to Mr Mafujane, he assured me that my application was still under consideration. He never queried that I was in arrears with my rent payments.

"On April 16 1985, I took him R260 to cover the arrears rental and electricity payments, but he refused to accept the money. He told me the Soweto Council had cancelled my permit."

The pensioner said he had appealed to officials and councillors

"On April 19, council employees said they had been instructed by the town manager to remove all my furniture and belongings.

"Mr Mafujane has threatened to sell all our belongings to pay the rent I owe. My wife and I have been forced to 'squat' with friends."

Mr Justice Vermooten ordered the council to allow Mr Mphofu to remain in peaceful possession of the home until a valid order for his ejectment was obtained.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1985

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11 DIE IN RIOT

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Sowetan 9/5/85

By MZIKAYISE EDOM and NKOPANE MAKOBANE

AT LEAST 11 people have died since Tuesday night in clashes between residents and hostel inmates in Tsakane, Brakpan.

This means that the death toll in the fights has shot up to 16 since Saturday. Police have confirmed the deaths

Late yesterday people streamed out of Tsakane, fearing further attacks from hostel inmates

Tsakane hostel was also reported to have been set alight and extensively damaged Police have confirmed this.



DAMAGED: Youth cleaning a Tsakane house

Since Tuesday night two hostel inmates and nine township residents have been killed Hostel inmates apparently went on a killing spree yesterday after the two inmates were stoned and then burnt to death

By late yesterday afternoon police, assisted by the army, used tearsmoke to disperse groups of youths gathering in the streets Main roads were barricaded with stones and other objects, making it difficult for vehicles to move

Residents of neighbouring townships of Duduza and KwaThema were anxious about the developments at Tsakane and in KwaThema many could be seen lining the streets In KwaThema, Putco buses dropped commuters at the entrance

By midday yesterday the Tsakane men s hostel, which houses tens of thousands of migrant workers of mainly Xhosa and Zulu extraction, was in ruins and a number of rooms were still smouldering in spite of efforts by the fire brigade to contain the flames

In the township several houses, including at least one belonging to a policeman, were damaged in a night of unrest and the Mbele beer depot was set on fire The windows of countless homes were smashed, allegedly by hostel dwellers

Thousands of workers did not report for work yesterday, and all shops and garages were closed

Set alight

Many of the township's roads were blocked by makeshift barricades and littered with stones and rubbish from upturned dustbins

A car belonging to an overseas television crew was set alight by the mob, who thought it was a police vehicle

The mob saw the crew's battery packs and apparently mistook them for tearsmoke canisters They later said the vehicle could have

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Soldier dies in unrest accident

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JOHANNESBURG — Five deaths were reported by police yesterday as the death toll in the Tsakane faction violence on the East Rand rose to 16, and a national serviceman was killed in a head-on crash between two army Hippos on standby to control township unrest

A UPI reporter saw UDF supporters stab a 17-year-old youth to death in the Port Elizabeth township of New Brighton about noon yesterday

The report said that the youth, a suspected member of the rival Azanian Peoples Organization (Azapo), was stabbed repeatedly when he tried to escape from the UDF crowd that earlier had abducted him

Meanwhile a senior member of Azapo, Mr Mandla Mtsweni, is in hospital with serious burns after his Kwa-Thema home was petrol-bombed early yesterday

Another executive member of the organization Mr Themba Solwandle, escaped serious injury when his home in New Brighton was also petrol-bombed yesterday

Azapo's general secretary, Mr Eric Mahlati, said Mr Mtsweni, head of the national culture secretariat, was admitted to the Far East Rand Hospital yesterday

Violence appeared to be easing in the Eastern Cape in the wake of the combined SAP/SADF "Operation clean-up" which was yesterday extended to the townships of Fort Beaufort and Adelaide

Forty-four people were arrested — 22 at Fort Beaufort and the same number at Adelaide — in the 5am to 11am swoop, police liaison officer Lieutenant Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen said

Most of the arrests were in connection with public violence, he said

The three areas were cordoned off by the SADF as police moved in on foot and in vehicles, and house-to-house searches were conducted "to search for people the police were looking for," Colonel Van Rooyen said

Soweto

Unrest flared in Johannesburg's sprawling Soweto township on Wednesday night, leaving two dead, one shot by police, while a girl was burnt to death near Springs and a man was stoned to death at Welkom

Also in Soweto, a 27-year-old man died in hospital from injuries sustained in a stoning incident on Wednesday, police reported in their noon situation report

Eight people were injured and more than 100 arrested in incidents reported on Wednesday night and yesterday

On the East Rand 1 800 migrant workers have "moved out" of the Tsakane hostel at Brakpan after clashes with township residents left 16 people dead in five days of fighting

The Chief Director of the East Rand Development Board, Mr Franz Marx, said the hostel, which had been extensively damaged, "was empty this morning"

He said an agreement had been reached between the South African Police and Tsakane residents that the hostel dwellers should leave

This week's unrest in Tsakane "cannot be seen in isolation as only a conflict between hostel inmates and township residents, but it forms part of the unrest pattern in other parts of the East Rand and other areas," Mr Marx said in a statement to Sapa

Police yesterday reported incidents of unrest

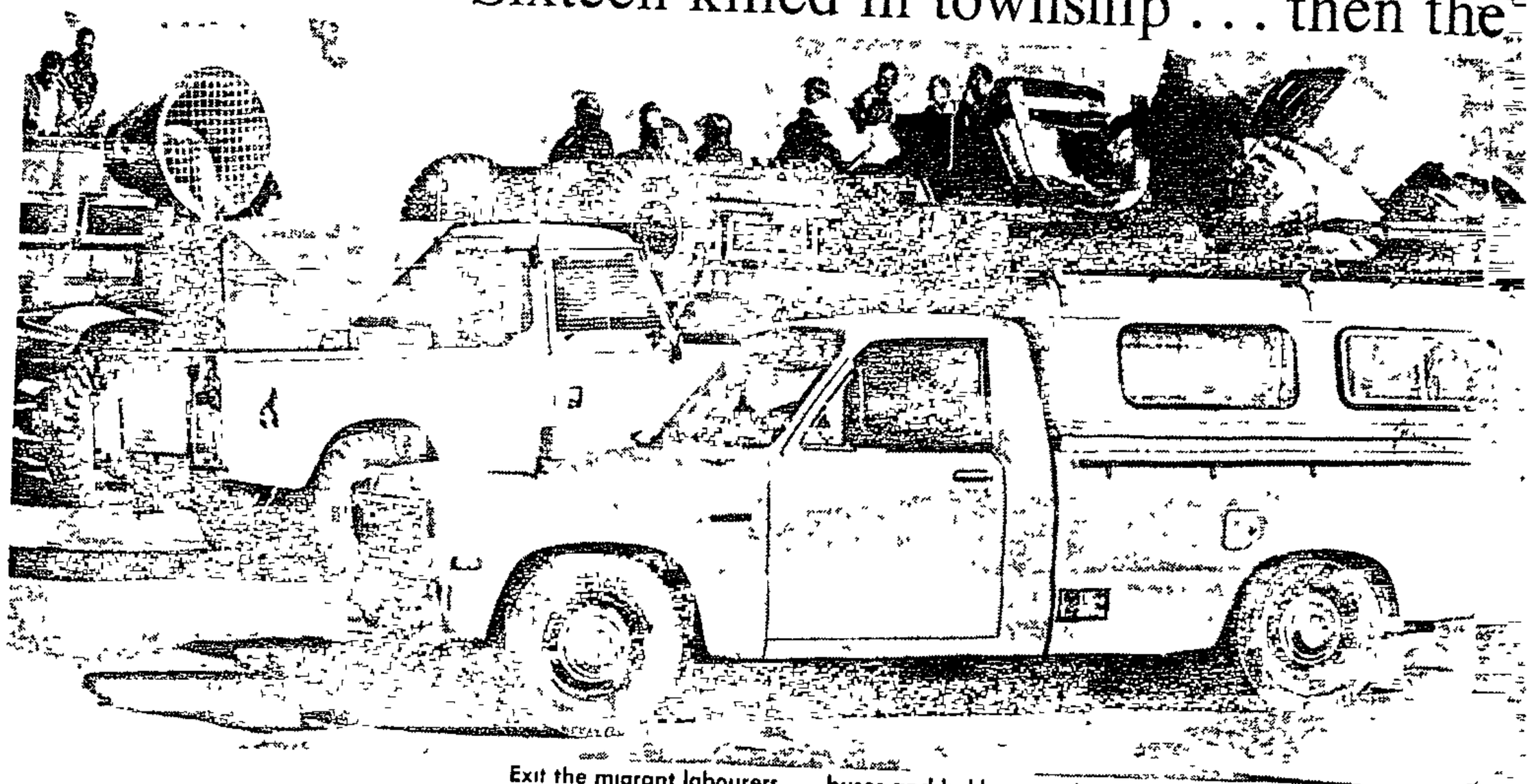
- In the Cape from Graaff-Reinet, New Brighton, Kwazakele and Zwide in Port Elizabeth, Brickfield near Oudtshoorn, Adelaide and Galeshewe near Kimberley
- In Natal arsonists caused extensive damage when they set fire to three buses in the Tatane township near Kwambonambi, in northern Natal
- In the Transvaal reports of unrest came from Zola and Tlandi in Soweto, Alexandra, Tsakane and Duduze on the East Rand, Atteridgeville near Pretoria, and Kwa-Thema
- In the Free State reports came from Parys, Batho near Bloemfontein and Thabong near Welkom — Sapa

Too late for classification

DEATHS

May 1985

Sixteen killed in township . . . then the



Exit the migrant labourers — buses and bakkies are there, escorted by police, to take the hostel

Exodus! Fighting migr

The ongoing strife within the black community has taken a new turn

Momentarily the spotlight has shifted to the East Rand township of Tsakane from ideological clashes between the United Democratic Front and the Azanian People's Organisation, which have claimed at least three lives and extensively damaged property

Vicious fighting between Tsakane residents and migrant labourers has left at least 16 dead

It started last Saturday with the funeral of an unrest victim

Residents said he was run over by a police vehicle

In retaliation bands of youths stormed Tsakane men's hostel intent on destroying Ebukhosini beer depot

Seeing this as a direct threat to their lives the hostel dwellers, all migrant labourers, responded by roaming the streets smashing windows and assaulting residents

A resident was killed

The residents in turn saw the death of one of their own and the wanton destruction of their property as a declaration of war by the hostel dwellers

Relations between the two groups, at best strained, plummeted when bands of youths attacked the hostel at night

The low-intensity war raged

By Jon Qwelane and Steve Harvey

for several nights in which at least four residents were said to have been killed by migrants

What aggravated the situation was the fatal shooting of a youth when a mob attacked the local police barracks, and the death of Mr Andries Raditsela, a trade unionist said to have died from head injuries after being arrested at the weekend

The tension simmered just below crisis point until the killing of two hostel inmates on Tuesday night

Residents were blamed

That night gangs of migrant workers, said by residents to total thousands, invaded the township, smashing windows, breaking homes, attacking anything in their way

By yesterday at least nine other residents were dead

Some, say residents, were battered and charred beyond recognition

In the township many roads were blocked by makeshift barricades and littered with stones, oil barrels and dustbins

The car of a BBC TV crew was set alight, extensive damage was caused to a building contractor's material which was spilled and scattered all over the construction area

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A meeting lasting close on three hours attended by representatives of the feuding groups and monitored by police and soldiers eventually resulted in an agreement to move the migrants elsewhere

But it had not been easy

For about six tense hours, several thousand people from both sides stared angrily at each other across a football pitch separating the hostel from the township

Almost all were armed with hatchets, sticks, pangas, stones, sharpened iron bars or dustbin lids

Intermittently police and soldiers fired tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse crowds

Thousands stayed home from work and school

Very few vehicles ventured near the township

At midday it was cut off from the outside world as telephone lines mysteriously died

At about 3 pm buses escorted by police and military vehicles ferried migrants from the hostels to an undisclosed destination while thousands of residents sang victory songs and marched through the streets

They were quickly dispersed by patrolling Casspirs and a sneeze machine

Immediately after the evacuation of the hostel inmates, gangs of youths demanded money from passing motorists to buy petrol to burn down the hostel

As the sun set, residents vowed to stay on guard through the night because they feared they had not seen the last of the hostel-dwellers



The Piet Retief Committee of 13, who led the campaign against their "unlawful" eviction.

Now it's home, free home...

THE Government this week backed down from a test case that would have determined whether they have been unlawfully charging families throughout the country millions of rands in rent.

The Eastern Transvaal Departmentr of Co-operation and Development conceded the case brought against them by black Piet Retief residents demanding that they be restored full possession of their homes

They had been served eviction notices and later evicted — but Judge Van Dijkhorst ruled that the evictions were 'irregular and improper"

DESMOND BLOW reports on a rents test case with major implications for South Africa's township residents.

However, the concession by the Department denied Judge Van Dijkhorst the opportunity of judging whether the Government had in fact acted unlawfully in charging families rentals since the introduction of the new Black Communities Development Act No 4 last year

Had he decided this was unlawful, families in townships all over the country could have claimed back their rentals — running into millions of rands

But a test case can still decide the issue — and it is expected that the Government will try and rush an amendment through Parliament to try to stop such a move

After the verdict on Wednesday, 30 men and a woman who had travelled to Pretoria from Piet Retief crowded around their lawyers — attorney Phineas Mojapelo, Jack Unterhalter, SC, and Rodney Black — in delight

A prayer of thanks was also said

The judge awarded costs against the Minister, including that of two counsel

The residents of Ethandukukhanya in Piet Retief had been battling against the increased rents since last year — claiming they cannot afford them

They had appealed to the Co-operation and Development Minister and had received an undertaking from the Eastern Transvaal Department of Co-operation and Development that no action would be taken against them until the Minister had studied their complaint

But on March 7 this year residents were served with eviction notices When Mr Mojapelo appealed to the Department's deputy director, EJ Goosen, Mr Goosen agreed to withdraw the eviction notices until the Minister had made his decision

But Mr Goosen was later over-ruled by his chief, director GL James — and on March 15, husbands and fathers arrived home to find their wives and children locked out of their homes

An urgent application was brought before the Supreme Court and, by agreement, the families were allowed into their homes until the court could decide on the issue, this week

Last Wednesday, Mr Unterhalter argued before Judge Van Dijkhorst that the new Act provided for rentals could only be charged for accommodation on land set aside as "towns" by a Government notice

But, he said, since the promulgation of the Act, no Government notice to this effect had been published

No rental had lawfully been determined for homes — so no rentals were therefore owing

For the same reasons, any service charges that were allegedly owing were not lawfully due

It was expected that MC de Klerk, SC (with TS Kruger) for the Department would strongly oppose this argument — but instead, after an adjournment, he conceded that the Department had no right to take away the families' homes

In his judgment the judge said the Department had no right to take the homes of any of the families — as they had given an undertaking not to do so until the outcome of the court case

Mr James refused to comment when approached by City Press

36 mineworkers in hospital

19 DIE

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THREE mineworkers have died in hospital, bringing the death toll from Saturday night's faction fighting at President Brand Gold mine near Welkom to 19, an Anglo American corporation spokesman said yesterday.

He said 36 mineworkers were being treated in hospital for injuries

The situation at the mine's number three shaft hostel, scene of Saturday night's unrest, was calm, the spokesman said

Sixteen of the mineworkers died when the unrest broke out at the mine on Saturday night Then it was reported that 40 others were treated in hospital for injuries

SA Press Association

"The fighting, between Xhosa and Basotho tribesmen, began at the mine's number three shaft hostel at about 7 10 pm and was contained shortly afterwards by mine security personnel using tear-smoke," he said

"The number of miners involved is not clear at this stage"

Mayor's house goes up in flames after rent protest

THE deep rumble of discontent exploded into violence for the first time in Barberton in the Eastern Transvaal this week — when an angry mob of more than 1 000 rent protesters burnt down the mayor's house and looted his shop before setting it alight.

The outbreak came after a heated meeting in the local community hall in which Mayor Michael Nkosi announced a rent increase from R26 to R42.

About 2 000 dissatisfied residents held an open-air meeting to raise objections to the proposed rent hikes They resolved to stage a total stay-away from work and school until the council backed down on its decision to increase rent

Shortly after the meeting the mob attacked the local administration board offices and the local hostel was gutted

In another incident, two houses belonging to councillors were burnt down Most of the councillors have evacuated their homes and are in "a place of safety"

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COPS found an arms ca-

Council builds visiting quarters

IN AN unprecedented move, Johannesburg City Council has begun building special accommodation for visiting wives of the migrant workers it employs.

Migrant workers, housed in hostels, usually see their families only once a year when they return to their homes

Housing director Thys Wilsnach said the council was constructing three buildings, adjacent to City Deep, Selby and Antea hostels, at an estimated cost of R60 000 each

The decision was taken in February and the buildings should be completed by July

Each fully-equipped building will be able to house four couples at a time and will consist of four private bedrooms, a combined diningroom-lounge and two bathrooms.

The three hostels are the largest of 20 housing Johannesburg municipal workers and the number accommodated in them ranges between 2 000 and 3 200.

Workers will have to apply at the West Rand Development Board for visiting permits for their wives and the council will allow them to stay in the new quarters for a maximum of 14 days.

Financial Reporter

Wilsnach said couples using these quarters would have to be married. Children would not be allowed to accompany visiting wives

He said the council hoped to build similar facilities near some of the other hostels and that he hoped Johannesburg would be setting a precedent for other councils.

The other city councils had not introduced such schemes yet and he hoped the Johannesburg council would be setting a precedent.

Asked what had prompted the council decision, Mr Wilsnach said it had long believed the move would be in the interests of workers and the council.

"Disgruntled workers find all sorts of excuses to get home. We're trying to eliminate that and help them to have a happier family life by at least seeing each other every six months

"But this will depend on the availability of accommodation and booking will have to be done well in advance"

PFP city councillor Les Dishy, who lobbied strongly for the visiting quarters, said he had done so because he had always been shocked at the type of accommodation provided for migrant workers.

"But this isn't nearly enough yet."

Transport and General Workers Union (TGWU) general secretary Jane Barrett said "We are hoping this will set a precedent for many companies as well and do see it as an important step.

"But we cannot comment further until we see it in operation and see what the restrictions and practical problems are

Federated Chamber of Industries chief executive Johan van Zyl said the chamber supported any move which could improve the quality of life for migrant workers

Black Sash national president Sheena Duncan said the step would be helpful because those applying for visitors' permits usually had to state where they would be accommodated.

"But I think it's disgraceful that the Johannesburg City Council has been content at this late stage to contend with such an unnatural system instead of speaking out loudly against the abhorrent system of contract labour."

Kagiso Council to write off 'arrears'

Sowetan 19/5/85

THE Kagiso Town Council has resolved to write off thousands of rands owed by local residents in rent arrears

This news will be greeted with relief by scores of the township's residents who — to their shock and disbelief — recently received notices requiring them to pay rent arrears — in some cases as high as R800 — dating back to 1981

In a statement yesterday, the council said "We have resolved to regard as irrecoverable losses all arrears which emanated while the township was under the jurisdiction of the West Rand Administration Board The arrears in question are those which accumulated before July 1, 1984, the day the council became a local authority "

The amount owed by residents would be debited to the West Rand Development Board, according to the council

This means that residents whose rent arrears accumulated before July 1984, should ignore notices sent to them by the council Those who had already responded to the notices by paying their arrears, would have the amount credited to them and regarded as advance rent payment

"However, residents owing rent as from July 1984 until now will be required to pay their arrears," the council stated "We appeal to the residents to report at the Kagiso Council offices as soon as possible They should bring their receipts — dating from July 1984 — along, because we are introducing our own financial system independent from the West Rand Board "

Woman's Club meeting

THE SOWETAN Woman's Club, East Rand branch, meets tomorrow at the Lionel Kent Centre in Daveton.

The meeting starts at 2pm and the topic to be discussed is "taxation — how it affects you"

All members are invited, including those wishing to join or interested in the topic Refreshments will be served Please bring your friends along





POTENTIAL home buyers and admirers inspect houses on show at Protea North.

Rejected Protea North is now pride of Soweto

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By LEN MASEKO

ON October 28, 1982, the Soweto Council — in a shock decision — rejected a housing package deal offered by the private sector at its monthly meeting.

The private sector, through the Urban Foundation, had offered R12,3-million to the council on condition that it be allocated land in Protea North to develop into housing schemes for middle and higher income groups

In its proposals, the private sector said it had set aside R80-million for the housing development — but the council rejected the offer outright, saying it wanted the money "with no strings attached"

However, after a change of heart in the council chamber, the offer was accepted months later At the time the council needed money to fund several projects the 800-unit housing scheme in Tshiawelo Extension Three and the building of 1 100 flats in Jabulani and Tshiawelo

On Tuesday this week, Urban Foundation and Soweto Council representatives got together to officially open the project — oblivious of the controversy that greeted the news of the housing development three years ago.

The Protea North housing project provided a vehicle for piloting a number of principles fundamental to the reformation of housing policy for blacks in South Africa, Mr Justice Jan Stein, chief executive of the Urban Foundation, said when officially opening the project

He said among these principles were the large-scale private sector development in black urban areas, the creation of a large number of local jobs and business opportunities

The project, co-ordinated by the Foundation together with the Soweto Council and the West Rand Development Board, involves the erection of 2 500 houses and 600 flats Three large sites have been set aside for the construction of the flats, to be sold on 99-year leasehold

Of the 1 900 sites available to developers and employers, all have been sold and 600 sites have been set aside for sale directly to the public

Seventeen houses went on show this week to enable potential buyers to what the developers are offering The two to four-bedroomed houses are priced between R20 000 and R80 000

Designed as a complete residential area, Protea North has sites for schools, a business centre, shops, churches, garages and parks

The Soweto Council and the West Rand Development Board have an office in the area to provide for a "one stop" administrative service for the issuing of site permits, leasehold and building permits and approval of plans There is also a sales office manned by the staff of the Family Housing Association, an Urban Foundation utility company formed to provide serviced land

In his address, Soweto Mayor, Mr Edward Kunene said Protea North was evidence of the standards that were being set to provide urban communities "with a new and better lifestyle which help take them on to fulfill their individual aspirations in society"

The sites range from 232 square metres to 345 square metres and are priced between R5 500 and R7 500



SOME of the dignitaries who attended the official opening of the Protea North project



Mr JUSTICE STEYN. The project harnessed private sector financial and manpower resources



Welcome — and please feel right at home . . .

Pic: THEMBA NKOSI
Words: TEBELLO RADEBE

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SOWETO'S R120-million Protea North housing project opened this week — and the cops were there in their Casspirs to make new residents feel right at home

It seems there won't be any getting away from them for the occupants, who will eventually move into the 2 500 houses and 600 flats to be built there

The project is a middle-income group scheme and is managed by the Family Housing Association — a housing utility company of the Urban Foundation operating in the Pretoria, Vaal and Witwatersrand area

Urban Foundation chief executive Jan Steyn said the building of the project would provide many jobs

The foundation will provide cheap building materials for owners who can't raise building society bonds in the usual way, he said

All 1 900 sites available to developers and employers have been sold Of the 600 sites available to individual buyers, over 70 have been sold

The project will add more than R80-million to the money circulating in the Soweto economy, Urban Foundation housing director Matthew Nel said

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION:

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(28 February 1985.)

St Mary's Cathedral, Johannesburg: demonstration

941. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Justice:

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The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

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Hansard
9/27 Ekangale Township Q. Col. 1717 5/6/85

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(ii) a loan free of charge would represent an overall saving to the State
Treasury approval was obtained in advance

(3) That the mobile tower will be returned to the South African Air Force as soon as the proposed new control tower is taken into commission.

THURSDAY, 6 JUNE 1985

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†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

Hansard

Fund-raising Act

Q.Col.1719 6/8/85

943 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Health and Welfare

(1) How many (a) organizations were authorized to collect contributions in terms of the Fund-raising Act, No 107 of 1978, and (b) boards had been established in terms of section 17 of the said Act, as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,

(2) whether any inspections have been carried out in terms of section 30 of the said Act since its inception, if so, (a) in respect of which organizations as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) when in each case,

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(3) whether any organizations have been prosecuted for contravening any provisions of the said Act, if so, (a) which organizations, (b) when and (c) what was the charge in each case?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

(1) (a) 4 162

(b) four

on 30 April 1985

(2) Yes

(a) It is not considered to be in the public interest to disclose the names of organizations inspected, but I am prepared to furnish the particulars to the member personally, if required

(b) During February and May 1985

(3) Prosecutions are instituted by the Department of Justice and the Department of Health and Welfare has no statistics of these

(a) (b) and (c) Falls away

Hansard

Newspapers. registration

Q. Col.1720 6/8/85

980 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Home Affairs

(1) What is the amount of the registration fee for newspapers prescribed by

him in terms of section 13 of the Newspaper and Imprint Registration Act, No 63 of 1971,

(2) whether this fee is payable by all newspapers, if not, (a) why not and (b) which newspapers are exempt,

(3) how many newspapers were registered in terms of the said Act as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(1) R10,00

(2) Yes

(a) and (b) Fall away

(3) 4 941 as at 31 May 1985

FRIDAY, 7 JUNE 1985

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For written reply

General Affairs

Improvement of race relations: campaign

860 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education

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(1) Whether his Department (a) has held, and/or (b) intends to promote, a campaign amongst (i) the population of the Republic and/or (ii) pupils for the improvement of race relations, if not, why not, if so, (aa) when did or will the campaign take place, (bb) which organizations were or will be consulted in regard to the campaign and (cc) what was or will be the nature of the campaign,

(2) whether all media were or will be requested to participate in this campaign, if not, why not,

(3) whether any outside organizations were or will be permitted to submit material for use in this campaign, if not, why not,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION

(1) (a) and (b) No A campaign as envisaged in the question, falls outside the authority of the Department of National Education

(aa) to (cc), (2) and (3) fall away

(4) No

Amount spent on advertisements

876 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Foreign Affairs

(1) What was the total amount spent by

Try to help -and not to rob!

VAAL residents recently won an important victory when an employer backed down on his controversial decision to deduct rent arrears from his employees' pay packets

The employer decided at the last minute not to defend the case in the Supreme Court – and agreed to reimburse all the money he had deducted to date

This case should never have been brought before the courts That it was brought, indicates once more that officials and employers in the area still do not have the sensitivity to understand the real problems facing those communities

To take money from a man without his consent – to pay for a cause he disagrees with – is robbery

It is also an assault on his conscience.

Employers are not there to be rent collectors The least they could do to help solve the situation – in their own self-interest – is to use their resources and offices to bring about meaningful dialogue in an effort to break the year-long rent crisis

After the turbulence of the past few months, the Vaal has been going through a comparatively calm period But the atmosphere is still loaded with tension – and it would be in everybody's interest that people watch their tongues and actions.

Press COMMENT
JUNE 6, 1985

MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1985 22c + 3c GST (SA) Elsewhere 25c

Vaal rents issue backfires

COUNCIL TO PAY

127 Sowetan 10/6/85



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By ALI MPHAKI

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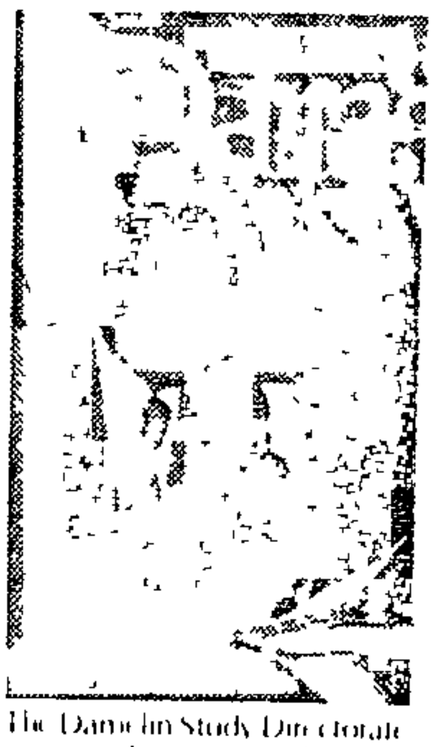

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June 16 get-together

IIA Sowetan 10/6/85

By SEFAKO NYAKA

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He said residents have to be refunded the money without any intimidation and that they (SCA) will be meeting with trade unions during the week to disclose all the legal implications of the Supreme Court order.

Although the SCA is Sharpeville-based, residents in the whole Vaal Triangle stand to benefit.

June 16 get-together

By SEFAKO NYAKA

SEVERAL organisations that have been at each others throats recently, meet at the Ipelegeng Community Centre in Jabavu, Soweto, tonight to finalise arrangements for the commemoration of the ninth anniversary of the June 16 uprisings.

United Democratic Front (UDF) and National Forum Committee (NFC) affiliates meet under the auspices of a group of Soweto clergymen who have been instrumental in peace-talks between the "warring" organisations

On Saturday the organisations held "fruitful" talks at he same venue in a bid to "remember our fallen heroes" with "dignity and honour"

"Saturday's talks were conducted in a good spirit and it once more demonstrated that people are willing to talk and work together" a source close to the talks said yesterday

Priests

In the past commemorations at the Regina Mundi were marred by open differences between the Azanian People's Organisagion (Azapo), the Azanian Student Movement (Azasm) and Black Consciousness orien-

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House sales suspended

THE Wattville Village Council has suspended the selling of houses in Wattville, Benoni, because of the "exorbitant" selling prices demanded by the East Rand Development Board (Eradebo).

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The council took this decision at a meeting they held with senior officials of Eradebo in Wattville last week. Sowetan 11/6/85

Mr Noel Mlokoti, the mayor of Wattville, yesterday said his council was now planning to send a memorandum to the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, asking him to intervene on the matter.

Mr Mlokoti said the houses in the township were old and delapidated and were not worth the money the board was demanding The board is demanding that residents should pay between R1 570 and R2 240 to buy the 3 000 houses in the township

"We are only prepared to sell the houses at not more than R800 each There is no way that my council is going to allow the board to dictate terms to us and put whatever price they want on the houses," Mr Mlokoti said

The first houses in Wattville were erected in 1940 and the last one was erected in 1953

Mr Mlokoti said most of the residents in Wattville were pensioners who could not afford to pay the sum of money demanded by Eradebo. He said if the board demanded that residents should pay these exorbitant prices they should first renovate the houses before selling them.

Lekoa rent row looms

Sowetan 14/6/85

A CONFRONTATION is looming between Vaal employers and the Lekoa Town Council after a Supreme Court order that workers should be refunded money deducted from their salaries for rent arrears. 127

Mr Nicholas Louw, the Lekoa Town Council town clerk, yesterday denied there was a Supreme Court order that residents should be refunded, "or any other order for that matter"

But **The SOWETAN** is in possession of the order It stems from a "test" case between the Sharpeville Civic Association (SCA) and the Department of Post and Telecommunications, where the judge ordered the department to refund all money deducted for outstanding rent

The SCA is compiling a list of all employers who have been deducting rent arrears from their employees' salaries This list will be given to SCA attorneys

Most residents in the Vaal townships have not been paying rent since last September when unrest began in the area

The Lekoa Town Council then asked firms to deduct outstanding rent from residents' salaries This was in the wake of a deficit of more than a million rand, and still rising

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under the Highveld 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?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Balfour	282	Nil	2	2	1
Belfast	754	Nil	Nil	2	1
Bethal	1 469	Nil	1	3	1
Dullstroom	1 133	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Evander	1 788	Nil	2	4	1
Greylingstad	181	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Hendrina	270	52	Nil	1	Nil
Leandra	1 208	142	Nil	1	Nil
Lydenburg	603	Nil	1	2	1
Machadodorp	282	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Ogies	656	Nil	Nil	2	1
Perdekop	99	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Standerton	2 517	Nil	1	5	1
Volksrust	1 391	Nil	Nil	3	1
Middelburg	2 344	Nil	1	7	2
Witbank	3 955	Nil	1	10	4
Total	18 478	194	9	46	14

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Northern Transvaal Development Board: housing/education

855 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 Transvaal 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 school were there in each such township as at that date?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Messina	666	Nil	1	3	1
Louis Trichardt	405	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Soekmekaar	64	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Roedtan	47	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Naboomspruit	357	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Nylstroom	460	Nil	1	2	Nil
Duiwelskloof	32	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	2 031		2	9	1

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Eastern Transvaal Development Board: housing/education

856 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 Transvaal 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?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Amsterdam	256	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Amersfoort	227	192	1	1	Nil
Barberton	1 041	178	1	3	1
Breyton	839	Nil	Nil	2	1
Carolina	604	76	Nil	2	Nil
Lake Chrissie	44	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Davel	106	122	Nil	1	Nil
Ermelo	2 088	Nil	Nil	6	1
Graskop (Hostel)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Komatipoort (Hostel)	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Lothair	324	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Morgenzon	152	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Piet Retief	1 221	Nil	1	2	1
Sabie	401	Nil	1	1	1
Wakkerstroom	190	30	Nil	1	Nil
Waterval-Boven	648	Nil	Nil	2	1
Total	8 141	598	4	25	6

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Western Transvaal Development Board: housing/education

857 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 Transvaal 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?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Biesiesvlei	24	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Bloemhof	568	36	Nil	2	Nil
Carletonville	2 589	Nil	1	5	1
Christiana	611	1	Nil	1	Nil
Coligny	326	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Fochville	208	45	Nil	1	Nil
Hartbeesfontein	274	5	Nil	1	Nil
Koster	532	62	Nil	2	Nil
Leeudoringstad	325	23	Nil	1	Nil
Lichtenburg	589	Nil	1	2	Nil
Makwassie	287	14	Nil	1	Nil
Orkney	1 046	41	1	3	1
Ottosdal	422	422	Nil	1	Nil
Schweizer-Reneke	756	22	Nil	2	1
Sannieshof	161	6	Nil	1	Nil
Stilfontein	1 174	90	1	4	1
Swartruggens	152	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Ventersdorp	460	10	Nil	1	Nil
Witpoort	37	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Wolmaransstad	726	50	Nil	2	1
Zeerust	580	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Potchefstroom Ikageng	4 242	20	1	9	1
Klerksdorp Jouberton	3 568	200	2	9	1
Total	19 657	1 047	7	54	7

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Central Transvaal Development Board: housing/education

858 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 Central Transvaal 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?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Pretoria Mamelodi	13 906	Nil	11	36	9
Pretoria Atteridgeville	9 852	Nil	10	26	6
Warmbad	868	Nil	1	2	1
Brits	945	Nil	2	2	1
Thabazimbi	69	Nil	1	1	1
Total	25 640		25	67	18

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Interior decorating department: contracts

862 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Public Works

(1) (a) What total amount was budgeted for the interior decorating section of his Department in the 1984-85 and 1985-86 financial years, respectively, and (b) how many contracts were awarded by this section in each of these years as at the latest specified date for which figures are available,

(2) whether contracts are awarded on the basis of advertised tenders, if not, why not,

(3) whether contracts are awarded on the informal quotation basis, if not, how are contracts awarded, if so, why,

(4) whether all tenders and contracts are published in the State Tender Bulletin if not why not,

(5) whether any company may submit quotations in respect of a contract, if not, (a) why not and (b)(i) how does the interior decorating section of his Department select the companies which are invited to submit such quotations, (ii) who is responsible for making decisions in this regard and (iii) what are the names of these companies,

(6) (a) what are the names of the companies which (i) submitted quotations in respect of and (ii) were awarded each contract of the interior decorating section of his Department in the 1984-85 and 1985-86 financial years respectively, as at the latest specified date for which figures are available (b) how many contracts were awarded to each company and (c) what was the total value of the contracts awarded to each company in each of these years as at the latest specified date for which figures are available

(7) (a) how many contracts had been awarded or initiated by the Pretoria office of the interior decorating section of his Department in the 1984-85 and 1985-86 financial years respectively as at the latest specified date for which figures are available, (b) what was the name of the successful company in regard to each such contract and (c) what was the (i) nature and (ii) value of each contract,

(8) whether any other companies submitted quotations in respect of each of these contracts, if so, (a) which companies and (b) what was the amount of the unsuccessful quotation in each case?

The MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS

The hon Member's attention is drawn to the fact that the statistics as requested are not readily available Endeavours to obtain the information proved that it will be a time-consuming task and where the department finds itself in a time of financial stress with related personnel implications, officials can unfortunately not be set aside to research this mass of information

However I think the Honourable Member will find it useful to be informed of the field of work of the sub-section Interior Decorating of the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs The section is responsible for the interior decorating of inter alia

(a) The official residences of the State President as well as his offices in the Union Buildings and Tuynhuys

(b) official residences and offices of Ministers Deputy Ministers, and other political office bearers and certain senior officials to whom accommodation is provided

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(a)	(b)
Carletonville	December 1986
Daveyton	1987
Kwa-Thema	1987
Sharpeville	1987
Bloemfontein	1987
Tembisa	1987
Katlehong	1987/88
Technical College Soshanguve	December 1985

National states: amounts spent on education

HANSARD 19/6/85 Q col 1943 & 56

841 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) Whether his Department will furnish information on the amounts spent on matters relating to the education of Blacks in the national states, if not, why not, if so,

(2) what amounts were spent in each of the national states on (a) school textbooks (b) library books, (c) hostel accommodation subsidies, (d) pupil transport subsidies, (e) school audio-visual equipment, (f) school buildings, (g) stationery and (h) school furniture in each of the latest specified three years for which figures are availble?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(b)(i)	(ii)
Kempton Park· Tembisa	19 034	275	4	25	4
Germiston Katlehong	17 992	315	4	29	6
Alberton Tokoza	4 512	100	1	8	2
Boksburg. Vosloorus	5 481	Nil	3	10	2
Benoni Wattville	2 473	41	2	7	1
Benoni Daveyton	12 423	352	3	23	4
Brakpan Tsakane	6 945	53	2	8	2
Springs KwaThema	9 757	Nil	1	19	5
Nigel. Duduza	3 747	Nil	1	9	2
Heidelberg. Ratanda	1 530	Nil	2	4	1
Devon Tsepong	184	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Delmas: Botleng	885	Nil	Nil	3	1
Bronkhorstspruit Zithobeni	321	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Cullinan Refilwe	270	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
Ekangala	1 387	Nil	Nil	1	1
Total	86 941	1 136	23	150	31

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION·

(1) No. Education is a function that has been transferred to the governments of the national states and information is not available to the Department

(2) Falls away

East-Rand Development Board: housing/education

HANSARD 19/6/85 Q col 1944

846 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

	(1)(a)	(b)	(2)(a)	(i)	(ii)
Johannesburg Soweto	74 081	777	51	175	41
Johannesburg Diepmeadow	26 942	Nil	19	59	12
Johannesburg Dobsonville	4 081	Nil	2	13	2
Johannesburg Alexandra	2 096	Nil	5	14	3
Krugersdorp Kagiso	5 705	Nil	3	14	2
Randfontein Mohlakeng	3 172	Nil	1	8	2
Westonaria Bekkersdal	1 091	Nil	1	3	1
Total	117 168	777	82	286	63

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West Rand Development Board: housing/education

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The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION·

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HANSARD 19/6/85 Q col 1945

Natalia Development Board: housing/education

848 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 Natalia 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?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

We're rubber stamps - Kunene

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

THE mayor of Soweto, Mr Edward Kunene, has claimed that he and seven of his fellow councillors were being used as rubber stamps by the West Rand Development Board and Urban Foundation on the Protea North development project.

The chairman of the Wradebo, Mr John Knoetze, and the general manager of the Urban Foundation, Mr Matthew Nell, have refuted Mr Kunene's claim.

They said a steering committee had been formed to deliberate on issues concerning the Protea North area. It consisted of members of the council, the Wradebo and Urban Foundation. All decisions taken were discussed and agreed upon by the three parties.

Mr Nell said the council had a financial stake in the deal.

However, Mr Kunene said the land belonged to Wradebo which appointed the Urban Foundation to develop it. Members of the council, including him and the chairman of the management committee, Mr Letsatsi Radebe, were co-opted to the steering committee of the Protea project to make it work.

"We were brought in to sign contracts because the land fell within the boundaries of Soweto, but have no power to effect decision or veto those made by the other parties. If we had power, the price of sites could never have been fixed at R6 500 and more because that is above what most residents without accommodation can afford to pay," said Mr Kunene.

The claim was first made by councillors during a heated debate over the ownership of the Protea North area in the last council meeting. They were backed by Mr Radebe, but Mr Kunene refrained from contributing to the debate.

Protea North will be transferred to the Soweto City Council with other assets and lands by Wradebo soon.

Soweto rent rise?

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SOWETO rents and rates may soon be going up.

But Mr Nico Malan, chief executive officer of the Soweto City Council, has denied that the council was envisaging increasing service charges, electricity and water tariffs SOWETAN 20/6/85

A notice, placed in **The SOWETAN** last week, reads that in terms of Section 27 of the Black Local Authorities Act, Act No 102 of 1982, the council had resolved that, with immediate effect, the council would pass on to the consumer, price increases determined by the supply authorities concerned, that is, the Rand Water Board, Escom or the Johannesburg City Council

Mr Malan said the council was in fact intending to promulgate a by-law that would not, in future, make it necessary for the council to make a by-law every time the council had to increase tariffs

"In the past we had to make a by-law every time we intended increasing tariffs This was an unnecessary duplication of costs We want to avoid that by promulgating a by-law that will cover all future increases," he said

He added that the council had no intention of increasing service charges, water and electricity tariffs at this stage

But many people who saw the notice gained the impression that the increase in tariffs, which would automatically push rents higher, was on the cards



Residents protest

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A CROWD of angry residents carrying placards in Western Coloured Township yesterday marched in the streets to protest the "poor quality of homes" the Johannesburg City Council is building for them.

Police in a van and other vehicles watched the peaceful demonstration from a distance and later ordered the residents to disperse because their actions were illegal

The incident happened after a meeting to protest the type of homes built for them was held at the Anglican Church in the township It was attended by over 150 residents who resolved that

- The council should stop building sub-economic houses,
- The Government should scrap the Group Areas Act
- No other coloureds from other areas should occupy the houses built by the council in Western township

A spokesman for the Western Residents' Action Committee said the homes built by the council were of a "poor quality" and residents were not prepared to occupy them

Several of them have been broken down by angry residents, bad morals have also mushroomed in the vicinity, the spokesman said, adding "for as long as the council insists on this type of structures we shall continue to protest

"We plead with other coloured people not to occupy these houses Those who stubbornly occupy them will face the consequences," the spokesman warned

The old coloured township became the scene of a demonstration last week when scores of residents marched when coloured MP Mr David Curry visited the township

Mr Curry had visited the township to inspect the conditions of the houses following a meeting in which the committee submitted a petition to him



EVICTION. Some of the shack-dwellers on Mr Yende's plot who face eviction Pic LEN KUMALO

35 families told to quit their homes

By SIZAKELE KOOMA

A THOKOZA town councillor, who has been charging families R100 for shacks on his plot, and R30 a month rent, gave them until last Saturday to get out.

The 35 families have been living on a plot owned by Mr Alfred "Tiger" Yende, a Thokoza town councillor They are mostly from the Transkei and have been living in these shacks since January last year.

They said they had to pay the councillor up to R100 as goodwill before they were allowed to build shacks. All said they paid Mr Yende R30 a month for rent, money which is collected by his daughter, Miss Daphne Yende.

Last week the families were told by the councillor that their shacks would be demolished He said he had been threatened by students to rid the area of this "slum" because it was unsightly and a health hazard

The families elected eight representatives who went to the commissioner's office in Johannesburg where they eventually spoke to two white officials The officials referred them to the Germiston police station, from where they were directed to Katlehong police station. They told the police that they were threatened with eviction A statement was taken and they were told not to worry because nothing would happen to them.

The representatives of the shack-dwellers say the problem started on June 19 when Mr Yende came to them at night and told them to be out of the place by Saturday, June 29, because he had received threats from pupils to demolish the shacks

The SOWETAN later heard that the families would be attacked by the students if they did not move out

The families are very angry because they claim they paid the money demanded from them every month, without fail. They were not give receipts on payment of the "goodwill" and rent

Mr Yende says it is true that he ordered the shacks to be demolished because, he says, the plot has been rezoned into a business area and he hopes to open a shop soon

The officials did not know anything of this "mini-township", he says He only accommodated the families out of "sympathy" He says he has no alternative plan for them, and they should find their way out of this disaster.

Services eat up drop in monthly payments

Home-buyers in Soweto paying more

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By Maud Motanyane

Thousands of Soweto tenants bought their homes expecting a big drop in their monthly payments

Instead, they found themselves paying almost as much for services alone as they had formerly paid for rent and services

Bewildered and disappointed, many telephoned *The Star* seeking an explanation.

The reasons were complex, said the Soweto Director of Housing, Mr J G Jacobs

Of the monthly payment tenants made before buying their homes only a small amount went towards rent. A large proportion paid for services and upgrading projects

It was only the "rent" (about R4) which was dropped after the homes had been purchased, Mr Jacobs explained

Leaseholders continued to pay for refuse collection, sewerage, administration and the upgrading of the township

A large slice of the upgrading fee went towards the servicing of a R250 million loan used to electrify the city

The electrification levy was introduced in June 1983 The council had intendedto increase the levy each year until each householder had contributed R1 500 towards the electricity project

"But due to some problems," Mr Jacobs said, "the levy has not been increased"

The Soweto Council is now waiting for Government agreement to assist it in paying back the loan

A breakdown of the services residents pay for includes

- Refuse collection. R4.
- Sewerage. R7,93.
- Administration R5,45
- Maintenance of electricity reticulation and street lighting: 46c
- Maintenance of roads: 74c
- School levy- 38c.
- Water reticulation: 12c.
- Maintenance of clinics : 50c
- Planning: 30c.

The amount paid for rent by those still living in rented homes varied according to the size of the house, Mr Jacobs said

Once the home was purchased, the owner became responsible for its maintenance. Services such as plumbing, which were formerly carried out by the council, were taken over by the new owner.

Many of those who took advantage of the Government's massive home sale were elderly people

Most had purchased their homes with the help of their employers.

One such person was Mrs Josephine Sikhosana, who bought her Senaone home at the end of last year.

"Since she bought the house, she has just paid and paid," said her employer, Mrs A E Biggz of Kensington.

Not only did Mrs Sikhosana's monthly payment not decrease as she had expected but she had had to replace her whole toilet, which fell apart soon after she had bought the house, said Mrs Biggz

Vaal home buyers lose out - they wouldn't pay

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MORE than 20 000 Vaal Triangle householders have been disqualified from purchasing their homes under the 99-year leasehold scheme — in terms of a resolution adopted by the Orange-Vaal Development Board.

The Vaal Development Board, in what appears to be a backlash on rent-defaulters, is turning away scores of prospective home buyers — because they have failed to pay their rent over the past 10 months

This is the latest development in the Vaal rent issue, which has dragged on since the Vaal unrest started in September last year

Mr T L B Prinsloo, assistant director (housing) of the Development Board, confirmed in an interview with **Consumer Corner** that the Vaal Triangle residents would not be allowed to buy their homes on leasehold if they continued not to pay their rents

Also affected by the board's decision were thousands of residents in 23 Orange Free State townships

Arrears

In terms of the board's resolution, prospective home owners would have to clear all their rent arrears before buying their homes The whole affair has had an adverse effect on the home sales in the complex — only 2 000 units of the 26 000 housing stock available for sale have been registered for leasehold since the mass house sale started two years ago

Sources in the homes market confirmed that the promotion of home ownership had been caught up in political problems in the area Trainee estate agents in the complex view the whole issue as a "baptismal of fire" By urging local residents to pay up their rent arrears, so as to qualify for home ownership, estate agents would be signing "their own death warrant," the sources told **Consumer Corner.**

To date, the Lekoa Town Council has lost more than R10-million — at least R2-million a month — since September when the complex was embroiled in prolonged unrest Local residents have steadfastly refused to pay rent, in protest against a R5 rent hike

Tembisa faces rent hikes

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

TEMBISA residents are faced with yet another rent increase.

The increase is estimated at R11 a permit It will be effected soon after it has been gazetted

Confirming the increase, acting Town Clerk Mr Anthony Relihan yesterday said. "We have published in the newspapers that tariffs are to go up We will effect them after publication in the Government Gazette".

Details

He declined to give any details and stated "all details will be contained in the publication".

The last rent hike in Tembisa was effected in February Residents were charged R4 a permit and businessmen R20 a site It was to have been effected in September but was delayed after the Tembisa Civic Association (TCA) sought legal aid

An executive member of the TCA, Mr Leonard Mavuso, yesterday said they had submitted a formal objection against the intended increase

He said "If our objection is not noted we will do all in our power to get a hearing because the council publishes the notices in The Star knowing well that Tembisa people read **The SOWETAN** more than any other paper"

Masterplan

The increases are reportedly for the electricity masterplan, sewerage, and refuse removal

"The phasing out of the bucket system is the people's priority and not the electricity masterplan There are more than five sections in Tembisa, each with more than 1 000 residents, still using the bucket system," said Mr Mavuso

He accused the council of provoking violence in the township Meanwhile, Tembisa is still tense with either police or SADF patrols at almost every corner.

Housing protest — three arrested

Three people were arrested today at a demonstration over a Johannesburg City Council housing scheme in the Western Coloured Township.

According to his family, Dr Elvis Daniels, chairman of the Westbury Residents' Action Committee, and two other people were arrested by police this morning

The residents say the houses in the scheme, which are under construction, are too small. They want an investigation into the costs of building larger houses

According to the council, the residents would not be able to afford larger houses than those planned.

After several unsuccessful meetings to resolve the deadlock, about 200 Westbury residents gathered at one of the building sites this morning and protested.

According to residents, several policemen in vans dispersed the crowd with rubber bullets and tearsmoke and then arrested three of the demonstrators. Several cars had been stoned.

A senior policeman said a crowd of about 200 people threw stones and punched construction workers on the building site.

Mr D A Opperman, one of the subcontractors, said his 17-year old son Nico, who was working on the site, was assaulted by members of the crowd

Now it looks more like it, but . . .

By SY MAKARINGE

SOWETO'S hostels still tell a tale of squalor — but some employers are now trying to improve the living conditions of workers staying at them.

Inmates staying in these hostels for many years complain that since the black councils took over the hostels from the Johannesburg City Council, nothing has been done to improve them

They still have, too bear the stench from the communal and seldom cleaned toilets, which are always in a state of perpetual disrepair

But, in the past few years, the private sector has apparently shown concern over the living conditions of their workers, most of whom come from the homelands and do not qualify for houses in the urban areas

This week The **SOWETAN** visited Dube Hostel, one of the worst in Soweto

In the midst of dilapidated hostel blocks, our attention was immediately attracted by a newly renovated bungalow which was once an eye-sore

The block, which used to accommodate 16 inmates, had been transformed into a new dwelling unit housing only eight inmates, everyone in his own room

This makes them enjoy their own privacy to the fullest in their own rooms Although all the eight inmates were at work when we visited the hostel, caretaker Mr Jack Sgubudu, said they all regarded it as home-from-home because of its comfort, safety and privacy

The kitchen-cum-living room is well furnished, compared with the council-run bungalows There are two electrical stoves, a refrigerator, a cabinet, two tables and matching chairs
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Mr Sgubudu has been hired by the company concerned to specifically maintain the bungalows during the day when the inmates are at work

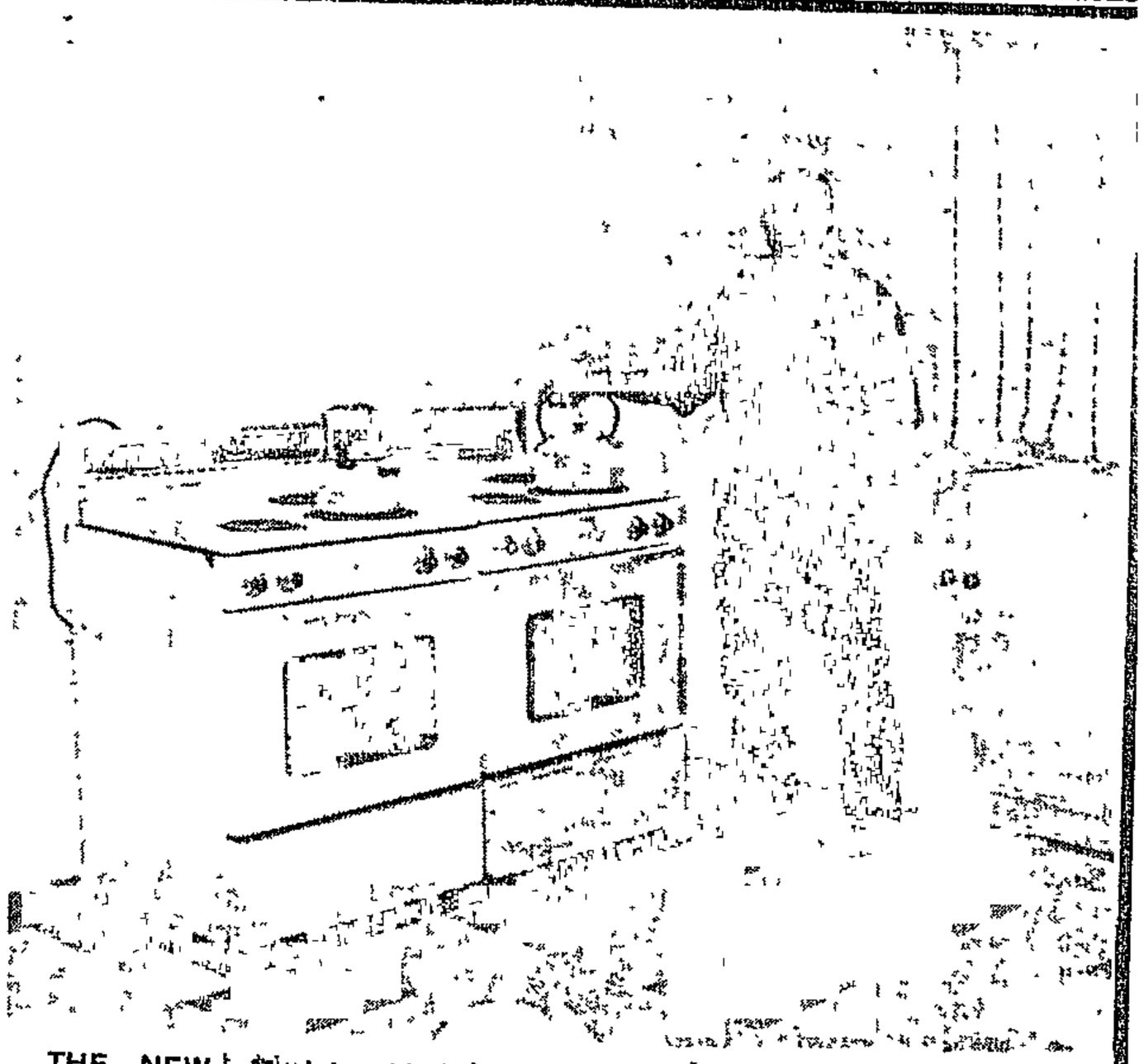
We found that the spacious kitchen-cum-living room, the inside toilets, bathrooms and corridors were spotlessly clean when we arrived

Many private companies have started to follow this example, and have approached the Soweto City Council with the view of embarking on their own projects to uplift the living standard of their employees

Some are already in the process of planning and building bigger and better housing units

The council itself has undertaken its own project by renovating three bungalows in Dube Hostel to see if they will be acceptable to the inmates.

But, still, the hostel dwellers are not fully contented with all what is going on The bitterness that they cannot stay with their wives in the urban areas still remains



THE NEW modern kitchen at a newly renovated bungalow

Protesters arrested

POLICE used tearsmoke and rubber bullets at Westbury Coloured Township yesterday to disperse a crowd that was protesting against the new houses that the Johannesburg City Council is building for them

The SOWETAN learnt yesterday that some people were injured in the process and taken to Coronation Hospital One of them is Edwin Jansen (15) who was wounded in the back Our reporters also received unconfirmed information that two infants were overcome by tearsmoke and taken to hospital

At least four people were detained during the protest march, among them, Mr Elvis Daniels, secretary of the Westbury Residents' Action Committee (Wrac) One of those detained, Johnny Penikin, had been released at the time of going to press

A police spokesman confirmed yesterday that three people had been detained He said police used tearsmoke and rubber bullets to disperse a crowd that had attacked workers building new houses According to him, there were no immediate reports of injuries

A spokesperson of the committee denied that the marchers had attacked workers at the building site He said yesterday's protest had been a peaceful one organised by young people in the area

The youngsters, the spokesperson said, felt they also had to show solidarity with their parents who recently staged two protests against the bad quality of the houses being built

The young people started their march at Buku Street and along their route to the building site, were confronted by the police who forced them to disperse

"The youths only wanted to air their discontent because they feel their future is also involved They are also unhappy that the City Council has not responded to their parents demand that the new houses be changed to three and four-bedroomed houses from the two-bedroomed presently being built," the spokesperson said

The new houses are part of a R27-million scheme to replace 799 old houses, with more than 1 100 two-bedroomed sub-economic and three bedroomed economic houses

The sub-economic houses will be built first and residents will have to live in them until the 747 economic houses are completed However, the residents have complained that the existing houses accommodate about seven people.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr Don Manaka, public relations officer of the Diepmeadow Council, councillor of Ward 2 Mrs Sinnah "Madipere" Senokoane and town clerk Mr Sarel van Rensburg, enjoying a drink during the roof-wetting ceremony in Meadowlands.

THE first phase of the R2-million housing project undertaken by the Diepmeadow Council in a semi-elite area outside Zone One, Meadowlands, is nearing completion.

The first 20 houses, which were designed for the lower income group and priced at between R12 000 and R35 000, were officially shown to the public during a roof wetting ceremony on the site yesterday.

Mr Mark Guthrie, director of Impact Homes, said the building of 40 additional houses on the site was on the pipeline.

"This", pointing to the 20 houses, "is to give the people hope that at least something is happening," Mr Guthrie said.

Most of the houses are five-roomed, each with a bathroom and separate toilet. Electricity has also been provided.

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Protests could alter housing project

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A R27-million Johannesburg City Council housing scheme in Western Coloured Township may be amended after protests by local residents

Earlier this week police used birdshot, rubber bullets and teargas to disperse a crowd of about 200 people, who were demonstrating at the construction site of the first 19 houses in the scheme

Four community leaders, including the chairman of the Westbury Residents Action Committee, Dr Elvis Daniels, were arrested during the demonstration

TWO-BEDROOM HOUSES

The original scheme provided for 416 two-bedroom sub-economic houses and 744 three-bedroom economic houses

At a meeting with residents yesterday, Mr Thys Wilsnach, director of the city council's housing department, said he would negotiate with the scheme contractors to increase the size of the houses not yet built

Residents said the proposed houses were too small.

Mr Wilsnach said enlarging the houses might be prohibitively expensive

Talks on plans for coloured housing

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Municipal Reporter

Agreement may soon be reached between the Johannesburg City Council and Western Coloured Township residents over a R27 million council housing scheme

When the scheme was announced residents complained that the proposed 416 sub-economic houses, particularly those with only two bedrooms, were too small

They also said they were not shown the plans before they were approved by the city council

A meeting between the Westbury Residents' Action Committee (WRAC) and council officials was called after residents started destroying the foundations and low walls of the first 19 sub-economic houses in the scheme.

It was agreed that the 744 economic houses, which were apparently not in dispute, would be built first while the possible enlarging of the sub-economic houses was being discussed.

It was also agreed that the first 19 sub-economic houses would be completed while discussions were continuing

After further discussions the council applied to the National Housing Commission for extra money to add a third bedroom to the sub-economic houses This was granted on July 4.

At a subsequent meeting with residents it was decided to investigate the possibility of having all the houses in the scheme enlarged, but this may not be possible for financial reasons

Negotiations between council officials and the housing scheme contractors are presently being held and should be completed later this week

Revised plans will be shown to residents before construction starts.

Mamelodi council drops rent rises

THE Mamelodi Town Council, faced with a deficit of more than R1-million, cancelled its intended rent increases.

The deputy mayor, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi announced at a Press conference on Monday that the proposed increases, estimated at about R9 a month, for water and electricity services had been set aside because of the poor economic climate

The increases were to be from the end of this month

The council, in an effort to save money has also decided not to fill certain posts in their staff

Electricity

The council, which has embarked on a R5,1-m electricity network scheme has appealed to the residents to use electricity and water sparingly

Mr Ndlazi urged residents to dump rubbish inside the garbage containers at street corners

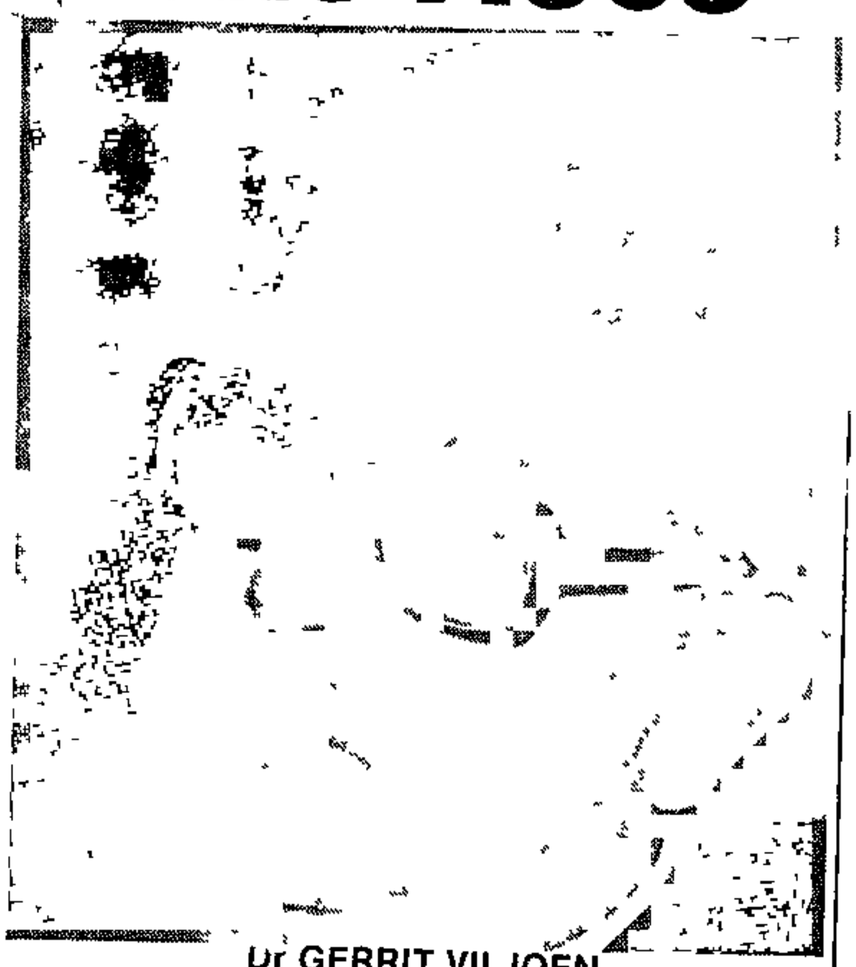
"Residents who are breaking houses for extension or alteration purposes should leave the rubble in their yards and inform the council which will remove the rubble at a very minimal cost," he said

The council also announced that it would soon allocate 4 000 residential sites along the Buffer Street near the Eerste Fabrieke station

A considerable number of these sites would be earmarked for the erection of ordinary four-roomed houses for families which cannot afford to build their own houses

The erection of these houses is expected to alleviate the acute housing shortage in the township

A memorandum has also been sent to the Minister of Co-operation, Education and Training, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, negotiating for the transfer of land beyond the eastern railway line near Hinterland, the council said



Dr GERRIT VILJOEN

Mr Ndlazi also announced that an amount of R350 000 had been set aside for the improvement of roads in the township

A total of R50 000 had also been budgeted for the erection of toilet facilities at the Dennedoom and Eerste Fabrieke stations

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Row over Soweto house

A LODGER and an 82-year-old pensioner are fighting over a Soweto house.

The pensioner is Mrs SophiaMokoena (82), who stayed with Mrs Josephine Tshabalala, another pensioner now dead

The house belonged to Mrs Tshabalala

The lodger is a 25-year-old man who stays in the backyard shack with a girlfriend

A relative of Mrs Mokoena, Henrietta Tshabalala, this week claimed that the lodger had confiscated the reference books and pension books of Mrs Mokoena and Mrs Tshabalala

According to Henrietta the man has also taken the house permit and rent receipts and has claimed the house as his

The lodger was not at home when **The SOWETAN** called

Town clerk Mr Nico Malan said the matter was being investigated by the local councillor, Mr Jerry Mogamisi, and the township superintendent, a Mr Twala

The pensioner and lodger have been summoned to appear at the offices on July 23

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SICKLY 82-year-old Mrs Sophia Mokoena, who is allegedly being harassed by lodgers.

Free Dr Daniels, say Coronation Hospital staff

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Stuart Flitton,
Municipal Reporter

The Coronation Hospital staff have called for the release of a colleague, Dr Elvis Daniels, who was arrested by police last week during a demonstration by Western Coloured Township residents against a Johannesburg City Council housing scheme

According to a petition being signed by hospital staff members, Dr Daniels has played an active role in improving the conditions of people in the area.

"The conditions have resulted in damp, overcrowded housing which are directly responsible for the high incidence of pneumonia, tuberculosis, rheumatic fever and the prevelance of violence in the community, which we have to deal with daily in the hospital.

"The undersigned protest against Dr Daniels' detention," it read.

Two men arrested with Dr Daniels have appeared in the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court and were released on R300 bail pending a further court appearance on July 22.

Detention orders against Dr Daniels and Mr John Peniken were extended by 14 days under Section 50 of the Internal Security Act.

Families evicted

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

MORE than five families and scores of backyard dwellers were evicted from their houses this week and their furniture taken to the Soweto council offices in Orlando East.

The affected families said the local councillor, Mr N Botile, had ordered the evictions because they were not members of his "lekgotla" They claimed they had been raided by "blackjacks" on several occasions in the past few weeks They also claimed that they were "just a few in a list of over 50 families in the hands of those carrying out the evictions"

The chairman of the Orlando East Civic Association, Mr Samson Ngakane, supported their claims and said he had lodged their case with a team of lawyers

Mr Botile yesterday said the families owed the council "large sums in rent arrears" One of the families at house number 3746 agreed they owed R122,00 but said they were turned back when they went to pay At 3776, Mrs Miriam Fihla (37), said she owed R175 for electricity

Mr Botile denied this "I can never let the council evict anyone for owing electricity," he said He said he did not know of any other families to be evicted next week Other families were at houses 3813, 3901 and 883

The director of housing in the council, Mr J G Jacobs, said he had given "orders that rent arrears be collected in every possible way because a large amount of money was owed by residents"

Council demolishes houses

ABOUT 10 houses built in Westbury coloured township two weeks ago were demolished by the Johannesburg City Council when occupants rioted over their poor quality, the Westbury Residents' Action Committee (Wrac) was told yesterday.

Chairman Mike Olifant said two people were shot and three arrested in the riots about two weeks ago. Three people were detained

He said the Wrac had sent letters and petitions to the State President, P W Botha, to the Johannesburg City Council, to the Coloured Management Committee and to the Director of Coloured Housing, Thys Wilsnach, about the quality of new housing developments

The meeting adopted a resolution on an invitation to two Wrac delegates to a meeting on coloured housing, to be held at Johannesburg Civic Centre on July 26 on July 26

The resolution said the delegates would have a letter from the community inviting Wilsnach, David Curry, the Minister of Housing in the House of Representatives, and Francois Oberholzer of the Johannesburg Management Committee to a housing meeting in Westbury

The Wrac hoped in this way to forestall further rioting. — Sapa

R2-m boost for Daveyton housing sites

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE Daveyton Town Council has been granted a loan of R2 m to develop about 400 additional sites at the Etwatwa (Holfontein) Site and Service Scheme in the township.

Announcing the loan at a Press conference held at the council's chambers yesterday, Mr Tom Boya, mayor of Daveyton said this money will be utilised for the servicing of the 400 new sites which will cost in the region of R1 m The loan was granted by the Department of Public Works and Land Affairs

Mr Boya also said the remaining R1 m will be utilised for the granting of loans to families who would like to build houses at Etwatwa.

So far, 106 sites in the Etwatwa scheme have been serviced and allocated to families since the site and service scheme at Holfontein was introduced last year in September.

Of the 106 sites, 85 are already occupied by the residents who have erected temporary structures A service centre has also been erected on the site and includes a clinic which was built through a donation.

Opposition to altering houses into businesses

Municipal Reporter

Within the next two weeks the Johannesburg City Council will oppose two separate applications to the townships board for houses in Kensington to be turned into businesses.

One of the houses, called Windybrow, is on the corner of Langermann Drive and Queen Street, and the other is the nearby 100 Langermann Drive

posed to use Windybrow as a training centre for a travel company and the other house as a restaurant.

Mr Don Walton, the local city councillor, said residents feared that if the applications were successful, they would set a precedent

"People up and down the street will say they don't want to live next to a business and will systematically apply for rezoning," he said

Mr Walton said the Business Four zonings, which were being sought, would allow new buildings to be built on the plots

"Langermann Drive could end up like Jules Street or Louis Botha Avenue, which are disasters."

Mr Harry Crighton, chairman of the Kensington Residents Association, said hundreds of protest letters opposing the two applications had been sent by residents to the townships board

"We want to preserve Kensington as a residential area More businesses would increase traffic congestion and noise," Mr Crighton said.

Mr Michael Krost, the son of the owner of 100 Langerman Drive, said his father was widowed two years ago.

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He no longer needed the large house, which had been built in 1955 with large rooms

Responding to the complaints that rezoning the property would set a precedent, Mr Krost said the whole area was commercial.

"We must live in 1985 and look forward," he said

The townships board hearing at Mr Krost's house will be held on July 26, and the one at Windybrow on August 6.



Mr Solomon Oliphant (left), chairman of the Westbury Residents' Action Committee, makes a point to WRAC member Mr Eugene Billings They were with 26 other members who gathered at the Civic Centre in Braamfontein today The group rejected an offer to send two representatives to meet Mr David Curry, Minister of Housing in the House of Representatives, after all had sought to attend the meeting being held there

Modified plans rejected

Municipal Reporter

The Westbury Residents' Action Committee (WRAC) has rejected modified plans for a controversial Johannesburg City Council housing scheme

Mr Thys Wilsnach, director of the council's housing department, yesterday unveiled the plans and said they were initially accepted by a WRAC delegation

The WRAC however says it rejected the plans when shown them A mass meeting also rejected an invitation to send two representatives to a meeting today between council officials, coloured leaders and Mr David Curry, Minister of Housing in the House of Representatives, to discuss housing problems in Johannesburg, including Westbury

Houses for Mamelodi

The Minister of Co-Operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen has approved the development of buffer zones in Mamelodi for the erection of houses

The deputy mayor of the township, Mr Z B Ndlazi, yesterday said the development of the buffer zones in the township would greatly alleviate the housing shortage 'and we are going to cut about 4 000 residential sites in those areas".

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SIX migrant workers were burnt to death and two others escaped serious injury when the prefabricated hostel shack they lived in caught fire in Alexandra Township near Sandton yesterday morning. 127

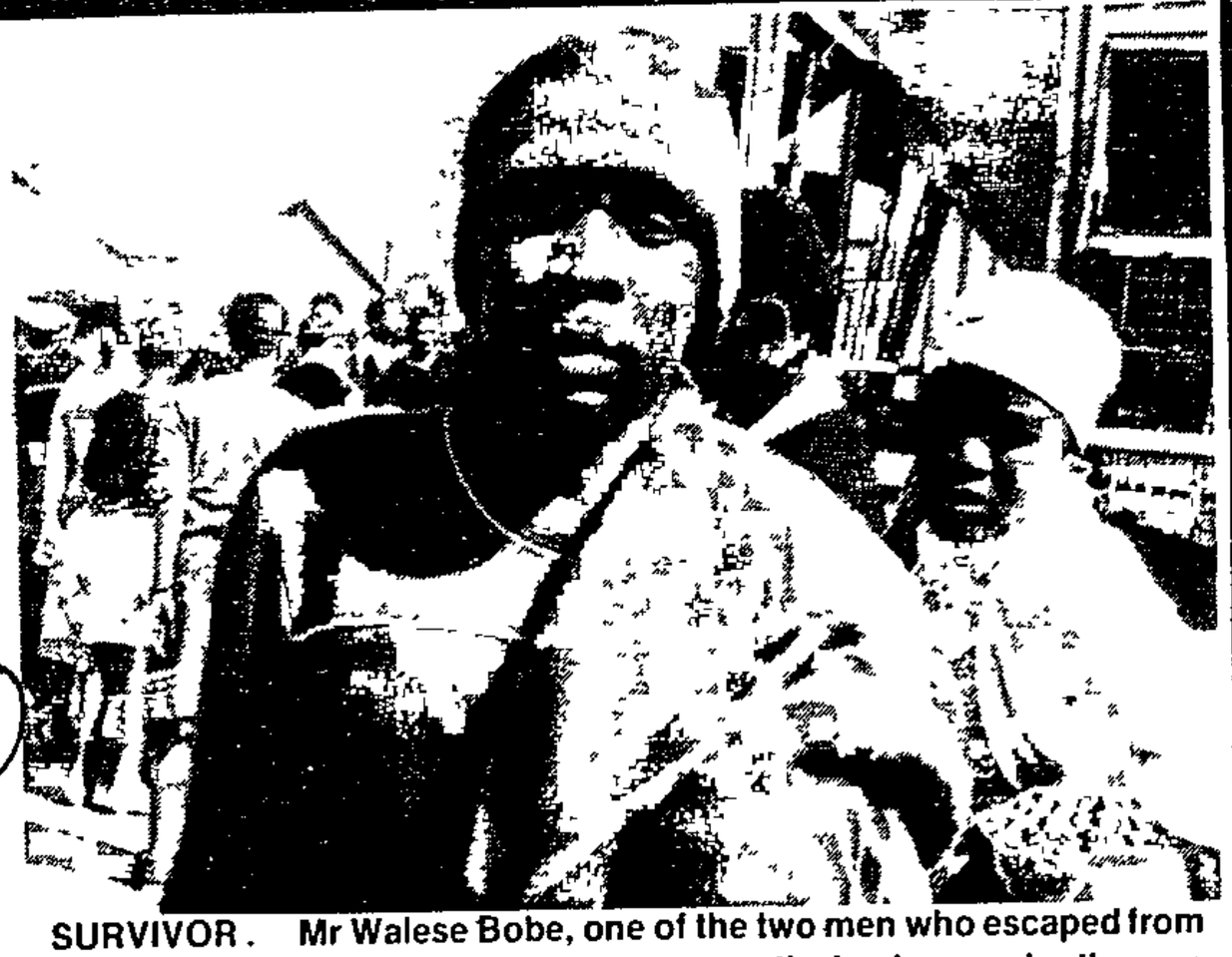
The incident happened at the hostel in 12th Avenue at about 2 am Shocked residents converged on the place as the charred bodies of the six men, some lying on top of others, were being removed by police

The two survivors are Mr Walese Bobe (38) and Mr Miga Fingo The latter was treated at the local clinic for injuries Still in a state of shock, Mr Bobe was unable to give the names of the six victims

Mr Bobe said "I was woken by the smoke fumes and when I bolted to the door it was engulfed in fire I was dizzy but managed to crawl to the window which I struck with my head and fell outside the room Another man followed closely on my heels I woke people in other rooms but it was too late as those inside had burnt to death I do not know what caused the fire We have had no quarrels since we moved in here "

His reference book and money were destroyed in the fire

A police warrant-officer on the scene could not comment and referred inquiries to a detective warrant-officer in the Alexandra Police Station Efforts to get his comment drew a blank



SURVIVOR. Mr Walese Bobe, one of the two men who escaped from the burning shack The shack can be seen in the background with some of the crowd that came to witness the charred bodies

Pic MOJALEFA MOSEKI

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'Hostels' are a big fire hazard

Hundreds of contract workers in Alexandra township are living in overcrowded shacks like the one which went up in flames at the weekend, leaving six people dead.

These shanties are owned by private companies which recruit their labour in the homelands. The Alexandra Council collects R7,50 a month from employers for each licensed bed in these "hostels".

A council spokesman said the official number of beds in the private shack compounds was 1 658, but the actual number of occupants was in some cases almost double the figure registered with the council.

It is not uncommon to find 10 workers sharing a single shack As in most of the rest of old Alex, these "hostel" dwellers have only a few external communal taps and a few "bucket" toilets.

The shacks, made of flimsy prefabricated material, are placed edge to edge in dusty fenced yards.

The council spokesman said that 22 companies, most of them construction firms, had "hostels" in Alexandra. Notice had been served on 13 of these that they would be closed down soon.

"This is not because of bad conditions but because these hostels fall in the area which is being redeveloped as phase 10 of the township renewal scheme," he explained

The spokesman said private firms would not be allowed to re-establish hostels in Alexandra.

A GROUP of township building contractors is poised to take a huge slice off the mouths of white developers currently involved in the multi-million rand housing market in Great Soweto.

The contractors, grouping under the banner of the newly formed Bopanang Builders Association (BBA), are involved in a move aimed at ensuring complete black participation in the area's housing development

The Diepmeadow Town Council has allocated 88 sites to the BBA for development, the new body's biggest project yet

The BBA executive, Mr Duma Sambo (chairman) and Mr Donald Dliwayo (secretary), backed by its membership of 25, is currently negotiating finance and discount packages with major financial institutions and manufacturers

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1 200 houses for Mamelodi

By ALINAH DUBE

ABOUT 1 200 houses are to be built in Mamelodi at an estimated cost of R8,5 million

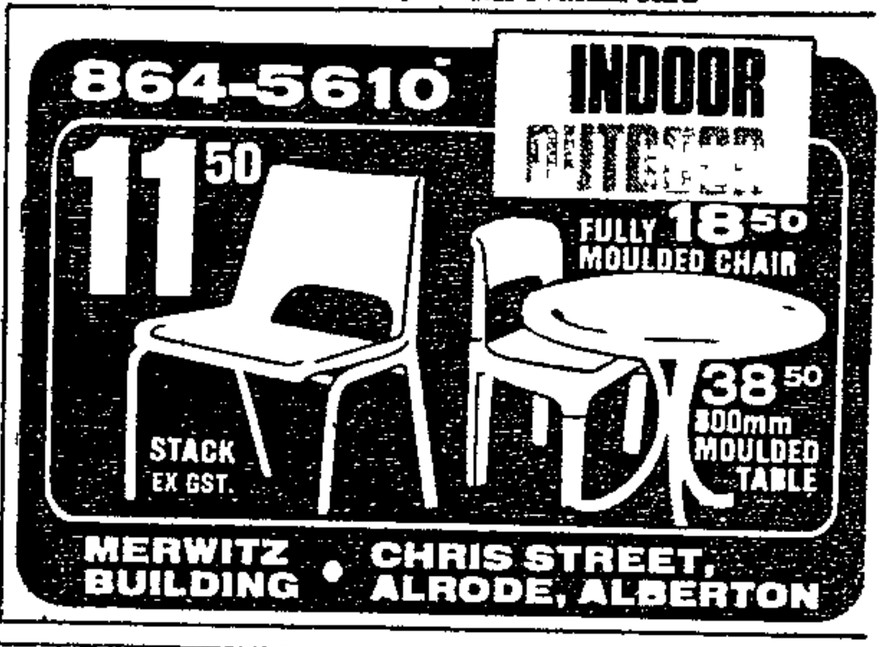
Mr Zikhalie Ndlazi, a local deputy mayor, said the project was part of the town council's efforts to ease the housing shortage in the area

A total 1 221 sites, he added, were made available on the eastern part of the township and would be put up for sale once serviced

"A group of companies was earlier contracted to provide necessary services on all the sites

"We also have a standing agreement with them that after developing the area, they should also finance the building of about 1 200 houses

"The houses will be of high standard and will be sold to the public," Mr Ndlazi said



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POLICE arrested two senior members of the Tsakane Homeseekers Committee after "peaceful negotiations" with the director of the East Rand Development Board, it was disclosed yesterday.

This was contained in a statement issued by the Black Sash 127 8019 2/8/85

The statement said the detentions were in terms of the state of emergency regulations SOWETAN

The two men — arrested last Thursday and Friday — are Mr Petros Radebe, the committee's chairman and the vice-chairman, Mr Viki Mkhonza

Their arrests, according to the statement, "has left the shack-dwellers of Tsakane feeling angry and frustrated, and such a move can only exacerbate the already volatile situation in Tsakane"

The families of the detained men, with the help of the Black Sash, tried in vain to trace where the two were being held.

Eradebo warns over rent rises

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THE East Rand Development Board has threatened to prosecute all residents in Ratanda, Heidelburg, who have failed to pay the R5,50 rent increase introduced early this year.

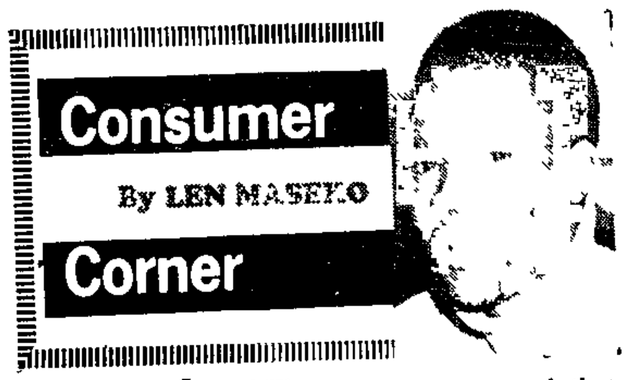
Mr F E Marx, the chief director of the board last week said all people whose rent was in arrears were liable for prosecution if they refused to pay the increased tariffs.

"The board, with the now defunct Ratanda community council last year approved the new tariffs Several families in the township have paid the increased rent and others have been refusing to do this," he said

Mr Marx said all families who were refusing to pay the new tariffs would be given a final warning to pay failing which, they will be prosecuted.

Asked whether they would be evicted from their houses if they failed to pay, Mr Marx said. "I cannot confirm that at this stage"

Residents decry overcharges



THOUSANDS of Soweto householders are still grossly overcharged for water and electricity consumption — despite repeated assurances from the local council that the whole meter-reading system has been overhauled.

It would seem, as some residents discovered, that in certan instances meter-readers guess consumption figures

For example, Mr Joseph Nkabinde has noticed a disparity in consumption figures reflected in his water and electricity accounts and those he counted immediately after meter-readers called to his Emdeni home For months now the council has consistently recorded an average 20 units more than the actual reading on his meter

The last straw was when Mr Nkabinde recently received an account listing the last electricity meter reading as 696 — but a check by **Consumer Corner** showed a disparity of 137 units in the figure calculated by the meter reader

All in all, Mr Nkabinde has discovered that the city council has overcharged him by some 304 units for electricity consumption since January, when he got electricity in his four roomed house

"I have complained to the local township manager, but he has been of no help I have also spoken to several meter-readers, who seem to be passing the buck They allege that the council's accounts department deliberately inflate consumption figures," Mr Nkabinde told **Consumer Corner.**

For Mr J Msimango of Jabulani, waiting for monthly electricity bills has become a nightmarish suspense According to the council figures, his electricity consumption has increased by 400 percent In 1978, he paid an average bill of R15. Today, he sighs with relief when the electricity account reflects an amount less than R60

Like many others, he has heeded the council's advice to pay R50 if the amount charged is exorbitant But this has landed him in trouble with the local superintendent, who has insisted that he pay the accumulating arrears

"This is the typical case where the right hand does not know what the left hand is doing The council advises residents not to pay amounts exceeding R50 for electricity consumption, but superintendents say they have not been informed about this," said Mr Msimango

Comment

Approached for comment, town clerk Mr Nico Malan said his council was convinced that a monthly electricity charge per household in Soweto should be less than R50, and for water (30 kl a month) less than R20 However, if residents received exorbitant bills they should insist on paying only R50, and query the rest

"We welcome any efforts by residents to check the meters themselves, and if they notice certain discrepancies, they should inform their local township manager If the township managers insist that they should pay exorbitant bills, the residents must bring this to my attention," said Mr Malan

The council had employed more meter readers This meant that each Soweto house would be checked once a month, the town clerk said

"The council will charge units reflected in the last reading in cases where a household is inaccessible," Mr Malan said

According to reports, even the 30 kl a month charged per household in Soweto may be exorbitant This figure is probably at least treble the true figure

A random check showed that in the Vaal average monthly consumption figures were R9 (water) and R25 (electricity), non-metered households in Pretoria townships were charged R16 a month for electricity

Consumer Corner could not establish the average consumption figures for the East Rand's 14 townships

Mr E F Marx, chairman of the East Rand Development Board, said it was difficult to get such figures because most townships in the East Rand did not have electricity



Mr NKABINDE shows electricity bills that have been causing him sleepless nights.

Widow can stay in house

SOWETAN 8/8/85

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

A TEMBISA widow and mother of five was this week allowed to stay in her four-roomed house — ending the council's 16-month bid to evict her.

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Mrs Cecelia Mnisi's ordeal started last March when the council ordered her out of the house.

Her husband died shortly before then.

She protested because she cared for five children and was able to pay rent

Permit

But councillors insisted that the house be given to a married couple

The issue was tabled during a council meeting Councillor V Siyothula, who resigned this year, oposed the motion because it meant evicting all widows in the township from their four-roomed houses

At the beginning of this year Mrs Mnisi asked Tembisa Civic Association (TXA) for help

TCA officials met the council but were told to "keep out of the affair because it was not their business to allocate houses"

Help

The TCA submitted the matter to the Legal Resources Centre who established that Mrs Minisi qualified to live in Tembisa.

They referred her to the Kempton Park offices of the Department of Co-operation and Development where her qualifications were endorsed.

This week the council gave her a permit A spokesman yesterday confirmed that Mrs Mnisi was given a permit but declined to elaborate.

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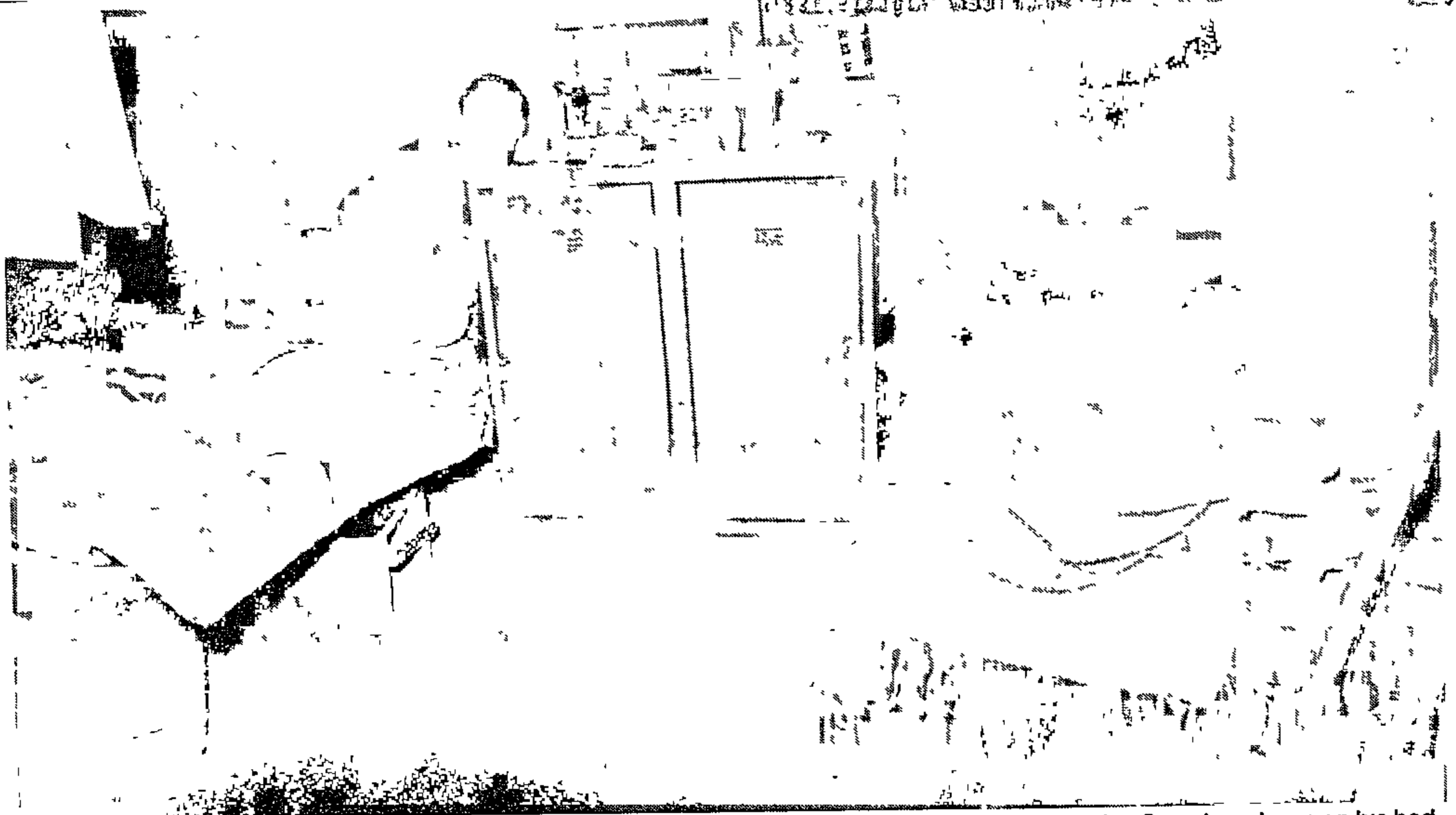
THE Soweto Council has increased rents at the hostels under its control. But what is life like in those hostels, single sex establishments behind high fences? Themba Molefe and Len Kumalo visited the Merafe Hostel in Mapetla to find out...



Mr MBONGENI KUBHEKA, one of the hundreds of migrant workers who stay at the Merafe Hostel in Soweto, relaxes on his bed. He stores his personal belongings on the one side of the locker between the two beds and in cardboard boxes under his cot

Story of 'motherless sons'

By THEMBA MOLEFE

A PUNGENT smell of men's sweat mingles with the aroma of a brewing chicken chitterling stew on the only stove in the communal kitchen. Huddling in a corner a man eats his dinner of porridge and amasi — sour milk.

This is the Merafe Hostel where men, mostly migrant workers from rural areas, lead lives of "married bachelors" and "motherless sons". The rooms are like holes, dark even when lights are on

There are four units in each hall, each housing four men for a total of 16 A unit has four beds There are no doors save for the main one which leads into the communal kitchen, which also serves as a dining room and lounge

Concrete

There is one large concrete table in the kitchen The men can only sit face-to-face because the two benches on each side of the table are affixed to the floor

The residents complain that electricity is often out although the rooms do not use too much electricity The switches on the walls are for lights only

Outside these compounds men talk in hushed tones or shout Conversation centres around the drought back home or their women and children in the rural areas

Mr Skilikithi Ratsana says he hates living at Merafe Hostel bu' has endured the squalor for many years He also detests using communal toilets, which serve four or five halls on each block

"There is no privacy in these toilets They are filthy and we have to live with a constantly failing ablution system," says Mr Ratsana

Mr Lennox Shokazi says the Soweto Council has been promising to improve the hostel but in the four years of his stay here nothing has been done

"Just look at this," he flings his hand at his clothes hanging on a string next to his bed

"There are no shops and we have to rely on hawkers who charge exhorbitant prices It is a terrible life we lead here," Mr Shokazi says.

Mr Aubrey Mzobe complains of drunken noise, especially when the men come home at night He is 25 years old and says he longs for the quiet of rural Estcourt, where he come from

Mr Israel Mabaso

Despondent

(20) has been a resident of Merafe Hostel for four months only but already feels despondent

His prospects of finding a permanent job are bleak, he says, and faced with a R6 a month rent increase, Mr Mabaso fears he will be compelled to return home to poverty in Greytown

Many of the hostel residents say they are unhappy with the recently announced rent increases

The Soweto Council has increased the rent from R12 to R18 a month A notice, signed by town clerk Mr Nico Malan, is pasted on the wall of one compound The increases came into effect on August 1

The council says it was forced to increase hostel rents because of a multi-million rand programme to improve conditions at its five hostels in Soweto

Another reason given is that the council has already begun with the project and cannot postpone the increases any longer

But the residents at these hostels say so far they have not seen any improvements

50 percent rise shocks inmates

COUNCIL UPS RATES AT HOSTELS

SOWETAN 127 9/8/85

By SY MAKARINGE

THE Soweto City Council made its first move to implement wide-scale increases in the township by increasing rents in hostels under its jurisdiction by 50 percent.

The increases became effective from August 1.

But the increase in hostel rents — from R12 a bed to R18 a bed a month — comes before the council discusses the budget, after the first budget meeting was indefinitely postponed when councillors complained that the report still showed that the council still had a R19-million deficit

Deficit

They said they were under the impression that the deficit had been trimmed down to R6-million.

Other increases which were proposed in the budget included

- Flat rate water consumption — from R12,65 to R15,80
- Metered water consumption was to be increased by 15 percent
- Swimming pool admission fees — to go up by 50 cents.

It was also recommended that grave fees for Soweto residents be increased to R40 and non-residents to R100, while undertakers from Soweto would be charged R30 for each burial and R75 for outsiders

Another proposals was the review of site rentals



Mr JACOB SIBANDA... rent is too high.



Mr MOSESE KUNENE. no unity in the hostels

Hostel inmates who spoke to **The SOWETAN** this week said the hike was a blow below the belt since the unbearable living conditions in the hostels had reached alarming proportions

Mr Jacob Sibanda, a father of four school-going children, said the increase came as a big blow to him as he had not been working for the past six months.

HOMES GALORE

THE Katlehong Town Council has set aside about R5-million in home loans for 1 500 families participating in a self-help housing scheme in the area.

The Ezakheni project, involving erection of 1 500 low-cost houses in two phases, will be completed within the next two years 13/8/85

Part of the funds earmarked for the scheme come from the East Rand Development Board, which is co-ordinating work in conjunction with the local town council SOWETAN

Project manager, Mr W F Postma told **The SOWETAN** in an interview that the first 150 sites had already been serviced He said each family participating in the self-help scheme would be given a home loan of R3 500, to be repaid over 30 years.

Seminar

Participating families are required to pay a deposit of R300, while other costs such as building materials and infrastructure are off-set by the bond.

Building contractors, attending a seminar organised by the Building Industries Federation of SA (Bifsa) recently, resolved there was a need to form an organisation to co-ordinate housing activity in the townships 127

Addressing the seminar in Johannesburg, builder Mr Reuben Moagi said lack of training facilities for black builders created a serious problem

"A more formal organisation needs to be established on the Reef, to co-ordinate the housing activity in the townships as well as effectively inform prospective homeowners of advantages and pitfalls of building their own houses," Mr Moagi said

HIGHRISE RATES

Soweto and Alexandra flat-dwellers are charged double — in some cases three times more — the rent paid by their coloured counterparts in Eldorado Park

A survey conducted by *Consumer Corner* has showed that families intending to occupy duplex flats, still under construction in Jabulani, will pay dearly to live in this type of structure These units will be rented at R295 a month each, excluding water and electricity charges

This figure is nearly six times more than the minimum amount paid by a family staying in a similar unit in Eldorado Park, where rent is calculated per family income The Department of Community Development and the Johannesburg City Council, who control parts of the coloured township, charge between R46 and R160 monthly rent for a duplex — depending on the family income

The amount excludes water and electricity tariffs

There are 420 flats in Tshiawelo, all currently occupied, 434 in Jabulani and 324 in Alexandra Before occupying the Soweto units, families are required to pay about R350 — advance rent, security fee for lights, water and a stove installed in a unit

This table is for monthly rental charges for the three areas

	Bachelor unit + Bathroom	2-Bedroom + Bathroom	3-Bedroom + Bathroom	Duplex
Eldorado Park	1 Bedroom Kitchen From R47	From R70	From R90	Between R47-R160
Soweto	One-room (Bedroom-Cum -Kitchen + Bathroom) Tshiawelo R165	Tshiawelo R245 Jabulani R189	Tshiawelo — Jabulani R233	Jabulani- R295
Alexandra	One-Room (Bedroom-Cum -Kitchen + Bathroom) R100	R160	—	—

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Families

Rent charged for the 300 two-bedroom units in the Tshiawelo flat complex is R245 a month, nearly thrice the minimum amount paid by a family staying in the same unit in Eldorado Park Two-bedroom units in Alexandra are not cheap either, rented at R160 a month

Several families, who could not afford the high rent charged for Jabulani and Tshiawelo, have since moved home to seek cheaper accommodation

Many flat-dwellers told *Consumer Corner* that they had turned to flats for accommodation because of the critical shortage of housing Some have been on a waiting list for more than 10 years.

Cheaper

All in all, the survey showed that flat rents were cheaper in Eldorado Park than in Soweto and Alexandra

Other survey findings were

• A bachelor unit in Tshiawelo, comprising one big room (bedroom-cum-kitchen) and a bathroom with a toilet, is rented at R165 a month This is three times more than the minimum amount paid by a person for an Eldorado Park bachelor's unit, which consists of a bedroom, kitchen and bathroom

• An Eldorado Park family staying in a two-bedroom unit (with a sitting room, kitchen and bathroom) pays as little as R47, excluding lights and water charges. Rent charged for the same unit in Alexandra is R160 a month, R245 in Tshiawelo and Jabulani (R189) The amounts exclude tariffs for lights and water

• Scores of home-seeking Soweto families had assumed new identities in order to move into the coloured housing market, where rent appeared to be cheaper, and,

• Flat-dwellers in Soweto and Alexandra were dismayed at the exclusion of lights and water tariffs from the rent charged

Income

West Rand Development Board chairman Mr John Knoetze said some of the families occupying the flats should not have been there in the first place These units were intended for high-income groups, he said

He said it was "not economical" for low-income families to apply for accommodation in these flats

"Rents charged in flats built, say around

cause building costs at that time was very low," Mr Knoetze said

Mr Knoetze said he expected legislation allowing for the sale of flat units under the 99-year leasehold scheme to be passed during the next parliamentary session This move, if it becomes a reality, could result in rent cuts

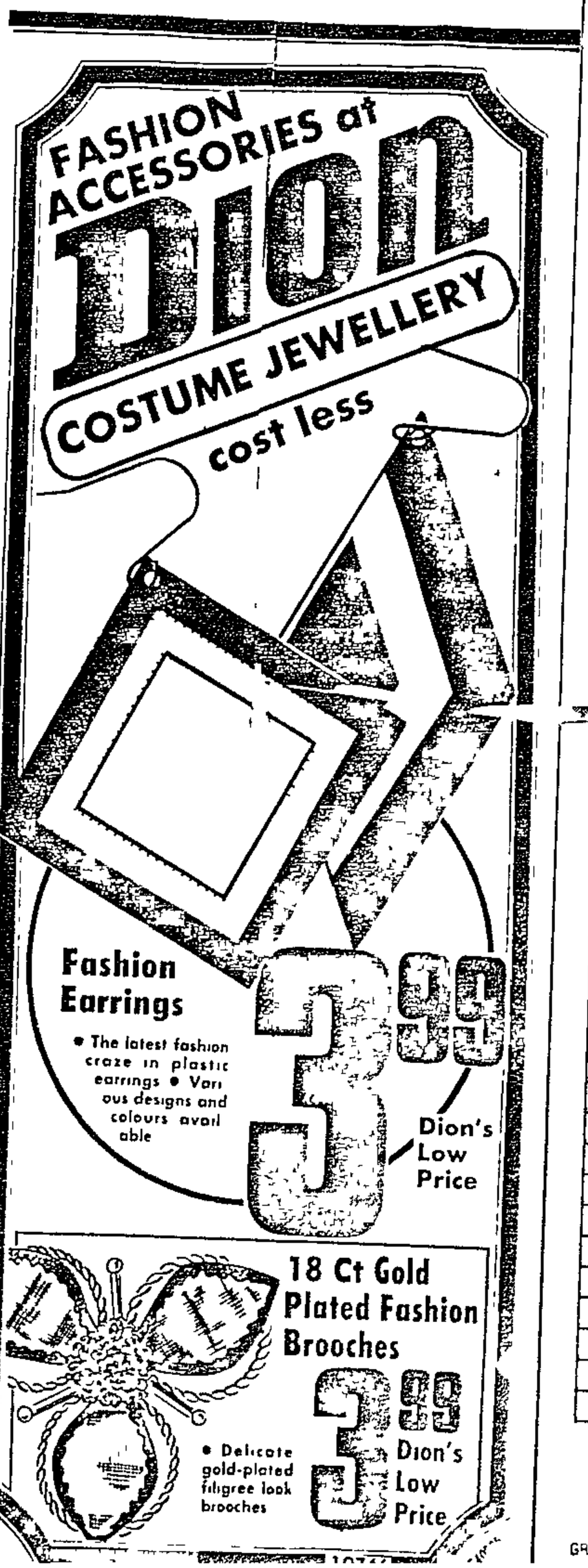
Government warns on Vaal Triangle rents

The Government has warned residents of the Vaal Triangle townships to pay their overdue rents or "steps will be taken which can cause them inconvenience"

Most residents of the townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong, Bophelong, Zamdela and Refengkgotso have not paid rent since the anti-rent protests in September last year

The Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Mr Sam de Beer, said that, according to the Van der Walt Commission which investigated the problems in the Vaal Triangle townships, the rates and levies were justified

"I call upon the residents of Lekoa to pay their rates and service levies without delay Residents should take note that failure to meet their obligations may lead to steps which could cause them inconvenience"



Dispute over rents continues

16/8/85

An attempt by major trade union organisations to break the stalemate on rents in Vaal Triangle townships, where most residents have made no payments for a year, has broken down because of the state of emergency

This claim was made at a Press conference yesterday by the Vaal Trade Union Co-ordinating Committee, consisting of six organisations representing more than 30 000 workers in the area

The committee has been meeting with the Vaal Chamber of Commerce and Industries since June in an attempt to resolve the year-old rent boycott through the chamber's mediation with the authorities

OFFICE RAIDED

"When the state of emergency was declared and our offices were raided and some of our members detained we felt it was no longer possible to continue with these talks," a committee spokesman said

The announcement of the breakdown in negotiations coincides with a statement by the Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development, Mr Sam de Beer, that he has found present rents in the Vaal (which are in the region of R60 a month, excluding electricity consumption costs) to be within the financial reach of residents

The unions dispute this and are sticking to residents' demands that rent be reduced to R30 a month, pointing to high unemployment But the committee's primary argument against paying more than R30 is that anything in excess of this amount is being levied for

- Non-existent local authority services
- Costs for basic development which should have taken place at the time the townships were established

Madipere in housing row

By MANDLA NDLAZI

A ROW is brewing over the allocation of the sixty new houses on the "in-fill" sites in Zone I Meadowlands.

And in the centre of the row is Mr Mark Guthry, director of Impact Homes Construction company and councillor Sinah "Madipere" Senokwane

According to councillor Senokwane, it had been initially agreed that these houses would be built for the homeless families of the Diepmeadow area, particularly those in Zone I Meadowlands

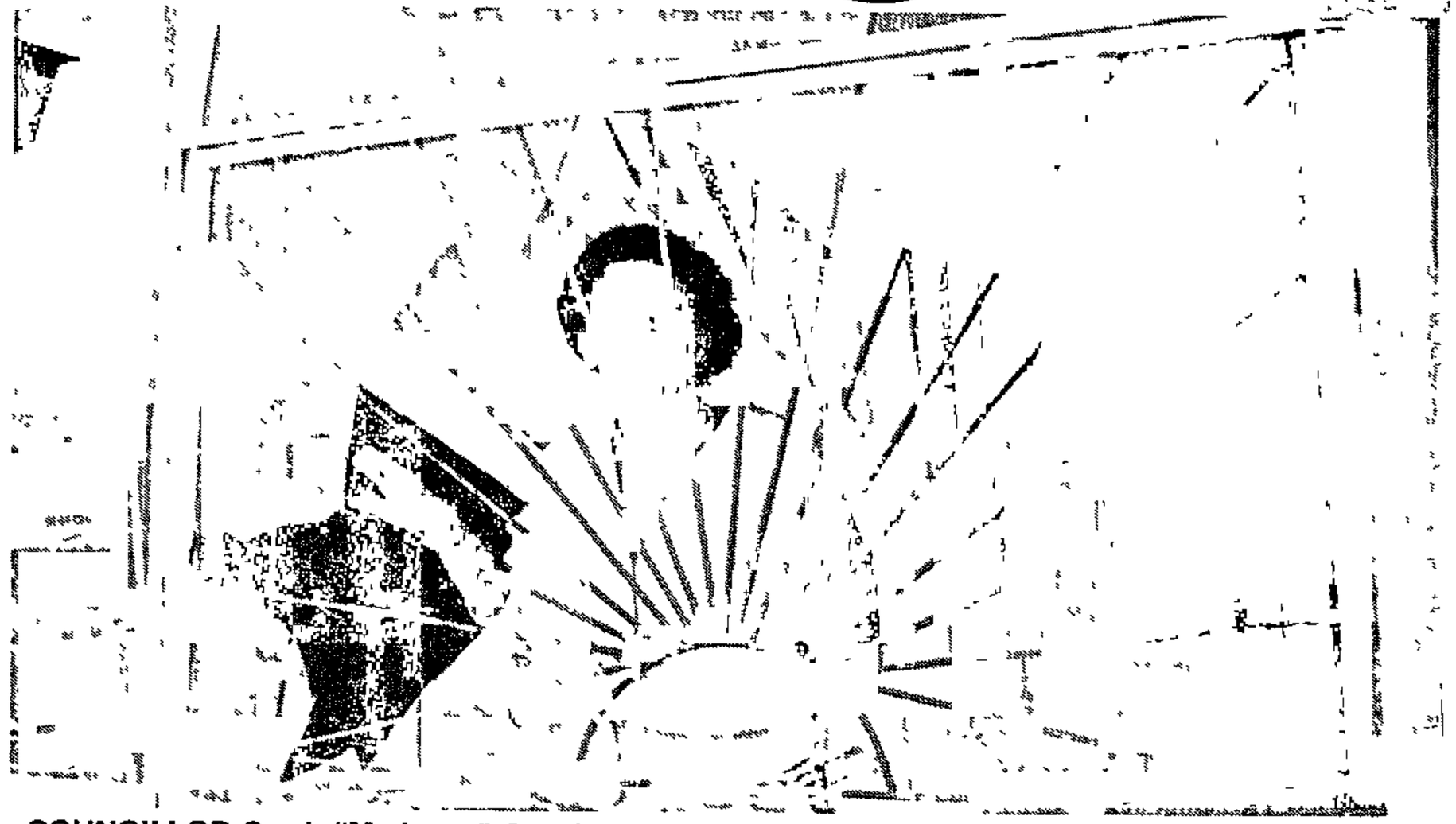
She said the agreement was made by the council and the construction company that was approached to build the houses

Prices

It was further agreed, she said, that the prices of the houses would range between R9 000 and R22 000, amounts that could be afforded by the residents

To her surprise, she said, Mr Guthry recently showed her a list of the names of the people who have already been allocated these houses

The majority of the people in the list, she said came from outside the Diepmeadow area As a result, she said, the windows of her house were smashed by an angry mob of local residents who were under the impression that she had told them a lie that the houses were built for them



COUNCILLOR Sinah "Madipere" Senokwane looking through the smashed window of her Zone 1, Meadowlands house

Approached for a comment, Mr Guthry said he built the houses for people who can afford the prices He said the prices ranged between R16 000 and R40 000

He said almost all the houses have been allocated "It is a question of first come first served, though in doing so I give first preference to Diepmeadow residents," said Mr Guthry

The Diepmeadow Council's Housing Director, Mr Adams Grobbler referred The **SOWETAN** to the acting town clerk, Mr David Mabalane for comment

Mr Mabalane said the houses have not been allocated because of "certain" issues that have to be sorted out He said he was told by the mayor, Mr Joseph Mahuhushi that any irregularities in the allocation of these houses should be reported to the council



Mr ROBIE PINTO

CMC rejects flats project

THE Johannesburg Coloured Management Committee at its monthly meeting last Thursday unanimously rejected high rise flats for Newclare saying the rent is too high. 20/8/85

In a heated debate, CMC members told the city council its decision to build 200 two-bedroom flats for which R422,85 will be charged each month, was shortsighted and rejected by the residents. 127

Mr Robie Pinto, CMC representative for Newclare threatened to go "straight to the State President" to have these plans scrapped SOWETAN

"Who is going to live in those hovels? Does the city council of Johannesburg want another uprising? You are provoking our people," Mr Pinto said

Scores held in protest on housing

Several youths were arrested at Coronationville coloured township, Johannesburg, today, minutes after they had grouped with the intention of demonstrating against a government housing scheme

According to residents, representations were made to the Johannesburg City Council to protest against the houses which they said were "too small for the size of our families" STAR

The council went ahead with the building of more than 1 000 houses, each of which consists of two bedrooms, a dining room, toilet and a kitchen 21/8/85

Today the protesters dispersed when police armed with sjamboks and teargas arrived, but police sjambokked and arrested scores of them

Housing crisis in Soweto

THE SOWETO City Council is unable to house the 22 000 families on the waiting list, Mr Jack Jacobs, the council's housing director said yesterday.

Mr Jacobs said because of the fast-growing Soweto population, the council will "never be in a position" to wipe off the 22 000 house waiting list on its books. 22/8/85

He said the recession in the country added to the council's financial difficulties in its efforts to build more houses.

Mr Jacobs said the council has building projects in the pipeline. These are aimed at shortening the waiting list. 127

On Tuesday about 500 heads of homeless families stormed the council's offices demanding houses.

More people flocked to the offices yesterday, also demanding homes.

But Mr Julius Mdlalose, chairman of the council's housing committee, said there were only 54 core houses available in Naledi Extension. He said they were turned back after they had been promised houses as they became available.

Mr Jacobs said the council was trying to find the homeless families houses.

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R150-m to be spent on housing

Municipal Reporter

The Johannesburg City Council is planning to spend more than R150 million on housing, mostly for coloureds, within the next few years

Today, the first houses in a 900-house, R18-million project in Ennerdale were officially opened by Mr A G Abader, chairman of the local coloured management committee

Mr Abader said the houses, which cost between R28 000 and R30 000 each, were a bargain

He said central government should provide more money for serviced stands

Houses built solely by private enterprise, without any consultation with the community for whom they were built, were often expensive, he said

"In this project, we have had a say in the plans and the placing of the houses on the stands

"Let this be the beginning of a partnership (with the city council) not only in building houses, but in building a better future," Mr Abader said.

Other coloured housing projects which are being planned are

- 1 500 flats in Riverlea for R50 million
- 120 flats in Eldorado Park for R2,9 million
- 200 flats in Newclare/Coronationville for R7 million
- An undisclosed development in Eldorado Park for R14 million
- 500 flats in Newclare/Westbury for R16,6 million.

A R28-million council scheme to build economic and sub-economic houses in Westbury has drawn opposition from residents, who say they are too small



Mr PHILLIP "Chippa" Molefe.

Rents - Lekoa Council blamed

THE Lekoa Town Council has itself to blame and must stop threatening residents, but face reality by resolving the thorny rent issue.

Mr Phillip "Chippa" Molefe, publicity secretary of the Sharpeville Civic Association (SCA), was responding to "an urgent and final appeal" by the chief director of the Orange-Vaal Development Board, Mr Dirk Ganz, to the Lekoa community to meet their commitments.

According to the latest issue of the Vaal Ster, the council has run out of funds to the extent that it can no longer meet its commitments with the Rand Water Board, Escom and other local authorities for water, electricity, sewerage and other services.

Mr Ganz says that health hazards can develop and that those advising people not to pay their dues, do not have the development of the community at heart.

He warns that residents should note that failure to meet their obligations may lead to steps which can cause them inconvenience.

Since unrest broke out in the six Vaal townships of Zamdela, Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Residensia, Bophelong and Boipatong, most residents have not paid their rents. Calls by senior Government officials to get them to pay went unheeded.

Mr Ganz told Vaal Ster Newspaper that funds meant for housing, township development and provision of services had been used to finance the running of the local council.

And last week, Lekoa mayor Mr Essau Mahlatsi, said the council had so far absorbed increases implemented by the Rand Water Board and Escom and this had made the situation even worse.

At the end of May this year, the council was in the red to the tune of more than R10-million.

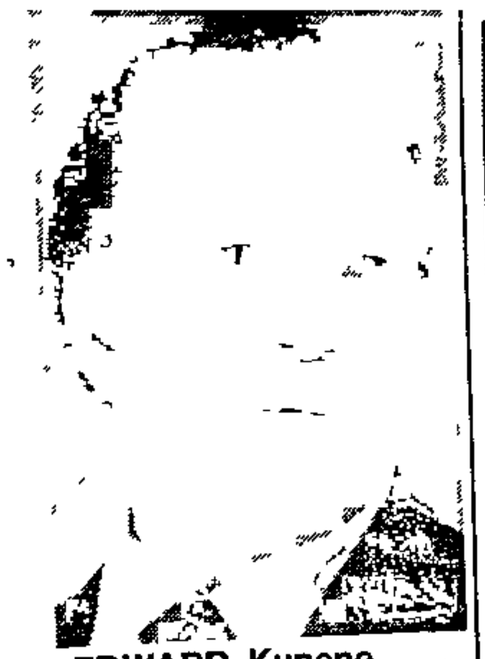
Council will not up rents says Malan

THE Soweto City Council has budgeted for a deficit of R13,7-million for its current financial year, town clerk Mr Nico Malan said in an interview this week.

The budget, approved by the council recently, is still subject to ministerial approval

Mr Malan said the council had budgeted R107-million for expenditure as against R93,5-million income for its current financial year.

"But we do not envisage any dramatic increases. We are going to investigate ways and means on how to make good the deficit without increasing rentals.



EDWARD Kunene . . . chairman of Soweto Council.

"We have already identified possible sources of revenue in order to reduce the deficit The council is also waiting for the introduction of the regional service councils," Mr Malan said

He said half of the money budgeted for expenditure was provided for capital works of which R9-million would be utilised for housing projects

Mr Malan also said negotiations with the Johannesburg City Council over the transfer of the functions of the traffic department were at an advanced stage and the council had made provisions for this.

He said the council had planned to spend about R100 000 on the training of its own staff as this was the highest priority The amount budgeted for the traffic department was R345 000, he said.

He added that the council would also pump about R514 000 into the fire fighting and ambulance services.

Other planned projects include the building of a R1,2-million multi-purpose hall in Tshiawelo, upgrading of roads and storm water drainage, water supply and sewerage system.

Leasehold extended to 37 new areas

DISPATCH 31/08/85

PRETORIA — Residents in almost all the country's estimated 300 black townships are entitled to obtain 99-year leasehold rights, according to the Deputy Minister of Education and Cooperation, Mr Sam de Beer

He told newsmen yesterday that 34 of the 37 towns to which the leasehold had been extended were situated in the Cape Province, inside "what was formerly known as the Western Cape coloured labour preference area"

Three other towns are Messina, Naboomspruit and Nylstroom, all in the Northern Transvaal

Mr De Beer said the announcement was very important, "because it shows that we (the government) accept the permanence of black people in those areas"

Asked whether the leasehold rights, which are registered and can be inherited, would lead to freehold rights, Mr De Beer said

"The government is working on draft legislation at the moment and I expect an announcement in this regard will be made soon"

The changeover from leasehold to freehold rights could be achieved quite easily, Mr De Beer said, and added

"I don't think there can be any doubt about freehold"

Mr De Beer said the announcement of leasehold in the 34 Cape towns, which accommodate about 152 000 residents, followed on the government's decision earlier this year to extend 99-year leasehold to four townships around Cape Town, also previously part of the coloured preference labour zone

"With this decision, the 99-year leasehold system will apply throughout the country with the exception of a few towns," he said

About 20 rural townships out of the country's 300 black towns were still excluded from leasehold, Mr De Beer said, but added that they were small towns "and we are not sure about their viability"

Mr De Beer said that although the government had designated R225 million this year for the upgrading of townships, the creation of infrastructures and sites, he hoped the private sector would also become more involved

Employers could purchase leasehold rights on behalf of their employees, Mr De Beer said, adding

The 34 Cape townships where the leasehold system will now apply are

In the area falling under the Eastern 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), Kwa-Zamuxolo (Noupoort), Bongolethu (Oudtshoorn), Khanyiso (Pearston) Sabelo (Richmond), Vuyolwethu (Steytlerville) and Masinyusane (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 Mand (Stellenbosch) — Sapa

Vosloo Council spending R7,3-m this year

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THE Vosloorus Town Council is spending R7,3-million on capital projects this year.

Mr Fanyana Mahlangu said on Friday his council is spending R2,3-million to improve the electricity network in the township. He also said another R350 000 is being spent to improve the water and sewerage network.

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Other projects include

- Building of 80 new houses costing R600 000,
- Tarring of roads at R600 000,
- Building of a women's hostel costing R2,5-million. The hostel will have 500 beds;
- Upgrading the two men's hostels at a cost of R700 000, and
- Upgrading the local station at R300 000

Mr Mahlangu said "We are also negotiating with a number of developers for the erection of more houses, hotel, garage, marketstalls and a bus and taxi ranks

50 new houses coming up in township



Mr NOEL MLOKOTI ... Wattville mayor.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE Wattville Village Council has started building 50 new houses in the township's Silvertown section.

The houses, which are being built by a private company, will cost between R30 000 and R42 000.

Mr Noel Mlokoti, the mayor of Wattville, said this week if all went as planned the houses would be completed by the end of next month.

He said: "The new houses could have been completed last month but the fittings of the infra-structure which was started in May delayed the whole process."

The new houses are being built at Damane Park, next to Ekukhanyeni Primary School

Mr Mlokoti said the council had applied for more land to build about 1 500 houses.

He said negotiations with the Government on this were well advanced and he was hoping that more new houses would be erected in the township early next year.

The building of the new 50 houses started a few weeks ago.

Residents lay down housing demands

The controversial R27 million housing scheme for Johannesburg's Western Coloured Township came under the spotlight at a meeting last night when about 200 residents put forward suggestions on what they wished their future homes to be

The meeting came after talks between the Westbury Residents Action Committee (WRAC) and the city council s housing department

In July, rioting broke out in the township when angry residents felt the houses they were scheduled to move into were too small Four community leaders, including WRAC chairman Dr Elvis Daniels, were arrested

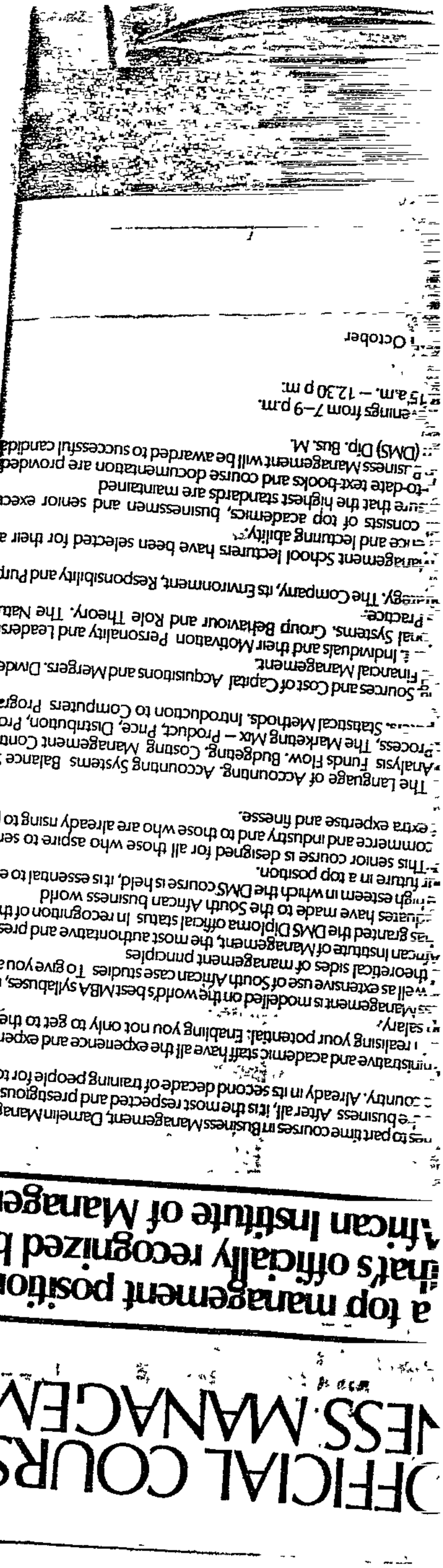
NEW PLANS

The resident's proposals will be submitted this week to an architect for incorporation in a provisional housing plan His plan will be shown to the residents before being presented to the council

The residents propose that all 1 160 houses should be identical They should have three bedrooms, be on stands of 200 sq m, have floor covering, larger windows, and either a separate dining-room and kitchen or a large room which could include both

They also submit that the houses should be economic and not sub-economic The original scheme was for both sub-economic and economic units

"But we will pay sub-economic rents," said committee member Mrs F Daniels to loud applause



Are Soweto residents being ripped-off?

SCORES of Soweto residents pay exhorbitant water and electricity bills because of the wrong information fed into the computers at Jubilee Centre, a source close to the Soweto City Council's management committee said yesterday.

By MANDLA NDLAZI

This was discovered shortly after Mr Jerry Mokotong, head of the council's transport and cleansing department had indicated about a month ago, that he wished that his department could pull out of the computer system at Jubilee, said the source

Mr Mokotong, the source said, had indicated his wish to Mr L Meinetjes, the West Rand Development Board's deputy director of the data processing department

The source said it had been discovered that information fed into the computers by the punch card operators in Jubilee Centre was wrong

As a result, said the source, a committee comprising of the council and board officials was set up to investigate Mr John Knoetze, the board's chairman and Mr Letsatsi Radebe, chairman of the council's management committee, are ex-officio members of the committee.

The committee was set up a day before the council's treasurer, Mr Irvin Florence, resigned, said the source

Mr Knoetze said there was something wrong with the information collected by meter readers and this is why the punch card operators fed the computers with wrong information.

Now it's a battle to provide houses

POPULATION BOOM ON VAAL

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ABOUT 2 000 houses are needed every year to provide houses for the fast growing population in the Vaal Triangle.

SOWETAN REPORTER

"But, I have my fears that the demand will be more now that there has been some standstill in developments in the area", an Orange-Vaal Development Board official said in an interview yesterday.

"At present Escom is building 2 000 houses for its employees in Zone 10 Sebokeng Other organisations also have housing projects in the same area But the waiting list for houses is growing every year and it is difficult to wipe it off We are trying hard to cope," he said

"We are having another housing project in Residensia. This former white town is being replanned and redeveloped at the cost of R1 m by providing a sewerage system, tarring of roads and installing of electricity and water supply The area will have sites which will be sold or rented to the residents,' he said

He hinted that his board was negotiating with some neighbouring farmers to purchase land for expansion The strip of land between Sharpeville and Boipatong townships had been bought and 2 000 sites are to be developed there

All-race suburb planned

PORT ELIZABETH — A Ciskeian-based company is negotiating the rezoning of prime undeveloped land near Plettenberg Bay, pending its development as South Africa's first multiracial residential area

If the rezoning application is successful, 150 hectares along the beach and lagoon near the Keurbooms River mouth will be offered for sale to developers of the country's first "controlled area"

According to a brochure issued by the Ciskeian-based company, Amcor Property Trust Company, details of the rezoning are being resolved with the government.

DISPATCH

Amcor says the project is of "profound political significance" because it will have full international status According to the company, groundwork and a market survey have been completed — DDC

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'Highest paid blacks'

VAAL Triangle residents could afford increased rents because they were the highest paid blacks in the country, the town clerk of Lekoa said in the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday.

Giving evidence before Mr Acting Justice W J Human and two assessors, Mr Nikolaas Pansloo Louw told the court that residents there were not against the concept of Black Local Authorities but that they were demanding representation at government level

He was testifying in a case involving eight Sharpeville residents who are alleged to have murdered a town councillor, Mr Khuzwavo Jacob Dlamini on September 3 last year

The eight are Mr Mojalefa Reginald Sefatsa (30), Mr Reid Malebo Mokoena (22), Mr Oupa Moses Biniso (30), Ms Teresa Ramashamola (24), Mr Motseki Christiaan Mokobong (23) Mr Motsisi Gideon Mokone (21) Mr Duma Joshua Khumalo (26) and Mr Francis Dawn Mokgetsi (28)

They are facing another charge of subversion and alternative charges of malicious damage to property and arson They have all pleaded not guilty to the charges

According to the charge sheet, a group of people allegedly set Mr Dlamini's car alight, stoned his house and took possession of a firearm he used to defend himself He was stoned during the incident and later thrown into a burning vehicle He died as a result

In your SOWETAN tomorrow

- Tomorrow we focus on the National Convention Alliance that was formed last weekend. How effective can it be in changing the tide of events in the country?
- To learn what the labour situation is like and the activities of trade unions you need to read our Workers' Diary. It is indispensable.
- You could find that you are the lucky winner of the popular Chicken Licken Soccerpot when we publish the results tomorrow.
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THE VAAL LOOKS BACK. . .

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By STAN MHLONGO

VAAL residents will get a chance to reflect next month on what they have come to know as "The Year of the Rent Boycott".

And few are gloating about not having paid rent since last September.

Many lost their loved ones – leaving scars which will take a lifetime to heal

To them, saving money brought little comfort

Instead, these people look back on September 3, 1983 – the day the rent protest affecting about 400 000 people of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong, Boipatong and Evaton started – as a "curse" in their lives

People lost their lives, and destruction of property became a way of life

It took a R6 rent hike to turn the Vaal – which residents say already pays the highest rent in the country – into an almost lifeless desert

And the Sharpeville Civic Association thinks there is "something wrong" with the council

"They charge us extra levies for the maintenance of parks, trees and even bioscopes – which individuals pay to enter," says SCA publicity secretary Phillip Molefe

"If they can scrap all these extra charges, simple arithmetic shows the rent can be cut to R30

"Vaal township residents pay the highest rent in the country"

Meanwhile, the local Orange-Vaal Development Board continues to suffer a R2-million deficit each month as a result of the rent boycott The total loss is expected to stand at R24-million at the end of September

Co-operation and Development Deputy Minister Sam de Beer has given residents until May 1, 1986, to pay their rent arrears

Four councillors – Lekoa deputy mayor Jacob Dlamini, Ceasar Motjeane, Johannes Hlahane and Evaton's Philemon Diphoko – died during the unrest

Lekoa mayor Esau Mahlatsi says the killing "can be attributed to mob psychology"

"Somebody twisted the minds of the crowd into committing the gruesome killings," he said

Asked why rent negotiations with the SCA came to an abrupt end, he said he did not understand the logic behind the demand for rents to be reduced to R30 a month

"We initially made a concession not to go on with the R6 increase, which was the initial grievance of the people," he said

Vaal rent crisis rages

SOWETAN Reporter

RENTS, a thorny issue in the Vaal Triangle, will not be reduced, say authorities while the residents are adamant that rent should be lowered to R30 a month.

Residents in Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong, Boipatong and Evaton have refused to pay up since last September 3 when the Lekoa Town Council announced all-round increases of R5,90 a month 127

The council shelved the increases following the three-month violence which broke out as a result SOWETAN

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Houses

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The Lekoa Town Council, however, has said residents should pay the old rents of between R52 and R90 a month This has been promulgated in the Gov-

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Price

Mr Louw also said the rents will remain the same as before September 1, 1984 The only increases that have been promulgated are for electricity because of an unavoidable increase in the purchase price the council is faced with from Escom.

Meanwhile, Vaal residents have been given up to May next year to pay arrears dating back to August 30 last year Failure to pay by the date given residents will be liable to legal action which might see many people evicted

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Protea North gets a boost

THE prestige Protea North housing project in Soweto has been given a boost with a further R1,3 million being injected into the scheme by a leading diamond company. 27

The De Beers Industrial Diamond Division (Debid) announced yesterday that it had won a R1,3 million contract with a noted construction company to build 49 houses in Protea North for its employees

The construction of the homes, on 99-year leasehold land already developed as an upmarket 2 500-stand scheme by the Urban Foundation, will start this month - Sowetan

Managing director of Debid, Mr Henry Dyer, said 49 of his employees have accepted assistance from the company's housing loan fund to participate in the scheme. 1/10/85

Rental ultimatum angers residents

Notices from the Orange-Vaal Development Board warning homeowners that their stand permits will be withdrawn if they continue to refuse to pay their rent have angered Vaal residents.

Residents of the eight Lekoa townships of Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Evaton, Residensia, Zamdela, Boipatong, Bophelong and Refengkgotso have not paid rent since September last year when unrest flared in the townships. They are protesting against some rent increases.

Lekoa Town Clerk Mr Nico Louw confirmed that notices had been sent to homeowners who bought their homes in terms of the leasehold schemes and had not paid rent.

Miners fail in court bid to halt eviction from hostels

Pretoria Correspondent

Forty-four miners face eviction from the Marievale mine hostels following their failure in the Pretoria Supreme Court yesterday to obtain leave to appeal against a Rand Supreme Court decision

The workers were among about 1 000 dismissed from the Gencor mine, near Nigel, on September 3 following a wage strike

On September 26 Mr Justice Stafford ruled the workers had broken their contracts by withholding their labour and had been legally dismissed

The eviction order was not enforced however as the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) and the 44 miners then applied for leave to appeal

Yesterday in the Pretoria Supreme Court Mr P J Pretorius argued that Mr Justice Stafford was wrong in finding the workers had breached their contract

But the judge said by refusing to work, the miners had no right to stay on in the Marievale hostels and there was no reasonable prospect that another court would find otherwise

Mr Pretorius argued that Mr Justice Stafford had been wrong in failing to find the workers had been victimised, but the judge said he had dealt with the argument in his judgment, and there were no "pertinent allegation on the papers before me" that the miners had been dismissed in an attempt to remove the union's influence from the Marievale mine

Mr Pretorius asked that the hearing be postponed until the Industrial Court had heard the NUM's charge that the workers had been unfairly dismissed

Mr Justice Stafford ordered that the application for leave to appeal be dismissed and that no order for costs be made

The Industrial Court hearing begins at the end of October

HOUSE SALE SHOCK

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Council charges 4 times more

By LEN MASEKO

THE Diepmeadow Town Council is selling houses under the 99-year leasehold scheme for as much as R5 600 each — nearly four times more than the recommended price.

The SOWETAN has established that the R1 470 price-tag on about 10 000 houses in the area is just an initial cost — other costs involved paying an extra R4 195 for "infrastructure". This amount excluded the 40 percent discount offered to buyers.

This means that Diepmeadow householders buying their homes under the 99-year leasehold scheme are charged R5 665, about four times more than the price of the same type of houses in other areas.

A senior Diepmeadow Council official confirmed this week that the local municipality charged more than R5 000 for matchbox houses sold under the current State scheme, saying this money was used to repay loans which financed infrastructure-upgrading schemes in the area.

He said the total amount charged for a house was: property (R1 470), electricity (R2 500) and water and sewerage (R1 645).

Asked why the council had not told residents about these costs in the first place, the official said, "You know why? The West Rand Development Board likes causing confusion

"They were supposed to have informed residents when the campaign started

Bricks

"Residents should be aware that when they fork out the R1 470, they are buying the bricks — not the infrastructure," he said

The SOWETAN has established that.

- The council has prevented certain house transactions, demanding payment of infrastructure costs from the tenants selling their homes
- One seller has been stopped from selling his home, priced at R12 000, unless he settles the amount; and
- Scores of residents were unaware the price of their homes excluded the R4 195 "infrastructure" costs

House sales - Council slated

THE Diepmeadow Town Council came under fire yesterday for selling matchbox houses under the 99-year leasehold nearly four times more than the recommended price.

"This is a rip-off", said Diepkloof Civic Association (DCA) chairman Mr Isaac Mogase, reacting to the news "Our organisation will look into the matter to check what is actually involved."

A Diepmeadow councillor Mr M J Khumalo told **The SOWETAN** "This whole thing has come as a shock to me, because any changes to the price structure for houses sold under the 99-year leasehold scheme were never brought to the attention of the full council."

The DCA and the councillor were reacting to **The SOWETAN** story which revealed

BY LEN MASEKO

that the Diepmeadow municipality charged R5 665 for a house sold under the current State scheme — nearly four times more than the price recommended by the National Housing Commission for the same type of houses.

• Meanwhile over 25 000 houses have been sold under the 99-year leasehold in Soweto since the house sales campaign started two years ago. About 2 072 houses have been converted from home-ownership scheme to 99-year leasehold

Judge orders NBS to leave five evicted families alone

GAVIN EVANS
Business Day Reporter

FIVE evicted families were yesterday granted a temporary order allowing them to occupy their homes.

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He said riot police had earlier asked him to vacate his house.

They were followed by a security policeman with a similar request.

The other four applicants were also evicted on October 3.

Masondo said the problems they had had in paying bond instalments arose from the structure of a housing scheme created by Barlows.

Under the scheme the five incurred obligations to the Natal Building Society for their Daveyton, Benoni, homes.

Masondo added that the basis of the scheme was now subject to negotiation.

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Three killed in bloody Soweto clash

From SOPHIE TEMA

JOHANNESBURG — Three men were shot dead and hundreds of migrant workers were injured during fierce fighting at the Mzimhlophe Hostel in Soweto at the weekend.

Scores of young men were also arrested in and around the hostel and held under the state of emergency curfew regulations.

Colonel James Beeslaar Divisional CID officer of Soweto said yesterday the incident was sparked on Friday night after a group of youths approached a 46-year-old shopowner and asked him for a donation towards the burial costs of a dead youth. When he refused the youths allegedly attacked him and set his shop alight.

Later in the evening a group of hostel inmates armed with knobkieries and other dangerous weapons swept into town on a vengeance mission and attacked residents of neighbouring townships. Three elderly men were shot dead by a group of hostel inmates.

On Saturday police and soldiers rushed to the hostel when renewed fighting broke out. Thousands of township residents and hostel dwellers armed with axes, pangas, knives and spears clashed on the open space between the hostel and the townships and turned the hostel grounds into a battle field.

On several occasions they defied orders by the police and soldiers to stop fighting.

Township residents wore white headbands and were easily identifiable.

Teargas

Police and soldiers fired teargas and used sneeze powder to disperse large groups of hostel dwellers and residents.

People in Killarney, Mzimhlophe and Meadowlands townships yesterday complained that they have spent sleepless nights and days of fear as a result of retaliatory raids by hostel inmates.

Yesterday afternoon police entered the hostel after fears that new violence might flare up between the two groups.

Rents: Lekoa Town Council set to act against residents

THE Lekoa Town Council will take action against residents of the area who have not paid their rents and service charges by the end of October, town clerk Nicholas Louw announced.

The warning was made in pamphlets distributed by the council to the residents of Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Bophelong, Boipatong, Zamdela and Refeng Khotse townships. According to the pamphlet, signed by Mr Louw, 'it is wrong to use something you do not pay for'.

"It is wrong to use water and lights if you do not pay for them Please pay for your water and lights now, it is for your own good Rent and service charges will not be increased this year", the circular said.

The pamphlet further said residents who could not pay had to make alternative arrangements with their township managers on how they could pay off their arrears over a reasonable period of time These arrangements, however, had to be made not later than the end of October.

'Demands ignored'

Mr Chippa Molefe, the PRO of the Sharpeville Civic Assocation yesterday said the council was to blame for the non-payment of rent and service charges "Residents demand to pay reduced rents and service charges The association has told the council about the residents' demands but these have been ignored It seems the council is not prepared to negotiate with residents on the issue", he said.

Mr Molefe said the residents were ready to defend themselves against any legal action taken by the council on rent and other related matters The residents, he said, have already engaged a lawyer.

He said the SCA was aware that some residents were paying the rents by having the money deducted by their employers and sent to the council

Residents have not been paying their rent and service charges since the outbreak of unrest in the Vaal Triangle last September

Council in house row

THE Wattville Village Council is involved in a battle with the Government over the selling price of houses in the township.

The Government is demanding that residents pay R2 220 each for their houses while the council says the houses should sell at R740 each.

Mr Noel Mlokoti, the mayor of Wattville, yesterday said there is no way his council will allow the Government to "exploit" the community by charging such an exorbitant price for houses which were erected about 40 years back.

Diepmeadow levy hits R4 200 mark

By LEN MASEKO

THE Diepmeadow Town Council dropped a bombshell yesterday when it disclosed that all the 28 000 householders in the area would have to pay the controversial R4 200 "infrastructure fee" — anyway.

This means that all homes would be required to pay this money cash or it will be added in their monthly rent

Town treasurer Mr Dan Richter told **The SOWETAN** that the amount would be levied on each home in the area "in one way or another" Local residents had an option of paying the money — to be used towards repayment of loans which financed the upgrading schemes in the area — cash or in terms



Mr MAHUHUSHI . . . Diepmeadow mayor

Local residents would have to pay the R4 200 whether they bought their homes under the leasehold scheme or not, Mr Richter said

This comes after a disclosure in **The SOWETAN** last week that the town council overpriced houses sold under the home ownership scheme four times higher than the price recommended by the National Housing Commission **The SOWETAN** established that the R1 470 pricetag on houses sold under leasehold was just an initial cost — excluding the controversial fee

"Residents have an option of paying the infrastructure costs in instalments — about R47 a month plus 13 percent interest — over a 20-year period or interest-free within two years," the town treasurer said

Paying the fee over a 20-year period would mean forking out as much as R11 000 — almost thrice the original amount

N, Wednesday, October 16, 1985

MATCHBOX HOUSES - MAYOR'S DENIAL

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By SOWETAN Reporters

MR JOSEPH Mahuhushi, mayor of Diepmeadow, yesterday denied that the council was selling matchbox houses under the big housing scheme at four times more than the recommended price.

Speaking to **The SOWETAN**, Mr Mahuhushi said there were some white officials who wanted to discredit the council by making decisions for the council without consulting the councillors

"The average cost of the ordinary matchbox house is between R890 and R3 500 This depending on the size of the stand, number of rooms and so on The prices of the existing houses were worked out in accordance with the formula determined by the National Housing Commission," he said

Mr Mahuhushi said the council would issue householders with the cost of their houses and that residents must contact him personally if any official charged them more

He said the repayment of the electricity and upgrading loans would be determined by the council after the projects had been completed and that these had nothing to do with the sale of houses

"The council will decide on the appropriate disciplinary action against Mr (Daan) Richter who issued statements to the press without consulting the council," Mr Mahuhushi said



Mrs MDLALOSE

Meanwhile outrage has greeted the disclosure in **The SOWETAN** that all Diepmeadow homes would be required to pay the controversial R4 200 "infrastructure fee"

Diepmeadow residents interviewed by **The SOWETAN** called on all councillors in the local municipality to resign "because they are busy dabbling with financial matters beyond their understanding".

Anger

The Diepmeadow Town Council sparked anger this week when it disclosed that all the 28 000 householders in the area would be required to pay the R4 200 each, to be used in the repayment of loans.

One resident, Mrs Margaret Mdlalose, said it was obvious that the Diepmeadow council — by demanding the money — was bent on driving recession-hit families out of their homes.

"In the first place, some families had electricity in their home without them having applied for it. Now one is beginning to piece together the motive behind the whole matter," she said.

"Absolutely shocking", was the reaction of Mr Boysie Morare, who has been out of work since 1983 "With rent so high, where do they think we will get all that money"

Mr Amos Makhubela said it was high time local residents joined hands to oppose "such ridiculous levies"

Mr Moses Julius Khumalo, leader of the opposition party in the Diepmeadow council, said "If this is true, my party would be forced to challenge this matter in court"

Rent row rages

THE Vaal Trade Union Co-ordinating Committee has reacted to a warning given by the Lekoa Town Council to residents to pay rents and service charges by the end of October.

The VTUCOC, comprising industrial and general unions, have charged that the council has not addressed themselves to the residents' demands which include that rents be reduced to R30.

In a strongly worded pamphlet, the council's town clerk, Mr N Louw, says it is wrong to use water and lights if residents do not pay for the services.

He said residents should pay their arrears by the end of October or action will be taken against them. Residents have been urged to make arrangements with the local authorities on plans to pay the arrears.

A spokesman for VTUCOC said they had negotiated the issues with the Oranje-Vaal Development and the council, but unfortunately the talks reached a deadlock. "The authorities have refused to listen to the people's demands.

"We also held meetings with the Chamber of Commerce demanding that they stop their members from deducting money for rents from their employees. We felt concerned about this state of affairs," the VTUCOC spokesman said.

The declaration of the state of emergency and the detention-without-trial and harassment of trade union leaders in the area has hampered progress."

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Multi-million housing scheme for Pta

A R40-million township development involving the building of 1 300 houses is to be launched in Mamelodi, near Pre-

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ortium of six panies has joined nands to undertake this project on land owned by the Mamelodi Town Council. Construction of the first homes will begin early next year

The Family Housing Association, a member of the consortium presently co-ordinating the Protea North project in Soweto, has been charged with the task of selling 25 percent of the sites directly to individual buyers.

The consortium includes Gough Cooper Homes, Schachat Homes and SA Motor Corporation Consortium members will meet in Pretoria today to sign agreement papers.

The standard of services will include waterborne sewerage and electricity. Major roads will be tarred and street lights installed throughout the new area

Mr Bennet Ndlazi, acting mayor of the Mamelodi council, said "My council is pleased that the private sector has responded positively to our invitations to build for the local people. This scheme will provide business and employment opportunities for the people of Mamelodi."

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Clash between residents and hostel inmates

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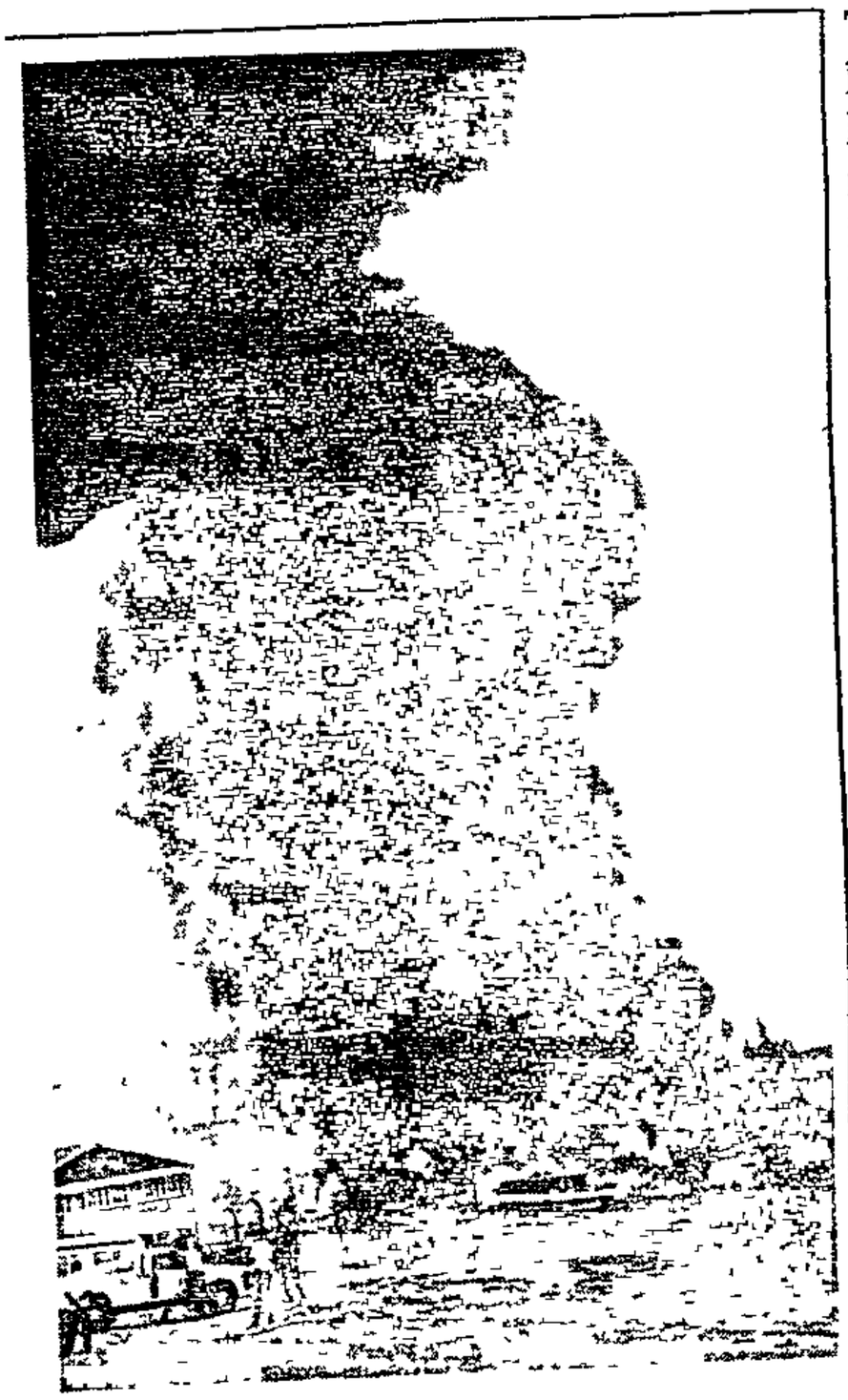

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By ALI MPHAKI and SY MAKARINGE

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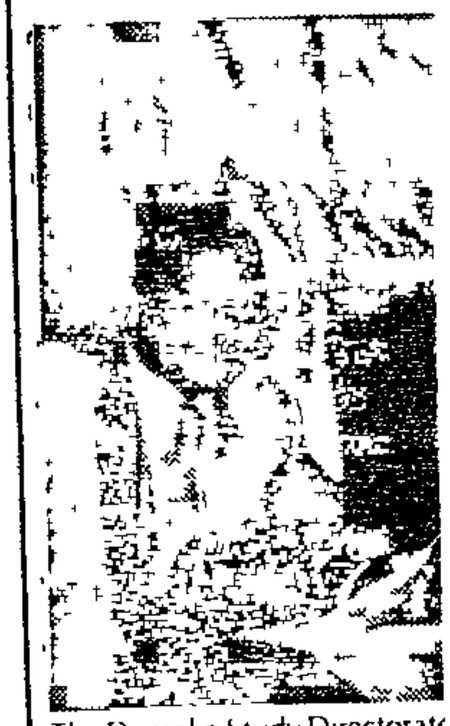

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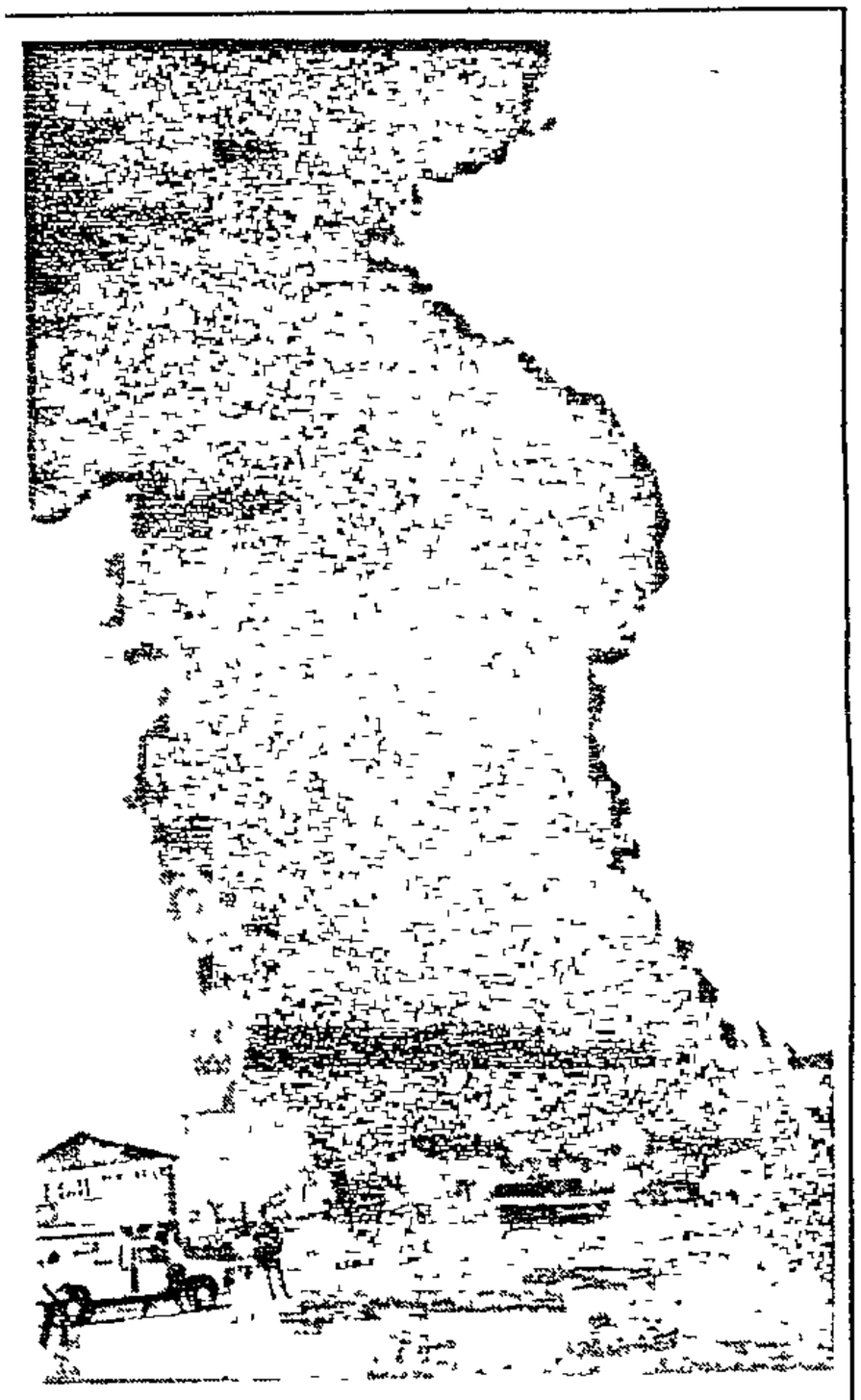

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Since the confrontation started last week when a group of youths assaulted a shop-owner and set his shop alight after it was claimed that he had refused to contribute towards the funeral of a young schoolboy, residents have not had a peaceful sleep

"We are at all times awake as to be ready for any possible attack,' one resident said

Student dies after assault

A STUDENT leader has died after an alleged assault by the police in Lebowa.

Mr Ngwako Ramalepe, president of the Students' Representative Council (SRC) at the Modjadji Teacher Training College, died at the Kgapane Hospital in Duiweiskloof on Friday morning — a few hours after he was allegedly assaulted by the Lebowa police.

Colonel P Moloto, Assistant Commissioner of Police in Lebowa yesterday confirmed Mr Ramalepe's death and said police were investigating.

Mr Ramalepe, who was also a member of the Azanian Students Association (Azaso) was allegedly arrested during a service last Thursday to honour executed ANC guerilla, Benjamin Moloise at Kgapane village.

A source said Mr Ramalepe was arrested with a colleague, allegedly assaulted before they were taken to the local police station.

Colonel Moloto yesterday said Mr Ramalepe was "apparently injured during a clash with the police". He added that the student leader died at the Kgapane Hospital on Friday morning. The cause of death had not yet been established.

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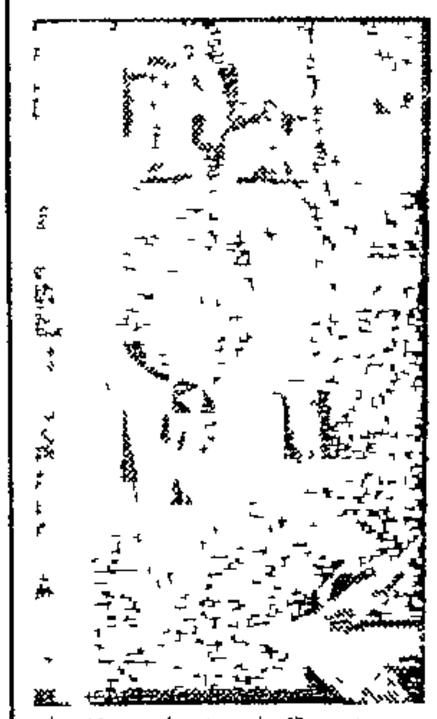

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R6,9-m lights bill

SOWETO residents owe the Soweto City Council R6,9-million for electricity and water consumption dating back three years. Mr Nico Malan, the town clerk, said yesterday.

The amount had shot up dramatically from R2,5-million in May last year.

Mr Malan said, however, the amount could have been inflated due to the wrong information which was fed into the computer and the delay in processing of electricity accounts at Jubilee Centre.

But, he said, it was not yet known to what extent the figure was inflated as an ad hoc committee was still investigating the matter regarding the exorbitant bills Soweto residents had been receiving since June this year

The accounts up to September this year would be suspended to enable the ad hoc committee to carry out its investigations, he said

This means residents with arrears dating back to 1980 when the Greater Soweto Electrification Project got under way, will have their outstanding accounts temporarily suspended pending the investigations

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Residents have also been requested to simply ignore these accounts until they had received the verified and corrected accounts

Mr Malan also said that another reason why the accumulated arrears rocketed to R6,9-million could be the current recession in the country

"We fully realise that people are battling to make ends meet. That's why we have even given the consumer an opportunity to pay his account over a period of months," he said.

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Homes bulldozed as shack-dwellers look on

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Angry coloured residents of Germiston's Asiatic Bazaar say they have to live in filth — while solid brick homes are knocked down by the council.

Five hundred families are living in overcrowded shacks without water or sanitation

Residents claim the council has ignored their appeal to let them live in the brick homes of Indian families at present being resettled in the new group area of Palm Ridge

The chairman of the management committee of the Germiston City Council, Mr Stan van Eeden, said the council was bulldozing all the Indian homes and shacks as it was "clearing up the area"

"We do not recognise representations made by the coloured committee as it is a political body," he said

However, these residents would be housed in Edenpark where the Alberton City Council would be building 400 homes

Mr van Eeden also argued that 250 families were illegal residents and therefore not the council's responsibility

The head of community services of the Alberton City Council, Mr G van Rensberg, said the 400 homes were still in the planning stages

The vice-chairman of the Germiston Coloured Committee, Mr Godfrey Roberts, said the committee recently held a meeting with the council about the brick homes

"But they do as they please and do not take cognisance of our suffering, living in such deplorable conditions," he said

Eight brick homes have already been demolished.

Said a mother of four children, Mrs Maggie Olivier "I am really in need of a roof over my head They should leave the brick houses so that we can live in them, but instead they leave the shacks and pull down the brick homes"

Mrs Rosie Melton, who had paid a R100 deposit on a R500 zinc shack, returned from a visit to the council offices to find her furniture outside and her shack in pieces on the ground

Householders challenge council accounts

Soweto shelves electricity fees

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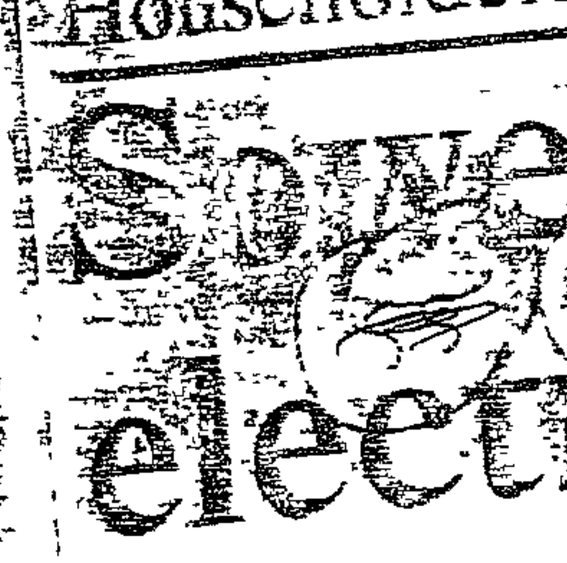

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"This is done in good faith and
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Mr Nico Malan said yesterday.

Council member Mr A T B
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Mr Malan said the sudden
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Thousands of residents hac
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accuracy of the council's book
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An ad-hoc committee con
sisting of members of the Sowe
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He said the council did not
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METER READERS

The ad hoc committee had
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"We are starting a thorough
investigation to try to ascertain
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ties in the electricity accounts,"
said Mr Boyd.

Outstanding accounts from
some of Soweto's 60 000 house
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Housing firm off to good start

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THE Family Housing Association (FHA), a utility company presently involved in the building of 5 000 homes for black families in the Transvaal, anticipates a turnover of R23 million in its first year of operation.

In addition, the FHA expects to generate reserves of R2-million to be ploughed back into other housing services for the black communities

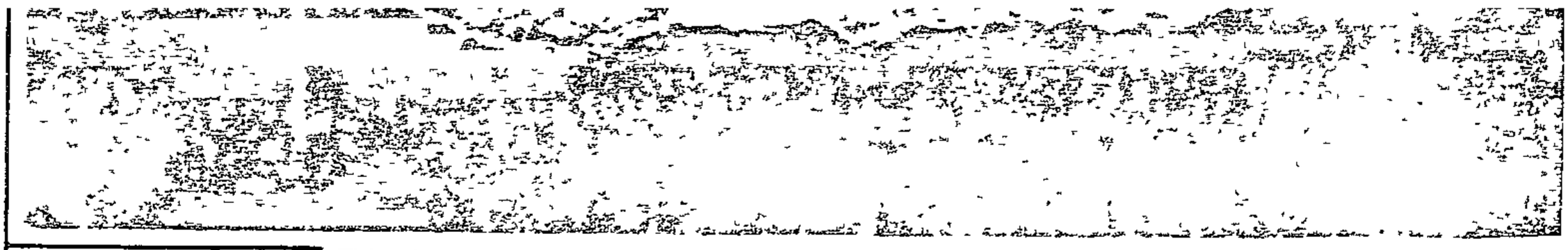
These figures were announced by the FHA general manager, Mr Matthew Nell at the company's annual general meeting yesterday

He said the FHA, a utility company of the Urban Foundation, had got off to a good start in its first year of operation

Said Mr Nell "Our performance has been much better than planned mainly because the demand for serviced sites by the black buying public at economic prices in Protea North, Soweto, outstripped our most optimistic programmes

"And our new R40 million development for 1 300 sites in Mamelodi East, which we are managing on behalf of a consortium of private sector developers and employers, is expected to be underway before the end of the year," he said.

Projects currently developed by the utility company included the Katlehong self-help housing scheme (1 000 homes), Protea North (2 500), Mamelodi East (1 800), Khumalo Valley development in Katlehong (1 100)



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WHO NEEDS HOSTELS??

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AT the entrance to what used to be Tsakane Men's Hostel are the ruins of a beerhall – with a board advertising "Bara Beer, the taste that wins friends everywhere"

But instead of winning friends, the slogan sparked off a bloody war between the 1 800 hostel inmates and township residents

One Saturday afternoon last May, as inmates enjoyed "the taste that wins friends everywhere", youths returning from the funeral of a man allegedly run over by a police car entered the hostel and burned down the Ebukhosini beerhall

The inmates saw it as an attack on them and retaliated on the township

After a five-day bloody war, 16 people were left dead Hundreds of township houses and hostel rooms had been burnt

Residents claimed inmates raped women and young girls, and looted homes of TV sets, radios and other household items

As the war ended, 1 800 inmates were evacuated from the hostel under police escort to board homeland-bound trains Municipal workers were given accomodation in other towns

East Rand Development Board spokesman CF Marx said the hostel would not be rebuilt at the same site Later the defunct community council, when it was revived, would decide whether they wanted a hostel at Tsakane or not

Shortly afterwards community council chief Steve Kgame said hostels were a "pain in the neck" and should be bulldozed and rebuilt in white suburbs

Today, fighting between hostel dwellers and township residents has spread to Meadowlands and Kutlwanong, Odendaalsrus

The painful question is when will this type of black-on-black confrontation end and where is it leading?

Mr Kgame said hostel dwellers did nothing for residents – they provided cheap labour for white people They were a social problem and it was inhumane to keep single men cut off from wives and lovers

"Because of hostels in townships, there are many fatherless children – left behind when inmates returned to the homelands," Mr Kgame said

Early this year, visiting US senator Edward Kennedy described his brief tour of Nancefield hostel as one of the most distressing visits of his life

Before the outbreak in Tsakane, residents countrywide had emphasised they did not want the hostels because they were dens of iniquity

Tsakane resident Hamilton Kweyama said "Who needs hostels? We hope the East Rand Board does not rebuild it – we'll fight it with all our might

"Since the hostel inmates moved out, we've been living in peace Look what's happening at Dube hostel where women stay freely with men Many homes have been broken because hostel inmates ran away with township women – some of them mothers of many children"

Tsakane is now the only township in the Witswatersrand without a hostel – it has been stolen brick by brick The door and window frames and asbestos roofing are all gone

Before the hostel became an empty shell, it was a beehive of activity with local hawkers doing a roaring trade outside

By DERRICK LUTHAYI.

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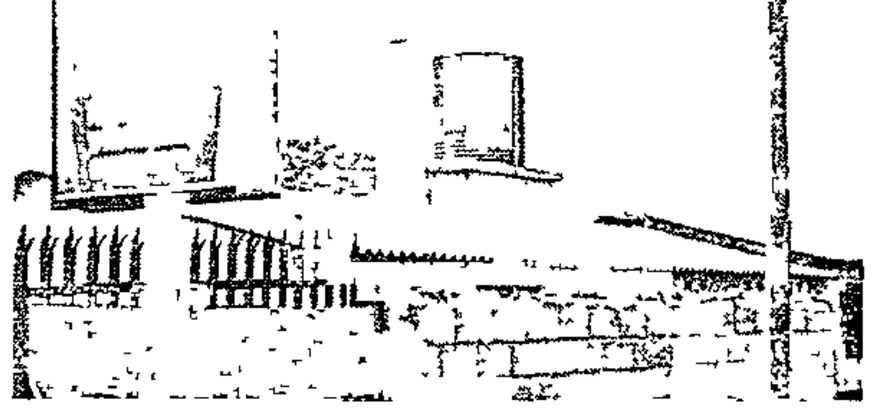


THE beerhall sign that won no friends – but instead sparked off a bloody war in Tsakane.

D-Day for rent in the Vaal

By JOSHUA RABOROKO and THEMBA MOLEFE

TODAY is the D-Day for thousands of Vaal residents who have not arranged with the Lekoa Town Council to pay off their 13-month rent arrears.

The council, in pamphlets sent to residents, warned of legal action if residents do not arrange to pay arrears by the end of the October.

It has already sent notices informing residents that their site permits will be withdrawn

This means residents can be evicted — a threat which the council made since the residents refused to pay rent

Residents stopped paying rents since September, 1984

The council's warning is in conflict with the Government's stand on the Vaal rent crisis

Mr Sam de Beer, Deputy Minister of Development Aid, announced that action will only be taken after next May if residents continued to defy the order to pay

The minister said residents would face possible legal action or eviction if they did not obey the order by May.

But the council's town clerk, Mr N Louw, said people could not continue to stay in houses if they did not pay for services

The warning by the council means that residents are expected to pay almost double amounts in rent a month with the arrears taken into account.

On September 3 last year residents demanded that rents be reduced to R30 a month and that councillors should resign because they failed to meet the residents demands.

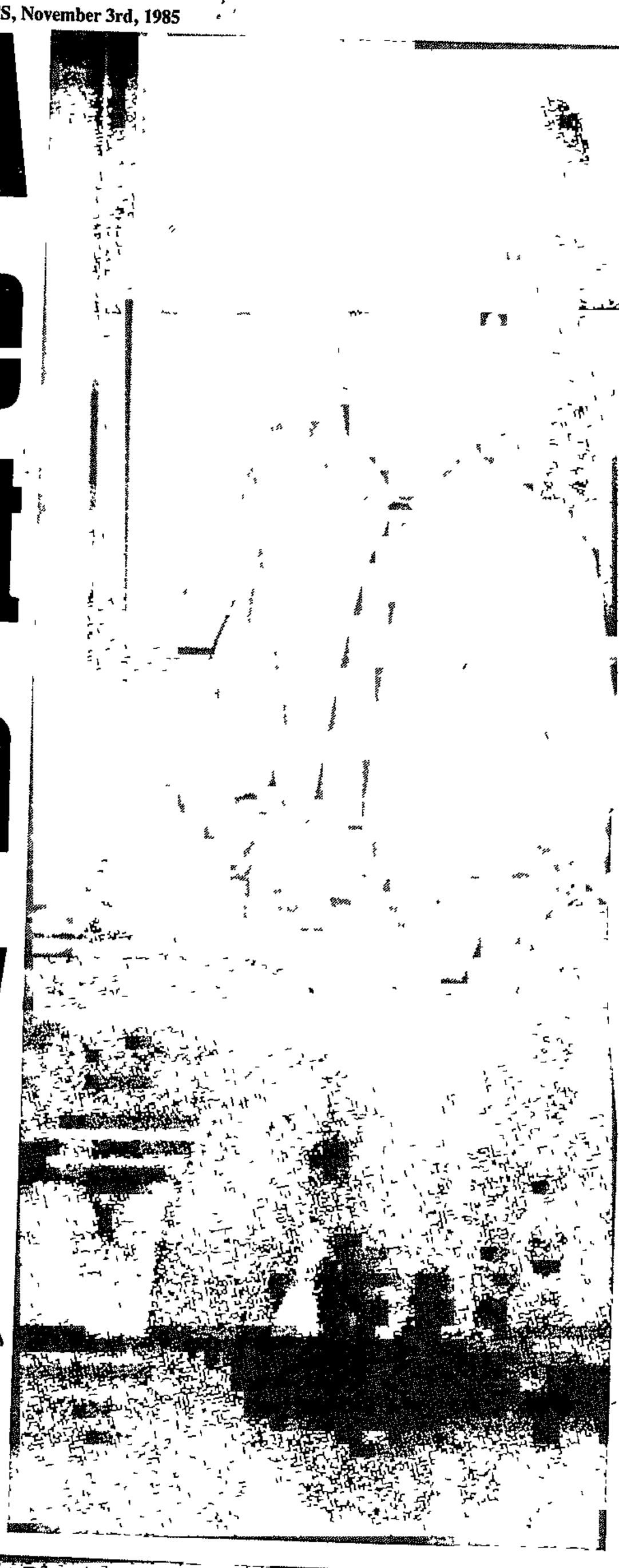
The Sharpeville Civic Association, spearheading action against the council, has condemned the latest council moves

SCA's publicity secretary Mr Phillip Molefe said the residents' argument is that they were made to pay for certain services which were not provided by the council

Mr Molefe advised residents who might be evicted or prosecuted to contact the association, saying, "we shall fight this battle to the bitter end"

The Vaal Trade Union Co-ordinating Committe has also condemned the councils action and warned of industrial unrest

A home that can grow with time



THE DE Beers Industrial Diamond Division, part of the giant De Beers group, has initiated a R1,3-m housing project to enable 49 of its black employees to own their own homes under 99-year leasehold at Protea North, Soweto.

The project is being financed by the company's housing loan fund with the balance coming from building societies.

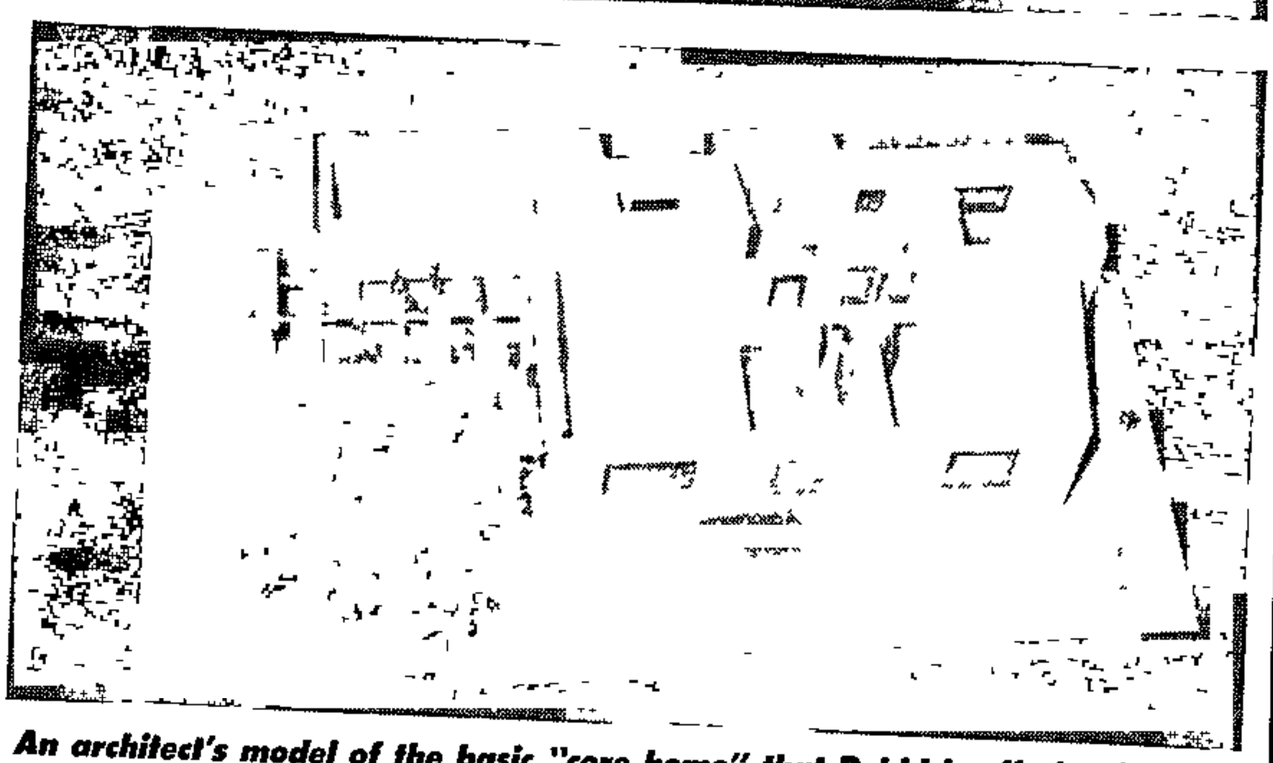
The architect-designed houses, which will cost between R23 000 and R30 000 each, will form part of the upmarket Urban Foundation 2 500 home complex at Protea North.

There are three designs on the "core home" principle. One is a basic unit with simple "add-on" expansion potential, another is a partially expanded home and the third is a maximum-sized home.

All the houses will have tiled roofs and face-brick finish. The basic house has a kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms and a lounge/dining room. The design enables the house to be expanded by adding a third bedroom, a dining room and a garage.

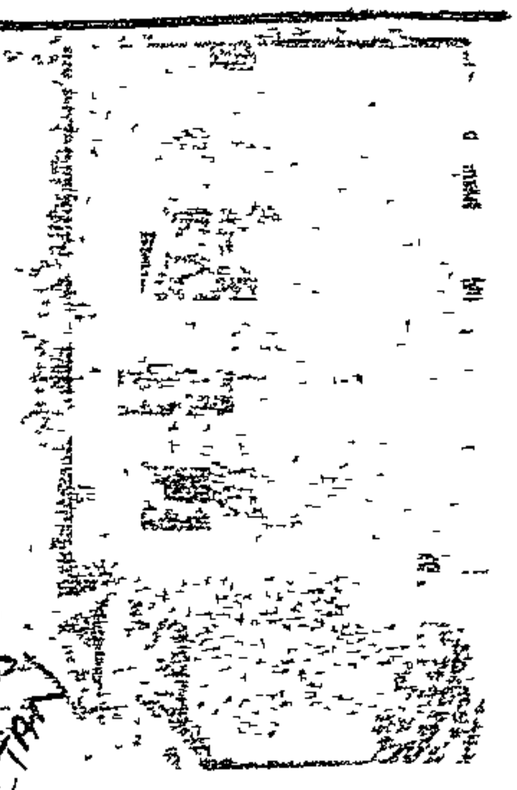
Debid managing director Henry Dyer said the division plans to extend black housing schemes on an ongoing basis.

"We already have some 150 of our black colleagues on the divisional housing scheme, and this number will continue to grow as we provide good quality homes at buyer prices which are as low as we can make them," he said.



An architect's model of the basic "core home" that Debid is offering its employees. It can easily be expanded, says Debid managing director Henry Dyer (top).

Vaal rents: residents are angry



PHILLIP "Chippa" Molete publicity secretary

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IN 1976 Vaal Triangle residents paid an average R10 a month rent, but by last year they were forking out R64 a month, a sharp rise of more than R50 a month or a monthly increase of more than 500 percent

From an average R10,40 a month in 1976, residents in Sharpeville, Sebokeng Bophelong and Boipatong were paying R29 30 a month by the end of April 1977 — a rise of more than 100 percent in a single year — for their four roomed houses

There were two increases in two months during 1981 apart from the sharp rises of R4 a month between 1978 and 1979 In March 1981 residents were expected to pay R3 90 more and R3 80 higher in May the same year

These dramatic rises have occurred from 1976 when the black community councils took over from the advisory boards and urban bantu councils

In 1981 Evaton landowners faced property owners certificate rises — from R1 59 a month to R18 instituted by the Vaal Council

The community council later the Lekoa Town Council which had more powers in terms of the Black Local Authorities Act of 1982 has always maintained that the increases were not rent but service charges meaning electricity water and other essential services

On September 3 1984 residents saw red in the Vaal townships and protested against R5 90 increases In Sharpeville alone the lowest rent for a four-roomed house was R63 71 a month This amount excluded water and electricity

The Lekoa Town Council said the R5 90 increases did not include house rental but were for service charges

These increases were later suspended after more than 75 people including councillors were killed in the violent protests

The highest rent in the Vaal is R94 37 a month which residents living in converted hostels in Sharpeville pay

The hostels converted into family units formerly housed single male migrant workers

Each family is accommodated in a single hall which can be divided into four rooms by partitions (not provided by the council)

Sharpeville in particular is the second oldest location in the Vaal (40 years) after Evaton

The township was electrified only in 1982 when at the same time sewerage facilities were provided for the first time after years of the bucket system

Not all the rented houses are electrified in Sebokeng although residents are charged for installation in their monthly rent

Electricity in the townships a new luxury in many black areas is one of the many innovations which have caused dissatisfaction among residents

Residents have complained of being charged exorbitantly and that often their complaints did not receive satisfactory attention

Last year Professor Tjaart van der Walt appointed by the Government to investigate the causes of the Vaal unrest said he did not understand whether residents were being charged for the electrification of their houses or for the actual consumption when he was shown a resident's electricity account

He noted that dissatisfaction in the Vaal was mainly caused by the lack of communication between residents and the Lekoa Council

Prof van der Walt also said many residents did not understand how the town council operated because it imposed decisions without consulting the people

The Vaal residents since September 3 last year demanded that rents should be reduced to R30 a month because the council was not providing most of the services for which it charged

This call has been dismissed by the council which after several inquiries decided the demand was unjustified and that residents could afford the higher rents

The Sharpeville Civic Association (SCA) has challenged the council and is prepared to fight the rent issue in court It maintains that residents are being charged for non-existent services

Mr Philip Molefe the SCA's publicity secretary says there are only two services being provided by the council

These, he says are road maintenance which residemts are paying R4 85 and refuse removal for which they pay R4 46 (included in the monthly rent)

Mr Molefe says residents pay one cent for nurseries whereas there is not a single tree in Sharpeville "let alone a park

Another bone of contention is the 46 cents charged for donations and gifts

"Who receives these gifts?" asks Mr Molete This is one service which should also be scrapped he says

There is only one stadium in the Vaal — the George Thabe Stadium

Mr Molete says that residents are charged for the maintenance of schools when the education department actually runs the schools

Eviction

He says all the services not provided must be scrapped so that residents should pay the affordable R30 a month

Meanwhile the Lekoa Town Council has already sent out eviction notices to many of the 350 000 residents who have not paid rent for the last 9 months

This is in spite of assurances by the Minister of Development Aid Dr Gerrit Viljoen last year that residents will not be evicted for failure to pay

The council's move also contradicts a Government decision taken last year that legal action can only be taken next May against defaulters Residents were given 12 months to pay the arrears

Lekoa council vote falls flat

7/11/85 Star (12)

By-elections to fill 12 vacancies on the Lekoa Town Council have fallen flat for a second time as only one man was prepared to stand for election

The sole candidate Mr R. Maknema, was to have contested ward 24 in Sharpeville later this month said town clerk Mr Nic Louw Mr Maknema now takes a seat on the council unopposed and the other 11 positions remain vacant

An attempt earlier this year to hold by-elections in the Vaal township drew a complete blank

● The Lekoa Council is to begin 'selective' prosecutions of rent defaulters who are in steady employment The action comes more than 13 months after the launch of a rent boycott in protest at increased rentals

The Vaal Civic Association has said that residents intended defending themselves against eviction It is believed legal opinion has been sought

'Vaal residents have 1 year to pay arrears'

THE Deputy Minister of Education and Development Aid, Mr Sam de Beer, has reacted to two stories that have appeared in The SOWETAN on the Vaal rent crisis

In a statement to the newspaper he said

"I refer to the following articles published under the heading "D-Day for rent in the Vaal" (**The SOWETAN** November 1, 1985) and "Why Vaal residents are angry" (**The SOWETAN** November 4, 1985)

Erroneous

The first article contains the following erroneous statements "The council's warning (to evict residents) is in conflict with the Government s stand on the Vaal rent crisis

'Mr Sam de Beer, Deputy Minister of Development Aid announced that action will only be taken after next May if residents continued to defy the order to pay

"The Minister said residents would face possible legal action or eviction if they did not obey the order by May "

"In the second article you state that Dr Gerrit Viljoen gave 'assurances last year that residents will not be evicted for failure to pay "

"You also state that 'the council's move contradicts a Government decision taken last year that legal action can only be taken next may against defaulters residents were given 12 months to pay the arrears '

Evicted

"I wish to state emphatically that Dr Viljoen did not at any stage state that residents 'would not be evicted for failure to pay ' On the contrary, on January 4, 1985 Dr Viljoen said in a statement 'I accept (Prof Van der Walt s) recommendation that arrangements should be made enabling residents to spread their arrear payments over a reasonable period, and a further announcement in this regard will be made soon '

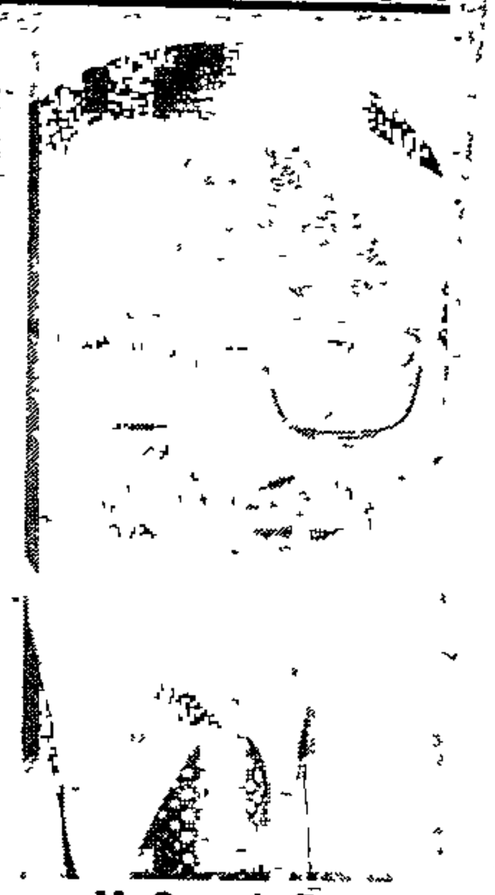
"Following on the report of the Matthee-/Hitge Committee I issued the following statement on April 11, 1985 'Since according to this report, the rates and levies applied before September 1, 1984, appear to be justified and in fact are still valid, I call upon the residents of Lekoa to pay their rates and service levies without delay Residents should take note that failure to meet their obligations may lead to steps which can cause them inconvenience The town council needs the funds in order to supply essential services to the residents The regular and urgent payment of rates and service levies are consequently in the best interests of each resident

Payments

Prof Van der Walt also recommended that arrangements should be made to enable residents in the Vaal Triangle to spread their arrear payments over a reasonable period This recommendation was accepted and I am now in a position to announce that arrear payments may be paid over a period of 12 months as from May 1 1985 Residents who cannot meet these requirements should immediately make alternative arrangements with the town clerk, but not later than July 31, 1985 Residents who fail to fulfil their commitments in this regard expose themselves to legal actions

"It is clear, therefore, that the Lekoa Town Council is acting completely within its rights concerning those residents who did not make the necessary arrangements by July 31, 1985

"I strongly object to the selective manner in which these facts have been presented and the way in which my own statements and that of Dr Viljoen have been twisted in an effort to sow dissent and to cast suspicion on the bona fide actions of the Lekoa Town Council



Mr Sam de Beer

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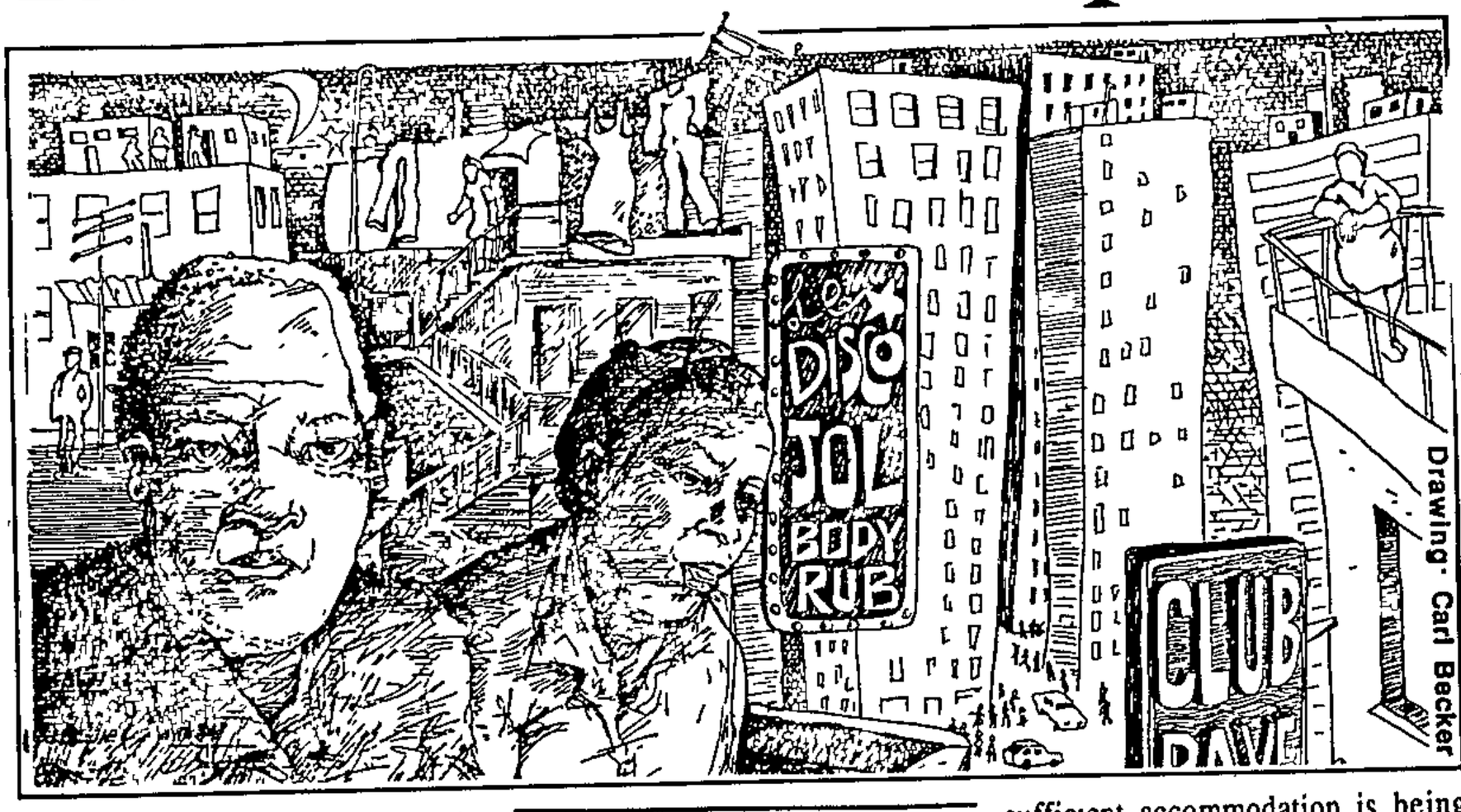
The illegal colony on Hillbrow's rooftops



The debate over whether municipalities should designate certain suburbs as "grey" residential areas is irrelevant to Hillbrow, which already has a large — if invisible — black population, writes THERESA MULLER who, until recently, managed a hotel in the area.

A BARE bulb, suspended from the ceiling. Curtainless windows. Bare, cold cement floors A couple of wooden crates serving as tables and shelves

That is an ordinary servant's room in Hillbrow.

Most rooms are furnished with old chairs which can no longer be repaired for white use All the rooms have at least one ironing board balanced against a wall, since washing and ironing is a vital source of supplementing both male and female income. Neatly-ironed clothes hang from water pipes and wires stretched across corners of the rooms.

The rooms contain up to 10 beds, all with old curtains or strips of material around them for privacy.

Rooftop quarters cater for members of staff only. A husband and father of four will be required to share a room with up to nine other workers His family might have limited access — a few hours granted the wife by management. In most cases, access is denied altogether.

A working mother would be sharing a room with a number of other working women Should she want to spend the night with her husband, she will do so at the risk of a raid — and the possible disapproval of management

Some managements are more humane than others. They might allow a mother to nurse a sick child on the property. In most cases, though, she would have to take leave — unpaid, if her attention is demanded too often — to see the child at home, often many days' travel away.

I have on numerous occasions accompanied police during raids on Hillbrow hotel servants' quarters, and had to step over sleeping bodies on the floor as police sought "illegals" among them

One such raid was during the wee hours of a winter's morning, when police broke down a door to one of the rooms because the inhabitants had remained silent.

Inside were three beds, but six adults and one child Only four of the adults were legally there The young white policeman ripped the blankets off one couple to expose the semi-naked bodies of a man and a woman old enough to be his parents and ordered the woman to get dressed I watched an otherwise mild and friendly old man's face harden while his wife was ordered outside to be arrested.

Another woman, "legally" there, claimed her baby was present because of illness She was ordered to have the baby removed form the premises within 24 hours.

Two people were arrested from the room that night There were nine other rooms in these servants' quarters — each with much the same story

From the point of view of hotel managements, staff accommodation is provided — in servants' quarters, or at single quarters, like the Denver hostel

Staff often refuse to make use of hostel accommodation because it provides only a bed in a room shared with strangers Yet managements continue paying for hostel beds because these payments constitute proof to the health inspectors that sufficient accommodation is being provided

In fact, even the rooms on the premises are sometimes bypassed — either by workers "illegally" employed, and therefore not offered accommodation of any kind, or by those who want to live with their families.

One black worker and his extended family lived for a year behind an old wire gate which was balanced against the garage wall of a residential hotel in Hillbrow They would probably still be there, but signs of their living began to spread into the parking bays, with clothes and remnants of meals left next to the cars

A storeroom with no lights or air vents is the "illegal" — but undiscovered — home of a cleaner and his wife at another hotel He has a hostel bed, she has no employment and nowhere to stay

For entertaining family and friends, street corners, alleyways, garages and boiler rooms are turned into lounges The situation can only worsen: managements have been clamping down on staff access to family and friends as police step up raids and impose heavy fines

Vaal residents firm on rents

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The 13-month rent boycott in the Vaal Triangle townships has been a joint effort and residents are determined not to allow themselves to be divided on the issue, the Sharpeville Civic Association said yesterday.

The association was reacting to an announcement that summonses were to be issued to some 350 000 rent-owing residents for failing to respond to the Lekoa Town Council "pay or else" ultimatum

Mr N P Louw, the council's town clerk, last week said the council was to issue summonses on a "selective basis," starting with those residents who are employed The sickly and unemployed would be given time, pending investigations into their cases, he said

In a statement, the SCA said the residents are not fooled by the statement that the pensioners and jobless would be treated differently

"In fact, these are the people who have felt the brunt of the council's high rentals over the years The council only wants to fool the world that they are sympathetic towards these people, whereas they are the ones who have been evicted from their homes prior to the unrest for being in arrears

The claim that rent defaulters would be taken to court in small numbers is only a dream All the residents are affected by the pending action and will not allow proceedings to be conducted in that fashion

"We are sick and tired of the numerous threats that the council has issued on the non-payment of rent We are prepared to fight our case in a court of law but the council must take action on all of us," said the statement

It also said that the recent flop of the by-elections to fill the twelve vacancies on the council was an indication that the residents still stood by their earlier demand that all councillors should resign

The recent by-elections — the second to be held since vacancies occurred when some councillors were murdered and others resigned — saw only one man stand for the election

He is Mr R J Makhema, who was to have contested Ward 24 in Sharpeville later this month He now takes a seat on the council unopposed and the other eleven positions remain vacant The council plans to hold other by-elections at the end of February next year

New coloured township draws strong protests

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

A Government plan to investigate establishing a coloured township in Midrand has unleashed a storm of protest there.

The land being considered is a portion of Waterval farm, east of the Jukskei River up to the AECI border (land owned by the Mia family's Islamic Trust) and part of Allandale farm, west of Tembisa towards the Metro drive-in.

Both sites are next to white residential suburbs, including Sandton's Kelvin and Buccleuch and Midrand's President Park agricultural holdings and Glen Austen extension 3

Mr Martin Grond, Midrand management committee chairman, said residents heard of the possibility of a coloured township on their doorstep through legal notices placed by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning in Beeld and The Citizen on October 25.

PROPERTY FEARS

People were given until November 22 to make objections (As Midrand is a controlled area, it is necessary to officially declare a special group area for coloured people)

Mr Grond estimated that both pieces of land covered more than 500 ha

Homeowners have protested at meetings in Sandton and Midrand that such a township would devalue their properties as the new houses were likely to be sub-economic

Mr Grond said another problem envisaged by a packed meeting of the Halfway House Ratepayers' Association was a massive build-up of traffic in the area.

At a Buccleuch/Kelvin Ratepayers' Association meeting, Sandton councillor Mrs Jo Marais, who represents Ward 11 (which includes the Indian group area of Marlboro Gardens), accepted a petition to the Government asking for the abolition of the Group Areas Act

It was suggested that setting up a new group area was unnecessary as the Group Areas Act was to be abolished soon anyway

190 000 shortage of black teachers by 2000

Call for national training plan

19/11/85

By Susan Fleming,
Education Reporter

The unequal distribution of teachers — a surplus in the white and Indian schools and a shortage in the black and coloured — will continue as long as South Africa's education system remains segregated, a leading educationist said.

Dr Ken Hartshorne, who is a member of the De Lange Commission into Education, said as long as the training of teachers was controlled by the employing body, the unequal distribution of teachers would continue

And he also called for a national plan for teacher training

Dr Hartshorne's comments follow last week's announcement by the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Delegates, Mr Amichand Rajbansi, that only 100 newly qualified teachers — a drop of 600 — would be accepted in his schools next year.

The drop was caused by the dwindling Indian population.

A similar problem exists in white schools and next year white colleges will decrease their student intake by hundreds because of the decreasing white population and the drop in teacher resignations

Planning needs

The Transvaal Teachers' Association's general secretary, Mr Jack Ballard, said South Africa should be planning for the needs of all pupils — regardless of race

He said the segregated training of teachers was not effective and that his association had called for one education department several times

"It seems crazy that we have a surplus of teachers in the Indian and white schools while the coloured and black schools lack them," Mr Ballard said

Although there would be places for several hundred students at the white colleges next year, the Minister of Education and Culture in the House of Assembly, Mr Piet Clase, said it would not be possible to grant admission to black students

The black colleges were full and prospective students were being turned away, but Mr Clase said black people could not be admitted to the "whites only" colleges because they were an "own affairs" concern and so entrance was restricted

A shortfall of 190 000 black teachers is expected by 2000 And that severe shortage is coupled with the poor qualifications of staff in black schools In white schools only four perent of the teachers are underqualified while in the black schools the figure stands at 78 percent

Arsonists demand release of former Zipra commanders

The Star's Africa News Service

HARARE — Arsonists who set fire to five courtrooms in the magistrate's courts here have demanded the release of two former commanders of Mr Joshua Nkomo's Zipra guerilla force.

The calls for the release of Mr Lookout Masuku and Mr Dumiso Dabengwa, who have been in detention since 1982, were made in spray-painted slogans on court walls.

There was also a demand for an end to the unity talks which Mr Nkomo is having with Prime Minister Mr Robert Mugabe aimed at merging Zapu with the ruling Zanu (PF) Party

A Government spokesman said it was believed the fire had been started by criminals who wanted to destroy court records

Coloureds in housing dilemma

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By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

The Government plan to investigate the establishment of a coloured township in Midrand has forced coloured people to weigh a massive housing backlog against their abhorrence of the Group Areas Act

"We don't like the Group Areas Act, but the practical reality is that coloureds must live somewhere," said Mr Don Mateman, House of Representatives MP for Eldorado Park

Describing the coloured housing position as pathetic, he said the Johannesburg City Council estimated the backlog at between 4 000 and 6 000

But the real figure is nearer 12 000 because those out of work cannot apply Some people have been on the waiting list since 1976

"But I do not believe sub-economic housing is the answer Living in uniform pondokkies is demoralising and, if the project goes ahead, they should build only economic homes — I am talking about the kind of people who can afford rentals of R100 to R150"

Westbury Residents' Action Committee member Mrs F Daniels said "We are not anxious to live in white areas where lifestyles are different, nor do we want to be settled far from our places of work, paying high transport costs on low salaries

"Perhaps they should consider replacing the whites in Newlands with coloureds so that we can each maintain our own lifestyle"

Council acts on rent arrears

SOWETAN Reporter

SEVERAL Vaal Triangle residents have received summonses for not paying rent since September last year. More summonses are to follow, officials have warned.

Residents of the six townships in the area have refused to pay rent after the Lekoa Town Council increased rent by R5,90 from September 198-l

Already seven people have received summonses in Zamdela and are to appear in the Sasolburg Magistrate's Court soon, The SOWETAN established yesterday

Lekoa Town Clerk Mr N P Louw, said recently the council would "selectively" prosecute defaulters who had steady jobs

Those who have received summonses include Mr Joseph Mohami, Mr Johannes Rampa, Mr John Mohapi, Mr Peter Pitso, Mr J Tsepetsi, Mr P Lengana and Mr Sam Mabuye

Warning

Although Mr Louw could not say how many summonses had already been sent out, he said residents would appear in court every week

Meanwhile opposition groups have warned that more unrest might erupt if the council continued to issue court summonses to thousands of residents

This warning came from the Vaal Trade Union Co-ordinating Committee, the Vaal Civic Association and students, at a meeting in Vereeniging yesterday

The meeting resolved that all residents who received summonses for rent should consult the organisation which would help them by getting legal advice

An executive member of the VCA, Mr Sy Molotsi, said the council had been intransigent in not listening to the residents' demands

"Their attitude made residents not pay rents

"Now the council wants to force people to pay This behaviour will only serve to anger residents

"The council should stop issuing summonses because the results might be bitter," Mr Molotsi warned

Board issues summonses

Vaal housing crisis comes to a head

By Johanne Kuhn

The Vaal housing crisis has come to a head with the Orange Vaal Development Board issuing court summonses in Zamdela, near Sasolburg, against homeowners who have defaulted on payments for the last year.

Residents in Vereeniging-Vanderbijl Park townships, which fall under the Lekoa Council, face the same threat but the council is hoping talks with the Vaal Civic Association and the Vaal Trade Unions Co-ordinating Committee may resolve the matter.

A VCA spokesman said yesterday residents and workers representatives were prepared to meet town clerk Mr Nic Louw tomorrow as proposed on condition that it be given a guarantee that it can use the Mpanamatsane Hall in Sebokeng for a public meeting after the talks.

The idea was to consult the community on any proposals made at the talks to resolve the 14-month old rent boycott.

He said the VCA and the trade unions were not prepared to agree in private talks that residents begin paying a interim rental of R30 a month until the

[illegible] residents had already taken a decision and so far they were refusing to pay any rent at all until there was a permanent reduction and community councillors quit their jobs.

It seemed strange that the council was asking for talks while its partner the development board was already issuing summonses against residents.

The spokesman said Zamdela residents had only three days in which to advise the courts they were going to fight the action [illegible] summonses. Those needing legal aid should go immediately to the VCA.

BREAK

Earlier this year the VCA backed trade unions in a bid to break the rent dispute which set the Vaal alight in September 1984.

Those talks with employers broke down with the introduction of the state of emergency.

The unions as well as the VCA have been invited to tomorrow's meeting. On the other side of the table will be Mr Nic Louw, Overvaal MP Mr Chris Ballard and an Urban Foundation representative.

Hostel men told to get out

Mohlakeng, Randfontein, residents have told Bhacas people (a sub-divison of the Xhosa) living in the local men's hostel that they must pack their belongings and leave the township today.

The ultimatum comes in the wake of a wave of violence that claimed at least six lives and left a number of families destitute after their homes were set alight over the past two weeks

The township was quiet but tense this morning as residents returned to work after a weekend of violence.

A spokesman for the residents' ad hoc committee today said many residents had not slept last night keeping watch for Bhacas. He accused them of rampaging through the township causing mayhem.

At least three people were killed on Friday night and Saturday morning, bringing the known death toll in the two weeks of clashes between the two factions to six.

The spokesman said attempts to get the mayor of Mohlakeng, Mr Alfred Thekwane, to address the meeting failed as it was believed the mayor was in hiding.

An unconfirmed report said a local policeman's house was petrol-bombed at the weekend.

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Gold mines plan to recruit urban blacks

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Rand Mines has announced that it will recruit hundreds of urban blacks for its gold mines — and the number could grow to thousands.

The company announced a new package deal for urban workers and is investigating a home-ownership scheme to help staff to build homes in townships near mines.

This is a departure from existing recruitment patterns in the industry. About 97 percent of workers on gold mines are migrant labourers from rural areas.

The first gold mine in the Rand Mines group to start employing urban blacks will be East Rand Proprietary Mines (ERPM) near Boksburg.

"We will start with ERPM and when we see what happens after the Government's proposed influx control changes we will extend the campaign to other mines in the group," said Mr Clive Knobbs, head of the group's gold and uranium division.

Other mines which could adopt the new employment policy include Durban Deep near Roodepoort, Blyvooruitzicht at Carletonville and Harmony at Virginia in the Free State.

Rand Mines has also announced that staff at ERPM not accommodated on the mine will receive a "living out" allowance of R110 a month in addition to their salaries.

The allowances will compensate for free food and accommodation received by employees housed on the mine.

All staff will be entitled to the usual company benefits including free medical attention, use of mine sports facilities and long-service awards.

Council report finds black hostels 'exceed minimum standards'

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

A city council investigation into hostel conditions has revealed that with the exception of airspace in three hostels, facilities are "far in excess of minimum requirements"

The report tabled at last night's council meeting found that occupancy was dropping because of the policy of employing local female staff

Other facts emerging from the report included one drinking water point is supplied for 50 people, one trough unit for 50 people and at least one toilet for every 10,3 people.

Accommodation is subsidised by 74,6 percent The maximum number of occupants per room is 20 and there is no over-crowding the report states

Lack of funds has meant there is no planned preventive maintenance programme but moves are afoot to introduce one

Hygienic conditions need to be improved.

Labelling the hostels "racial and a blot on the community", councillor Les Dishy criticised the delay in bringing the report to council.

He believed far more than minimum standards were required to improve the quality of life of the 10 500 hostel inhibabitants

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ROW LOOMS OVER HOUSING

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A ROW is brewing between the Wattville Village Council and local residents over the allocation of residential sites and the selling of new houses in the township.

So serious is the matter that the residents have called on all councillors to resign if the housing shortage is not solved in the near future.

Residents said this week they could not afford to buy the new houses presently being erected by private companies because their prices were exorbitant

Prices

About 50 new houses have been erected in Wattville

On Tuesday a delegation representing families on the housing waiting list met the Wattville council to discuss the housing problem in the township

The delegation told the council they could not afford the prices asked for the new houses. It was suggested that a building construction company appointed by the residents should be given the go-ahead to build cheaper houses in the township

Mr Timothy Masoeu the secretary of the committee representing the residents, said the residents were not prepared to buy "these expensive houses"

Land

"We need houses which we can afford to buy. Even the 50 houses presently being erected are a drop in the ocean — and we hope the council will make available more land for the erection of more houses," he said.

Mr Noel Mlokoti, the mayor of Wattville, yesterday said his council was hoping to accommodate all families on the waiting list within the next five years.

Presently, there are about 1 000 families in need of houses in Wattville.

No end to Vaal boycott of rents

SOWETAN
Reporter

A MEETING to resolve the 15-month boycott of rents in the Vaal Triangle yesterday ended in deadlock.

Another meeting will be held next Monday in an attempt to reach agreement if the Oranje-Vaal Development Board and the Lekoa Town Council give trade unions the information they need

The meeting comes after thousands of Vaal residents refused to pay house rents since September 3 last year

Several other meetings have deadlocked

In a statement after yesterday's meeting, the parties said despite the undertaking given at the last meeting, the board and the council did not provide all the relevant information

The trade unions still insist that

- Adequate information be given,
- This information be considered by the residents;
- The residents decide on the issue of the rents and what rent should be paid at a public meeting convened by the trade unions, and
- This decision will then be communicated to the Vaal Chamber of Industries.

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Bulldozer leaves family destitute

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By Kashvina Jaga

A Western Township family of five are destitute and homeless because authorities say they are illegal tenants.

Hundreds of homes in the area are being bulldozed as part of the R27-million redevelopment scheme in the area.

The family was left stranded on Monday night when they found all their furniture out in the yard. They had no alternative but to move into the local community hall.

"We were given no advance warning and when we came home from work we found all our things out in the back yard," Mr Farouk Lyners said.

"I don't know what to do. The Johannesburg City Council says they can't do anything for me and say I must find my own home. I cannot live here in the hall forever and I have nowhere to go."

He said he had been living as a sub-tenant for four months and once the landlady got her new home, they were left stranded.

AROUND

The council's housing director, Mr Mathys Wilsnach, said all sub-tenants would be accommodated in other areas around Johannesburg.

"The Westbury Residents' Action Committee (WRAC) has not informed me about the family's plight," he said.

A WRAC member, Mrs Florrie Daniels, said the city council was indifferent to the plight of the Lyners family.

Hundreds of families would face the same plight because they were not registered when a survey was done last year and were therefore considered "illegal" tenants.

Mrs Daniels said the sub-tenant system had been exploited as landlords often did not register their sub-tenants because they were scared of losing their own homes.

"The authorities have refused to help the sub-tenants and they think nothing of Western Township residents," she said.

Mrs Daniels said the "system" was grossly unfair as many families were born and brought up in the township and were forced to become sub-tenants because they had no other accomodation.



Sitting on the remains of what used to be their bedroom, Mr and Mrs Farouk Lyners, with their four-month-old baby, Rockshana, and their two children, Nathan (3) and Saeed (8), wonder where they will find a new home. Their home was bulldozed by council authorities on Monday.

● Picture by Dale Yudelman.

SADF move angers rent defaulters

STAR 5/2/85

By Rich Mkhondo

Residents of Katlehong, near Germiston, are angry with the local town council for engaging the South African Defence Force (SADF) to evict rent defaulters

This was the first time the army had been used, and also the first time that goods were thrown out of houses Normally town council "blackjack" policemen are sent to lock out rent defaulters.

But the Mayor, Mr Thami Siluma, said the SADF merely accompanied a messenger of the court

Said Mrs Maggie Matjila of Katlehong "When I lost my job I informed the council, I was told to pay what I could afford.

"When the army arrived they destroyed my bedroom door and damaged my crockery and other items"

900 sites on offer at Mams



HOMES for people.

THE Mamelodi Town Council has set aside 900 sites for low income housing.

The mayor Mr Zikhali Ndlazi told **The SOWETAN** yesterday that of the sites allocated, 500 would be developed by a self-help organisation

The rest would be sold directly to the public and private companies

He said this would give residents a chance to build their own houses

Prices of the two-bedroomed and three bedroomed houses will range from R6 000, he said

"We are trying to get most of the people on the waiting list housed as soon as possible

"The council is also considering applying for a loan for infrastructure in the area," said Mr Zikhali

This project, near Eerste Fabrieke, is scheduled to start in March next year

There are about 3 500 people on the housing waiting list

Mr Ndlazi said the council was negotiating for more land to ease the housing shortage in the townships

He said about 1 300 houses would also be built soon in Mamelodi East Extension

3rd DEATH IN SISHI FAMILY

A SISTER of the Baragwanath Hospital nurse who was burnt to death during the nurse's strike died at the hospital on Tuesday night.

This brings to three the number of people from the same family who have died after the attack on their Dube home with an explosive device on November 24.

Mrs Gertrude Sishi (the mother) died on the spot after the attack and her daughter, Nurse Flavia Nomthandazo Sishi, died the following day at Baragwanath Hospital

Family living in single room

STAR 6/12/85 By Kashvina Jaga

A Western Township family of five, whose home was bulldozed by the Johannesburg City Council this week, have now been moved into a single room in a slum STAR 6/12/85

The family sought shelter in the local community hall when the authorities declared that they were illegal tenants, removed their possessions from the house and then bulldozed it on Monday night

Hundreds of homes in the area are being bulldozed as part of a R27 million redevelopment scheme

The Star **visited the family at their Newclare room and found it bare, with cracked ceiling and walls, no electricity, a cement floor, a single tap with no sink, no sanitation, and one window with a broken pane**

UNCLEARED DUMP

Four families living in the same yard share one broken lavatory and have no bathing facilities There is an uncleared rubbish dump right next to their rooms

Mr Farouk Lyners said "We just have to accept the room because we have nowhere else to go

"The authorities promised to find us a bigger place but I know that now that we are here, they won't worry about us any more."

Commenting on the family's situation, the director of the city council's housing department, Mr Mathys Wilsnach, said there were 4 500 people on the waiting list for homes and many were living in similar circumstances

"We can only do the best that we can," he said.

Mr Lyners said his four-month-old baby daughter, Rockshana, had become ill because the family had to live in "such terrible conditions"

'OUT ON STREETS'

"If I refused the room, I would just be put out on the streets again," he said.

A member of the Westbury Residents' Action Committee, Mrs Florrie Daniels, said the room in which the Lyners were living was unhygienic

She said she would keep up the fight with the authorities to get other accommodation for the family

A woman living in the Newclare back rooms, who wished to remain anonymous, said the premises had been condemned

She said she had been living there for the past 25 years

"They promise to give us something better but they will only do something when we are in our graves," she said



Mr and Mrs Farouk Lyners holding their four-month-year-old baby girl, Rockshana, stand outside their new single-room dwelling, which has no amenities except a single tap, after city council authorities bulldozed their home on Monday The couple have two other children, Saeed (8) and Nathan (3)

● Picture by Karen Sanderson

More open spaces needed for Soweto youth — Heunis

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By David Braun, Political Correspondent

More open spaces young people to use and the greater involvement of the private sector in providing housing, are two possibilities being investigated for Soweto following this week's visit to the township by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis

The Minister, who recently took over responsibility for black urban areas from the former Department of Co-operation and Development, said after his visit on Wednesday that he was convinced the areas he saw were definitely not slums or merely large dormitories.

"They are in fact serving the varying needs of the communities in question over a wide spectrum," he said yesterday.

"At the same time I was struck by the fact that the informal sector was making visible progress in Greater Soweto. This is an encouraging sign of success with a policy which the Government regards as very important."

Mr Heunis said he was impressed by the calmness which prevailed in all the areas and by the friendliness and goodwill displayed by the inhabitants.

HIGHER DENSITY HOUSING

It was evident that there was a need for additional land as well as for efforts to utilise the available land more effectively by, for example, higher density housing.

The Minister said he would follow up two aspects immediately in co-operation with the responsible institutions.

"Attention will be given to the possibility of creating more spaces for the use of the youth of Greater Soweto. In this regard I was pleased to see that the youth was actively engaged in a tree-planting programme and in other beautification projects.

"Secondly, I believe that the private sector could become involved to an even greater extent in providing housing for their employees. This also applies to financial institutions and their willingness to finance housing projects for black people."

Talks are held before evictions, says mayor

The Mayor of Katlehong, Mr Thami Siluma, said yesterday that, before the recent eviction of rent defaulters, his council had spent months in consultation and negotiation with them

Mr Siluma was reacting to complaints by residents that they were not consulted and were surprised when a messenger of court, accompanied by members of the Defence Force, arrived to evict them

Said Mr Siluma "Every month councillors receive a computerised list of people owing rent They then call them to their respective wards to listen to their problems But, in some cases, the rent defaulters do not turn up"

Mr Siluma said that, usually, it took almost seven months of negotiation and consultation with residents before evictions were carried out

Referring to residents' complaints that the council was using the SADF to evict rent defaulters, Mr Siluma said· "When a messenger of court has an eviction notice, he calls at the police station to arrange for an escort

"They request escorts because, in many cases, messengers of court have been attacked when carrying out their duties It is just unfortunate that the station commanders sometimes instruct members of the SADF instead of the police to escort messengers of court My council will look into the matter"

City spends R140-m in 1985 alone

Jo'burg set to wipe out huge homes backlog

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg has launched an ambitious housing programme which should wipe out the city's white, coloured and Indian housing backlog by the end of 1987.

A total of R140 million has already been spent this year. It is hoped the 2 700 whites on the waiting list will be accommodated by the end of next year and the 4 500 Indians and coloureds within two years.

This was revealed by the city's director of housing, Mr Thys Wilsnach, who said the council had injected huge sums of money into accommodation after taking over the duties of the Department of Community Development and establishing its own Housing Development Fund.

Armed this year with a R94 million budget — 41 percent of the city's total capital budget of R230 million — the council began by transferring surpluses up to 1985 into the development fund and then negotiated loans to further swell the fund

"The recession has turned out to be an unexpected bonus as it has meant we have been able to sign contracts at very favourable prices — while helping to keep the building industry going through critical economic times," Mr Wilsnach said

The council set about solving the coloured land shortage by acquiring 918 serviced stands in Ennerdale where a R18,5 million contract was awarded The scheme has progressed in record time with 613 houses completed since June and the rest due to be completed by February next year.

Other projects for coloured people include the R23-million construction of 970 units as part of the redevelopment of Westbury, the issue of tenders for 551 units in a R8-million Eldorado Park Extension 9 scheme, the completion of a R2-million Eldorado Park community centre, negotiations with the Mining Commissioner to establish a township in Riverlea Extensions 3 and 4 providing 1 500 houses, the building of shopping complexes in Riverlea Extension 2 and Eldorado Park and the invitation of tenders for a R2,6-million centenary old-age scheme in Eldorado Park.

Vacant stands

A R800 000 swimming pool has been built in Lenasia and a R1-million crematorium at the Avalon Cemetery, while a R800 000 service centre, a R2,9-million centenary old-age home and a R100 000 golf course are still in the pipeline for Indians

The council has bought all vacant stands belonging to the Department of Community Development in Jeppe, Fairview, Troyeville, Vrededorp, Newlands and Albertville for whites These 300 stands will soon be sold at prices between R4 000 and R11 000 to people with incomes of less than R1 500.

White old-age housing is due for a tremendous fillip with schemes completed or planned in Westdene (R1,5 million), South Hills, Vrededorp and in Crown Gardens where 120 old-age units of a R4-million scheme are already being handed over. The Nederburg flats in Doornfontein have been bought for the "bargain" price of R1,1 million

Sharpeville men may face death penalty

Six found guilty of deputy mayor's murder

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Pretoria Correspondent

Six Sharpeville residents face possible death sentences after being found guilty in the Supreme Court here yesterday of the murder of a Vaal Triangle deputy mayor during unrest last year

Deputy Mayor Mr Kuzwayo Jacob Dlamini, his house and his car were burnt on September 3 1984 after widespread rioting in the Lekoa area after proposed rent increases

The eight accused are Mojalefa Reginald Sefatsa (30), Reid Malebo Mokoena (22), Oupa Moses Diniso (30), Theresa Ramashamola (24), Motseki Christiaan Mokubung (23), Motsiri Gideon Mokone (21), Duma Josua Khumalo (26), and Francis Don Mokgesi (28), all pleaded not guilty to the murder of Mr Dlamini

Mr Acting Justice Human acquitted Mokubung and Mokone of the murder charge, but convicted them of public violence

All eight were found guilty of subversion under the Internal Security Act

Evidence in mitigation of sentence will be heard on Friday

Yesterday in a judgment lasting four hours, Mr Acting Justice Human rejected most of the evidence given by the eight accused

He based many of his findings on the evidence given by one of the State witnesses.

He said that at about 7 am on September 3, a crowd marched to the deputy mayor's house, shouting "We are looking for you Dlamini, the 'sellout', who has had a lot to do with whites or who eats with them" Then they stoned the house.

The police arrived and dispersed the marchers with tearsmoke and rubber bullets, but could not persuade the deputy mayor to accompany them to safety.

After the crowd regrouped, Mr Dlamini fired a shot, hitting Mokone, who was then carried away

Mokgesi and Khumalo helped make petrol bombs, and the deputy mayor's house and car were then set alight

Mr Dlamini fled but Sefatsa and Diniso wrestled with him for possession of his gun. Sefatsa threw a stone at him, knocking him down.

Mr Dlamini was then dragged to the burning car and flung on top it, but he slid off. He was set alight.

Shack dwellers comed

Kliptown shack dwellers whose shanties were demolished by the West Rand Development Board last week had also been conned by a trickster into paying rent for the hovels

Residents paid rent to a woman claiming to be from the board because they had hoped that by doing so their shanties would be "legalised", said Dr Abu-Baker Asvat of the Azanian Peoples' Organisation (Azapo)

He said the people thought if they paid the woman the rent they would be allowed to stay They did not realise they had been tricked until later

Eight shacks were demolished, leaving 60 people — including 32 children — homeless

Dr Asvat said the board knocked down the shacks without giving people time to find other accommodation

Two tents have been put up in a churchyard in Protea, Soweto, where five families are being housed

Dr Asvat said he hoped most of the families would have found some temporary accommodation by the end of the week

Homes plan for blacks in OFS

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Own Correspondent

BLOEMFONTEIN — The private sector's biggest development project in a black township in the Free State is to go ahead at Mangaung outside Bloemfontein

The project, by the Blamonda Housing Company, entails the provision of services for 1 200 erven (housing sites) The company is negotiating with the Urban Foundation for R8 million for the project

It is hoped houses on these sites will be built by private developers, employers and owner-builders on a freehold or 99-year lease basis.

The Mangaung Town Council has received approval for a loan of R1,3 million for external services to Kagisanong Extension

...or else...

THE ultimatum given to Vaal residents by the Lekoa Town Council to pay rents or face prosecution by the end of October, may spark off violence and industrial unrest in the complex.

This warning has been sounded by the spokesman of the Vaal Trade Union Co-ordinating Committee, who also blamed the council for the non-payment of tariffs. The council should not be provocative, he said

The council in pamphlets widely dessemnated in Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Bophelong, Boipatong, Zamdela in Sasolburg and Evaton has warned residents to pay their rent arrears and current tariffs or to face prosecution

Violence

Residents in these townships have not been paying rents, electricity and refuse removal service charges since last September when violence erupted after residents had protested against proposed rent increases

The VTUCOC spokesman said they held a meeting with the Vaal Chamber of Commerce and Industries with the aim of convincing the council to reduce rents

The chamber then arranged a meeting that they should meet the Minister of Constitutional Affairs and Planning Mr Chris Heunis to discuss the matters fully This meeting was still being arranged when the Government declared a state of emergency

Meetings

"This means that we cannot call meetings to discuss the issues with the residents after meeting the parties As such we have suspended indefintely our meeting with the Minister," the spokesman said

He charged that the council should have reduced the rents to avoid the unnecessary violence which broke out last year.

"Now the council, which has failed to call on the Government to lift the state of emergency, is acting in a provocative manner again Whatever action they envisage taking, will be met with anger from workers

"The employers should also try and intervene in this matter because workers may push their demands to the factory floor — the results will be too ghastly to contemplate" he warned

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how the service was to be conducted, and their organisation was good, disciplined," he said

Also present at the funeral, in apparent defiance of her banning order, was Winnie Mandela, wife of jailed ANC leader Nelson. Perhaps wisely, no action was taken against her.

Dominee Smith pinpointed, as another lesson of the funeral, the fact that the service was "peaceful, disciplined and orderly," *without* a huge security contingent. This showed, he said, that the police presence at such events "is not necessary."

Smith expressed the hope that the police would understand that their presence "provoked emotions" and also realise that the people could bury their dead with dignity if left alone.

Further, the community should be allowed to hold funeral services at a time most convenient to them. Banning weekend funerals, when most residents are home, "is bad and unfair as it results in loss of wages" since it meant a day off work.

Meanwhile, another mass funeral of 11 unrest victims killed on November 17, was held at Queenstown's Mlungisi township last Saturday. Again, there were no clashes with the police who kept a low profile. ■

VAAL TOWNSHIP RENTS

Going to court

Faced with the prospect of a total collapse of township services in the Vaal Triangle, the Orange-Vaal Development Board has decided to prosecute the 35 000 householders who have been refusing to pay rent for the past 15 months.

A spokesman for the board explains, however, that summonses are being issued to *working* householders only, a number have already been summonsed. No details, however, were forthcoming "at this stage," said the

SA HISTORY

Black franchise — a progressive

South Africans are faced as never before with finding a solution to the question of black voting rights — perhaps the key political issue historically, as the following extract, from a 1930 speech, shows. It is taken from an address to Stellenbosch University on September 8 of that year, by Henry Burton, who was Minister of Finance in the Smuts government. At the time, plans were afoot to confiscate "old existing rights" of black franchise in the Cape.

The first cardinal fact is the presence of the Bantu population in our midst. There are about 5½ millions of them in the Union to about 1¾ millions of Europeans. When South Africa is said to be "a white man's country," the phrase cannot be used in its ordinary, literal signification. It is a pleasant country for the white man to live in and it is a country in which he, with his civilisation, is the predominant partner, as, for the sake of all concerned, it is devoutly to be hoped that he will continue to be. But he *is* a partner. We need make no historical claim for the other partner on the ground that he was here first — which is at least doubtful. But the hard truth is that South Africa is both black and white. The Bantu have been with us from the start, they are still here and they will almost certainly remain here.

how are we to deal with these people? There are two ways: the way of repression and the other, the way of sympathy and liberality. The first would classify them as a separate entity, a race apart, outside the kraal of citizenship, to be used at our will and for our benefit, as labourers but without the rights of ordinary members of the State. Is there any possible hope of success for such a policy? Take education. Can any artificial restriction prevent their development? Is it not far wiser to aid and guide them in their upward path, as even the southern states of North America have found it necessary to do, for the sake of both white and black, after generations of "keeping the nigger in his place?" Take industry. The Colour Bar Act is, to all intents and practical purposes, a dead letter. The white man's own needs, in towns, on mines, in factories, operate against a repressive policy. If the Bantu has it in him to be a skilled worker, no repression can permanently stop his being so and getting his place in the economic life of the country. Do not forget that repression must, in the end, be backed up by force. We all know what attempted solutions by force in other fields have meant to South Africa in the past. And, further, do not forget the inevitable deterioration which threatens our own race if it embarks upon such methods. A very distinguished Negro leader, Aggrey, has said "you cannot keep a man down in the ditch without staying in the ditch with him." The profound truth of this saying already actually exemplified in our midst, should never be lost sight of.

A liberal policy of sympathy and encouragement does not imply any desire to place the native upon an equal footing with the white man. Certain inhibitions are inherent in the very nature of the case. Social equality or race fusion need not trouble you. They are as little wanted by the natives as by the Europeans themselves and the suggestion of any such danger is the merest bogey, a chimera. The only equality that claims our attention is equality before the law, equality of opportunity — or a reasonable opportunity — to develop in civilisation according to his capacity...

The trend of legislation, in recent years, has been to emphasise the disabilities of the native as a human being and as a worker. We have found of late the friendly, cheerful, respectful, peaceful Bantu of whom I spoke, displaying symptoms of discontent and dissatisfaction with his lot. Agitators of various sorts are blamed, not without reason, for this entirely novel manifestation, for the Bantu himself is not by nature an agitator, stirrer up of strife — far from it. And, of course, conduct in breach of the law or tending to disturb the peace of the country has to be firmly dealt with.

But it is a grave question whether the conditions of life to which I have referred do not give agitators and mischievously inclined persons an opportunity of stoking fires that otherwise might never be started or else be easily quenched. The Bantu is not naturally an enemy of the white man. He valued his help in the past and has never really challenged the white man's leadership. It is of the utmost consequence to the future of South Africa that we should, by just and even generous treatment of him, retain his confidence in the predominant partner. Once that is undermined, the floodgates of disaster will threaten the whole structure.

This brings me to the vexed question of the franchise. Democracy is based upon the principle that the surest and safest remedy for grievances and discontents is representation in the councils of the people. Deny a man the vote and you deprive him of the surest protection of his interests. Modern political history shows the gradual extension of this right, at first enjoyed by a privileged few, to successively larger sections of the people and eventually to all of mature age. In the Cape, as you know, when a Parliament was first established in 1852, a qualification was fixed and the franchise was conferred on all who possessed that qualification, irrespective of race, creed or colour. The qualification has, since then, been raised but the principle of non-discrimination on the ground of "colour" remains. In the Northern Provinces, the old doctrine "no equality in Church or State" still holds the field and no coloured person has a vote. Natal we need hardly consider: there the native is *supposed* to have franchise rights but, in effect, they are inoperative. It is now proposed to change the existing system by a measure with whose main features you are no doubt familiar. One very striking point is the recognition of the principle that the natives *are* entitled to representation, even in the North and so the old pioneer tenets are departed from *pro tanto*. It is true that the provision for native representation in the north is of a meagre description

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Residents of the six Vaal Triangle townships have been refusing to pay their monthly house rentals since September 1984, which is when the townships first erupted They are demanding that their rents be reduced from R63 to R30 a month.

The townships — Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong, Bophelong, Zamdela and Refengkhotso — comprise a total of 35 000 housing units and a population of 350 000 Their refusal to pay rent has been costing the board R2m a month — a total, so far, of R30m

Now the board has resorted to legal action There is a problem, however The board cannot prosecute all 35 000 household heads because a number are unemployed Explains the official "There will be no point in taking people who are unemployed to court The board is only issuing summonses to working householders."

The rent trouble, which has resulted in deteriorating services, started when residents rioted in protest against rent hikes in September last year The riots were among the first in the cycle of violence that has been plaguing the townships since 1984

A number of councillors in the Vaal Triangle townships were murdered by residents when the riots erupted and several others, fearing for their lives, resigned.

Attempts to hold council by-elections to fill vacant seats have so far been unsuccessful, with nobody apparently willing to stand as a candidate

The Vaal Trade Union Co-ordinating Committee, together with local civic bodies and student organisations, has held several meetings with officials in an attempt to get a better deal for residents Convener Petrus Tom said, however, he did not want to comment at this stage because nothing has been resolved and the talks with officials are still continuing

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view from the past

so far but it is only fair to acknowledge General Hertzog's remarkable departure, from the traditional Northern view, in the matter of principle Unfortunately, as I think, this step is accompanied by a proposal seriously to interfere with the rights enjoyed by our Cape natives for over three-quarters of a century This is the burning question on the political side and I invite your earnest consideration of it...

What are the grounds for this attack upon ancient rights, which no-one has even ventured to suggest have ever been abused and which have been enjoyed by not only Europeans but also Coloured persons of every sort and shade in this Province? We are not laying down a schedule of rights *ab incitio*, not dealing with a *tabula rasa*, we are confiscating old existing rights, always a serious and dangerous experiment. Is it just? Is it wise? Is it good statesmanship?

It is said that the natives control a certain number of constituencies, and that this is unsatisfactory. Their vote may be the deciding factor in a few of the Cape constituencies, but it is generally an extraordinarily difficult thing to determine the existence of such a factor. It would be more reasonable to say that, in some of these constituencies, the native vote is strong enough to demand attention to native opinion Why not? What is the use of a vote otherwise? We should rather welcome than repress the constitutional expression of their views on public questions, especially in view of the moderate and reasonable use they have made of their franchise.

I have already mentioned the argument as to the supposed danger of race fusion Let me add that our history abundantly proved that such miscegenation as there has been has not been dependent upon the vote and there is no tittle of evidence to show that any such tendency has been increased by the existence of the Cape franchise

But what most people are mainly concerned about is the argument of numbers — and, of course, it is most natural The Bantu outnumber us by three to one and that is the big fact that frightens so many of us It is no doubt a dominating fact and it is that which renders our position in South Africa a unique one There are the Maoris in New Zealand who have the franchise and Maoris sit in the Legislature There are the Negroes in America who enjoy equal rights with the Europeans and have members of their race in the State Legislatures and even in Congress But South Africa is the only modern self-governing country which is faced with a vast *majority* of aboriginals to deal with How does this affect the question? Ethically, of course, it should make no difference. Justice is justice, whether few or many are concerned Suppose the Bantu were only a small minority Should we deny them the vote? Suppose our coloured population were as numerous as the Bantu Should we on that account refuse them the franchise? These are heart-searching questions for the predominant partner

The main feature of the new proposals is the plan for separate or sectional representation of the natives I cannot but regard this as a serious error in statesmanship It means the representation of native interests (by separate members) as such only, instead of their being treated as part of the general interests of the country Racial antagonisms would be accentuated, the Bantu would be isolated, his race consciousness would be increased and, instead of developing a spirit of South Africanism, he will develop a special Bantu nationalism, with the sort of slogan of "Africa for the Africans" that we are already beginning to hear of It is much safer to swallow him up in the general life of the country .

I have mentioned segregation in some other aspects This proposal for separate representation is the political segregation policy, the political colour bar Can it ever be successfully carried out? You have seen how extraordinarily difficult, almost impossible, it has been to apply segregation in other fields, with the exception of social and racist segregation, upon which there is common agreement Even territorial segregation, for which there is much to be said, has proved impracticable hitherto, to a very large extent. Industrial segregation is rendered impossible by the white man's own (needs)

Lately we have heard a good deal about "cultural segregation," the idea being that the native should be left to what is called "his own culture," to "develop on his own lines." General Smuts, amongst others, recently propounded this theme, with some charming illustration of his meaning, to a meeting of Negroes in New York, only to find he had got hold of a hornets' nest It is much too late now to think of any such possibility. We have surrounded and enveloped these people in our own civilisation, which is far superior to any culture of their own They are taking over our civilisation and will continue to do so by a process which is inherent in the situation and is inevitable Our only chance is to direct their adaptation of our culture to the best of our ability But no such directive control can be successfully carried out if we treat the natives as a class cut off from the rest of the community

This brings us back to the franchise If, in spite of all the evidence to the contrary, there should be real danger in the exercise of a common franchise as it exists in the Cape, the obvious remedy is to raise the qualification so as to impose a stricter test of civilisation, to be applied to whites and blacks alike. The ideal course would then be the adoption of a civilisation test applicable to the whole Union But I am by no means wedded to an extension at present of the common franchise to the other Provinces, where the native population is by no means so advanced as in this Province What I do maintain is that, whatever other plan may be adopted for the North and Natal, the Cape natives should not be deprived of their rights If it is objected that the ideal is not attainable, I reply by pointing out what a maze of difficulties we flounder into as soon as we depart from the straight and simple path of equal treatment before the law.

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Fears over 'boycott-busting strategy'

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Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Civic leaders have expressed fears over what they claim is a Vaal local authority plan to break the 15-month rent boycott in townships

According to a document released by Sharpeville Civic Association at a Press conference yesterday, the plan inlcudes the training of young people at special weekend camps to persuade their parents to pay rents and the recruiting of Vista University students as "liaison officers" for the local authority

Lekoa Mayor Mr Esau Mahlatsi said he could not confirm that the council had discussed the document

The unsigned report was apparently scheduled to be tabled at the November 4 meeting of the Lekoa Town Council which administers six Vaal townships It applies not only to the Lekoa area but to the entire region under the Orange-Vaal Development Board

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Courts, police to be used to end Vaal rent boycott

By Maud Motanyane and Jo-Anne Collinge

A "total strategy" using the courts, the police and extra-judicial law enforcers to break the 15-month long rent boycott in townships of the Vaal area has been disclosed by civic leaders

According to a detailed document released by the Sharpeville Civic Association at a Press conference yesterday, the Vaal authorities also plan to harness the youth, training them at special weekend camps to persuade their parents to pay rents, as well as recruiting students at Vista University as "liaison officers" for the local authority

Lekoa mayor Mr Esau Mahlatsi said he could not confirm that the council had discussed the document on November 4 "We have talked about enforcing rent payment so often that I really cannot say whether the document is authentic without seeing it"

The report also says efforts have been made to plug a loophole in the law which has previously prevented the Vaal local authority from securing arrears rents by obtaining stop orders on residents' salaries A draft amendment to the law has been filed with the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning

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The strategy also seems to signal an end to attempts by boycott-supporting residents' organisations and trade unions to negotiate a solution to the housing problem "No acknowledgement through negotiations must be given to revolutionary groups," the document states.

The unsigned report was scheduled to be tabled at the November 4 meeting of the Lekoa Town Council, which administers six Vaal townships. It applies to the entire region under the Orange-Vaal Development Board

The civic association fears that Vaal and Northern Free State residents may be guineapigs for a strategy to be implemented nationwide It estimates that at least 85 percent of the more than 31 000 householders in Lekoa still support the rent boycott

According to the report, the authorities aim "to collect outstanding tariffs without delay in respect of Lekoa (Sebokeng, Sharpville, Boipatong, Bophelong, Zamdela and Deneysville), Evaton, Seeisoville (Kroonstad) Parys, Vredefort, Frankfurt, Bothaville and Heilbron"

Some steps to be undertaken, by the council and the development board, include

- Legal action to recover rent arrears
- The recovery of hostel fee arrears "through combined action with the security forces"
- The establishment of law and order committees consisting of parents, teachers, police, councillors and church leaders
- The launching of a massive propaganda campaign through the SABC and Vaal newspapers

Youths recruited for rent collection

The collection of township rents is being promoted by recruiting youths to camps run by officials who assert that moral standards, Christianity and honesty have a low rating among most black people — particularly among the youth

The claims are made in a report annexed to the Lekoa Council's master plan for collection of arrears rent It was drawn up by a Mr P J du Plessis and is purportedly based on a telephone interview with a Mr M Horn, youth action officer with the Western Transvaal Development Board

The report states that the Western Transvaal Board has had considerable success in promoting rent collection by getting the youths to weekend camps where matters such as conservation and culture are discussed The Vaal authorities plan to follow suit.

The document said "Standards among blacks are measured by only two things financial position and education (which sometimes also yields a good financial position)

"Standards such as Christianity, moral standards, honesty and many others enjoy a low priority among most blacks — particularly the youth Since the greater part of the black population no longer has positive standards the social order has decayed"

The document says that if the youth at the camps can be made to understand that they cannot live in such a decayed social order, the option of recovery by means of such social structures as community councillors can be held out to them

"Waste, vandalism and unrest may result in rent increases because of repair or replacement of damaged items A sense of responsibility and a willingness to pay rent are encouraged"

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Foskor workers will not go

Business Day Reporter

MORE than 1 000 workers at the Phosphate Development Corporation (Foskor) in Phalaborwa are still occupying their hostels, after being dismissed last Thursday

They were fired when they downed tools to demand the reinstatement of 389 workers who were dismissed from Foskor in December 1984

Foskor MD John Stanbury said yesterday the corporation and the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) were negotiating an agreement

Talks on reinstating the 389 workers have deadlocked despite several conciliation board meetings earlier this year At issue is the cause of the 1984 strike

The union says the dismissals were unfair because workers were protesting at the arrest of NUM general secretary Cyril Ramaphosa Foskor believes the strike was planned before Ramaphosa's arrest.

The NUM says 10 workers were injured when Lebowa police attacked them with batons and rubber bullets last week It says workers were returning to their hostels 12km away in Lebowa, after mine security "harassment" prevented them going to work

VAAL COUNCIL'S RISE

Civic association reveals council's strategy on rent arrears

THE Sharpeville Civic Association yesterday said it had discovered a new strategy of the Lekoa Town Council to collect rent from residents.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

At a Press conference in Johannesburg the association released minutes of an executive committee meeting of the town council on November 4 in which wide-ranging proposals were discussed to get residents to pay their accrued rent 19/12/88

According to the documents presented at the conference, the security forces, the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, the Department of Education and Training, commerce and industry and radio and television would be used in this regard

Vaal residents have not paid rent since September last year when unrest erupted in the area Repeated attempts by the local authority to get residents to pay arrear rents have failed

Several weeks ago the council issued summonses to some residents but apparently this has not produced the desired results

According to the proposals Vaal businessmen and other people considered able to pay would be the first targets But the council's proposals stress that all steps taken must be reasonable and fair SOWETAN

Organisations seen as revolutionary would not be negotiated with and hostile residents would be identified Civil proceedings would be taken against them The first proposals stated that this must not be done in an "obvious" way

Students

Job creation projects would also be used and part of the wages paid would be used for rent arrears

The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning was to be approached for legislation that would make it possible for the council to get employers to deduct rent arrears from employees But all deductions would not exceed 20 percent of the employee's salary or wages

The proposals discussed by the executive committee also mentioned using first-year students at Vista University to help collect rentals and educate residents on the issues involved

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Plan to break rent boycott

JOHANNESBURG — A plan by the Lekoa Town Council to break the rent boycott in the Vaal Triangle by applying financial and other pressures to "identified hostile elements" has been leaked.

A document obtained by the Sharpeville Civic Association reveals that the council plans to break the boycott by enforcing stop orders on the salaries of residents and creating a "task force to maintain discipline and authority"

Other steps in the council plan include the issue of summonses and eviction orders and a request to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning to pass legislation allowing development boards and local authorities to implement stop orders for rent and service charges.

'Must not be obvious'

A draft amendment has already been submitted to the Department of Constitutional Development.

The document states that "identified hostile residents" must be regarded as first priority for civil procedure steps but that "this must not be done obviously".

Actions must initially be concentrated on households and businessmen who have sufficient funds, it said.

"No acknowledgement through negotiation must be given to revolutionary groups or organizations"

Also suggested is the formation of a "corps of liaison officers" from Vista University students who are studying municipal administration and finance courses

Youth training camps

These students, many of whom receive bursaries from the council, should then make personal house calls to inform residents of local authority finances

The strategy also includes a programme for using weekend camps to train youths to motivate their parents to pay their arrear rentals and continue to make regular payments

A "local task force" has been formed to investigate the maintenance of law and order and the protection of staff collecting rentals The task force has to ensure the re-establishment of discipline and "authority structures" and to draw up a code of conduct for "ordination and enforcement of discipline"

Development board

The document, which was discussed at a special meeting of the executive committee of the Lekoa Town Council on November 4, was released at a press conference yesterday The notice and agenda for the meeting was signed by the Town Clerk of Lekoa, Mr N P Louw

The strategy as set out in the document is coordinated by officials of the Orange Vaal Development Board and the Lekoa Town Council

The main objective of the strategy is to collect outstanding rentals and service charges without delay

The legal adviser to the Sharpeville Civic Association, Mr Richard Spoor, who is an assistant to the civil rights lawyer, Mrs Priscilla Jana, said attempts would be made to defend residents who faced legal action by the Lekoa Town Council. He said residents who received summonses should contact their civic associations — Sapa

Rent recovery plan to be used

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SIPHO NGCOBO

A CONTROVERSIAL propaganda and security strategy aimed at breaking the 15-month rent boycott in the Vaal townships would be used in other areas experiencing the same problems, Lekoa's acting town clerk Ben Scott told *Business Day* yesterday

Scott denied the documents leaked from a recent Lekoa executive committee meeting were meant to be confidential Copies of the documents were handed to the Press by the Sharpeville Civic Association on Wednesday

The documents — minutes of an executive committee meeting on November 4 — outlined a strategy involving the security forces, the courts, vigilante groups and "trained" students

The plan was discussed at the 15th special meeting of the Lekoa Town Council's executive committee chaired by H Kotze, Chief Commissioner from Bloemfontein, on November 4

According to the document, the country's combined security forces should be used to recover fees from hostel-dwellers

It also says several local newspapers and SABC's Radio SeSotho should be used to launch intensive propaganda.

Lebowa hostels still tense as sit-in continues

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THE mine hostels in Namakgale, Lebowa, where dismissed Foskor workers are refusing to leave the premises, were reported to be tense yesterday

A National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) spokesman said yesterday a strong police presence was being maintained near the hostels But no further violence had been reported since 10 workers were injured in a clash with police last Thursday

The sit-in at the hostels follows the dismissal of workers last Thursday after a stoppage to demand reinstatement of 389 workers fired after a strike at Foskor last year

CLAIRE PICKARD-CAMBRIDGE

Foskor MD John Stanbury said the company was taking great pains to "avoid a tense situation igniting" Foskor was doing its utmost to see there was no further violence There had not been any police action on company property

The NUM said 1 500 Foskor workers had not worked since last Thursday, while management said about 1 000 employees were affected

The NUM said Namakgale residents were supporting the strikers and had been providing food for workers remaining in the hostels Villagers were providing the dismissed workers with moral support and it was unlikely that Foskor management would find new recruits, the union said

The two parties said yesterday they had agreed to mediation, but that acceptable mediators still had to be found

The NUM also reported that about 135 workers at the Nuclear Fuels Corporation in Westonaria staged a five-hour work stoppage on Wednesday to demand re-instatement of two colleagues

They returned to work and negotiations are continuing Management was not available for comment yesterday

Summonses go out to rent boycotters

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By Jo-Anne Collinge

About 2 000 summonses had been issued to rent boycotters in the Vaal townships under the Lekoa Council and a strategy to break the boycott was well under way, Lekoa's deputy mayor, Mr N D Mpondo, said yesterday.

He said the council and the Orange Vaal Development Board were jointly responsible for the anti-boycott strategy.

The strategy provides for the orchestrated use of the courts, the police, expanded community guards, extra-judicial law and order committees and trained youths to induce people to resume paying for homes and services.

IMPROVE

It also aims at tightening the law and mounting an extensive media campaign to improve the image of black local authorities.

Mr Mpondo said he could not comment on the implementation of the strategy in townships south of Lekoa as they were the board's concern.

And he rejected suggestions that the strategy was secret, saying it would be selectively implemented in various areas.

"The youth camps programme has been misinterpreted. We can't have such camps in this area," he said.

"We would like to do what the Van der Walt Commission suggested. It said local authorities were a new thing for blacks and they had to be educated about them.

"So we hope to persuade the Department of Education and Training to start an introductory course on black local authorities in the schools."

HOUSE SQUATTERS - HEUNIS

Minister tours ER townships

THE Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, this week ordered that other accommodation should be found for about 100 squatter families in Katlehong, Germiston

Mr Heunis, who visited seven East Rand townships including Katlehong on Wednesday, told the regional representative of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr J Korff, that the camp must be monitored and other accommodation found for the squatters soon SOWETAN 20/12/85

He appeared horrified by conditions at the squatter camp

Hostels

During the tour Mr Heunis appealed to town councillors to investigate upgrading hostels in the area

Addressing the Press and East Rand town councillors after his visit, the Minister said the introduction of Regional Services Councils next year would transfer income from more affluent societies to a more needy society

He said the council's money would be spent in areas where the needs were reate



THE Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, with the mayor of Katlehong, Mr Thami Silumi (centre) and Mr Tom Boya, mayor of Daveyton, during his visit to the East Rand this week.

Plan to beat Laudium crisis

STAR 24/12/85

The Lotus Gardens area is to be developed to meet the critical housing shortage of the Indian community in Laudium, Pretoria

The area is west of Pretoria, about 7 km from the present Indian group area, Laudium

This was disclosed by the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr Baldeo Dookie, after a recent meeting with officials of the Pretoria municipality, House of Delegates MP for Laudium, Mr Boeti Abramjee, and the Laudium Management Committee

About 4 000 homes are needed in addition to various sports and community facilities

5 000 UNITS

Mr Dookie said his department would also try to investigate the development of other areas in the vicinity to cope with future housing shortages

Development of the Lotus Gardens area, which covers 700 ha, is scheduled to begin next year and about 5 000 units will be provided In addition, 302 new flats under sectional title will be put up at the entrance to Laudium township

Tenders for the flats will be called early next year.

Mr Dookie said his department would also investigate ways of improving the sub-economic homes in Laudium referred to as the "White Block"

To alleviate the shortage of sporting and community amenities the department will look into the possibility of shared facilities

Five killed in battle over shebeens, liquor

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Five people are believed to have died in a pitched battle between the Dobsonville Hostel inmates and large groups of township youths on Christmas Day

Residents yesterday said that on Christmas Eve the youths went on the rampage in Dobsonville township and Meadowland's Zone 10 area — which is closest to Dobsonville — raiding shebeens, attacking drinking patrons and breaking beer bottles and glasses

Trouble started early in the evening when the youths raided the hostel, smashing liquor and groceries belonging to the inmates

Hostel dwellers then held a meeting on Christmas Day and decided to retaliate They moved into the township to look for the youths, and when they found them a violent clash erupted in which the five people — four hostel inmates and a youth — are believed to have been killed

A police spokesman yesterday said he could not confirm any deaths, but said that there had been incidents at the hostel in which inmates had been attacked by a crowd of about 150 youths from the township

He said security forces moved into the hostel and used teargas to disperse the attackers, who were armed with sticks.

Several residents claimed the youths then conducted a house-to-house search in one block of the area.

Angry residents said the youths had invaded the privacy of people's homes, in some cases storming into their bedrooms looking for shebeen patrons suspected of hiding under beds

Yesterday residents who live near the hostel claimed the hostel dwellers had threatened to move into the township once again to look for the youths.

Security forces use teargas to disperse attackers

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Five believed dead in bloody clash at hostel

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FIVE people are believed to have died in a pitched battle which erupted between the Dobsonville Hostel inmates and large groups of youths on Christmas Day

Residents said yesterday that since Christmas Eve the youths had searched houses in Dobsonville and Meadowland's Zone 10 area, where they raided shebeens and attacked patrons drinking there.

A police spokesman said in Pretoria yesterday that he could not confirm any deaths at the hostel He confirmed incidents there, however, in which inmates had been attacked by a crowd of about 150 youths

He said security forces moved into the hostel and used teargas to disperse the attackers

Several residents claimed the youths then went around the area conducting a house-to-house search

The trouble started on Christmas Eve when the youths raided the hostel and destroyed liquor and groceries belonging to the inmates

By SOPHIE TEMA

Hostel dwellers held a meeting on Christmas Day and decided to retaliate.

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An hour before midday, frightened residents started to move out of their houses, claiming the hostel dwellers had warned they would begin searching for youths at about midday

But heavy rains fell in the area before midday, keeping all hostel dwellers and residents indoors

In another incident on Christmas Eve, a man was killed when mine security officers fired rubber bullets at rioters at Johannesburg Consolidated Investments' Westonaria Gold Mine

Police reported that a man was stabbed to death and two others killed by rubber bullets when security men fired rubber bullets at a crowd that had stoned security personnel at the mine

A JCI spokesman said yesterday the rioters had returned to work soon after the incident

The SAP public relations division reported yesterday that three black men were killed and two injured near Paarl during fighting between members of Azapo and the UDF

At Magaliesberg, in the Western Transvaal, five black men were arrested by police during a stone-throwing incident in which several private vehicles were damaged

In Kagiso, on the West Rand, police fired birdshot to disperse stone-throwers who had attacked police vehicles

Five youths and a black man were injured and given medical treatment before being arrested

In Soweto, a policeman was injured when a handgrenade was thrown at him

In a black township near Stutterheim, two schools were destroyed after being set on fire, and in Grahamstown a beerhall was set on fire

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Thousands face eviction

By SELLO SERIPE

THOUSANDS of people in five Eastern Transvaal townships are faced with eviction for failing to pay their rent since July

The Eastern Transvaal Development Board has brought an urgent court application to try one resident from each of the five townships, after resolving on December 2 to evict residents who have not paid

The hearing will take place on January 6

The five residents to appear are NB Mthethwa, J Jele, T Radebe, I Sibanyoni and MP Jele, from the "defiant" townships of Ithandakukanya, Kwazanela, Emgwenya, Emjendeni and Elilobele respectively

Attorney Phineus Mojapelo, who will represent the residents, said it was "simply a test-case"

Mojapelo said the residents refused to pay rent after the board had announced increases about six months ago

"Some who earn R50 a week have to pay R50 rent a month for a four-roomed house without electricity," said Mojapelo

Residents' group blamed for family's housing crisis

(127) STAR 9/1/86.

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

Reports in *The Star* of the plight of the Lyners family who were living in one room after their temporary home in Western Township was bulldozed by the city council, prompted a reply from Mr Thys Wilsnach, director of housing. Below his comment on the problem arising from the redevelopment of Western Township is that of Dr Elvis Daniels, secretary of Western Residents' Action Committee

The Western Residents' Action Committee was to blame for the housing problems that will inevitably face sub-tenants in the redeveloped Western Township, said Johannesburg housing director Mr Thys Wilsnach

He was commenting on the predicament of the Lyners family, who are living in one room in Newclare after they were declared illegal and their home was bulldozed

"In order to redevelop the area with enough units to accommodate everyone on the waiting list, condemned houses in Western Coloured Township must be bulldozed and replaced," Mr Wilsnach said

"The registered tenants and their sub-tenants are allocated alternative accommodation and, with co-operation between council and most of the residents, the scheme has progressed relatively smoothly

"But this has not been the case with the Lyners family

"They moved into the area three months ago and were unregistered sub-tenants to their pensioner landlady, who was given alternative accommodation

"Then they chose to short-circuit the system and leap ahead of hundreds of people on the waiting list since 1981 by going to the media for help

"If their present accommodation is unsuitable, I suggest they move back to Eldorado Park or else we can offer them a house in the selling scheme in Ennerdale Extension Five"

"We also agreed to WRAC requests for fewer houses on larger plots

"At the time Mrs F Daniels, a member of WRAC, said this would not create problems as the subtenants would move in with the registered tenants

"Now we have the Lyners's problem

"She and her committee will therefore have to take full responsibility for the problems that will certainly arise with other sub-tenants, as in the case of the Lyners family"

Western folk tell council 'talk to us'

STAR 9/11/86

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By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg City Council's housing department should consult the people who really knew what was happening in Western Township, instead of planning behind closed doors

This was the reaction of Western Residents' Action Committee secretary Dr Elvis Daniels to director Mr Thys Wilsnach's statement on the problems of housing sub-tenants in the redeveloped scheme

He said the council survey under-estimated the number of sub-tenants to be housed because many tenants had not registered their sub-tenants

"Like the Lyners family, many of these are children of Western who married and, because of the housing shortage, were forced to move out as their parents' homes became cramped They stayed wherever they could find temporary lodgings and never registered

"To house these unregistered or technically illegal people and to prevent the repeat of slum conditions in cramped quarters we pushed for fewer but larger houses on stands of 170sq m We also asked for the construction of flats on the sites of the vacant primary school and the beerhall to accommodate the additional Western people

"The Department of Community Development said the flats were feasible and the additional money could be raised but they were not built and this is why the six members of the Lyners family are now living in one room

"In the next block of houses to be demolished there is another family in the same predicament as the Lyners Have the authorities forgotten the similar lessons of the Pop and Lawrence families in 1982?" Dr Daniels asked

Admitting the department had met many of the committee's demands, he pointed out the concessions were only made after the July 1985 riots in Western Township and not at the planning stage

"These problems could have been avoided if they had spoken to us and not only to coloured management committee member Mr Speedy Bandes, who speaks only to his Labour Party members," Dr Daniels said

Soweto to get more houses

THE Soweto City Council is to build more than 1 870 houses for both the middle and lower income groups.

Mr Nelson Botile, a senior member of the council's management committee, yesterday said the development of the Nancefield site and service scheme was at an advanced stage. The building of houses is expected to be completed by the end of April this year.

Mr Botile said preference would be given to lower income earners who have been on the housing waiting list for many years.

He added that the council would build 602 five-roomed houses on the complex, which would cost "at most" R10 000 to buy or not more than R50 a month to rent.

In Emdeni Extension II 622 will be built.

R2,5-m

Mr Botile said the council has also asked the Government for R2,5-million to lay infrastructure in Protea North where 650 upper income houses would be built.

"We'll get the ball rolling as soon as we have received the money. I must make it clear that this is not a loan. The State President, Mr P W Botha, has said that the Government has set aside money for housing development in the urban areas," he said.

More than 20 000 families are on the housing waiting list in Soweto. The list, according to a senior member of the West Rand Development Board (Wradebo), grows at a rate of 2 000 units every year.

Vaal rent: Mass court action

CIRP 12/1/86 (127)

By STAN MHLONGO

THIRTY-FIVE Sharpeville residents appeared briefly in the Vereeniging Regional Court this week as Vaal authorities started civil action to recover a R36-million shortfall since the beginning of the Vaal rent boycott on September 3, 1983.

The Orange-Vaal Development Board and the Lekoa Town Council have applied for default judgments against residents who failed to answer summonses served on them last year. Residents claimed the three days' they were given to react was too short

Residents' lawyer Richard Spoor of Priscilla Jana Attorneys, said the defendants had submitted affidavits arguing the summonses served on them were invalid and did not disclose cause of action.

Those facing civil action are **LM Tenyane, KS Motswane, S Ndamane, E Ntlabe, P Moshane, ML Mabane, HC Mohapi, J Letseleha, Peter Voko, JB Soko, MT Tsosane, I Rooi, S Potswane, E Wiso, A Stoffel, T Phiri, P Motaung, P Motsitse, KS Letsai, TP Maleke, J Lekake, P Nxumalo, M Nhlapo, J Mokale, BP Moabi, LJ Makoloko, B Mareletsi, J Moshela, Z Thebehali, MS Motebeli, D Koboeki, HI Mphehlane, I Molatudi, D Tsoai, D Pitso, E Mpembe, PS Majake, T Ntjepela, D Pule and A Mahlo.**

The case was postponed to give the residents' legal representatives time to prepare defence action against the application The application asked the court to issue default judgment against the residents for failing to answer summonses.

IN THIS HOLE. . . .

. . . There are four people living

CITY P. 12/1/86. (127)

By SANDILE MEMELA

SOWETO'S acute housing shortage has forced one resident to turn a dingy electric sub-station into a home for his family of three

Christopher Sekele, who used to live with his father but was forced to move because of overcrowding, does not yet qualify to join the area's ever-growing queue of residents on the notorious waiting list for new houses

He was born in Hamanskraal, north of Pretoria, and is struggling to become registered in Johannesburg.

"For over two years I searched for a place of my own

"When I was offered the 'gas-house', I grabbed it with both hands," he said.

Though the 41-year-old man pays R50 per month rental for the squalid gas-house in a yard in Phiri, he is grateful – because it is a roof over his head

Sekele said he had roamed all over the sprawling township in search of a room or shack.

His problems were finally "solved" when his present land-owner learnt of his plight.

The gas-house is a small, dingy room with a concrete floor, a ceiling and a naked light bulb

The walls are unpainted and the bare bricks make you realise this is a desperate man's "make-shift" home.

Clothes are lying all over the place and – except for a tiny table – there is no room to accomodate other furniture

Sekele, who workes as a handyman at Cinqplast in Johannesburg, said he has made a few alterations to the place to make it more of a home

"I've fitted a door and a window to get rid of the prison atmosphere, and to inject a spirit of 'people are living there'

"I don't enjoy living under such conditions, but what can I do?" he said helplessly

Sekele said he was forced to leave his father's home early last year after his elder brother got married

"The house we were living in was too small for three families

"Even if it could accomdate them, the atmosphere was so tense it could easily have led to conflict," he said.

During the drive through the township City Press noticed several other gas-houses which are being renovated

Sekele said he has not yet encountered problems with the Soweto Council or municipal police

"I hope it stays this way, especially as this has been declared a year of peace," said Sekele.

He said he intends to marry Mary – the mother of his two children – sometime this year

"God knows I want to get out of this hell-hole and give my family a decent home life "But how can I do that without a proper roof over my head?" he said



CHRISTOPHER Sekele – another victim of Soweto's housing crisis – outside the "gas-house" which he forced to turn into a home

24 000 residents called in over rent

MORE than 24 000 Mamelodi residents who owe rent have been summonsed to the town council's offices from this morning.

Mamelodi East residents interviewed by **The SOWETAN** yesterday said notices to this effect were delivered by council staff this week

By ALINAH DUBE

The council's action comes about two months after residents resolved not to pay rent in protest against the December 21 shootings which left 19 people dead and others injured after a clash with the police. SOWETAN 15/1/86 (27)

Residents have demanded that rents be lowered.

Mamelodi's mayor Mr Zikhali Ndlazi yesterday confirmed that people had been summoned to his office. He said this was done when people did not pay rent

"All the council is doing is to get to know the problems of its people to help those who cannot afford to pay

"We want to make it clear to the people that the decision was taken to avoid legal action against those who have not paid

"We have also made arrangements for those who are affected to report at the office in groups of 20 a day," Mr Ndlazi said

Of the 120 000 registered residents in Mamelodi, he said, about 24 000 had not paid rent since the boycott

Dramatic drop in number of new houses built

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By Frank Jeans

Tight family budgets stretched to the limit by recession, retrenchment and rising living costs have had a drastic effect on the home-building industry, with the go-ahead for new houses down by about 50 percent in the Johannesburg area last year

"While there has been little change in overall building volumes and values in the municipal area, there has been this dramatic drop in approved housing plans," says an official of the City Engineer's department

"It seems people are finding it more and more difficult to afford homes."

It should be remembered, however, that Johannesburg now has comparatively little land available for housing development

What is of greater significance is the fact that the homes fall-off is also evident in areas with plenty of project potential when the buyers are there

For instance, in three regions — Randburg, Roodepoort and Alberton — all with high residential densities, there was an average 40 percent drop in the number of new homes actually built last year.

The biggest plunge was in Alberton where 280 houses were completed last year compared with 650 in 1984 — a 57 percent reduction.

Widespread Roodepoort also saw a severe drop in demand for homes, with 630 units built last year as against 942 previously (33 percent down), while in Randburg, the scene of commercial and retail expansion, there was a 30 percent fall (534 to 374)

An indication of the dependence on the alternative accommodation market is seen in Roodepoort where a total of 20 blocks of flats were built last year, one fewer than in 1984

In fast-growing Midrand, where one would expect an increasing residential market in the wake of corporate build-up, homes approved last year totalled 241, 36 percent down on the 378 in 1984

While it all adds up to a depressed market for the home builders, many of them return from holiday break determined to prune down their product to a still greater affordability level.

Mr Adrian Dart, group director of marketing and strategy of one of the country's leading home builders, Schachat Cullum, says "While it is a difficult market, there is a positive note in the industry, particularly in view of the benefits available to first-time buyers through the Government's R40 000 subsidy scheme

"A good partnership has been created through the mechanism of the subsidy on one hand and the builder who is looking at new design standards on the other The objective is to provide affordable homes

"Depending on requirements, the subsidy can mean a saving of R200 a month to the first-time buyer who has probably never been in a better position to own a home, particularly now that interest rates have fallen."

Property owners who overcharge 'illegal' tenants can be prosecuted

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By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Landlords who deliberately overcharge coloured and Indian people living in white rent-controlled flats are leaving themselves open to prosecution

This is the warning handed out by Mr O K Muser, regional representative of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Works, to property owners who exploit so-called "disqualified" people defying the Group Areas Act by illegally occupying flats in Hillbrow and the city centre.

The case of 18 Indian and coloured people being threatened with eviction this week from a down-at-heel Polly Street block of flats highlighted the plight of people attracted to the city by the lack of housing in the townships.

Rents for flats in the seven-storey block were determined by the board in 1983 at R82,78 and R86,86 In 1984 white tenants were given notice to move out as the owner wished to renovate.

The tenants were legally permitted to re-occupy their renovated flats (at higher rentals if sanctioned by the Rent Board) up to six months later. But if renovations were not completed within that time, they lost the right to move back.

It is alleged that the time limit expired and black, coloured and Indian tenants moved in at vastly inflated rentals of up to R250 a month.

They allegedly paid deposits and were issued with receipts but did not sign leases, discovering later that their flats were in the names of white nominees whom they had never seen before — possibly previous tenants of the block.

In similar cases both the landlord and the tenants have been found to be operating outside the law, said Mr Muser, and neither can seek to redress by calling on other laws to settle disputes.

Tenants contravening the Group Areas Act cannot claim retribution under the Rent Control Act, but on the other hand landlords have no power to evict as they are also breaking the law by gross overcharging as well as allowing "disqualified" people to occupy the flats

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Home hunters wait five years

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By Michael Tissong

Some people on the list for Johannesburg City Council housing have complained that they have been waiting for more than five years STAR 18/11/86

Ms Julie Obermeyer of Westbury township said she had been on the waiting list for more than six years and faced a seventh year of living in cramped conditions in her mother's two-bedroomed flat

She said that she, her two 10-year-old sons and a nine-year-old daughter shared a bedroom, while her mother, sister and sister's son shared another Her brother slept in the lounge

Ms Obermeyer said she made her application for accommodation in December 1979, and has not received any positive response from the council

"When I made the application I was told I would get accommodation after five years Five years elapsed long ago Whenever I make inquiries, I'm told that the council is busy accommodating people they shifted out of the old housing in Western township

"I am getting desperate and will move into a flat if I find one empty nearby"

Mrs Jean Young, of Noordgesig Township, said she and her two children could not live with her husband because they did not have suitable accommodation

"There are eight of us living at my mother's two-bedroomed house in Stadium Road My husband lives with his mother

"I applied for housing in 1978, but, when I went to make inquiries, I was told my application form could not be found I applied again in 1981 When I inquired recently I was told that we cannot be accommodated because our application is still 'too young'

4 500 IN NEED

"A council official said they were still accommodating people who applied in 1977 I do not know what system they use, but some people who applied after me have been accommodated"

The Director of Council Housing, Mr Thys Wilsnach, said it was "no use for them to run to newspapers If they want to get help they should talk to the man in charge, then the deputy director and then me The council is faced with about 4 500 people on the waiting list for housing"

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An expensive impasse in the Vaal

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WHEN residents in five Vaal townships protested against rent increases on September 3, 1984, neither they nor the authorities envisaged a 16 months' impasse, which, if unresolved, could have adverse results on an already ailing economy and an unpredictable social climate.

The Lekoa Town Council says it is losing more than R500 000 a month in electricity arrears alone But there are other services, like administering the seven townships including Tumahole in Parys and Zamdala, Sasolburg and the provision of essential services

The insecurity of residents, about two million of them, is evident Many agree they cannot use services or live in houses for which they do not pay

The residents simply want their demands of September, 1984 to be met These are that

- Rents be reduced to R30 a month;
- The council resign because it had failed to represent them



FLASHBACK. The height of the rent protests in Sharpeville in September 1984.

FOCUS

By Themba Molefe

Indictment

The demand for the resignations of the town councillors has become an indictment on the Black Local Authorities Act.

Residents knew that they were tackling government policy and that capitulation was unlikely Heading for the end of the second year the crisis is likely to deepen because the Department of Development Aid, formerly Co-operation and Development, seems not to have heeded certain recommendations proposed by a government-appointed commissioner.

Meanwhile, the council continues to suffer huge deficits

In December 1984, Professor Tjaart van der Walt, appointed by the Minister, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, to investigate the unrest in the Vaal, remarked in an interview that there was no proper, if any, communication between the local authorities and the residents This resulted in the anger that erupted in September 1984, he said

Professor van der Walt's report, handed to the Minister in April last year, was never made public Thus his recommendations remain unknown

Meanwhile, problems in the area have compounded and measures to obtain payment from residents have yielded very little response

- The council at first tried to involve employers whom it instructed to withdraw rent by stop order This met fierce criticism and resistance and was stopped,
- Residents were threatened with eviction and several in Sharpeville received notices to "pay up or else", towards the end of last year About six tenants in Zamdela appeared in court for failing to pay after the council started legal action against defaulters,
- The latest move, suspended last week, was to cut electricity supply because of escalating arrears and debts due to Escom, the main supplier

These measures by the council underline the real problem, communication with the residents which is, and has been, at a low ebb

In fact, civic associations and delegations of church leaders have met council officials, in spite of fears that negotiations would be fruitless The council had encouraged such meetings

But the outcome has always been depressing, according to the residents' representatives

At the forefront has been town clerk Mr Nicholas Louw who, at such meetings, put his foot down that rents and rates will not be reduced and that the R30 demand was not negotiable

This attitude finally closed the doors of communication Fewer delegations came up and now residents are waiting, anxious about the future

The Lekoa Council cannot at this stage be charged with the task of resolving the impasse because of its shaky standing in the community it claims elected it

This leaves the ball in the Government's court The Department of Development Aid, it seems, has a number of options

- It is now charged with the responsibility of restoring normal life in the Vaal townships The council depends on money which it generates from service fees and rentals paid by residents

With the arrears accumulating every month it is obvious that the residents will not afford settling their debts while also paying the old rentals

The arrears could be written off and negotiations begin on a clean slate

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House loans for KaNgwane

LOUIEVILLE. — The SA Permanent Building Society has decided to grant housing loans to KaNgwane residents following consultations with the Chief Minister of KaNgwane, Mr Enos J Mabuza, and members of his cabinet.

However, the legislation which will guarantee the granting of such loans has not been passed by the South African Government.

A spokesman for the SA Perm said: "If we can accept the savings and investments of the people of KaNgwane, then we have an obligation to plough back these investments in the form of housing loans."

The KaNgwane Government welcomed the SA Perm's decision to help reduce the critical housing shortage.

Consultations between representatives of the SA Perm and the KaNgwane Government will be held on Thursday to work out technical and procedural details which will enable the scheme to be launched as soon as possible. — Sapa

Threat to take 'drastic steps' over rent arrears

RESIDENTS OWE COUNCIL R1-M

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By ALINAH DUBE

ATTERIDGEVILLE residents owe more than R1-million in rental and service charges. Now the town council has threatened to "take drastic steps" if people do not pay.

This was said by Mr Solly Rammala, the council's town clerk, at yesterday's monthly meeting.

He also said his appointment had finally been approved.

Mr Rammala said households, businesses, creches and churches owed the town council R1 128 648,23 on January 3 this year

Appeal

"Although we have been cutting off electricity when people owed rent, the council may soon have to take more drastic steps if the situation does not improve," Mr Rammala said.

He appealed to residents in arrears to approach township manager or treasurer to make arrangements to pay.

He thanked people who had paid their rent on time

Mr Rammala also told the meeting that attempts to hold ward meetings in the township were being made impossible by "sections of the community opposed to black local authorities".

Residents, he alleged, were also being told not to attend councillors' meetings.

SACC: rent protest may mean 800 evicted

JOHANNESBURG — More than 800 residents of Huhudi, near Vryburg in the 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 Hudhudi Civic Association (HUCA) and a leading member of the United Democratic Front (UDF), had told the SACC the evictions were aimed mainly at "politically conscious" residents in order to force them out

The SACC said 141 families in the township of 14 000 residents had refused to pay rent to the local administration board since 1982 in protest at large rent increases

Last month, two families who refused to pay rent were forced to vacate their homes the SACC said

"Without reason HUCA leader, Mr Hoffman Galeng, was detained in Johannesburg on January 21, and transferred to Kimberley Shortly before his arrest, his house was burnt down by armed groups of 'vigilantes' and he received death threats"

A police spokesman confirmed that Mr Galeng is being held in terms of Section 29 of the Internal Security Act — Sapa

Flat dwellers 'dissatisfied'

FAMILIES living at Tshiawelo flats are dissatisfied with the recently reduced rent payments. They want them still lowered.

The reduced rents were explained to residents at a meeting at the Tshiawelo extension III soccer grounds at the weekend The meeting was addressed by councillor in the area, Mr Thami Ndaba

The new rentals are. R111 for single-roomed bachelor dwellings and R177 for two-bedroom family dwellings

The old rentals were R165 for single-roomed bachelor dwellings and R245 for two-bedroom family dwellings. Both old and new rentals excluded electricity and water tariffs

A spokesman for the flat dwellers said. "We have not accepted the reduced rentals as final We will press the council to lower them further When one adds electricity and water tariffs to the reduced rentals they make up the old R165 and R245 sums We want the council to do away with extra electricity and water tariffs and we will be happy".

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FLAT-DWELLERS 'AT WAR'

Reduce rents demand to Soweto Council

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FLAT-dwellers in Jabulani, Soweto, yesterday joined their Tshiawelo counterparts by deciding at a meeting not to pay rent from next month until the Soweto Council has met their demands.

The residents' demand, among other things, that the council reduce their monthly rent by 50 percent immediately, or they will stop paying from March 1

A petition has already been prepared and is expected to be submitted to the council soon

Residents at the Jabulani flats pay about R150 a month for a bachelor flat and about R225 for a three-bedroomed flat The amounts exclude electricity and water bills

They say their rent is very high compared to what is paid in areas such as Alexandra and Eldorado Park

Rent

"One is left virtually penniless every month after paying the rent and tariffs for water and electricity We can starve to death if things continue to go on like this" one flat-dweller said after the meeting

About two weeks ago, families at the Tshiawelo flats decided not to pay rent until they had been reduced by the council

The rents were then reduced to R111 for a bachelor dwelling and R177 for a two-bedroomed flat, but the flat-dwellers still expressed dissatisfaction and told Mr Partrick Thami Ndaba, councillor for the area who was addressing the meeting called to explain the reduced rents, that they were still very high

Water, power tariffs go up

Council in drastic move

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WATER and electricity tarrifs in Katlehong, Germiston will be increased from March 1.

Katlehong residents owe the town council R4,7-million in rent arrears

Mr Thami Siluma, the mayor of Katlehong, yesterday warned that the Katlehong Town Council will take strong action against all those families who were in arrears with their rents

He said that for the past two years the council had spent a lot of money for the supply of water and electricity in the township and that it was getting far less money from the residents for these services

SOWETAN Reporter

"We have been working at a loss and to balance our books properly we have no alternative but to increase the tariffs as from the beginning of next month," he said

Busines rates

The new tariffs are as follows

- Metered water will be increased from 34 cents per kilolitre to 54 cents per kilolitre
- Unmetered water will be increased from R4,50 to R7 per month per site
- Residents will be charged a monthly levy of R1 per meter
- Businesses will pay 60 cents per kilolitre compared to the 34 cents per kilolitre they used to pay in the past and they will also pay a meter levy of R5 a month per business site

The council has also increased electricity from 2,74 cents per unit for the first 30 units to 0,45 cents per unit

The council has decided that every family should pay rent before the 15th of each month and that all families who are in arrears for a period of more than three months should have their water and electricity supply discontinued

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Families forced to live in slum conditions

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Some families in the Indian area of Bakerton, Springs, have been forced to convert shop premises into homes because they have nowhere else to live

The Star found several families who said they had been living in deplorable slum conditions for more than 20 years

And in one case, the 21 members of one family share unhygienic sanitation facilities Their belongings are crammed into tiny backyard rooms and queuing to use basic amenities is a way of life

Mrs H Beharie said she and her husband had lived in a converted shop, divided into three rooms, for six years and they had no proper sanitation facilities

Her husband, Mr C Beharie, said although a new housing area was developed in Springs by private enterprise, prices were too expensive

"Private development plots cost R20,50/sq m, while the town council plots cost R8/sq m Most people cannot afford these prices," he said

Mrs Beharie said "We have no proper toilet — it is broken and in a filthy condition We cannot even have a decent bath We have to fill large zinc baths and use them in the bedroom The dirty water is then emptied outside into a drain It is terrible living like this"

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She said that since the premises were built for commercial purposes, windows could not be opened and there was no ventilation

Besides the Beharie couple, four other families are living in shops and have to share one bathroom and two outside toilets

Another resident, Mrs P Singh, said her family had settled in Bakerton in 1951 and had lived in the same house since Three families with 11 children have to share sanitary facilities, two toilets and one bathroom

"We have to get up early so that each one can use the bathroom in time for work or school, with children bathing at night and adults in the mornings," said Mrs Leela Singh

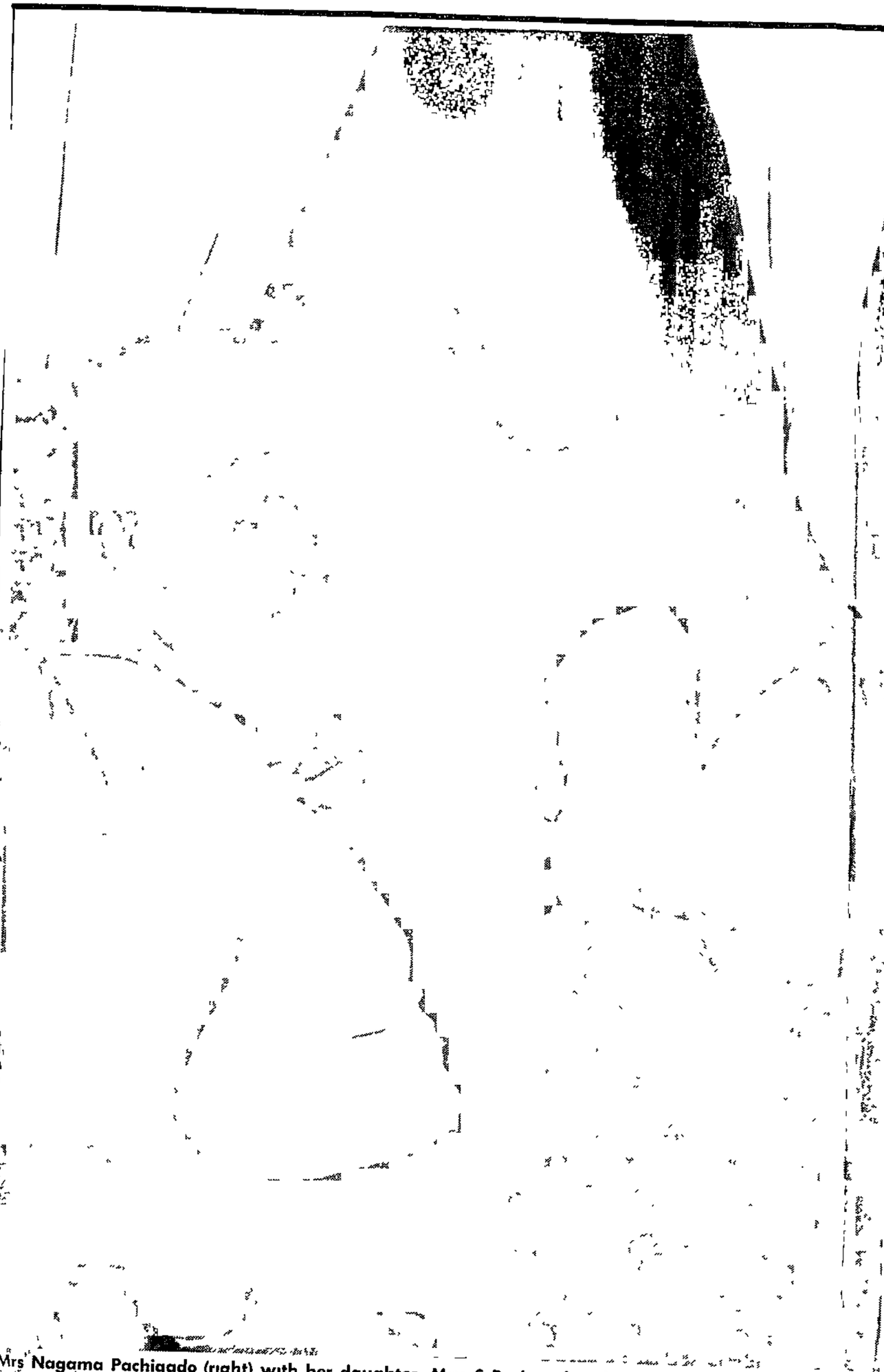
Water has to be boiled as there are no hot water facilities, and many of the children sleep on the floor

"Our problems are getting worse since two breadwinners have not found work for the last three months," she said

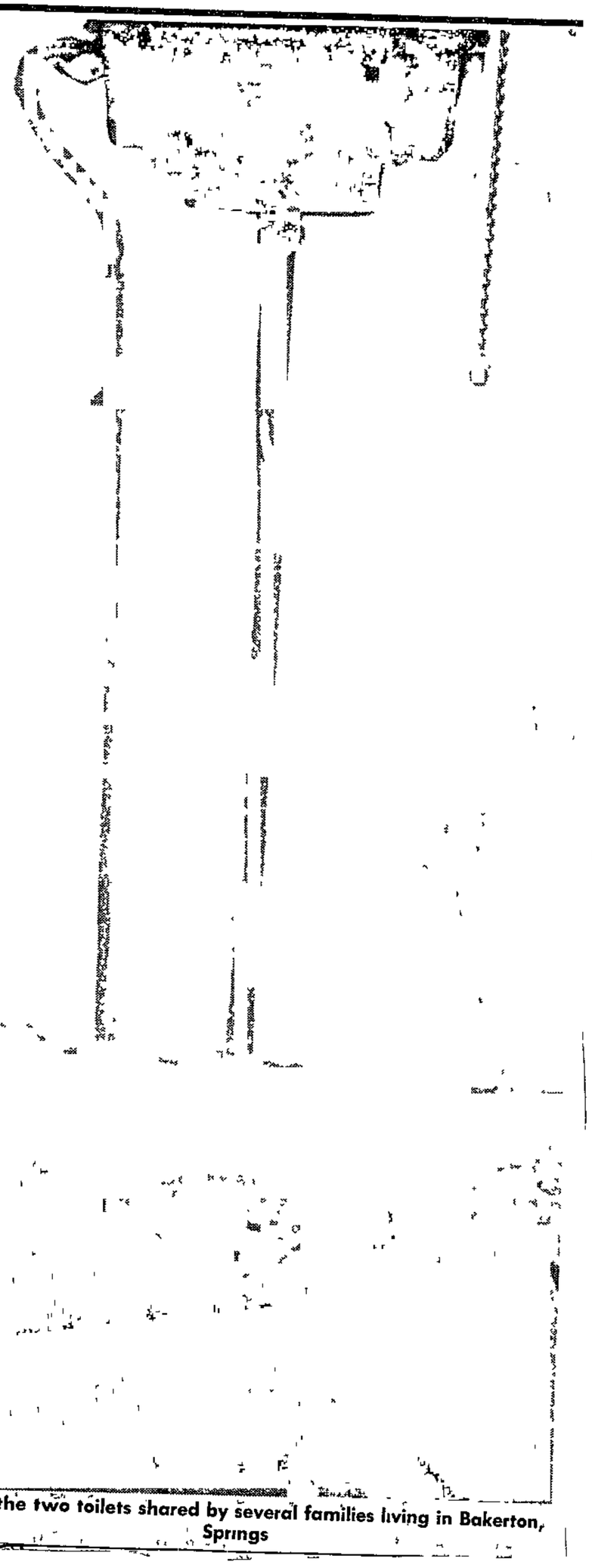
The Pachigado family has been living in condemned premises for 25 years since there "were no empty places in Bakerton"

Mrs Nagama Pachigado said several families had to share sanitation amenities

"Everytime it rains all the buckets and pots have to come out as there are leaks everywhere," she complained



Mrs Nagama Pachigado (right) with her daughter, Miss S Pachigado, of Bakerton, Springs. They have been living on condemned premises for the last 25 years



One of the two toilets shared by several families living in Bakerton, Springs

Council flats for aged snapped up

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Municipal Reporter

All the flats in a R1,1 million block which the Johannesburg City Council recently bought to accommodate the aged have already been taken up.

Housing and utilities committee chairman Mr Jan Burger MPC said rents will vary between R71,55 and R44,35 a month according to the tenants' income.

The council expects to spend about R400 000 on renovations

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In a rent crisis

An explosive situation is building up in black townships in the Eastern Transvaal. Recent incidents of unrest — which have resulted in loss of life and destruction to property — are all linked to residents' opposition to rent hikes.

Trouble in the area has been brewing since last July when the Eastern Transvaal Development Board raised rents in townships at Waterval Boven, Barberton, Carolina, Breyten, Piet Retief and Amsterdam The hikes ranged from R3 to R14 a month But residents have been refusing to pay In some townships meetings between residents and officials to discuss the issue have ended in rioting

The destruction wrought by the rents issue in recent weeks includes the fatal shooting of at least five people during rent protests in Piet Retief's eThandukukhanya township and the KwaZanele township near Breyten Several others were wounded and many more arrested

Late last month all KwaZanele's councillors fled when youths attacked and burnt down their homes Residents claimed this happened because township lighting had been cut off The council chamber was also set alight A youth, Dumisani Zwane, was fatally shot — allegedly by a councillor — during the rumpus At his funeral a week later three other youths were also shot. Mthwalo Mnisi died, while Boyana Sibanyoni and Seaboy Nkosi have been admitted to hospital.

KwaZanele Resident's Committee chairman Zeberth Ntshalintshali and about 60 other residents were arrested after the uprising However, most of them, including Ntshalintshali, have been released either without charge or after paying bail.

Trouble has also broken out in Waterval Boven's eMgwenya township There the homes of councillors, development board offices, the local beerhall and a clinic were recently stoned and burnt. Forty residents are now facing charges of public violence

Black community leaders in the area claim the rent hikes are too high — especially for domestic servants who, they say, earn less than R60 a month

Development board officials refuse to say how many people are involved in the rent boycott, or how much the accumulated rent arrears amount to Says the board's chief director George James: "All I can say is that we are trying to solve the problem No township can go ahead without services That's all"

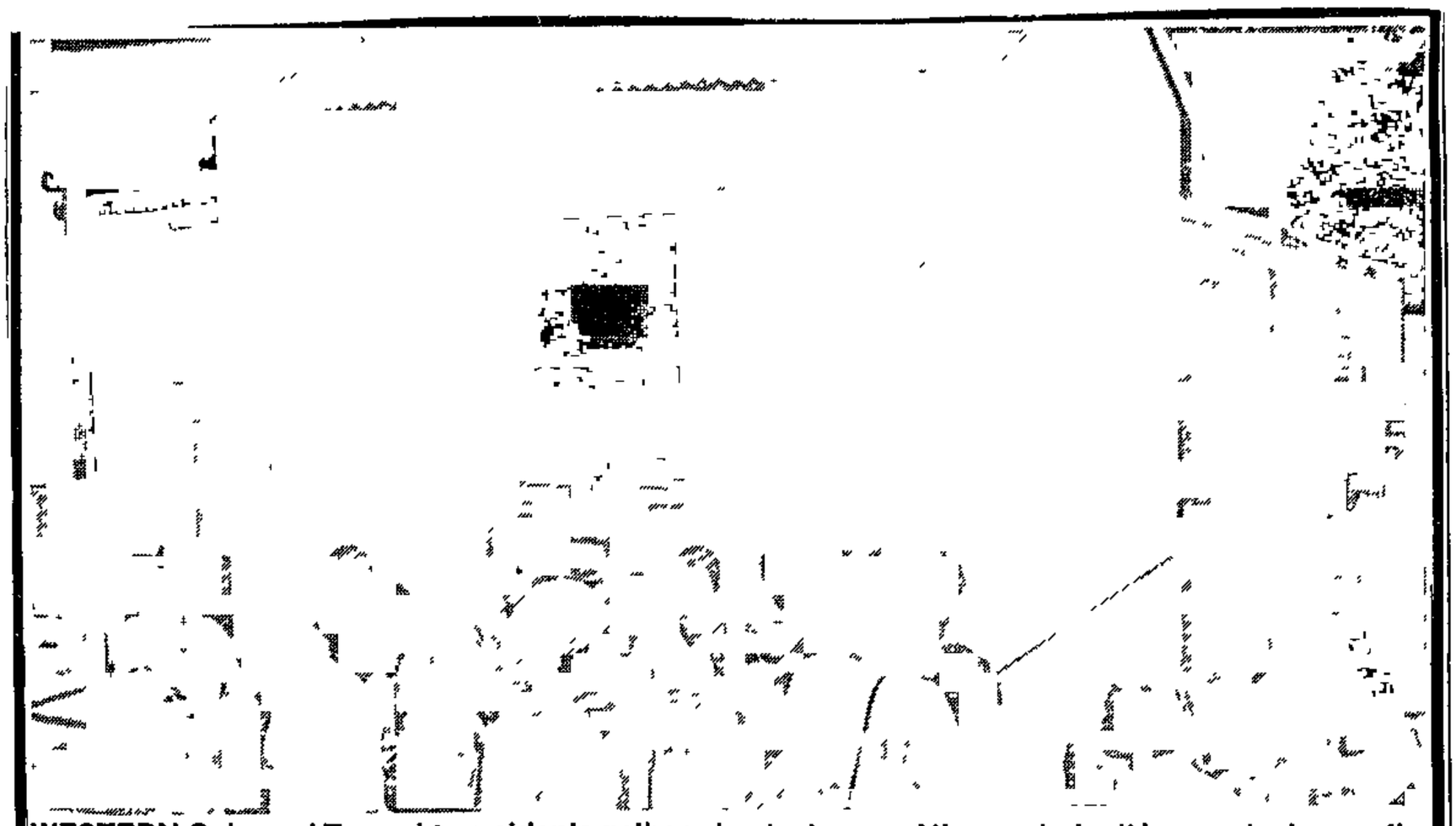
The board appears to be pinning its hopes on the courts in its bid to get the residents to pay It has filed an application in the Pretoria Supreme Court to evict five families from five of the six townships under its control. This is a test case If the board wins, it will be able to act against others who are refusing to pay

But it's not only the board which is looking for legal remedies to the situation Busisiwe Mbuli, a resident in Carolina's township, is to appeal against his recent conviction in the local Magistrate's Court for failing to pay rent

The outcome of the board's application and Mbuli's case will go a long way towards clarifying residents' obligations But whether this will bring calm to the Eastern Transvaal is debatable. ■



KwaZanele council chambers . . . gutted by rioters



WESTERN Coloured Township residents gathered outside one of the newly-built houses to discuss the allocation of 12 houses to coloured students of the Rand Afrikaans University

Houses for Rau students spark big row

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RESIDENTS of the Western Coloured Township are up in arms over the allocation of 12 of the first 40 completed houses to coloured students at the Rand Afrikaans University, who cannot be accommodated at the university's campus.

The 12 students, who have not moved in yet, are not residents of the township

Mr Elvis Daniels, secretary of the Westbury Residents' Action Committee, yesterday said six families from the township have already occupied some of the houses without permission, in open opposition to the allocation of the housing units to the students

"These people know that they are risking arrest, but they are doing so out of desperation They need the houses a hundred times more than the students," Mr Daniels said

R27-million

He said the Johannesburg City Council was spending R27-million to build 900 new houses for registered tenants of the old township, but did not offer a solution for hundreds of families who were staying in "small and overcrowded" backyard rooms

Late yesterday, a delegation of WRAC was due to meet a senior official of the housing division of the city council to express dissatisfaction at the allocation of some of the houses to "outsiders" and the need to accommodate sub-tenants who had been on the housing waiting list for many years

Mrs Lorraine Samson, one of the people who moved into one of the newly built houses without permission this week, said she was prepared to get arrested

Mrs Samson said she previously lived at her parents' home with 16 other people, including children. She said the house was so overcrowded that she had to erect a corrugated iron shack at the backyard.

"As a family of five, the shack too proved to be too small and unhabitable I'm prepared for anything to happen to me now," she said

Mamelodi to get 6 500 more houses

THE Mamelodi Gardens, a private sector housing scheme in Mamelodi that aims to provide homes for about 6 500 residents, got off the ground only four months after agreement was reached with the local council.

Already, about 50 of the 1 270 sites are being serviced and developers have been encouraged to become involved in the project.

Mr Matthew Nell, general manager of the Family Housing Association, a housing utility company created by the Urban Foundation, said domestic water services, waterborne sewerage, electricity, street lighting and tarred bus routes would be provided in the project.

He said half the sites would be sold to local contractors or directly to the Mamelodi public, while the rest would be developed by a consortium of four members.

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Contractors

Mr Nell said local contractors would have the advantage of having access to serviced sites without having to install the infra-structure themselves. Moreover, he said, they would only need a 10 percent deposit to get a site, with the balance payable once the site had been serviced.

He said the Family Housing Association would be prepared to help developers.

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Resistance to councils growing

FOCUS

By SAM MABE

WHEN the Urban Bantu Council was established in Soweto in 1968, the then deputy Minister of Bantu Administration, Mr Blaar Coetzee, said the new body was nothing more than an advisory body with a different name and a fancy office.

He said the body was not going to have any powers and was not here to satisfy the political aspirations of any of the men who sat on it. Mr Blaar's statement was not taken lightly by the black community.

It became one of the reasons why the UBC system was never popular among blacks It was also one of the causes of the 1976 uprisings and the forced mass resignations of UBC members and the subsequent collapse of the black local government in Soweto in 1977.



Mr BLAAR COETZEE . . . then deputy.

Rent

The most contentious issue which led to the UBC's collapse was the rent issue. Since blacks were regarded as temporary sojourners in "white" South Africa, they had no land ownership rights in urban areas and could only stay in houses rented from white city councils.

The formation of the UBC was to take over the administration of the council-owned houses.

But since the UBC had no sources of revenue, they had to rely on liquor sales and rent payments for their own income

This meant that rent had to be increased from time to time — in some cases, by up to 80 percent at a time. In the mid-70s, there was an economic recession in South Africa Many people were unemployed and could not afford the increases

It was also during this period that the Government was in the process of "cleaning South Africa" — ensuring that all blacks, except for those who were in employment within "white" South Africa, were moved to the bantustans.

The Bantu Affairs Administration Boards were formed to see to that through strict enforcement of the pass law system.

Today, the Government has recognised the permanence of some blacks in urban areas It has also admitted that the pass law system is no good and has to be scrapped before the end of 1986.

In July 1976, Mr Isaac "Tshombe" Meletse, of NICRO, was quoted as saying that the image of the UBC had been so tarnished that nothing would make the people change their minds about them

Ten years later today, Mr Meletse's statement still holds true In 1977 the UBC were given additional powers and functions and were called Community Councils

There were further changes in 1983 when their status was elevated to that of village, town and city councils But blacks remain unimpressed They still detest the system and have demonstrated this by killing those councillors who refused to resign from these bodies

In the Eastern Transvaal, rent increases of between R3 and R14 a month have been rejected by residents who have plunged the townships of Waterval Boven, Barberton, Carolina, Breyten, Piet Retief and Amsterdam into unrest

The homes of councillors and development board property have been destroyed — by being stoned and set alight.

The presence of security forces in the area has only fuelled the people's anger and violent clashes between them and residents have been reported from time to time

The residents' refusal to pay rent has put a strain on the development boards' administration of the townships At the moment, it has filed an application in the Pretoria Supreme Court to evict non-compliant families from their houses.

In the Eastern Cape townships, the situation is worse than anywhere else in the country. The local government system has collapsed and the Government seems to have lost control over its houses in the area

It is reported that residents and some officials of the Eastern Cape Development Board have asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, to phase the bodies out because of their failure

Fear

At the moment, only 17 of the 45 community councils in the area that are still functioning Besides the residents' refusal to pay rent, the authorities have no machinery to collect it, and about R12-million is owing from residents in rent and service fees

In other parts of South Africa like in Soweto where the local authorities are still functioning, the situation remains uncertain Councillors live in fear for their lives and many mayors' homes are under 24-hour police guard

In the eyes of many blacks, the local authorities are still nothing other than what Mr Blaar desribed the UBC to be in 1968

To change this perception, blacks might have to be party to the machinery which decides on the formation of such bodies

Alexandra fights for life and better deal

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — Surrounded by Johannesburg's affluent northern suburbs, poverty-stricken Alexandra township residents have fought to stay in the squalid township.

Twenty-three years ago, the government planned to demolish Alexandra and replace it with eight massive hostels for 20 000 single migrant workers.

At the time, blacks in Alexandra held freehold property rights.

The departments of Bantu Administration and Development, the Natives Resettlement Board, the Peri-Urban Areas Health Board and the municipalities of Johannesburg and Randburg decided that family housing would be gradually terminated in the slum.



A 1981 file picture of an untarred road, houses and shacks in Alexandra.

Choice

Property owners in the township were to have been given a choice of property rights in the homelands.

"Not only will Alexandra provide accommodation to the Bantu of Randburg and its environs, but it will also contribute to the solution of locations in the sky and the problems of accommodating Bantu in the backyards in some of the northern suburbs of Johannesburg," the boards and municipalities said in a joint statement.

The statement added that the new Alexandra would be more isolated from the northern suburbs and "buffer zones" would be provided.

The decision to turn Alexandra into a hostel town took the heart out of the once-vibrant community and the township deteriorated further.

The first two hostels, one for men and one for women, were erected in 1971 and were designed to take 5 400 single workers.

As the hostel plan gathered momentum, evictions became commonplace

People who had once owned property were being thrown out by the Peri-Urban Board.

Then came the reprieve. Through the tireless efforts of the Rev Sam Buti and the Save Alexandra Committee, the government reprieved Alexandra from demolition in May 1979.

"When government announced its plans to demolish Alexandra in 1963, the residents simply accepted that they were living on borrowed time They thought there was nothing they could do to stop government

"But after the 1976 riots, we decided to put up a fight for what is rightfully ours — that the heritage of our fathers will remain the heritage of our children," Mr Buti said at the time.

Slum

Since then, money has been pumped into Alexandra in an effort to turn a slum into a residential area with all the amenities.

However, it remains a slum

Families are packed into tiny shacks and houses. Up to 15 people live in each home's back yard. Amenities are almost non-existent.

Towards the end of last year, the Johannesburg municipality granted an additional 80ha of Lombardy East to the Alexandra council.

And marking the total reversal of a disastrous government policy after 23 years, it also handed back 854ha of township land to the people.

Stop rent hikes - Councils warned

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The shanty settlement at Melmoth which will be replaced by the new housing scheme.

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Housing scheme for blacks at Melmoth

African Affairs Correspondent

A R350 000 core housing project for blacks has been launched at Melmoth. This will replace the existing shack settlement which adjoins the town.

The acting chairman of the Natalia Development Board, Prof Louis de Clerq, said yesterday the scheme had been on the cards for the past 10 years. The ravages of Cyclone Demoina at the beginning of 1984 had precipitated some action, however, he said.

Prof de Clerq said the main intention was to provide a basic infrastructure with toilet systems and adequate roads. He said there was a power line to provide electricity.

He said 123 of the 125 families living in the shanty settlement had expressed a desire to move to the new township.

Prof de Clerq said a school was to be provided on the site and there were plans for a community centre, shops and a creche.

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Taking the gap

With the white housing market in the doldrums, a number of companies are trying to edge in on black housing because government has promised substantial development aid.

But the problem until now has been that much of the development has involved building in areas controlled by government development boards Not only has that presented problems to builders, but it has also proved a deterrent to black buyers who would prefer to move out of government-controlled housing schemes.

Agent Trusthomes, which has marketed vast tracts of white township land for General, however, believes it has come up with the answer that could well prove attractive to blacks — and profitable to white builders

The company is looking for a backer to provide the services for the 664 ha township in the popular Vosloorus area of the East Rand When completed, the area could provide some 14 000 350 m²-500 m² stands.

The site will probably get all the rights to allow blacks to build on it freehold Only problem is that it will require an organisation large enough, and with the necessary muscle to provide the infrastructure.

And, says Trusthomes MD Andre du Plessis, there is no shortage of builders who want to take up stands, once services are installed

Township developers, it seems, are reticent to get into a market that few, if any, of them have the experience to handle.

"Yet there is no end of demand for serviced stands from blacks," says Du Plessis "What blacks are looking for are stands outside of existing township environments where they can establish an upmarket area away from the hassles that go with living in the heart of a riot-ridden area "

He points to the success the Family Housing Association (FHA), wholly owned by the Urban Foundation, has had in such ventures.

In October last year the FHA had about 5 000 sites in Protea North, near Soweto, it was either planning, servicing or selling to private builders — as well as 1 100 in Katlehong and 1 300 in Mamelodi. Of those, 2 500 were sold within six months.

Du Plessis says that a good deal of that success was due to the fact that there was little or no difference between the standard of homes compared to those of whites — thus emphasising the need for upmarket homes for blacks.

One major advantage to the Vosloorus scheme, Du Plessis points out, is that blacks will be able to buy stands on a freehold basis. He believes that will lure blacks from all over the Reef. ■



Black housing ... looking for gaps

on the hose and do with it whatever he likes on a Sunday [Interjections]

Consolidation: cost of land

*25 Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

What was the cost of purchasing land for the purpose of consolidation as at the specified date for which figures are available?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT

R1 101 000 000 on 31 December 1985

Reclassification of non-Whites

*26 Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Home Affairs †

(1) What is the policy of the Government with regard to the reclassification of non-Whites as members of the White race group;

(2) (a) what total amount of Coloured persons, Indians and Blacks have been classified as members of the White race group in the latest specified period of 10 years for which figures are available and (b) what were the main reasons for this;

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS:

(1) The directions regarding the classification of persons are contained in the Population Registration Act, 1950, and the hon member is especially referred to sections 1(2) and 5 of that Act

(2) (a) The hon member is referred to the annual reports of the department concerned, that were published since 1972 and are available for perusal in the library of Parliament.

(b) The reclassifications are due to the correction in accordance with the Population Registration Act of incorrect classifications

(3) No.

Certain constable: investigation

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

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 1 on 11 June 1985, the board convened in terms of Police Regulation 64(1)(b) has completed its investigation, if not, why not, if so, what were the findings;

(2) whether any action has been taken against a certain constable, whose name has been furnished to the South African Police for the purpose of the Minister's reply, as a result of the findings of the board, if not, why not, if so, (a) what action and (b) what is the name of this constable,

(3) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes, that the member is fit to remain in the Force

(2) Yes

(a) The Commissioner has decided to withhold the final ruling of the board for a period of twelve (12) months (that is until 19 June 1986) and has ordered that the member be seriously reprimanded by his Divisional Commissioner and that it will depend solely on himself whether he will remain in the Force any longer

(b) Constable N B Harker.

(3) The Divisional Commissioner shall report three-monthly to the Commissioner on the member's conduct, pro-

ductivity and general fitness, with a final report as soon as possible after 19 June 1986, whereupon a final ruling will be made

Black towns: amounts in arrears

*28 Mr W L VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning †

Whether resident of black towns in the Vaal Triangle area are in arrears with amounts that are payable to the State; if so, what total amount was so owing from 1 September 1983 until the latest specified date for which figures are available?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

No amounts payable to the State are in arrear as these monies are payable to the Black Local Authorities.

†Mr W L VAN DER MERWE: Mr Chairman, arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, if any moneys are in arrears to the Black local authority, or if he knows the amounts, will it be recovered and from whom? [Interjections]

†The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Chairman, it is an extremely complicated process to obtain the amounts from all the Black town councils As far as I am aware when amounts are in arrears, which is usually the case, attempts are made to collect them from the persons owing them

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE. Mr Chairman, arising further from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, does the hon the Deputy Minister know whether in fact moneys are in arrears?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Chairman, moneys are always in arrears; in all residential areas that is so, but attempts are made to collect these moneys.

Black towns: amounts in arrears

*29 Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:†

(1) Whether residents of Black towns in which riots occurred in the past year, are in arrears with amounts payable to the State in respect of (a) rent and (b) municipal services, if so,

(2) (a) what is the total amount owing in each case in respect of the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available and (b) in what way has this loss of revenue been financed in the meantime in each case,

(3) whether any steps are being taken to recover the moneys in arrears from the people concerned; if so, (a) what steps, (b) by whom and (c) with what result?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

(1) (a) and (b) No amounts payable to the State in respect of rent and muncipal services are in arrears as these moneys are payable to the Black local authorities/development boards. The hon member is, however, at liberty to approach the Black local authorities/development boards concerned directly for information

(2) (a) and (b) Fall away.

(3) (a), (b) and (c) Black local authorities/development boards act in their own right without my or my Department's intervention and the information can therefore not be furnished

†Mr S P BARNARD. Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, I would like to ask him whether the subsidising is done by the local authority or by the Government? I am now referring to subsidies which are necessary for reconstruction and alterations and for providing continued services in those areas.

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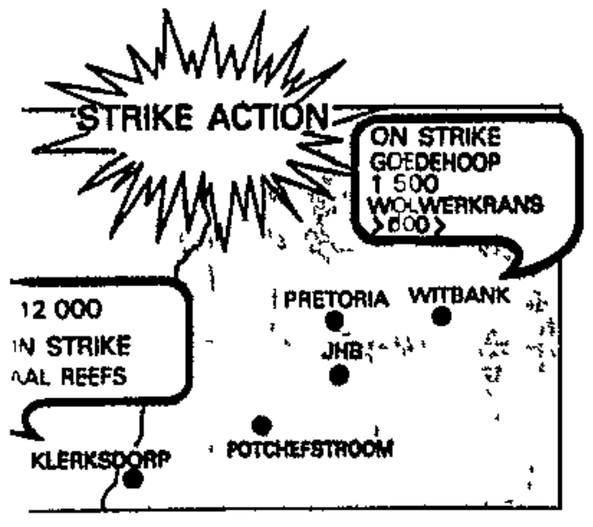
Thousands of workers on strike at gold and coal mines



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The action resulted after police detained eight workers in connection with the slaying of four team leaders at one of the mine hostels recently.

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All three strikes were illegal because the disputes had not been brought before

PETER HONEY

a conciliation board, mines spokesmen said yesterday.

The situation at Vaal Reefs was tense after more than 12 000 workers at three of the nine shafts, a gold plant and engineering workshops refused to work yesterday, a spokesman for the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) said.

Negotiations were under way between Vaal Reefs management and NUM representatives yesterday, but the possibility of the rest of the mine's 40 000 labour force joining the strike could not be ruled out, the NUM said.

An Anglo spokesman confirmed that detention of the eight workers was the apparent cause of the strike. He said they were being held for questioning in connection with the murder of four team leaders and serious injury of four others

"Management is talking to the workers and the NUM to bring about a return to work," he said.

The NUM said more than 1 500 workers at Anglo's Goedehoop Colliery near Witbank were involved in a work stop page over management's dismissal o four shaft stewards.

It said an undisclosed number of work ers at Wolwekrans Colliery, owned b Rand Mines, had also refused to wor yesterday. The reasons were not known

A Rand Mines spokesman said th total Wolwekrans workforce — 400 in th morning shift and 200 in the afternoo shift — had refused to work. The com pany was waiting yesterday to see if th night shift, of between 100 and 200 work ers, would follow suit.

Strike after miners are held

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Thousands of miners at Anglo American's Vaal Reefs Gold Mine near Klerksdorp started a wildcat strike yesterday after police detained eight workers in connection with the slaying of four team leaders at one of the mine hostels.

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All three strikes were illegal because in none of the cases had disputes been brought before a conciliation board, mines spokesmen said yesterday.

The situation at Vaal Reefs was "extremely tense" after more than 12 000 workers went on strike in "solidarity action" over the detention by police of eight shaft stewards on Monday, a spokesman for the National Union of Mineworkers said.

'Brutal'

An Anglo American spokesman said the detained workers were being held for questioning in connection with the "brutal murder" of four team leaders and serious injury of four others who were attacked in their rooms at Vaal Reefs number five shaft hostel on February 18.

A NUM spokesman said the Goedehoop miners were striking over management's dismissal of four shaft stewards. The reason for the Wolwekrans strike could not be established.

Flats are changing Alexandra's face

THE FACE of Alexandra is changing, according to the township's mayor, the Rev Sam Buti. He was not talking about the recent unrest which has disfigured "Alex" but about the Alexandra Flats, Phase II.

The R2m contract, built by Goldcast Construction Systems (part of the Goldstein group, consists of five blocks of flats, totalling 120 individial units. The Goldflex industrialised building system is being used and the contract also includes parking facilities and landscaping.

Construction started in July 1985 and was finished four months later, five months ahead of schedule!

Other Goldcast projects in Alexandra are 15 medium-income and 28 low-income homes for individual owners — the emphasis being on improving quality but still keeping the costs down — and 100 townhouses for private individuals in the medium-income group.

These projects are in co-operation with the architectural department of the West Rand Development Board and the Alexandra Town Council.

The current contracts follow the successful completion of the R5m Alexandra flats phase I. Goldcast Construction Systems has thus far been responsible for the building of a total ot 18 blocks of flats of 444 individual units.

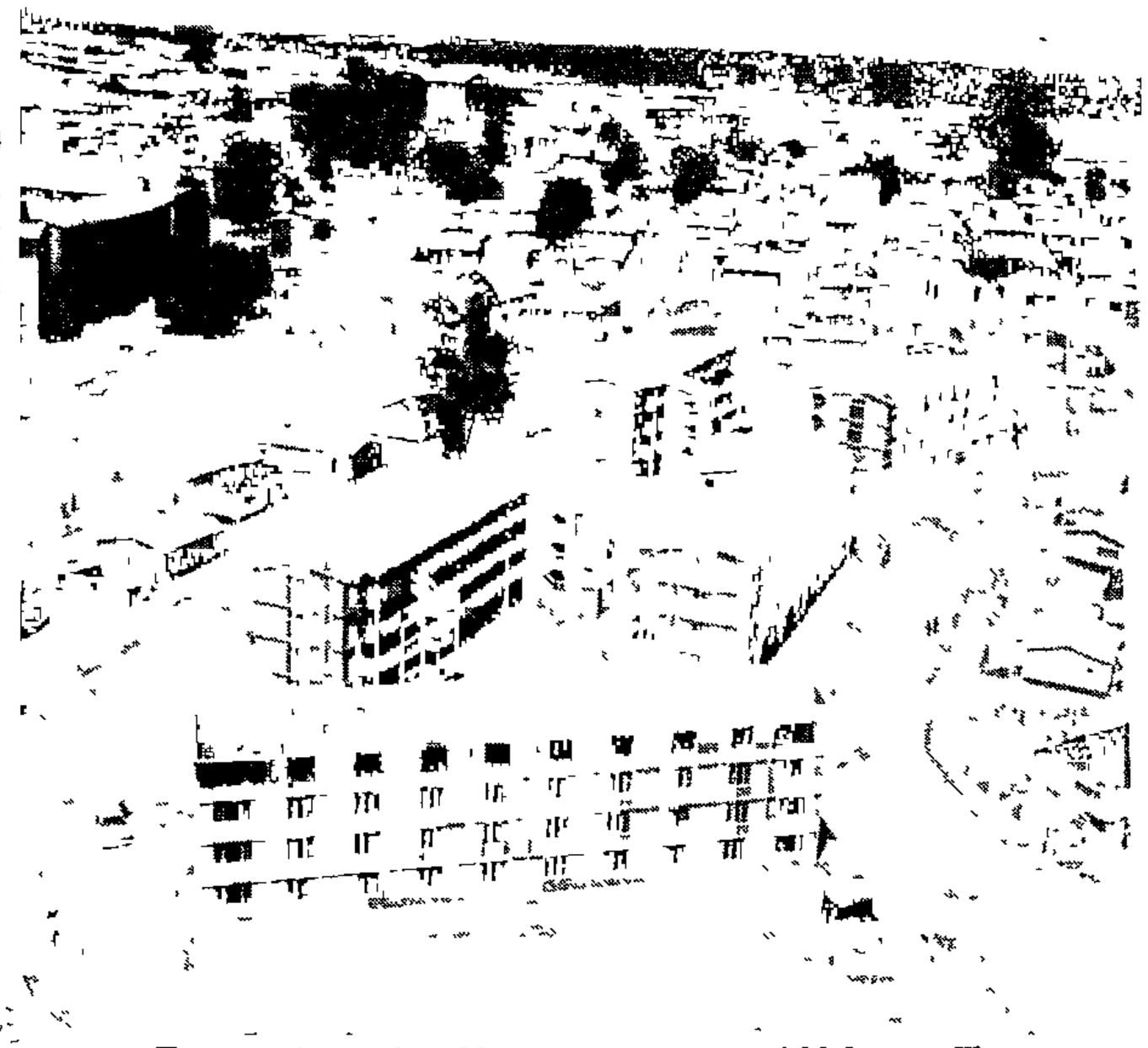
Another Goldstein group company, Goldstein Housing, has just completed an R18,5 m contract for 895 houses for the Johannesburg City Council Housing Department.

The project took less than seven months and cut eight months off the stipulated contract period.

Co-ordination

The houses were conventionally built and are mainly three bedroomed with plastered and painted interior and exterior finishes.

Says Goldstein Housing MD Hans Roodt: "This project required perfect timing and co-ordination. Without the commitement of all parties involved this could not have been done."



☐ **Alexandra — is taking on a new — and higher profile**

Negotiation slows Laudium's growth

Negotiation delays are hampering housing development in Laudium, near Pretoria, according to the chairman of the township's management committee, Mr Ali Jaffer.

He said the situation was critical — about 1 500 families needed homes.

"Every outbuilding in Laudium has been occupied," Mr Jaffer said.

The committee recently met the House of Delegates' Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture and was waiting for feedback on the housing question.

"We are trying to rush matters but are awaiting the green light from the authorities."

Although 302 flats were planned for Laudium, rezoning and consolidation of land was causing delays.

Lotus Gardens, 8 km from Laudium and nearer Atteridgeville, has been proclaimed for Indians.

However, Laudium residents have indicated they do not want to occupy this area.

Mr Jaffer says:

- Residents are perturbed about unrest in Atteridgeville.
- Atteridgeville residents have indicated their desire to have the Lotus Gardens area incorporated into Atteridgeville.
- Developing Lotus Gardens would duplicate facilities.

The committee is negotiating for extensions to Laudium and has asked that Marelise, Christoburg (a white area) and Lekkerhoekie be investigated.

Even posh are poor

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By MUDINI MAIVHA

RESIDENTS in Alexandra's posh new Phase 1 section say they'll stop paying rent if the council doesn't drop its charges by at least R40.

A total of 111 residents have signed a petition in response to the council's demand on February 9 that they pay about 12 months' rent "arrears".

Alex Town Council increased the rent to R129 and R145 for four-roomed and six-roomed houses respectively when residents moved into Phase 1 about a year ago.

When the houses were being built, residents were promised that rent would not go up.

But soon after they moved in they were told their rent was going up.

"We won't pay that money," residents said in the petition.

"We have made it clear in the past that our demand is for maximum rents of R40 for a four-roomed house, and R50 for a six-roomed house," they said.

'Scrap the hike!'

By TEBELLO RADEBE

OPPOSITION to proposed Katlehong Council levies and rent hikes is mounting – a new organisation named the "Workers' Front" this week added its voice to the growing protests.

Front officials E Zwane and B Moloi this week called on the council to call off the proposed increases, due to come into effect on March 1.

"We call on the councillors to resign," said Zwane.

The rent hikes include a R20 a month levy on vendors and hawkers, as well as a R10 a month levy on taxis.

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Relocations: 'Govt reform policy a sham'

By BARRY STREEK

LAST WEEK'S claim that 13 black townships would not be relocated demonstrated that the government's reform policies were a sham, the National Committee Against Removals (NCAR) said yesterday

The NCAR was reacting to the reply to a question in Parliament last week in which the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said it had been decided that 13 black townships would no longer be relocated

In his reply Mr Heunis said the single-sex hostels in four of the towns would be permitted to remain but that families would be encouraged to move out "voluntarily"

In a statement, the NCAR said six of the 13 had been reprieved last year but that in three of these areas there was "virtually no township left", to say Nylstroom, Naboomspruit and Zeerust had been reprieved was "laughable"

"And to announce that the single hostels of Louis Trichardt will be allowed to remain but the families will be persuaded to move is simply a reiteration of Verwoerdian policy," the statement said

The NCAR said that since the 1960s the deproclaimed small towns of South Africa had been replaced by hostel accommodation for workers.

"The 'superfluous appendages' — the old, the young, the unemployed and the disabled — had to move out of white South Africa to the bantustans

"The policy has not changed"

The sham of reform had also been demonstrated in Moutse where the government refused to reverse its decision to incorporate Moutse "despite the resistance of the vast majority of mainly Sotho-speaking Moutse residents"

In the Borders of Particular States Amendment Bill, which was being considered by Parliament at present, Machakaneng in the Western Transvaal and Blodefontein, north-east of Pretoria, were among the dozens of farms listed

"How can this government's claim of reform be trusted?

"Why should the people of Brits believe the promise that the place they are to be moved to, Lethlabile, will not be incorporated into Bophuthatswana when the people of Ekangala were promised that they would retain all their rights as South Africans, now the Minister say they will be incorporated into KwaNdebele at some future date"

The government was also trying to nullify a Supreme Court judgment. Last year, through an amendment to the Laws on Co-operation and Development Act, the government tried retroactively to counter the possibility of the Magopa people winning their case

This year, Section 9 of the Laws on Development Aid Amendment Bill was intended to nullify the legal victory of the Mgwali people when the courts ordered that their land should be returned from Ciskei to South Africa for administration.

"No wonder the estimated two million people threatened with removal are suspicious of government claims that removals have been suspended"

'Coloured' Indian may lose her home

By Kashvina Jaga

An Indian woman, who has a coloured identity document, is being banned from moving into her new home in Lenasia because she has the "wrong" racial classification.

Miss Jacqueline Roy, who has Indian parents, was forced to get a coloured identity document during her school days because there were no Indian schools in Newclare.

Miss Roy, who has been living in Lenasia for the last 25 years, has already paid a deposit of R5 000 on the home and was set to move in at the end of March.

She said: "I was about to sign the final transfer deed papers for the house when the attorney informed me of the snag at the last minute.

"He said I could not move in unless I obtained a permit to reside in Lenasia, an Indian area, or had myself reclassified as an Indian

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"I am in such a predicament, I don't know which way to turn."

Miss Roy's attorney confirmed that her transfer could not go through as the Group Areas Act was still in force, and the house was in an Indian area.

Miss Roy said that to have new identity papers processed at this stage could lead to problems

She could lose the R7 000 already spent on the house since her occupation would be delayed She would also still be liable for the bond repayment.

The former Department of Community Development, now the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Delegates, has had her name on the waiting list for homes in Lenasia since 1974.

Miss Roy has moved from "back rooms to rented premises" all her life and did not qualify for a council home because her earnings were too high.

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Borehole crackdown welcomed

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Johannesburg City Council's decision to cancel all borehole drilling rights and seal up existing boreholes in Lenasia has been welcomed by local community leaders.

A member of the Progressive Federal Party (PFP) and the Lenasia South East management committee, Mr Dinkie Pillay, said he was delighted by the decision.

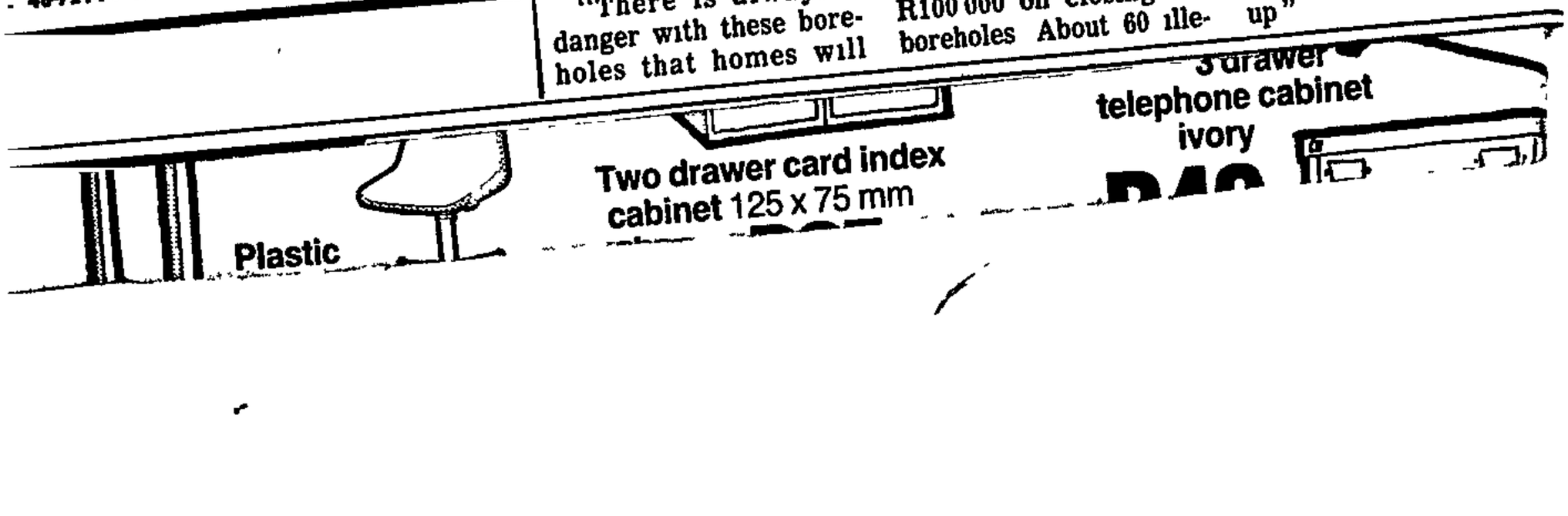
"There is always a danger with these boreholes that homes will sink if too much water is taken out of the dolomitic ground on which large areas of Lenasia are built."

A report by the city engineer warned that unrestricted use of ground water in dolomitic areas could lower the water table and cause sinkholes, destruction of property and possible loss of life.

The council is to spend R100 000 on closing the boreholes. About 60 illegal boreholes have been discovered and investigations to detect more are continuing.

The Progressive Independent Party MP for Lenasia East, Mr Faiz Khan, said the borehole issue began in Lenasia two years ago when the country was facing serious drought problems.

"These boreholes are a danger to life and property and I am glad that they will finally be closed up."



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Sotho removal despite 'reprieve'

RESIDENTS in the "reprieved" black township at Louis Trichardt have said they have been told they will be moved by the end of March into one of three homelands

In a petition, 55 of the Northern Sotho residents in the township have appealed to the Transvaal Rural Action Committee (Trac) to take up their case before March 16 when their work permits expire.

Last week, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said Louis Trichardt was one of four areas where the black towns would be retained for single accommodation and that it would "be negotiated with the other residents to resettle on a negotiated basis".

But in their petition, the residents said Northern Transvaal Development Board officials had called them together on January 21 this year and "told us that we are to be removed at the end of March this year to Seshego (in Lebowa), some to Waterval (in Gazankulu) and some to Vleifontein (in Venda)"

They said if they were moved they would lose their jobs in Louis Trichardt.

If they were moved to Waterval or Vleifontein, they would be absorbed by Tsonga and Venda ethnic groups because there were no schools or facilities for Northern Sotho people

If they were moved to Seshego, 107km away, it would mean that "our families will be dumped also as men must remain at Louis Trichardt location accommodated in hostels, causing disruption in families"

(c) Myself

(d) Because of a motion that was accepted by the Lebowa Legislative Assembly on 16 January 1986 which reads as follows.

"The Legislative Assembly resolves that the Commissioner-General of Lebowa be recalled until the Moutse issue has been satisfactorily settled"

(2) Falls away because of reply on 1(d) above

(3) Falls away because of reply on 1(a) and (b) above.

Mr P G SOAL Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, may I ask whether the Commissioner-General has left Seshego or Pietersburg and returned to Pretoria?

The DEPUTY MINISTER. No, not as yet.

Site-and-service scheme

HANS. Q. COL 291 4/3/86.

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

(1) Whether a site-and-service scheme is being established in or near (a) Sebokeng and/or (b) Evaton for unaccommodated Black persons in the Orange Vaal Development Board area, if so, (i) when will this scheme become operative, (ii) how many sites will be available and (iii) who will be eligible to rent such sites,

(2) whether any further site-and-service schemes are being planned in the Witwatersrand/Vereeniging area for unaccommodated Black persons, if not, why not, if so, (a) where and (b) when will these schemes become operative?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) (a), (b) and (i) Such a scheme is already in operation at Sebokeng and Evaton since 1976

(ii) During the next 18 months approximately 3 000 sites will be available to this purpose in the areas of jurisdiction of the City Councils of Lekoa and Evaton

(iii) A person who qualifies in terms of existing legislation and who has sufficient funds at his disposal

(2) Witwatersrand-area Yes. 127 Vereeniging-area No, but will be made available as and when the need arises.

In the Witwatersrand-area

	(a)	(b)
Katlehong	1 525 sites	As soon as funds are available
Tembisa	355 sites	As soon as funds are available
Botleng	67 sites	As soon as funds are available
Devon	103 sites	As soon as funds are available
Duduza	107 sites	As soon as funds are available
KwaThema	468 sites	Still to be submitted to the National Housing Commission for approval
Zithobeni	106 sites	Still to be submitted to the National Housing Commission for approval
Vosloorus	1 500 sites	Still to be submitted to the National Housing Commission for approval
Duduza	500 sites	In a planning stage

	(a)	(b)
Daveyton	1 000 sites	In a planning stage
Soweto	500 sites	July 1986
Emdeni (Soweto)	600 sites	Layout plan is being prepared
Bekkersdal	200 sites	Layout plan is being prepared
Mohlakeng	300 sites	July 1986

In the Vereeniging-area (a) and (b) Fall away

Licence fees/tariffs

HANS. Q. COL 293 4/3/86

*25 Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Transport Affairs:

(1) Whether any measures are being considered and/or drawn up to adjust the licence fees of heavy road vehicles in such a way that the (a)(i) cost of improved roads and (ii) higher cost of road maintenance can be recovered and (b) South African Transport Services can compete with road hauliers in the private sector on a more equal basis, if so, when are these measures expected to be implemented, if not, why not,

(2) whether any steps are being taken to prevent the South African Transport Services losing its share of the market in the carriage of goods because of lower tender prices by competitors, if so, what steps,

(3) whether any steps are being taken and/or comtemplated in respect of the problem of increasing tariffs and a decreasing share in the goods and passenger traffic of the Republic, if so, what are the particulars of these steps?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (for the Minister of Transport Affairs):

(1) (a) and (b) Yes. Licensing of vehicles is, however, a provincial function and the implementation of any measures in this regard will be dependent on decisions by the individual provincial administrations.

(2) No, not by the National Transport Commission or Local Road Transportation Boards.

(3) Yes Active measures to reduce costs by means of increased productivity and the adjustment of tariffs and fares to bring it closer to cost

Tendered goods/supplies from foreign countries

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

(1) Whether the South African Transport Services follows the same procedure in regard to all tendered goods or supplies originating (a) partly or (b) wholly from foreign countries, if not,

(2) whether a different procedure is followed in regard to such goods or supplies originating (a) partly and (b) wholly from certain foreign countries, if so, (i) what is the nature of this procedure, (ii)(aa) when and (bb) why was it introduced, (iii)(aa) in respect of which foreign countries is it applied and (bb) to what extent in each case and (iv)(aa) since when and (bb) why has this procedure been applied in respect of each such foreign country;

(3) whether the South African Transport Services has obtained Cabinet approval for following this procedure in respect of certain foreign countries; if not, why not; if so, when;

(4) whether he will make a statement on the (a) policy of the South African Transport Services regarding, and (b)

Black tenants claim rent discrimination

6/3/86 By Kashvina Jaga

Seventy black families living in a block of flats in Joubert Park, Johannesburg, claim they are being discriminated against by being charged higher rents than the amounts laid down by the Rent Board.

Investigation by the tenants of Branksome Towers revealed vast disparities between the rent they were paying and the Rent Board rulings.

Tenants are paying R175 a month for a bachelor flat, R235 for a one-bedroomed flat, and R285 for a 2-bedroomed flat.

The Rent Board's rates are R77,74, between R97,40 and R104,80, and R132,92 respectively.

At a recent meeting, the tenants complained the overcharging had continued for several months.

One tenant, Mrs Benita Anthony, said they had taken legal advice and had advised the Rent Board of their situation.

Their lawyer had advised them not to pay their rents for February as they were being overcharged. Four tenants subsequently received eviction notices.'

The regional representative of the Department of Local Government, Housing, and Works, in charge of the Rent Board, Mr O K Muser, said the Board was aware of the Branksome Towers issue and was taking action.

The president of the Transvaal Indian Congress, Dr Essop Jassat, said black tenants were at the mercy of landlords because they were so desperate for accommodation.

He argued that if the Group Areas Act was scrapped, free enterprise would come into play and blacks would not be exploited.

Grenade flung at rents activist

A HANDGRENADE was thrown at the home of Ekangala Action Committee secretary Robert Mdala last week, sending shrapnel into a room where his young daughter was sleeping

The Action Committee has been active in fighting high rents in the township and opposing incorporation into KwaNdebele.

However, a rival committee with links to the KwaNdebele government and the Mbokotho vigilante group has been set up in the township.

The incident with Mdala happened on Thursday last week.

UDF campaign to save six

THE United Democratic Front has launched a campaign to save the "Sharpeville Six" from the hangman.

By SEFAKO NYAKA

The six were found guilty in the Pretoria Supreme Court last December of murdering Lekoa's deputy mayor, Kuzwayo Jacob Dlamini, during the Vaal rent protest in 1984.

Dlamini, his house and his car were burned on December 3, 1984 after widespread rioting in the area over proposed rent increases.

Ever since they were sentenced, their families have been living in hope, awaiting an appeal lodged by their attorney.

The six under sentence of death are:

- Mojalefa Reginald Sefatsa, 30, married with one child, a self-employed fruit and vegetable vendor.
- Moses Oupa Diniso, 30, married with two children, an inspector at a steel factory before his arrest.
- Reid Malebo Mokoena, 22, is unmarried but has a son aged three.
- Theresa Ramashamola, 24, unmarried, was employed at a roadhouse at the time of her arrest.
- Joshua Duma Kumalo, 26. He is unmarried, with a six-year-old son.
- Francis Manentsa Mokhesi, 28, married, with a seven-year-old daughter, was employed as a window-dresser in Vanderbijlpark. He is well-known in the township as a first division soccer player of Vaal Professionals.

Two of their co-accused Motseki Christian Mokubung, 23, and Gideon Motsiri Mokone, 21, were convicted of public violence and subversion and were each sentenced to an effective eight years' imprisonment.

The UDF and the Vaal branch of the Detainees Support Committee hope to bring the case to the attention of the public through prayer services and the media. The first prayer meetings was held at Khotso House last Friday.

Ramashamola is the first woman sentenced to hang for an unrest-related crime

She told acting Justice W F Human, that while she was part of the march she was hit on the head by a rubber bullet and had then gone to a nearby house for treatment.

The judge, however, ruled that although she had been injured she had continued in the attack.

Ramashamola was also found to have slapped a woman who screamed that Dlamini be left alone and that the fire be put out.

The judge said that showed Ramashamola identified herself with the crowd's intention to kill Dlamini.

Grenade flung at rents activist

A HANDGRENADE was thrown at the home of Ekangala Action Committee secretary Robert Mdala last week, sending shrapnel into a room where his young daughter was sleeping.

The Action Committee has been active in fighting high rents in the township and opposing incorporation into KwaNdebele.

However, a rival committee with links to the KwaNdebele government and the Mbokotho vigilante group has been set up in the township.

The incident with Mdala happened on Thursday last week.

Housing scheme's slow in selling

ONLY 40 000 of 345 000 houses in the Government's mass black housing sale have been sold since the scheme was announced two years ago

Most houses were sold on the West Rand and in Soweto

Alex Weiss, who is co-ordinating the sales for the Constitutional Development and Planning Department, this week said the houses can be paid for over up to 30 years – depending on the price

Prices have been reduced by up to 40% and in some instances amount to little more than the original erection cost, he said

"We're making it as easy as possible for registered tenants to buy their own homes," said Weiss

"Even the 10% deposit is repayable over 24 months

"For those who are in arrears with their rent, we will capitalise the arrears and add it to the purchase price of the house, which can be paid over five years or more depending upon the selling price," he said

Employers could play an important role in helping employees to buy their own homes, he said

The department could advise them on schemes

"Even domestic employers can help by encouraging employees to save money for the deposit for their house on a monthly basis

"In many instances, this deposit is little more than one or two months' wages," said Weiss

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MANUFACTURING CONVENTION

Black consumers 'poorer'

JOHANNESBURG's business community should beware of the notion that the black consumer market was about to "take off", said Professor Jeremy Keenan of Wits University.

Speaking at the Manufacturing Management Convention yesterday, the social-anthropology professor said business bodies had accepted government data, concerning urban blacks during the "reform era" of 1978-1986, too uncritically.



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The black market had been a central concern of Johannesburg retailers for the past 100 years, he said.

Industry Reporter

"We are still being told stories of how the sleeping giant is going to awake."

Keenan's socio-economic profile of Soweto households over the past eight years showed some households had improved their situation, while a larger number had fallen below the poverty line.

His study showed that in Moroka, where household sizes had been reduced by about 15% since 1978, real per capita income at the end of 1985 had grown by less than 1%. Income last year was lower than it was in both 1981 and 1982.

In Phiri, where household sizes had decreased by 8% since 1981, per capita income had declined by 14% since 1981 and by 25% since 1982

In White City, the declines had been 3% and 17% respectively.

The situation, said Keenan, was likely to deteriorate further during the next year, as wages would fall in real terms while unemployment would remain the same

Keenan stressed that business should get rid of the notion presented by the State that the economic situation of black households was merely the result of a current, temporary economic downturn

"The economic situation of blacks has shown little or no sign of significant improvement since the mid-70s," he said

Key indicators, he said, suggested the aggregate situation had probably deteriorated.

JCI FIN MAIL 14/3/86

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Land bonanza

It may not be the country's largest township developer yet, but come the upturn and mining house JCI could well take top spot from competitors Gencor and Anglo as provider of housing stands in the PWV.

In the pipleline, now waiting to sell into an improving market, are some 6 000 stands spread over 30 new JCI townships, mainly on the East and West Rands and in go-go Akasia adjoining Pretoria.

However, not all the properties have yet been sanctioned for sale by provincial authorities Approval of general plans for only 10 of the townships are currently in JCI's hands.

The go-ahead for most of the others is likely to come within the next few months, but JCI faces little financial involvement until it decides to proceed with the provision of services.

For the moment, however, the company has sufficient stock to take quick advantage of a market upturn Indeed, there are signs that sales of township stands are already on the increase.

In the current market, GM (Properties) Ian McPherson tells the *FM*, best sellers have proved to be at the lower end of the market. Of 350 stands sold since the start of the current financial year in July 1985, around 300 stands have been sold in Dawn Park, Boksburg, where prices range between R13 000 and R16 000

Initially, JCI's township involvement centred on the sale of land held historically by its mines on the East Rand. In recent times, though, it has bought in a fair amount of new land in areas in which McPherson and his team foresee development prospects.

Some 800 stands on the West Rand, for example, will be available when demand picks up And JCI is now looking at new townships right across the spectrum of prices.

McPherson says the market could well have bottomed. And when the turnaround comes in earnest, he says, it will come swiftly. He reckons prices on a total house package — land and buildings — could rise as much as 30% over a short period



JCI's East Rand townships ... dawning of a new era

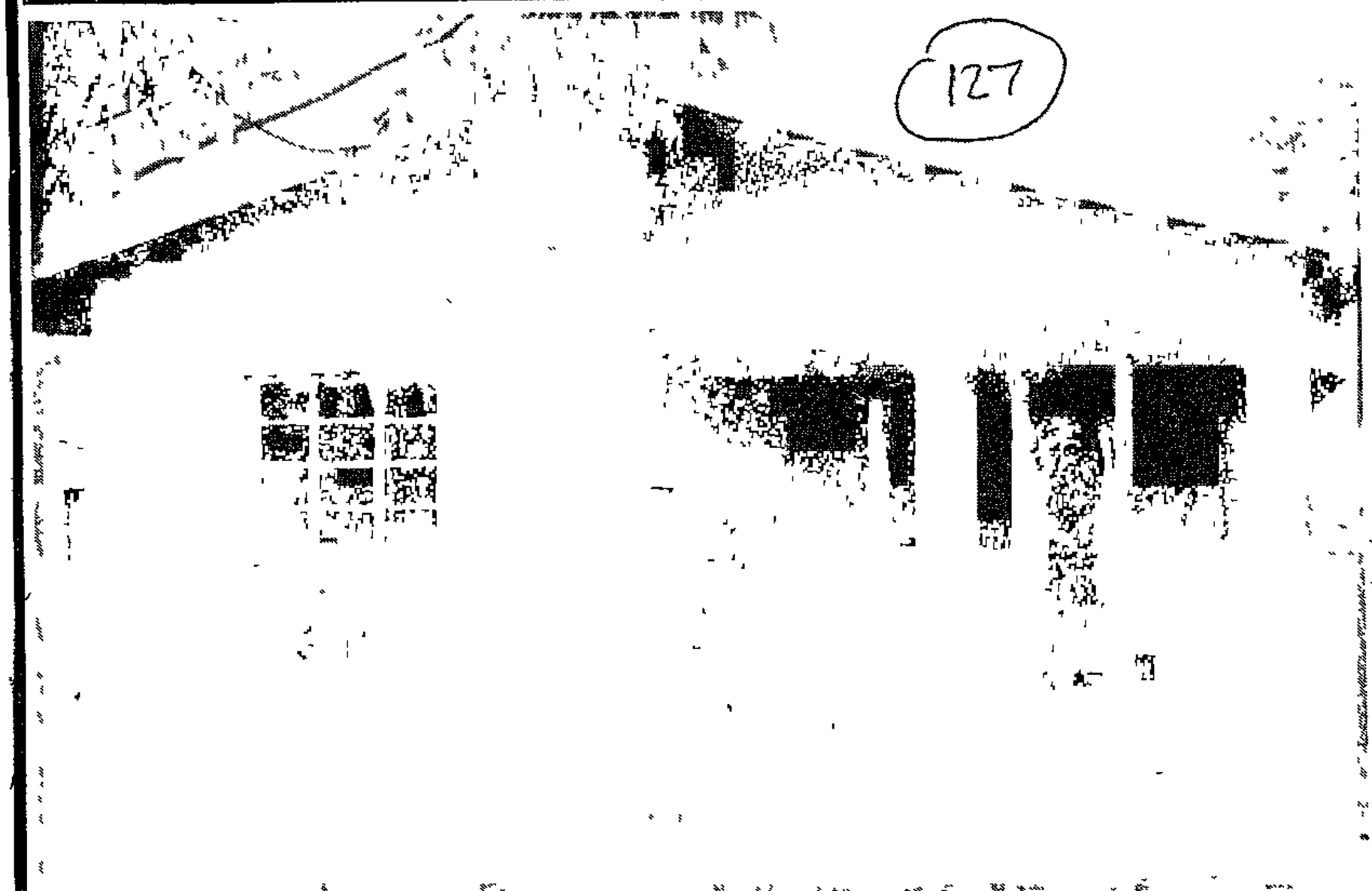
JCI's township division — excluding last year when results were depressed along with the general industry trend — has increasingly contributed to group profits The essence of success, though, is affordability of stands and the ability to get in and out of the market as quickly as possible

A quick turnover, McPherson points out, allows JCI to save on holding costs and pass on the benefits to the consumer through lower prices

McPherson is reluctant to comment on the spec investor market which has been dormant for some time now. But he acknowledges that, with a 20% inflation rate coupled with dropping interest rates, there is a growing demand for property as an investment hedge.

With economic indicators still far from clear, investment in spec property still carries a degree of risk But risk, after all, is the cornerstone on which most great fortunes have been built. ■

BELA BELA SIMMERING DOWN



ANGRY mobs set alight the home of the Bela Bela township mayor, Mr Mabusela, during the recent unrest.

PEOPLE in the township of Bela Bela near Warmbaths were yesterday beginning to trickle back to work after a ten day stayaway.

Many of the strikers have been taken back into their jobs. In some cases they have been told that their pay would be cut and others have been fired. Some who were fired were told to re-apply for their jobs.

The class boycott and stayaway from work started two weeks ago when pupils demanded an SRC and the abolition of corporal punishment, while parents asked that their rents should be decreased. They claimed that the high rentals could not adequately be covered by their salaries.

Several buildings,

SOWETAN Reporter

including the home of the local mayor, Mr David Mabusela, were damaged. All town councillors fled the township and have been staying in Warmbaths, people said. Many youths disappeared from the township when security forces raided the township.

Residents who talked to The SOWETAN said they could not afford to pay high rents ranging from between R54 and R60 a month. They said that they earned very little money.

The average wages at factories and firms in the area is about R50 per week.

"How can we afford to pay these rents when our salaries are so meagre? The authorities must reduce the rents and release all the children and members of the community detained in recent days," a resident said.

"We are tired and want our employers to intervene on our behalf. The reason why we are not going to work is because we feel our bosses have a stake in the whole issue," another resident asserted.

Pupils have expressed dissatisfaction at their education.

They contend that unless corporal punishment is eradicated and an SRC appointed, they will continue to boycott classes.

"We want our brothers to be released from jail, our parents' demands met . . . otherwise we will not be going to school," students said.

Durban's decision, chief town planner Garth Williamson points out, creates huge problems for government. There are apparently no designated, truly non-racial residential areas in SA. The question of residential areas for whites, Indians and coloureds is governed by the Group Areas Act But black affairs are administered by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning. Ostensibly, the application would have to be referred to both.

One way of getting round the problem could be to avoid a group areas classification by declaring the zone a "controlled" area where all races could reside and cross-racial sales could take place under the permit system. Government has just set such a precedent at Clairwood.

Assuming permission was granted, though, it would raise a host of other issues (like what schools children would attend) which would strike at the very foundation of the apartheid edifice.

Government has, undeniably, made great strides in liberalising trading. The question that remains is whether it is ready to take the next which is towards mixed residential areas.

Durban's application could be a test of government intentions ■

GUIDELINES

There are signs of an improvement in the Durban property market, judging by some recent signings by Old Mutual Properties (OMP).

Among the latest deals concluded by OMP's Vic Gunning are the leasing of the 700 m² top floor of The Marine, at the corner of Victoria Embankment and Gardiner Street. The office space was let to Ace Haniel for five years.

Rental, says Gunning, runs to more than R16,50/m² gross, with 10% escalations. As a sweetener, Ace Haniel will not be charged rent for a small area for the first six months.

OMP has also concluded two leases in Durban's Kingsfield Place in Field Street, where Medite Shipping has taken two-and-a-half floors with a total area of 1 500 m². Rentals are pitched at R14,50/m² for three years, escalating at 10%. The other tenant signed is Rand Merchant Bank, which has taken 225 m² for five years at R16/m².

Jeremy Friedlander of Wilf Isaacs has negotiated the lease of slightly more than 1 400 m² gross in Lifegro's new development at 30 Wellington Road, Parktown, to the Small Business Development Corporation

MIDRAND FIN PLAN 14/3/86 (127)

New ground rules

Midrand town council had decided to fight government over the establishment of a 150 ha coloured residential township in its area But now it has dropped the idea and, last week, accepted plans prepared by the Surveyor General to establish the proposed township. The site is east of the proposed K56 road on the farm Annandale

Predictably, the decision has caused problems — not only with residents of adjoining white townships, but with the council's town planning division as well. Council had already identified alternative sites for a coloured township which it believed would have fitted in better with its overall plan — including the siting of its new CBD.

Initial plans to oppose government on a town planning basis, says Mayor Koos Buys, were scrapped last week simply because Midrand cannot afford the implications of a protracted court case on the issue

Already Buys's council is involved in a legal wrangle with Province over the council's refusal to provide services for a proposed office superpark (*Property* November 1 1985) That battle still continues, but now seems likely to be settled out of court

Objections to the siting of the proposed township, Town Clerk Philip Botha tells the *FM*, were on the basis that Midrand itself had already identified alternative sites which would have tied in well with its plans for a new CBD.

He is also surprised at Comdev's decision since, he says, he is aware that they had identified alternative sites themselves. "It angered us that the alternative sites weren't even inspected or considered," he says

Meanwhile, the move has not been well received by residents in areas surrounding Annandale Already, 750 residents have individually petitioned Comdev and now want the council to press for the re-siting of the township

Botha reckons that government's decision flies in the face of the greater Pretoria guideplan Council's objections, he says, are based on the same sound planning principles as those on which the guideplan was based.

Says Botha. "There is no infrastructure in the area government has earmarked for the township And, in addition, there are no transport facilities at Annandale K56 is still a proposed road and it will be difficult and expensive to provide services there."

Midrand's problem is that it is probably the fastest-growing urban area in the country. It has been growing at 15% a year since it became a municipality in 1981 and cannot keep pace with the enormous demands being made on it for services

Botha says the council's first choice for a coloured township is the farm Witfontein, west of Olifantsfontein, alongside the Kempton Park-Jan Smuts freeway

"It's on a freeway, we can provide the infrastructure there relatively cheaply, and it is close to the Kaalfontein railway station," he says

But the siting of the coloured township is not the only battle that Midrand is having with Comdev, says Botha

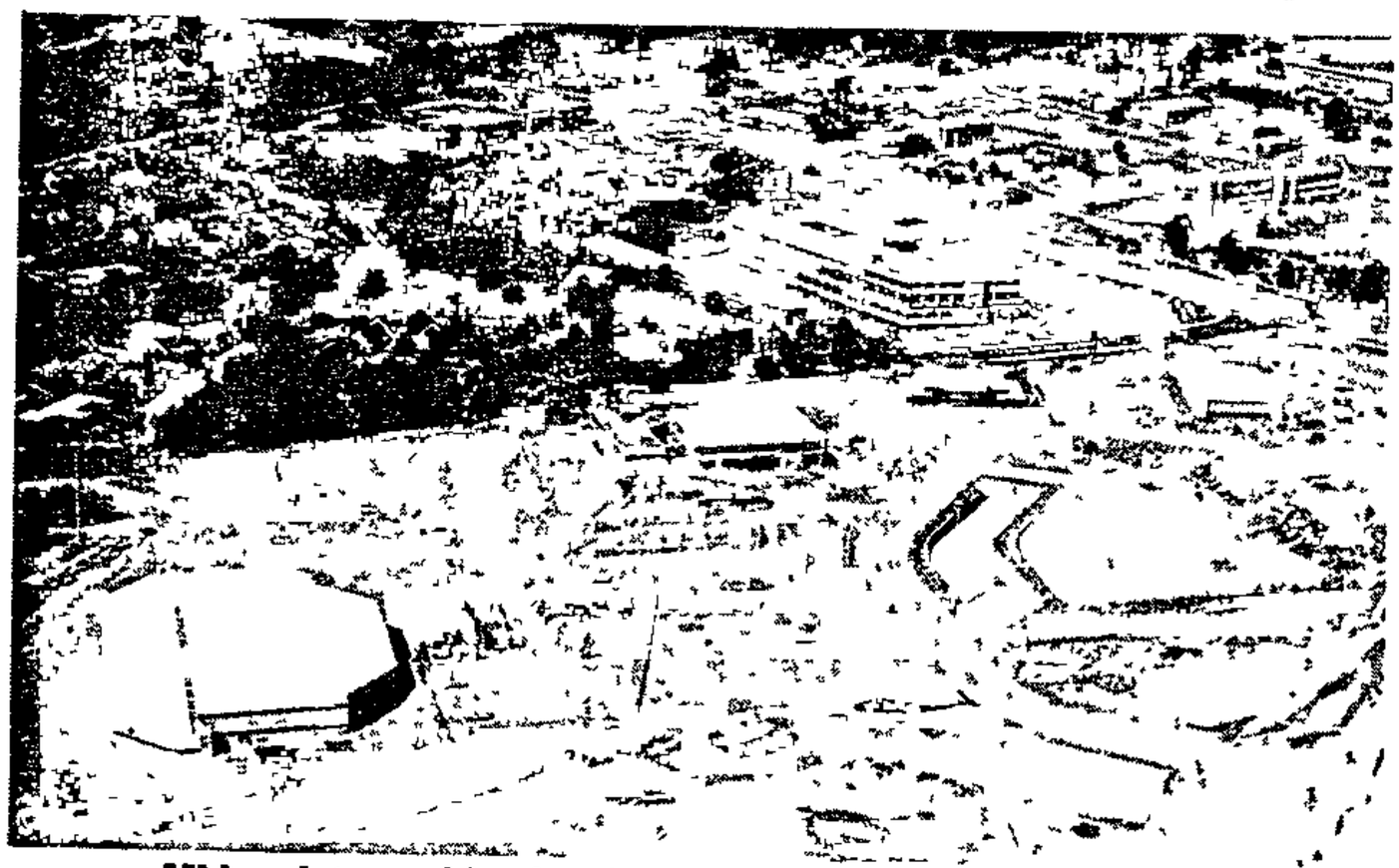
The council, he points out, wants Comdev's blessing for the siting of the new CBD (*Property* November 22 1985) on the Grand Central Aerodrome, as well as the rezoning of a large tract between Halfway House and Olifantsfontein which it wants officially set aside for residential development

"Without those amendments, we cannot give any guidance to developers and that is proving to be detrimental to Midrand," says Botha

"One of our consultants, Professor Dries Oosthuizen, says the CBD should be located on Grand Central's ground But that is still classified as agricultural ground in the guideplan

"Our other consultants, Pohl Vorster, have already pointed out that we had insufficient ground reserved for residential development "

But until there's some action at Comdev to rezone the sites, it appears that Midrand will remain firmly enmeshed in red tape ■



Midrand township developments ... colouring the issue

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

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 Night-soil removals R300 571,00
Water R219 270,00

(ii) Nil

(iii) Nil

Q COL. 535
HANSARD 17/3/86

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)	(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

HoA

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 R	Robertson R	Hermanus R	Ceres 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

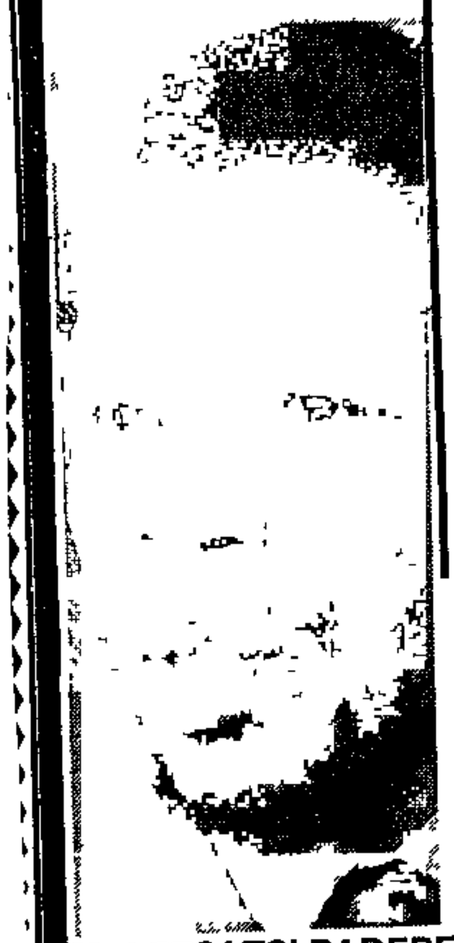
HoA

Flats rent boycott goes on

THE 400 flatdwellers in Soweto's Jabulani have resolved to continue their rent boycott, which enters its third week today.

The flatdwellers told Soweto Council representatives at a meeting that unless the council meets their demands, the boycott would continue indefinitely.

The residents, who pay rent as high as R282 a month are pressing for a rent reduction of 50 percent.



Mr LETSATSI RADEBE . . rents being reviewed.

The council delegation, led by Mr Letsatsi Radebe, told the meeting that they are discussing the matter with the West Rand Development Board and the Government. Recommendations for a new rent structure would be tabled at a council meeting today, Mr Radebe said.

Decision

"The council's decision will be made known to flatdwellers by the end of this month," the delegation told the meeting.

The boycott, which started on March 1, may cost the Soweto Council a hefty R75 000 a month in lost rent revenue. Rents charged for different units at the R8-million Jabulani complex are: duplex R282; two-bedroomed unit R223; three-bedroomed unit R253. Rent excludes water and electricity tariffs.

The Jabulani Flats Residents Committee has, however, urged flatdwellers at the 434-unit complex to continue to pay their monthly water and electricity bills.

Additional information: No surveys are done on 31 December 1985. Surveys are only done on the first Tuesday of March each year. The figure for 1985 was 328. From 5 March 1985 till 31 December 1985 an additional 5 secondary schools were registered

Lenasia: irregularities

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

(1) Whether the South African Police recently received any complaints and/or representations concerning alleged irregularities in the allocation of plots at Lenasia, near Johannesburg; if so, (a)(i) when and (ii) from whom were these complaints and/or representations received and (b) what was the nature thereof,

(2) whether the alleged irregularities have been investigated; if not, why not, if so, what were the findings;

(3) whether any action has been taken against any persons as a result of this investigation, if so, (a) what action and (b) against whom?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes

(a) (i) 5 February 1986

(ii) It is neither the custom nor the policy to reveal the names of complainants

(b) Alleged fraud with regard to the allotment of plots at Lenasia.

(2) Yes, the investigation has not been completed, yet

(3) No

(a) and (b) Fall away

Guguletu: persons killed/injured

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

(1) With reference to his reply to a question put in the House of Delegates on 4 March 1986 on an incident which occurred in Guguletu on 3 March 1986, involving the South African Police what was the cause of each death and injury which resulted from police action taken on that occasion,

(2) whether the investigation into the true identities of those killed and injured has been completed, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that the investigation will be completed; if so, what are their names;

(3) whether any of these persons had gunshot wounds, if so, in which parts of their bodies,

(4) whether any of these persons attempted to surrender during this incident, if so, what action was taken by the police in response,

(5) whether the South African Police had information that any of these persons (a) were members of the African National Congress, (b) had been trained as guerillas and (c) were armed, if so, in respect of which of these persons in each case:

(6) whether any weapons and ammunition were confiscated by the police in connection with this incident, if so, what specified weapons and ammunition,

(7) whether these persons were travelling in a taxi, if not, (a) for what type of use had this vehicle been registered and (b) in whose name, if so, who is the owner of this vehicle,

(8) whether this vehicle had been reported stolen, if so, (a) when, (b) where and (c) by whom;

(9) what was the (a) name and (b) rank

of the officer in charge of the police who took this action in Guguletu;

(10) whether any of these persons had previously been (a) detained, (b) arrested and (c) charged in term of any security legislation, if so, (i) which persons, (ii) when and (iii) in terms of what statutory provisions in each case;

(11) whether, prior to taking this action, the South African Police had received any information on the whereabouts of these persons, if so, (a) how, (b) when and (c) what specified information?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) The cause of each death and injuries sustained by the deceased will be explained in the various post-mortem reports These reports are not available yet

(2) Yes.
Mandla Simon Mxinwa.
Themba Madiyana
Zola Alfred Swelani
Godfrey Jabulani Miya.
Christopher Piet
Temba Mlifi.
Zabonke John Konile

(3) Yes, all of them sustained gunshot wounds The locality of the wounds were determined by the post-mortems These reports are not available yet.

(4) No

(5) (a) Yes

(b) Yes, as terrorists

(c) Yes, in respect of all the persons

(6) Yes.
3 AK47 rifles
6 AK47 magazines.
90 rounds AK47 ammunition.
1 Tokarev pistol with ammunition.
1 ,45 revolver with ammunition.
1 ,38 revolver with ammunition
1 RGD 5 handgrenade
1 F1 handgrenade.

(7) No

(a) A private vehicle registered as a delivery van

(b) I do not deem it in the public interest to make known the name of the registered owner.

(8) Yes

(a) 01h45 on 26 February 1986.

(b) Guguletu.

(c) Since the facts of the matter are the subject of criminal proceedings, I am not prepared to make known the particulars.

(9) (a) and (b) I am not prepared to make public the particulars, except to say that it was a commissioned officer of the South African Police.

(10) No

(a) to (c) Fall away

(11) Yes, at unknown addresses in the Old Cross Road and K T C squatter camps

(a) By applying of information collecting methods.

(b) Initially on 27 February 1986 and thereafter again on 2 March 1986.

(c) That a group of terrorists in a stolen vehicle would attack a police station and/or a bus containing members of the Force as passengers in Guguletu Intensive attempts to trace the stolen vehicle and/or to arrest the potential attackers were not successful.

Additional information: No surveys are done on 31 December 1985. Surveys are only done on the first Tuesday of March each year. The figure for 1985 was 328. From 5 March 1985 till 31 December 1985 an additional 5 secondary schools were registered

Lenasia: irregularities

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

(1) Whether the South African Police recently received any complaints and/or representations concerning alleged irregularities in the allocation of plots at Lenasia, near Johannesburg, if so, (a)(i) when and (ii) from whom were these complaints and/or representations received and (b) what was the nature thereof,

(2) whether the alleged irregularities have been investigated, if not, why not; if so, what were the findings;

(3) whether any action has been taken against any persons as a result of this investigation, if so, (a) what action and (b) against whom?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) Yes

(a) (i) 5 February 1986

(ii) It is neither the custom nor the policy to reveal the names of complainants

(b) Alleged fraud with regard to the allotment of plots at Lenasia

(2) Yes, the investigation has not been completed, yet

(3) No

(a) and (b) Fall away

Guguletu: persons killed/injured

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

(1) With reference to his reply to a question put in the House of Delegates on 4 March 1986 on an incident which occurred in Guguletu on 3 March 1986, involving the South African Police what was the cause of each death and injury which resulted from police action taken on that occasion,

(2) whether the investigation into the true identities of those killed and injured has been completed, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is it anticipated that the investigation will be completed, if so, what are their names,

(3) whether any of these persons had gunshot wounds, if so, in which parts of their bodies,

(4) whether any of these persons attempted to surrender during this incident, if so, what action was taken by the police in response,

(5) whether the South African Police had information that any of these persons (a) were members of the African National Congress, (b) had been trained as guerillas and (c) were armed; if so, in respect of which of these persons in each case

(6) whether any weapons and ammunition were confiscated by the police in connection with this incident, if so, what specified weapons and ammunition;

(7) whether these persons were travelling in a taxi, if not, (a) for what type of use had this vehicle been registered and (b) in whose name, if so, who is the owner of this vehicle,

(8) whether this vehicle had been reported stolen, if so, (a) when, (b) where and (c) by whom,

(9) what was the (a) name and (b) rank

of the officer in charge of the police who took this action in Guguletu,

(10) whether any of these persons had previously been (a) detained, (b) arrested and (c) charged in term of any security legislion; if so, (i) which persons, (ii) when and (iii) in terms of what statutory provisions in each case,

(11) whether, prior to taking this action, the South African Police had received any information on the whereabouts of these persons; if so, (a) how, (b) when and (c) what specified information?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) The cause of each death and injuries sustained by the deceased will be explained in the various post-mortem reports These reports are not available yet.

(2) Yes
Mandla Simon Mxinwa
Themba Madiyana
Zola Alfred Swelani
Godfrey Jabulani Miya.
Christopher Piet
Temba Mlifi
Zabonke John Konile

(3) Yes, all of them sustained gunshot wounds The locality of the wounds were determined by the post-mortems These reports are not available yet

(4) No

(5) (a) Yes

(b) Yes, as terrorists

(c) Yes, in respect of all the persons

(6) Yes
3 AK47 rifles
6 AK47 magazines.
90 rounds AK47 ammunition.
1 Tokarev pistol with ammunition.
1 ,45 revolver with ammunition.
1 ,38 revolver with ammunition.
1 RGD 5 handgrenade
1 F1 handgrenade.

(7) No.

(a) A private vehicle registered as a delivery van.

(b) I do not deem it in the public interest to make known the name of the registered owner.

(8) Yes.

(a) 01h45 on 26 February 1986

(b) Guguletu

(c) Since the facts of the matter are the subject of criminal proceedings, I am not prepared to make known the particulars

(9) (a) and (b) I am not prepared to make public the particulars, except to say that it was a commissioned officer of the South African Police.

(10) No

(a) to (c) Fall away

(11) Yes, at unknown addresses in the Old Cross Road and K T C squatter camps.

(a) By applying of information collecting methods

(b) Initially on 27 February 1986 and thereafter again on 2 March 1986

(c) That a group of terrorists in a stolen vehicle would attack a police station and/or a bus containing members of the Force as passengers in Guguletu. Intensive attempts to trace the stolen vehicle and/or to arrest the potential attackers were not successful.

Residents happy with rent increase, treason trial told

Staff Reporter

DELMAS — A town councillor from Sebokeng in the Vaal Triangle said at the treason trial in Delmas yesterday that some residents were so happy with a proposed rent increase, due to be implemented on September 1 1984, that they paid it in advance

Mr Arthur Zulu Jokozela, a State witness in a trial involving 22 leaders of the United Democratic Front, the Vaal Civic Association, the Azanian People's Organisation and the Azanian Youth Unity, said no-one had complained about the increase at a meeting he called in August 1984

The 22 accused have denied charges of high treason, subversion, incitement to murder and to furthering the aims of the African National Congress and the South African Communist Party

Mr Jokozela, councillor for Ward 37 in Sebokeng since shortly before the riots of September 1984, said in reply to a question during his evidence that the people he addressed at the August meeting were happy to pay a rent increase of between R5,50 and R5,90 a month He explained that increases for hostel dwellers in his ward would be slightly less

Mr Jokozela said that "a good crowd" had attended the meeting

He said that he was elected a councillor in June 1984 and had not been troubled by intimidation during his campaign

An earlier witness, Mr John Mgcina, who was also a councillor at the time of the Vaal Triangle unrest, told the court that he had been threatened prior to the unrest on September 3 1984, but that he did not report the matter to the police

Mr Mgcina said that he had been approached by a group of youths who told him that councillors were not wanted and that they must resign

He added that the youths, at least one of whom was known to him, had threatened to burn him unless he resigned

Under cross-examination by counsel for the defence, Mr George Bizos, Mr Mgcina said it had not occurred to him to report the incident to the police as he did not know that intimidation and threats constituted a crime

Mr Mgcina also said under cross-examination that he had not been aware of any calls for a work stayaway on September 3 1984

"Prior to the that date I had no idea of a stayaway," he added

The hearing continues.

SWEETMAKING INDUSTRY, EAST LONDON

Parties. Employer Organisation: Wilson-Rowntree (Pty) Ltd.
Trade Union: Sweet Workers' Union

Area Magisterial Districts of East London

Vaal rent rise was cause of unrest, treason trial told

Staff Reporter

DELMAS — The rent increase which was to be implemented in the Vaal Triangle in September 1984 was a material cause of the unrest which swept the area that month, a Sebokeng councillor told the treason trial in Delmas yesterday.

Mr Arthur Zulu Jokozela, a State witness in the trial of 22 leaders of the United Democratic Front, Vaal Civic Association, Azanian People's Organisation and Azanian Youth Unity, said in cross-examination that it was the only "main reason advanced"

The accused — in custody pending a new bail application set down for this week — have denied charges of high treason, subversion and incitement to murder. They have also pleaded not guilty to charges of furthering the aims of the ANC and South African Communist Party

Mr Jokozela, who has been a Sebokeng councillor since shortly before the unrest in September 1984, said in answer to a question that he agreed with the statement that the rent increases were a material cause of the unrest

Under re-examination by Mr W J J Hanekom for the State, Mr Jokozela reiterated what he had said under cross-examination. "I said that, and I still say that That was the major reason advanced"

In earlier cross-examination by Mr George Bizos, for the defence, Mr Jokozela said that with hindsight, armed with the knowledge of what happened in the Vaal Triangle after the rent increase, it would have been better to have suspended them when the Lekoa Council met to discuss the issue on August 28.

"During that meeting it did not occur to us," he said

In his evidence-in-chief on Monday, Mr Jokozela said that when he held a meeting in early August to explain the rent increases to his constituency, everyone had seemed happy

"No one complained . some of them were so happy that they paid the rent increase there and then and we had to refund them"

The second witness to testify yesterday was also a councillor from the Vaal Triangle

Mr Simon Mofokeng said he had come to know of the existance of the Vaal Civic Association only after the events of September 3 1984

He had also received threatening phone calls in the week leading up to the outbreak of unrest on September 3 but did not know the identity of the caller

The hearing continues

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21/3/86

Consumer, rent boycott starts in Alexandra

RESIDENTS of Alexandra township, near Sandton, decided on Saturday to launch a consumer-and-rent boycott in the area from today.

According to a statement released by the Alexandra Consumer Boycott Committee, the residents decided to call for a boycott because "our township is still under forced police and army occupation and residents are experiencing continued detentions".

The demands of the combined rent-and-consumer boycott include:

- ☐ Withdrawal of troops and police from the township;
- ☐ Recognition of students' demands;
- ☐ Recovery of missing corpses and people;
- ☐ Affordable rents;
- ☐ Improvement in the provision of electricity;
- ☐ The release of all political prisoners and the unbanning of all banned organisations.

The statement also called for a boycott of all white businesses and certain black-owned stores which the boycott committee accused of collaborating with the police.

The committee urged that "reactionary newspapers" should be boycotted and announced that it would support the current boycott of Metal Box products in solidarity with workers dismissed from the company.

It also announced a campaign to socially isolate all policemen and councillors in the township. — Sapa.

A COUNCIL'S PROMISE

20/3/86 SOWETAN

THE Wattville Village Council has distributed pamphlets informing residents of an upgrading scheme it has undertaken.

By SOWETAN Reporter

The pamphlets, signed by the mayor, Mr S P Ntshona, also stressed to residents that there have been no increases in rent, electricity or water tariffs They noted that in recent months that some of the accounts received by residents were unusually high

All those who have received such accounts have been advised to get in touch with the council's finance section to get them rectified.

The council said housing was an urgent need in the township and that for over 20 years nothing had been done in this regard because the Government had proposed to re-settle residents in Daveyton.

After representation by the council, the Government decided not to go ahead with the plan. It instead granted the area 99-year leasehold rights

Mr Ntshona said. "The council is holding discussions with owners of the vacant land around Wattville — the town councils of Benoni, Brakpan, the SATS and the Brakpan Flying Club. We are asking them to sell the land to us The prices have to be agreed upon and money found to pay them and to develop these areas "

The council proposes to build: expensive houses at the present Tent Town football grounds, a modern sports complex; a new cemetry, 800 houses; an industrial area; flats; a school and a civic centre.

'Pay rent or be arrested'

By DESMOND BLOW

THE 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville massacre may be commemorated with thousands of breadwinners in jail.

Many householders in Sharpeville and other townships in the vast Orange-Vaal complex – who have refused to pay increased rents – face jail for contempt of court

Already a dozen heads of families are serving 30 days in jail for contempt of court, and another 300 warrants of arrest have been issued More than 7 000 summonses have so far been issued – and most of them served

Unless those summonsed pay back rents within three days or note an appearance to defend within the same time, they also face jail.

But the messenger of the court is having difficulty in making arrests in the townships, as the people are closing ranks

In an unusual move, the Orange-Vaal Development Board has abandoned attempts to make people pay higher rentals in terms of Section 65 of the Housing Act, and instead has sued in the civil court for rents going back as far as September 1984

There are 30 500 householders in the area – which extends from Sebokeng north of Vanderbijlpark to near Parys in the Free State – and it is estimated that 70% of them refuse to pay rents

Most people don't understand the Afrikaans summonses which contain legal jargon, don't realise their predicament and don't go to court – so default judgment is taken against them

Only about 250 have sought legal advice and are defending the action.

However lawyers say these cases have been delayed by the State while undefended cases are summarily dealt with

People who have not complied with the summonses are arrested and serve 30 days in jail.

But before they are taken to jail they are taken to the Orange-Vaal Development Board where they are told they will be released if they sign an agreement to pay the higher rent and back rent.

Many people have signed these agreements and some have paid as much as R800 in cash, according to an attorney

Lawyers for some of the householders say the people believe rentals are too high and resent having to pay beyond their means to cover all the costs of the Lekoa Town Council

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The Asinamali cast have postponed their planned departure to the US on March 30 until after Shongwe's funeral, which is still to be finalised

● Maritzburg police confirmed they are investigating Shongwe's murder No arrests have been made

STAYAWAY!

MORE than 2 000 Vaal residents yesterday resolved to stayaway from work in protest at several issues, including the continued arrest by the Lekoa Town Council of rent defaulters. The meeting was in Sebokeng.

Pamphlets calling for the stayaway were distributed in Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Evaton, Bophelong, Boipatong and Zamdela.

In the pamphlets, issued by the Vaal Stayaway Committee, the following demands were made:

- The release of all people arrested for rent arrears;
- An end to the issuing of summonses for the non-payment of rents,
- The resignation of all councillors, and the scrapping of the Black Local Authorities Act,
- The release of the Delmas treason trialists and all other trialists connected to the rents issue,
- The recognition of May Day as a paid holiday;
- The unbanning of the Congress of South African Students (Cosas) and the recognition of democratically elected SRCs,
- The withdrawal of troops from black townships; and
- A stop to the brutalities and assaults carried out by township guards.

At a meeting in Mphatlalatsane Hall yesterday, trade unions, civic associations and student bodies endorsed the demands.

However the meeting was divided when there was a call by the students and other organisations that a new coordinating committee be elected to work with other bodies in an attempt to resolve the rent issue.

A member of the Vaal Civic Association (VCA), Mr Mike Tsotetsi, explained that the civic association was still active

He said there was no need for a new committee to be formed. He was jeered and booed by a crowd that came to the stage chanting freedom songs and shouting slogans. At this stage the meeting was disrupted and scores of people went home disappointed.

Mr Phillip Masia, general secretary of the Orange Vaal General Workers Union, said another meeting would be convened on Tuesday to elect a committee to meet the Lekoa Town Council.

Home buyers claim they were 'conned'

Lenasia residents have claimed housing developers are "ripping off" the public by charging varying prices for the same-sized homes.

In interviews, several residents told *The Star* they had been "conned" into buying homes at exorbitant prices They were desperate for homes and were told no more houses would be built in the area.

Later they discovered houses of the same size could be bought at lower prices. Residents refused to reveal their identities for fear of victimisation.

A housing developer in Lenasia, Mr Kessa Thambi, said these claims were substantiated by his 90-page memorandum — revealing irregularities in the allocation and buying of homes in Lenasia — which has been sent to the House of Delegates.

He said the price of sites was a standard R18/sq m, irrespective of location In the memorandum he says certain housing developers charged more than the R38 000 stipulated in the contract between housing developers and the local board — now under the administration of the House of Delegates' Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture.

The memorandum is reported to have starteda furore in the House of Delegates. Mr Thambi has alleged members of the House are involved in a cover-up of corrupt land deals. The issue is to be debated in Parliament today.

ject and the hon the Deputy Minister explained to him that the reply was too long to read. I am quite prepared to accept the explanation of the hon the Deputy Minister.

Mr B R BAMFORD: Mr Speaker, with great respect, will you be prepared to reconsider your ruling?

Mr SPEAKER: Order! I have given my ruling and I am not prepared to reconsider it

HANSARD 25/3/86

Munsieville

*34 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

Q COS 711 (127)

(1) Whether the Black township of Munsieville near Krugersdorp is to be moved; if so, (a) when was the decision taken in this regard, (b) who took this decision, (c) when will the township be moved, (d) where will it be moved to and (e) what are the reasons for moving the township;

(2) whether Munsieville is to be upgraded, if not, why not, if so, (a) when, (b) what specified items will be included in the upgrading of this township and (c0 what total amount has been allocated for the upgrading of the township,

(3) (a) what was the total population of Munsieville as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) when was this township established;

(4) whether he has received any representations regarding Munsieville; if so, (a) when, (b) what are the names of the persons or bodies who submitted these representations and (c) what was the (i) nature of the representations and (ii) response thereto,

(5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

HoA

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING: Mr Speaker, the reply to this question is very long and I ask permission to table it [Interjections]

†The SPEAKER: The reply will be tabled

Mr A B WIDMAN: Mr Speaker, on a point of order. As I understand the rule governing the tabling of question, the reply to a question may be tabled as long as there is no objection. If there is such an objection, then the question must be read out

The SPEAKER: If the hon member wishes to object to the reply to the question being tabled, then he must do so

Mr A B WIDMAN I object, Sir.

†The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I was a minister of the church and I liked long sermons This is a long reply, but I will read it to hon members. The reply is as follows:

(1) No

(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) Fall away.

(2) Yes

(a) Upgrading will be commenced with as soon as specific upgrading projects which must be submitted by the Village Council concerned have been approved by the National Housing Commission and funds have been made available

(b) Upgrading of infrastructure including streets, stormwater drainage, sewerage, street-lights etcetera as well as general refurbishment

(c) The amount of R156 000 has been allocated from the funds for creation of employment which is being applied as follows:

(i) Removal of rubble from buffer zone and planting of trees and grass in the cleared area as well as cleaning up generally of the whole township R60 000

(ii) Construction of kerbs to existing tarred roads . .R60 000

(iii) Cleaning of blocked stormwater pipes . . R 6 000

(iv) Painting of some houses, roofs and walls ..R30 000

The allocation of additional funds from the National Housing Fund is subject to the submission of upgrading schemes which is already receiving attention

(3) (a) 8 013 as at 14 October 1985

(b) The Black township which is today known as Munsieville was first settled by Blacks in or about 1911 on an area of land 6 morgen and 400 roods in extent which was set aside at that time as a Native Location in terms of Government Notice No 855 dated 23 May 1911.

(4) Yes.

(a) 2 December 1985 and 11 February 1986.

(b) City Council of Krugersdorp and Advocate L Wessels, MP for Krugersdorp.

(c) (i) That the resettlement of residents of Munsieville be proceeded with but should the decision to retain Munsieville not be revised, road planning and construction and zoning of land for industrial purposes be done in such a way that a suitable buffer between White and Black Development is provided as far as possible

(ii) The representations were noted but the decision to retain Munsieville will not be revised as no new facts were submitted. The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has been instructed to give urgent attention to road planning and construction in collaboration with the Transvaal Provincial Administration. The zoning of land for industrial purposes will receive attention when the guide plan for the West Rand/Far West Rand is considered. The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning is presently busy with the formulation of a guide plan.

(5) No

Mrs H SUZMAN: Mr Speaker, arising out of the reply given by the hon the Deputy Minister, can he tell the House whether any special measures have been taken for the protection of the inhabitants of Munsieville against the depredations and attacks by White hooligans from across the road? [Interjections.]

†The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I think the reply that I have just given suggests that we are acting in the interest of all the inhabitants of that area. I am also not that aware of colour. [Interjections]

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE: Mr Speaker, further arising out of the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, did he perhaps also receive other representations or petitions apart from that of Adv Wessels?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I reply on behalf of our Department and the answer is no. Those are the only representations that we received

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE: Mr Speaker, further arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, will he tell the House what the contents and form of Adv Wessels' petition were?

HoA

†The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Speaker, no petition was received from Adv Wessels, although he did make representations. He is a good Nationalist and therefore does not run around with petitions [Interjections.]

†Mr S P BARNARD: Mr Speaker, further arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, is he aware that Whites in that area have been attacked with fire bombs? Is he aware of it, and is the Government prepared to continue indefinitely with the present protection given by the Army to the Whites there? Will the hon the Deputy Minister allow people in Munsieville to protect themselves?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, I believe I have stated very clearly what precautions are being taken This is a security matter, that is in very able hands I believe we must not exploit this situation We can only appeal to the people for peace and calmness

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE. Mr Speaker, further arising from the reply given by the hon the Deputy Minister, can he tell us what has happened to the petition and representations which the hon member for Lichtenburg submitted to the State President?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER: Mr Speaker, I cannot answer for the State President I reply on behalf of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE Mr Speaker, further arising from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, I want to ask him whether the State President handed the hon member for Lichtenburg's petition over to his Department

†The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Speaker, I am sure the State President is under no obligation to hand a petition over to our Department According to what the hon member too read in the newspaper, the State President did pay attention to the petition. The State President issued a statement in this regard

†Mr H D K VAN DER MERWE: You could not care less about the Afrikaner. [Interjections.]

HANSARD 25/3/86 Gen 716

Statutory cultural bodies

*35 Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of National Education:

(1) Whether any non-White persons serve on any of the councils of statutory cultural bodies falling under his Department; if not, why not; if so, (a) which councils (i) have and (ii) do not have any non-White members and (b) how many non-White persons serve on such councils,

(2) whether any recommendations to extend or further extend council membership of statutory cultural bodies to non-Whites have been submitted to him, is so, what recommendations;

(3) whether he has considered these recommendations, if not, why not, if so, with what result,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF NATIONAL EDUCATION

(1) Yes

(a) (i) Afrikaans Language Museum, Natal Museum; Human Sciences Research Council, National Monuments Council, Foundation for Education, Science and Technology, South African Library, William Humphreys Art Gallery, South African Museum

(ii) Transvaal Museum; National Museum, South African National Museum of Military History, South African National Gallery, National English Literary Museum, J L B Smith Institute of Ichthyology, The State Library; South African Library for the Blind; National Zoological Gardens of South Africa; "Woordeboek vir die Afrikaanse Taal".

(b) Twelve.

(2) No

(3) Falls away

(4) Falls away.

Mr R M BURROWS: Mr Chairman arising out of the hon the Ministers' reply does he not consider, in the light of the fact that he runs a general affairs department responsible for all the citizens of South Africa that he should be making every effort possible to ensure that the councils of the statutory bodies over which he has control represent the population of South Africa as a whole?

The MINISTER: Mr Speaker, the hon member will greatly assist me if he furnishes me with names of candidates who can be considered for appointment to these boards because they have the necessary technological and specialised knowledge with regard to the subjects involved

Mr R M BURROWS: I will certainly do that

Mr P C CRONJE: Will you let them out of jail?

Management centres

*36. Maj R SIVE asked the Minister of Defence:

With reference to his reply to Question No 21 on 11 March 1986, (a) what are the terms of reference of the (i) joint management centres, (ii) sub-management centres and (iii) mini-management centres and (b) on what basis are the chairmen of each of the above categories of management centres selected?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE:

(a) (i), (ii) and (iii) The terms of reference of all three the centres is to co-ordinate government action which has an influence on the security situation in their respective areas of responsibility.

(b) (i), (ii) and (iii) Chairmen are elected annually on a democratic basis from their own ranks by the representatives of the government institutions which have permanent representation in the centres concerned

Own Affairs.

Mainstreaming

*1. Mr R M BURROWS asked the Minister of Education and Culture:

(1) Whether he or his Department has (a) considered any report and/or (b) initiated any inquiry into the mainstreaming of any or all of the pupils in schools falling under his Department, if not, why not; if so, (i) when was the (aa) report issued and (bb) inquiry instituted and (ii) what recommendations were put forward in regard to mainstreaming;

(2) whether he or his Department has (a) assessed, and/or (b) inquired into, the mainstreaming of disabled pupils into State schools, if not, why not; if so, with what result?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE:

(1) (a) No

(b) No. Special education accommodates only those pupils who, as a result of serious handicaps, cannot be assimilated into the mainstream Any pupil making reasonable progress within the special education set-up, is given the opportunity of being placed back into the mainstream. I would like to mention that the evaluation of progress is an ongoing process in respect of every handicapped pupil.

For written reply:

General Affairs.

25/3/86 Q en 727
HANSARD 127

Alexandra

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

(a) What stage had been reached as at 31 December 1985 in the development and replanning of Alexandra Township, (b) what stages are due for completion in 1986 and (c) when is it anticipated that the project will be completed?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(a) The following projects were completed with the exception of item 22.

(1) Levelling and compaction of the area—Phase 1.

(2) Installation of water, sewerage, roads and stormwater drainage—Phase 1

(3) Erection of 79 houses—Phase 1.

(4) Construction of ring and access roads—Phase 1 and 2

(5) Erection of 65 houses by private developers where basic services were provided—Phase 1.

(6) Erection of 324 flats—Phase 1

(7) Installation of water and sewerage for the erection of 138 houses and 120 flats—Phase 2

(8) Electrification (distribution and service connections)—Phase 1 and 2

(9) Erection of prefabricated temporary houses and basic services

(10) Erection of 100 temporary huts.

(11) Provision of water and toilets at transit camps

(12) Repairing and converting the old clinic for housing purposes.

(13) Construction of roads and stormwater drainage—Phase 1.

(14) Erection of 3 schools

(15) Erection of a new (additional) crèche

(16) Provision of a new sports complex.

(17) Erection of a modern mens residence including a gymnasium accommodating 2 912 beds

(18) Completion of the basic town planning for all phases of the redevelopment

(19) An old age home has been established in prefabricated housing units.

(20) Erection of 120 flats—Phase 2

(21) Erection of 88 housing units—Phase 2

(22) Relocation of 236 families to accommodate the western interceptor sewer—300 houses 26 Houses completed in 1985. Balance to be completed in 1986.

(23) Provision of water to 236 families

(24) Survey and earthworks—Phase 2.

(25) Provision for and conversion to Escom network

(26) Provision of 300 portable toilets for the 300 temporary houses.

(27) Temporary post office erected by the Department of Post and Telecommunications.

(b) (1) Phases 1 and 2 (±450 flats) of the erection of 1 152 flats in Phase 3.

(2) Erection of 20 flats—Phase 2.

(3) Erection of 176 housing units

(4) Construction of the balance of 300 houses commenced with in 1985 (274 houses still to be completed)

(5) Roads and stormwater drainage—Phase 2.

(6) Commencing with the installation of the western interceptor sewer and balancing facility

(7) General eletrification—high tension distribution network

(8) Provision of roads and stormwater drainage for 138 sites and adjacent flats (138 houses and 120 flats)—Phase 2

(9) Project co-ordination and detail planning of all remaining phases.

(c) The completion date of the re-development process is dependent on the availability of funds and the acceptance by the residents of the new type of housing offered and the cost thereof. It is estimated with reservation that the whole project should be completed within approximately eight years

Q C en 729
HANSARD 25/3/86

Firearms

204 Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(a) How many persons were arrested in each province of the Republic in 1985 for (i) illegal possession of firearms and (ii) being in possession of stolen firearms and (b) how many of the lawful owners of such firearms were traded in each category?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

	(a)		(b)	
	(i)	(ii)	(i)	(ii)
Cape Province	322	298	169	203
Natal	1 239	340	114	229
Orange Free State	63	54	49	36
Transvaal	822	464	373	403

Firearms

205. Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) (a) How many persons in the Republic were as at 31 December 1985 licensed to possess firearms and (b) what was the total number of licences issued as at that date;

(2) how many applications for licences were (a) received and (b) granted in 1985,

(3) whether any firearms were reported lost or stolen in 1985; if so, how many;

(4) whether, in 1985 any persons were declared unfit to possess firearms; if so, how many?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER:

(1) (a) 1 012 972.

(b) 2 272 412.

(2) (a) 145 071

(b) 135 382

(3) Yes, 7 958.

(4) Yes, 563.

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Police Reserve Force

207. Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Law and Order:

(1) How many persons joined the Police Reserve Force at police stations in each province of the Republic in 1985;

(2) how many reservists retired from service in that year?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

(1) Approximately 80 families.

(2) (a) to (d) The area is administered by the Government of Ciskei but the Government of the Republic of South Africa intends to take over the administration. As far as is known there are no villages or towns in the area. The other information requested is not readily available

Wartburg: population/villages, towns

391. Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid.

(1) What is the estimated population of the area known as Wartburg,

(2) (a) how many separate villages or towns are there within the boundaries of this area, (b) what are their names, (c) how are these villages or towns administered and (d) what facilities are there in each of these villages or towns in respect of (i) community halls, (ii) schools, (iii) clinics, (iv) playing fields and (v) shops?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(1) Approximately 425 families

(2) (a) to (d) The area is administered by the Government of Ciskei but the Government of the Republic of South Africa intends to take over the administration As far as is known there are no villages or towns in the area The other information requested is not readily available

Newlands, East London: population/villages, towns

392 Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid.

(1) What is the estimated population of the area known as Newlands and situated near East London,

(2) (a) how many separate villages or towns are there within the boundaries of this area, (b) what are their names, (c) how are these villages or towns administered and (d) what facilities are there in each of these villages or towns in respect of (i) community halls, (ii) schools, (iii) clinics, (iv) playing fields and (v) shops?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID:

(1) Approximately 1 500 families.

(2) (a) to (d) The area is administered by the Government of Ciskei but the Government of the Republic of South Africa intends to take over the administration As far as is known there are no villages or towns in the area. The other information requested is not readily available

Kwelera: population/villages, towns

393 Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(1) What is the estimated population of the area known as Kwelera,

(2) (a) how many separate villages or towns are there within the boundaries of this area, (b) what are their names, (c) how are these villages or towns administered and (d) what facilities are there in each of these villages or towns in respect of (i) community halls, (ii) schools, (iii) clinics, (iv) playing fields and (v) shops?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

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HoA

Mooiplaas: population/villages, towns

394 Mr P R C ROGERS asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid:

(1) What is the estimated population of the area known as Mooiplaas,

(2) (a) how many separate villages or towns are there within the boundaries of this area, (b) what are their names, (c) how are these villages or towns administered and (d) what facilities are there in each of these villages or towns in respect of (i) community halls, (ii) schools, (iii) clinics, (iv) playing fields and (v) shops?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID·

(1) Approximately 2 200 families

(2) (a) to (d) The area is administered by the Government of Ciskei but the Government of the Republic of South Africa intends to take over the administration As far as is known there are no villages or towns in the area The other information requested is not readily available

Reference books/influx control

HANSARD Q Con 809

404 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice: 26/3/86

How many Black persons were convicted of offences relating to reference books and influx control in (a) each of the main urban centres and (b) the Republic in 1984 and 1985, respectively?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The information is not readily available.

99-year leases

HANSARD 127

407 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning 26/3/86 Q Con 809

(a) How many persons in Soweto proper, Dobsonville and Diep Meadow applied for 99-year leases in 1985 and (b) how many such applications had been granted as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(a) 4 577 as on 31 January 1986

(b) 4 577 as on 31 January 1986.

Houses

HANSARD Q Con 810

408 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid: 26/3/86 Q Con 810

What was the total number of houses built for Blacks in the 1984-85 financial year in each of the (a) urban and (b) non-urban areas of each national state?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID·

(a) The South African Government has implemented selfbuild Schemes in all the national states and no longer builds family housing units except in exceptional cases.

(b) Unknown

West Rand Development Board

HANSARD 26/3/86

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

(1) How many housing schemes are at present being developed in Soweto by the (a) West Rand Development Board and (b) private sector;

(2) (a) when (i) were such schemes initiated and (ii) is it envisaged that they will be completed and (b) how many housing units are involved in each case,

(3) whether any housing schemes for lower-income groups are under construction in Soweto, if so, (a)(i) how many and (ii) how many units are involved in each case and (b) in respect

HoA

Vaal steps up struggle

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By STAN MHLONGO

THOUSANDS of Vaal residents this week pledged to intensify their 18-month-long battle against high rents

The meeting at Sebokeng's Mphahlalatsane Hall – the largest meeting in the area since unrest broke out in September 1983 – attracted 10 community and student organisations and trade unions.

An angry resident said "Sending a delegation to Parliament will be hopeless, because it does not recognise our leaders – it rather chooses to listen to the Government's lackey, the Lekoa Town Council".

Residents decided to:

- Oppose future electricity and water cuts by arranging stayaways
- Demand the immediate release of 42 Sebokeng Zone 14 and Zone 10 residents presently serving 30 days imprisonment each
- Apply for a court interdict restraining the council's municipal police from issuing summonses and arresting residents until rent is lowered to R30
- Boycott all businesses belonging to members of the Lekoa Town Council

Community representatives from the Free State said residents in Vrede, Koppies, Vijoenskroen, Brandfort, Clarence and Petrus Steyn were also boycotting rent payments.

Among the organisations at the meeting were the Vaal Parents' Crisis Committee, the Vaal Trade Union Co-ordinating Committee, civic associations from Sharpeville, Bophelong, Boipatong, Zamdela and Tumahole, the Vaal Students' Congress, Sharpeville Youth Congress and Vaal Civic Association

Power to be installed in 600 Riverlea homes

Municipal Reporter

Johannesburg City Council plans to install electricity in 600 sub-economic houses in Riverlea Extension One, the only council housing scheme without power.

The present rental of the houses ranges between R31,10 and R61,70, and the 160 pensioners pay R17,75 a month.

Depending on how the installation is financed, rentals will be increased by between R3 and R8 a month, and residents will have to pay for electricity.

Riverlea Extension One is an assisted housing scheme for people with incomes of less than R150 a month

As the Centenary Festival Committee has been unable to obtain a sponsor for the project because of the recession, the cost of R300 000 will be borne by the council, which will apply for assisted loans

Tenants in dark as rent row sparks power cut

Municipal Reporter

Tenants of a seven-storey block of flats in Joubert Park spent the Easter weekend in the dark, without lifts, lights, cooking facilities or hot water, after the owner turned off the electricity on Thursday

Branksome Towers, on the corner of Bok and Wanderers streets, houses black, Indian and coloured tenants, including babies and children, and a handful of whites

Tenants allege the deliberate power shut-off was victimisation after they complained the owner, Mr L Malaga, was grossly overcharging them by demanding nearly double the rent stipluated by the Rent Board

Tenants have handed their lawyer receipted accounts showing they have paid R175 plus water and lights for batchelor flats controlled at R77 a month Others have proof they have been paying more than double for one-bedroomed flats where R103 rents are stipulated

The board recently took Mr Malaga to court where he was found guilty of overcharging the white tenants No ruling was made for the tenants of other racial groups as they are so-called "disqualified" people, living illegally in the block under the Group Areas Act

"We offered to pay the controlled rent for the month of March but Mr Malaga refused saying 'I'll see you in court'," said one coloured tenant

DECLINED

When, and if, this happens it would settle the matter of months of alleged overcharging and repayment by the owners say the tenants

Asked for comment on the turning off of the electricity, Mr Malaga said the tenants had not paid their electricity accounts, later conceding that "three or four had paid" He had offered to move those people to other flats which he owned — but they had declined, he said



Mrs Loretta Magoo (left) and Mrs Benita Anthony, with her baby, were two of the people left without power at the weekend after the landlord had disconnected the electricity to their block of flats.

Vaal acts to stop 'jungle justice'

By STAN MHLONGO

VAAL residents this week decided to apply for a court order to stop the arrests and issuing of summonses on scores of rent debtors

Already 7 500 residents have been issued with summonses following the 19-month-long rent boycott in the area

The court action comes in the wake of the 30 day prison sentences imposed on 42 residents who ignored the summonses served on them for boycotting rent payment

The residents' lawyer Richard Spoor said the validity of the summonses was highly questionable because residents are expected to answer them within three days – "which means they are given insufficient time to react"

Vaal Civic Association spokesman Racks Kabi said "Jungle justice was being implemented by Vaal authorities against residents

"The residents are illegally thrown in jails without any legal action being implemented in a court of law Unless a court order is imposed to stop the harassment of residents, VCA will call for a countrywide stayaway involving other national organisations and workers because what hurts us in the Vaal can hurt residents in other areas tomorrow

"Remember an injury to one is an injury to all," said Kabi

Court battle over black tenant in flat

JOHANNESBURG. — The body corporate of a Johannesburg building, which is suing a sectional title owner for allegedly allowing a black person to occupy his flat, has been ordered to explain how it calculated that value of the building had depreciated by R5 000, because of this resident.

The magistrate, Mrs M van den Heever, yesterday also ordered the body corporate of Park Court to give further particulars relating to its claims that

- Mr J Liebgott had broken the Group Areas Act in allowing someone else to occupy his flat,
- Such occupation was illegal and immoral, a nuisance or annoyance to neighbours and injurious to the reputation of the building or its owners

The case is believed to be the first civil claim arising from an alleged transgression of the Act

Mr J Liebgott applied to the court for an order for further particulars after obtaining only "partial" information from the plaintiff His counsel said the plaintiff was essentially attempting to prove a criminal offence in a civil context.

The order for further particulars to be supplied within seven days was granted and costs awarded against the body corporate. — Sapa

Bid to halt 'back door' forced removal

By Kym Hamilton
Pretoria Bureau

The township authorities of Brits were attempting to achieve forced removals "via the back door" by refusing to allow residents to build on or live in vacant houses and stands in Oulokasie, the Pretoria Supreme Court heard yesterday

A resident, Mr Moshe Jan Mahlaela has sought the help of the Supreme Court in enforcing his right to live in Oulokasie

If he and his family are forced to move to Lethlabile, on the Bophuthatswana border and about 24 km from Brits, then his children will lose their section 10 rights as it is not a prescribed area, he said yesterday in an affidavit before the court

Mr Mahlaela is seeking a court order to force the development board into allocating him a vacant house or a stand on which to build a house

The board refused to grant him a house or stand in terms of its policy of moving Oulokasie residents to Lethlabile It has already sold the land on which the location is situated to the Brits municipality.

LETTER REFUSED

The Brits municipality is intending to use the land for the expansion of the white area

About 400 residents from the Brits township attended the hearing yesterday

When Mr Mahlaela submitted a letter from his attorney to the town ship superintendent, Mr Marthinus Benade de Beer, it was refused. He was allegedly told to return it to his attorney.

Mr A Chaskalson (SC), appearing for Mr Mahlaela yesterday, argued that the board had acted illegally as Oulokasie was still a proclaimed township Mr de Beer did not have the authority to disestablish a township and pull it down, he said

The board had allowed the Brits location to become run down and had demolished houses in an attempt to attain its objective It was attempting to achieve forced removals via the back door, argued Mr Chaskalson.

Mr F Mynhardt, appearing for Mr de Beer and the board denied it had acted unlawfully and said Mr Mahlaela should have used the internal remedy of appeals to other board officials instead of coming to court

Mr de Beer said in an affidavit before the court that proper facilities and services, such as roads and sewerage, had been provided in Lethlabile He said the decision not to allocate empty houses or stands to former Oulokasie residents was in accordance with the board's policy to have the location deproclaimed as a black township

DEMOLISHED

He admitted that at the time when Mr Mahlaela applied for an empty house there were two available, but these had since been demolished

Mr Justice Stafford was on the Bench.

The hearing continues.

Soweto residents pay R30 a month to erect shacks

MSHENGU CAMP

SOWETAN 11/9/86

THE mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, is charging residents R30 a month to erect shacks in the township.

By ALI MPHAKI

In the past the council has demolished other squatter camps

More than 70 shacks have already been erected on the plot opposite Mr Tshabalala's Eyethu Cinema in Mofolo Village

"Mshengu's Town" has four communal toilets and two taps

Mr Tshabalala said the land was given to him by the Government to house "his people" He refused to answer questions, saying he would hold a Press conference on Tuesday

Qualify

To qualify for residence in "Mshengu s Town" one has first to become a member of the Sofasonke Party of which Mr Tshabalala is president

Highly placed party members have revealed that their membership is growing "tremendously" since the advent of the squatter camp

Most residents of the camp said although they were not comfortable being members of the Sofasonke Party, they had to join as they have been on the waiting list for houses for a long time

More than 20 000 people are on the waiting list for houses in Soweto

Mr John Knoetze, chairman of the West Rand Development Board, said the land in Soweto was given to the council last week and Wradebo no longer controlled it



Dr ASVAT

Dr Abu Baker Asvat of the Azanian People's Organisation's health secretariat, who helps squatters in Soweto, said the camp could be a health hazard because of overcrowding and lack of ablution facilities

This could endanger the lives of the people," he said



THE mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala talking to some of the squatters at "Mshengu s Town" in Mofolo this week.

Widow sues Soweto Council — Page 2

Mayor tells of narrow escape — Page 3



TOWNSHIP LIFE

Operation upgrade

Government plans to upgrade two embattled black townships on the Witwatersrand — Alexandra near Johannesburg and Munsieville near Krugersdorp

Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis has informed Progressive Federal Party MPs Helen Suzman and David Dalling that work in Alexandra is already under way; and the upgrading of Munsieville will start as soon as possible There has been serious unrest in both townships, which are but a stone's throw away from white suburbs

Government plans to move Munsieville's estimated 10 000 residents to Kagiso township were scrapped this year despite strong opposition from nearby white residents. Heunis says immediate plans for Munsieville include upgrading of streets, stormwater drains, sewers, street lighting and "general refurbishment."

So far, R156 000 has been allocated for the projects. The official population of Munsieville is 8 013, it was established in 1911. Representations to move Munsieville were received from the Krugersdorp City Council and from the local (verligte) Nationalist MP, Leon Wessells These were rejected because "no new facts were submitted," explained Heunis

He says 27 upgrading projects have already been completed in Alexandra and a further 10 are due for completion this year. The upgrading includes the construction of new roads, stormwater drains, houses and flats, schools and electrification. Completion is expected within eight years ■

Boya: rent boycotts hit 35 townships

(127) 11/4/86

Dispatch Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Rent boycotts have rendered some townships ungovernable and caused the collapse of several others, the deputy president of the Urban Councils Association of South Africa (Ucasa), Mr Tom Boya, said here

According to Mr Boya, rent debts — accumulated mainly between Katlehong in the East Rand, the Vaal, Mamelodi in Pretoria — exceed R60 million

The government recently voted R94 million as bridging finance to administration boards to make good shortfalls as a result of the non-payment of rent in black townships.

Mr Boya said 32 community councils and three town councils — most of them in the Eastern Cape — had completely collapsed.

"The fact, that rent — the main source of income — has not been paid by some communities has rendered the townships ungovernable and has resulted in their collapsing

"And, now most are hoping that the new regional services councils will help them find sources of revenue to improve the life-style of their communities"

The three town councils, which according to Ucasa have collapsed, are Lingelihle, KwaNobuhle and Nonzwakazi in the Eastern Cape

The community councils are Tsakane and Duduza in the East Rand, Parys and Vredefort in the Free State, Pietermaritzburg in Natal, Aberdeen, Adelaide, Alexandria, Beaufort West, Colesberg, Hanover, Humansdorp, Jansenville, Queenstown, Kirkwood, Naauwpoort, Richmond, Somerset East, Steytlerville, Victoria West, Paterson, Waterval Boven, Steynsberg and Sterkstroom.

Row over new Govt move on rent collection

127 D696 Mercury 18/4/86.

JOHANNESBURG—The Federated Chamber of Industries and the Associated Chambers of Commerce rejected draft legislation tabled in Parliament by Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, yesterday.

The proposed legislation would empower black local authorities to recover outstanding rents from employers

The FCI and Assocom have come out strongly against involving commerce and industry in problems that are seen to be political.

In effect, it would enmesh employers in the unhappy relationship that exists between the landlords and tenants, they say.

Wage packets

The Black Local Authorities Amendment Bill's clause would empower local authorities to collect rents from employers and instruct them to withdraw such sums from wage packets.

One stipulation is that no more than 25 percent may be deducted from the wage

The Bill would also authorise magistrates to act against employers' movable property

Assocom says debt-collecting should be pursued through the courts, rather than inflicting additional onus on employers

Industry believes such a Bill would cause increased friction between employer and employee.

Harm

Mr Theo van den Bergh, group personnel director of Toyota South Africa, said moves to involve employers in recovering employees' rent arrears were likely to harm relations between the two, writes a Mercury Reporter

Mr van den Bergh said that although similar mechanisms had been employed in the past, 'we do not want to get involved in their personal affairs'

'While I have some sympathy with the difficulties local authorities may be confronted with from time to time, I can only say I think it unfortunate that employers have to get involved in this process'

The company has about 5 000 black employees in Natal

The Mercury's Cape Town correspondent says a major row has erupted over the Bill, which seeks to break rent boycotts currently operating in many black townships

Mood

The PFP's spokesman on Black Affairs, Mrs Helen Suzman, said: 'The Government seems totally unaware of the mood of the townships, not to mention the struggle which black people are having in the present economic recession and in the fight against inflation.

'Trying to cope with the rent boycott in this arbitrary way instead of attempting to resolve the basic causes of why people are not paying rents seems to be the height of folly'

She said the effect on the relationships between employer and employees was likely to be 'disastrous' at a time when everything should be done to minimise the dangers of strikes and industrial unrest.

Yell

'I anticipate a loud yell of protest from employers when they are confronted with a warrant of execution against their movable property because they have failed to pay the back charges for rents and services of their workers'

The PFP spokesman on black rural affairs, Mr Ray Swart, said it was a 'recipe for trouble'

In effect, the local authority would have the right to pass judgment on the occupier and then instruct the employer to execute the judgment

The Labour Party leader, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, said it was 'totally unacceptable'

It was 'certainly unjust and discriminatory' in that it concerned black people only, although others were also involved in non-payment of rent' — (Sapa)

● See Editorial Opinion

Star 18/4/88.

'We identify with Alex blacks'

Request to move is news to coloureds

By Rich Mkhondo

Coloured residents of Alexandra township near Sandton said yesterday that they were "surprised and astounded" to learn that they had asked the Government to be moved from the dangerous and critical circumstances of the troubled area

This follows a statement in Parliament yesterday by Mr P McEnery Director-General (Administration) of the House of Representatives

He said that because of the "critical and even dangerous circumstances" in Alexandra, coloureds would be moved to Allandale, in Midrand at their own request

Some residents, who declined to be named, said "We were never approached about the issue, nor was any meeting held to discuss it We are so scattered in the township we identify with blacks One cannot easily realise we are coloureds We speak all the languages in the area

"Even if we are approached, we will not agree to move out We have been living in Alexandra for years How can we be asked to move out?"

"The things that other Alexandra residents are fighting for also affect us Our children were born and bred here Some are attending school in the area and they struggle together for better education In the middle of their struggle, how can we separate them?

"We own freehold rights in Alexandra We are very suspicious of the proposed township It is far and secluded from the people The standard of living will be very high there and some of us will not be able to afford it"

Yesterday Mr McEnery said notice of intention to expropriate the Allandale area for the new coloured town had already been served by the Community Development Board on the present owners of the farm

All urban services would be provided and December was the target for services to be completed on the first 500 sites

Mr Nunka Mkhalipe, chief public relations officer of Alexandra Town Council, said none of the coloured residents had approached the council, or even complained that they wanted to be moved out

"We heard such rumours," he said "There is nothing we can do until something definite is said and arranged"

Stayaway spreads to 13 townships

Consumer, rent boycotts begin in Alex today

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By Rich Mkhondo

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"Our demands are simple. We want troops out of our townships, the recovery of missing corpses and people, the release of all political prisoners and the unbanning of all political organisations

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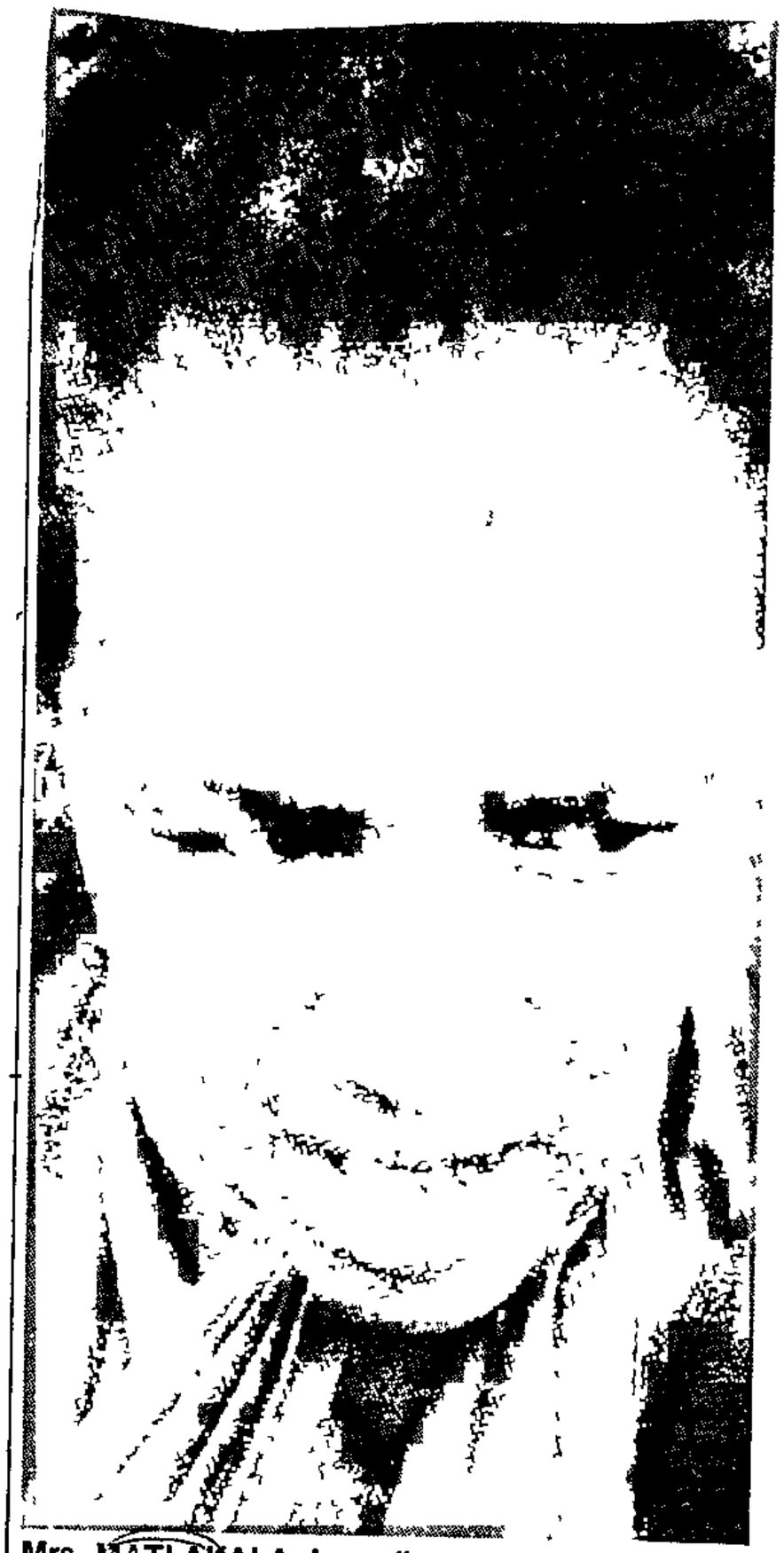

Mrs MATLAKALA Legodi . . . public relations officer

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SOWETAN

21/4/86

Reduce rents - call

AT least 800 Tshiawelo Extension 3 residents pledged at a meeting yesterday to continue with their rent boycott until the Soweto City Council has reduced rent and the purchase price of houses by 50 percent.

The meeting, held at a playpark, was also addressed by Mr Julius Mdlalose, chairman of the council's housing committee, who, according to Mrs Matlakala Legodi, public relations officer of the Tshiawelo Three Residents' Committee, promised to report to the council's management committee this week

Residents said they have not been paying rent for two months because they felt the R145 per month rent and the R13 800 purchase price were exhorbitant

Mrs Legodi said the meeting could not reach finality on certain matters as the Riot Squad of the South African Police arrived on the scene and ordered the meeting to disperse within 10 minutes.

The allegation could not, at the time of going to press, be confirmed by the Police Directorate of Public Relations in Pretoria

Residents of the Jabulani and Tshiawelo flats had their rents cut by 50 percent after they refused to pay rent for several months. Rent at the Naledi core houses was also reduced by half.

Period of service	Number per annum	Concession
(ii) Holders of grey passes	1	100% rebate (free pass by rail is forfeited)
	Unlimited	90% rebate
(iii) Widow pensioners whose late husbands have completed at least one years's service prior to retirement/demise and dependent children	1	100% rebate (rail free pass is forfeited)
	1	90% rebate

Airways pensioners and widows as well as their dependants may be granted the following air travel concessions on the international services of the SAA

(i) Pensioners irrespective of period of service in SAA prior to retirement	2 within 12 months after retirement and every year thereafter	90% rebate
(ii) Holders of grey passes	1 every five years	100% rebate
	Unlimited	90% rebate
(iii) Widow pensioners whose late husbands have completed at least one year's service prior to retirement/demise	2 within 12 months after retirement and every year thereafter	90% rebate

Coloured, Indian and Black pensioners, their wives and dependent children

By Rail

Employees who are granted an annuity in terms of the Railways and Harbours Pensions Amendment Act, 1941; and

employees when retired on

account of injury on duty or on account of injury or ill-health caused or aggravated by military service and who are awarded an annuity in terms of the Workmen's Compensation Act or the War Pensions Act—

(i) for themselves and their wives—
one free pass and twenty-four quarter-fare ticket orders each annually,

(ii) for their dependent children under the age of 21 years—
one ticket at half-fare annually

Coloured, Indian and Black employees who have been retired from the Transport Services without the award of an annuity, after the completion of not less than 15 years satisfactory service—

(i) For themselves and their wives—
one ticket each annually at quarter-fare,

(ii) For their dependent children under the age of 21 years—
one ticket at half-fare annually

Concessions for educational purposes may also be granted in favour of dependent children

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Mamelodi

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

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education to Question No 19 on 5 March 1985, additional building stands have been surveyed in Mamelodi, if so, (a) how many and (b) when;

(2) whether any of these stands have been made available to the public, if not, why not, if so, when?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) Yes

(a) 1 793 sites

(b) August 1983 to 31 March 1986

(2) Yes As from October 1984

Sporting equipment

777 Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

Whether all sporting equipment carried by passengers is transported free of charge on (a) suburban passenger trains and (b) the South African Airways, if not, (i) why not and (ii) what specified types of sporting equipment are excluded in each case?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(a)(i) and (ii) No All sporting equipment, which can be carried at ease, and which will not inconvenience other passengers may be carried by passengers free of charge Non-collapsible equipment such as fishing-rods and certain camping equipment are conveyed free of charge in the guard's van

In order not to inconvenience other passengers and to encourage passengers with surf-boards with a length of less than two metres, to travel outside peak hours, a tariff of 60c in each direction is raised for these boards when carried by passengers during peak hours During off-peak hours and over week-ends surfboards may be carried free of charge.

Surf-boards with a length of two metres and more, canoe's, paddle-ski's, windsurfers, rowing-boats and the like are regarded as bulky sporting equipment and are charged at the appropriate tariffs

(b) No

(i) For economic considerations

(ii) On domestic flights the mass of all sporting equipment is assessed with the sportsman's baggage and any mass in excess of the free baggage allowance (but not exceeding the mass of the sporting equipment) is conveyed at 66⅔ per cent of the applicable excess baggage rate

On international flights sporting equipment may be conveyed free of charge if it is not in excess of the normal free baggage allowance As soon as the total mass (or dimensions in the case of the USA, Brazil and Argentina) of the baggage, plus the sporting equipment or the total number of pieces, as the case may be, is in excess of the usual free baggage allowance, a charge is raised Non-motorised, single seat touring or racing bicycles, golfing and snow skiing equipment may be transported as part of the free baggage allowance on international flights Between Johannesburg and New York, two surfboards may also be conveyed as part of the free baggage allowance

All other sporting equipment is conveyed as cargo

22/4/86 QCOR 1315

Non-Whites: subsidies

783 Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Transport Affairs †

(1) What amounts were paid to the South African Transport Services in respect of subsidies for transportation of non-Whites in each of the latest specified five years for which figures are available,

(2) (a) what formula is used in calculating these subsidies and (b) when was the formula last revised?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(1) Transport Services is partly compensated for the losses incurred in total on rail passenger services Separate figures for the transport of non-Whites are therefore not available but the total compensation in respect of rail passenger services was as follows

	R million
1981-82 financial year	287
1982-83 financial year	340
1983-84 financial year	588
1984-85 financial year	405
1985-86 financial year (estimate)	558

(2) (a) The compensation represents the interest obligation on the investment in rail passenger services as well as an additional compensation

(b) The amount in respect of the additional compensation is annually negotiated with the Treasury.

Plumstead: post boxes

794 Mr R R HULLEY asked the Minister of Communications

With reference to his reply to Question No 621 on 21 March 1985, what steps are to be taken to provide additional post boxes in the Plumstead area?

The MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS

The acquisition of a site for the erection of a larger post office building near the railway station in Plumstead is at present being negotiated and provision will be made for a sufficient number of private boxes in the new building The waiting list for private boxes at Plumstead has in the interim decreased from 29 to 10

QCOR 1317

HANSARD 23/4/86

KwaNdebele: official motor-cars

844 Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid †

(1) Whether any official motor-cars have been donated to the KwaNdebele Government by the South African Government, if so, (a) when, (b) why, (c) what is the total amount involved and (d)(i) how many motor-cars and (ii) of what makes, if not,

(2) whether he will furnish information on the acquisition of official motor-cars by the KwaNdebele Government, if not, why not, if so, what are the relevant particulars,

(3) whether any of these motor-cars were damaged or destroyed in recent riots, if so, (a) how many, (b) at what amount is the damage estimated and (c) in what manner will this damage be made good?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(1) The South African Government did not donate any official motor cars to the KwaNdebele Government

(2) The KwaNdebele Government may in terms of the National States Constitution Act, 1971 (Act 21 of 1971) dispose of the funds on its budget and no particulars regarding the purchase of official motor cars are available.

(3) It is not known whether any motor cars were damaged in riots

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†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

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Germiston: offences

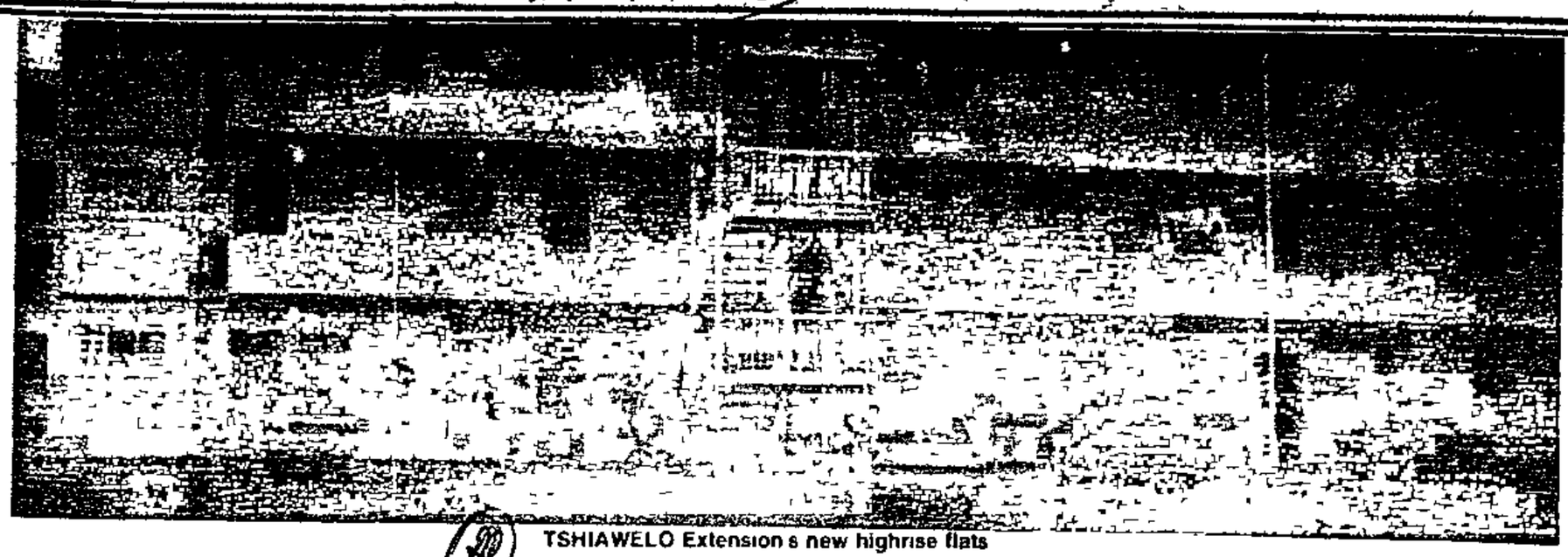
339 Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Law and Order

How many cases of (a) murder, (b) culpable homicide, (c) assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, (d) common assault, (e) rape, (f) robbery, (g) theft of vehicles and cycles, (h) damage to property, (i) housebreaking with intent to steal and theft and (j) possession of drugs were reported at each specified police station in the Germiston police district in 1985?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)
Germiston	62	27	196	326	28	274	778	280	1 038	—
Katlehong	343	92	2 026	1 522	275	889	356	1 232	557	—
Primrose	6	5	52	155	9	38	418	124	536	—
Alberton	30	37	253	422	55	198	1 371	320	1 812	6
Bedfordview	23	22	92	125	12	56	564	123	400	1
Edenvale	2	16	45	129	9	37	470	110	691	—
Elsburg	13	15	67	130	14	60	247	111	481	—

Note These statistics are furnished for the period 1 July 1984 until 30 June 1985 Statistics with regard to the period 1 July 1985 until 31 December 1985 are not readily available



TSHIAWELO Extension s new highrise flats

Spotlight on Tshiawelo Extension



By NAT DISEKO

'We are now free'

AS long ago as the late 60s, the idea that flats be built to alleviate Soweto's burgeoning waiting list for municipal housing was suggested



Mrs SHIRIN "Katana" Malgas . . . new lifestyle.

But some unlightened school of thought that then held sway among the black civic leadership was against the idea, for reasons that are still obscure

Interestingly, the white civic mother body was also against the proposal, the reason being that it would be wrong to foist on blacks a housing concept that was "foreign" to them

It was as if officialdom had always been sensitive to the sensibilities of the black community

But as the arguments went back and forth, the shortage of land and the waiting list that had grown out of all proportion forced the authorities to start an experimental high-rise housing project in Soweto That is how the flatland of Tshiawelo Extension was born

It is now a year since father of three Mr Pat Dube (32) and his wife Mrs Nozizwe Dube (29) moved into their flat They used to live in a backroom in Moroka and say their lifestyle has changed for the bet ter

"We are now free " Mrs Dube offered, with a sweeping gesture of both arms around her cosy lounge "We are now able to buy furniture for our home and are able to entertain friends," Mrs Dube said

Mr Dube said that flat life was not without its problems "The people who live in the upper flats have a problem with moving in their furniture Also, when aged relatives come to visit, they have difficulty negotiating the stairs," Mr Dube said

Another flat tenant Mrs Shirin "Katana" Malgas (38), a mother of a 14-year-old girl, said she was very thrilled when she took occu pancy of her flat This was a completely new lifestyle In most of Soweto, there is no hot water on tap and no interior bathrooms

"I found I had an electric stove, which made my cooking more varied and easier Sometimes, when baking on a coal stove, the cakes flop when the fire dies, unlike on an electrical stove, where the heat is regulated," she said

But, Mrs Malgas said, all the euphoria about the new flats evaporated when the high rents started biting "Considering that we were paying through our noses, we should at least have moved into fully furnished and well-finished flats, she said

Noisy

One disadvantage of flat life was that some neighbours were noisy

"I know of a friend who has to put up with the nuisance of a sangoma who beats his drums for the whole night on weekends," Mrs Malgas said

Tshiawelo Extension is not all flats There are also sub-economic houses that were put up about four years ago

The residents of this area have been having a running battle with the Soweto Council about high rents Since the beginning of last month, the tenants have refused to pay the R143 monthly rents, demanding that it be decreased by 50 percent

Mr Nathan Moiloa (50) and Mr Ezekiel Mathibe (38), members of the Tshiawelo Residents Committee, said the Soweto Council had promised to consider the demands of the residents after representations had been made to the council

Mr Moiloa said "The rent we pay for these inferior houses is exorbitant The houses have leaking roofs, are not well-finished and have no hot water There are no drains for the kitchen sink," he said

Mr Mathibe said individual tenants have tried to give their houses looks "You should spend a night here in winter - You will still shiver, even if you were to sleep under a pile of 10 blankets," Mr Mathibe said



Mr PAT Dube and wife, Mrs Nozizwe Dube and their children, Nobantu and Nokuthando.



Mr EZEKIEL Mathibe and Mr Nathan Moiloa . . . rents exhorbitant, they say

Court awards Brits man 'a long overdue home'

STAR 24/4/86

By Kym Hamilton,
Pretoria Bureau

The Pretoria Supreme Court today ordered the Brits township superintendent to allocate a resident "a home he should have had months ago"

Mr Justice E Stafford described the conduct of the superintedent, Mr Marthinus Bendade de Beer, in refusing Mr Moshe Jan Mahlaela a home as "unwarranted and boorish"

He said Mr de Beer had used vulgar and abusive language in telling Mr Mahlaela not to waste his time and not to return to the Central Transvaal Development Board's offices with another request for a home for him and his family

The court found Mr de Beer had abused his powers in terms of the regulations by attempting to effect the removal of the population at Brits Oulokasie to a new township, Lethlabile, 20 km further out of town

Only the Minister had the power to disestablish a township and the board's attempts to use its power to allocate housing to achieve the disestablishment of the location was not sanctioned by the legislature, Mr Justice Stafford said

Mr de Beer was ordered to pay the costs of the application

The judge described the board's actions as a "high-handed bureaucratic disregard for peoples rights"

He addded that Mr Mahlaela's actions were above reproach

He was an individual exercising his rights in seeking to obtain a home for himself and his family

This judgment is likely to affect at least 5 000 people living in Oulokasie, about 4 km outside Brits According to papers before the court, the area is earmarked for development of a white residential area

The judge said there was nothing on the papers to suggest that the Minister intended deproclaiming Oulokasie

Thumbs down for 'rent Bill'

SEVERAL political and trade union movements have condemned the draft legislation introduced in Parliament which will enable employers to deduct money from their black employers for outstanding rent.

They are: the Council of Unions of South Africa, the Azanian Confederation of Trade Unions, the Azanian People's Organisation, the United Democratic Front, the Congress of South African Trade Unions and several students and civic associations.

Under the Bill, introduced by the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, money owed to the Black Local Authorities can be collected from employers.

The legislation also states that the amount to be deducted may not exceed 25 percent of a worker's pay. Proper notice will have to be given to employers involved before this can be brought into effect.

The main areas affected by the legislation are Katlehong on the East Rand, the Vaal Triangle area, Mamelodi and Alexandra

Enrage

Several thousand angry residents in these townships have resolved not to pay their rents after making various demands, including reduction of high rents and the removal of the SADF from their areas.

This Bill has received widespread condemnation from the groups, including organised commerce and industry who have denounced it

Cusa's president Mr James Mndaweni said the Bill will only serve to enrage residents, especially in those townships where rent was being boycotted.

Azapo's publicity secretary Mr Muntu Myeza said the legislation should be condemned in the stongest terms.

In a joint statement, the Vaal Civic Association, the Vaal Youth Congress and the Vaal Information Centre, deplored the legislation and called on the Lekoa Town Council to reduce rents in the area.

The Federated Chamber of Industries and the Associated Chambers of Commerce have both rejected the Bill, saying it was drawing employers into the landlord-tenant relationship.

The FCI said they have avoided being rent collectors for the local authorities or the government.

Assocom said the rent arrears should be collected through courts or other channe

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'Pay rent or leave' threat

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The Argus Correspondent

PRETORIA. — Rent defaulters in Mamelodi face being evicted from their homes if they do not settle their arrears within a stipulated period

The eviction threat comes in the middle of a rent boycott in the area that has been going on for five months

A local town council spokesman said several families had been sent circulars notifying them they would be evicted if they did not settle their arrears within a stipulated period

Other defaulters had been summoned to court about the arrears, he said

NO PLEASURE

The spokesman said the council did "not derive pleasure in taking such measures" but was forced to do so in order to pay the Pretoria City Council electricity and water bills

The services had been used by the residents, who carry the responsibility of paying for them

The rent boycott was called last November following the death of 15 people and the injury of scores of others after the police had opened fire on 50 000 demonstrators who gathered near the council chambers to protest against the presence of the security forces and high rent in the township.

The spokesman has invited the boycotters to send a delegation to the council to discuss the arrears The council was willing to listen to their problem and keen to find a solution to the problem.

He said that many people were paying rent in the township and defiant residents would not be exempted from that

CPT Times 11/5/86

Police, army raid on Strand worker hostel

By CHRIS BATEMAN

IN a pre-dawn swoop yesterday security forces surrounded a workers' hostel at Lwandle township outside the Strand, arresting scores of people on charges of trespassing.

Late yesterday it was established that at least 20 people had either paid R30 admission-of-guilt fines or appeared in Strand Magistrate's Court.

One source claimed that dozens of people were still being held.

Mr Johnson Mpukumpa, publicity secretary for the Western Cape Men's Hostel Association, said police, soldiers and Western Cape Development Board inspectors distributed placatory pamphlets to residents before arresting "more than 100 men women and children" about 3am

Mr Mpukumpa quoted the pamphlet as saying "there are too many people in the hostel who should not be there".

He said the pamphlets were in English and Afrikaans

A spokesman for the Western Cape Development Board, Mr Sampie Steenkamp, late last night said the matter would be investigated

Bloem freed from detention again

Kroonstad United Democratic Front leader Mr Dennis Bloem was freed from his fourth spell of security detention yesterday.

He and three other residents held under section 50 of the Internal Security Act two weeks ago were all released

Mr Bloem has spent more than seven months of the last year behind bars but has not been charged

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Soweto council police pull down shacks

By Montshiwa Moroke

The Soweto Council police yesterday pulled down a number of newly-erected shacks near Mofolo Village before the mayor, Mr Ephraim "E T" Tshabalala, intervened and stopped the action.

The shack dwellers called for the resignation of all the councillors except for Mr Tshabalala

The action has also been brought to light a serious difference between the mayor and his councillors, most of whom are members of his Sofasonke Party.

A council source said the decision to demolish the shacks was taken at a council meeting on Monday night

Housing committee chairman Mr Julius Mdlalose said yesterday the council had to take a firm stand on the growing number of squatters

Squatters said most of the people whose shacks were pulled down were away at the time of the raid by armed Soweto Council police and white officials.

Soweto mayor in tears over shacks

Cape Times 7/5/86

From SOPHIE TEMA

JOHANNESBURG — Soweto Mayor Mr E T Tshabalala yesterday broke down and wept as he pleaded with officials to save about 1 000 shacks — said to earn him R40 000 a month — from demolition

The shanty camp in the township was started by Mr Tshabalala about a month ago and residents claim they pay between R35 and R40 a month in rent Shacks have now mushroomed on to the Mofolo Golf Course

Yesterday the deputy director-general of Constitutional Development, Dr H P Fourie, accompanied by the Town Clerk of Soweto, Mr Nico Malan, and members of the Soweto Council, listened as Mr Tshabalala explained that he had allowed the families to put up shacks in the area because they were desperate for homes and had nowhere to go

Before Dr Fourie's arrival, the shanty camp was besieged by heavily-armed police and about 20 shacks were demolished by Soweto Council labourers

Pleading for a reprieve, Mr Tshabalala gave Dr Fourie the assurance that a site-and-service scheme would be started and families resettled there within the next four months.

Dr Fourie said the families could stay on until the site-and-service scheme could be set up for them in Soweto

After the reprieve, irate shack-dwellers called for the blood of one of the councillors — Mr Julius Mdlalose, chairman of the Soweto housing committee — whom they accused of having been responsible for the breaking down of their shacks

Mr Mdlalose did not react but remained standing close to the Soweto Council Police until the visitors left the area.

People carrying placards demonstrated in the area in protest against the demolitions

A council spokesman yesterday said Mr Tshabalala had been warned by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning to stop allocating space to more people

"At the time there were only 400 shacks in the area Now they have mushroomed to over 1 000," he said.

3. Provident Fund
   Coverage : --
   Worker Contribution : --
   Employer Contribution : --

4. Pension Fund
   Coverage : All
   Worker Contribution : Yes
   Employer Contribution : Yes

5. Leave Fund
   Coverage : --
   Worker Contribution
   Employer Contribution
   Annual leave covered

6. Sick Fund
   Coverage
   Worker Contribution
   Employer Contribution
   Annual payment for 5 day
   Annual payment for 6 day
   Qualifying period
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   Percentage of wage paid
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SOPHIE TEMA

SOWETO mayor E T Tshabalala has announced he will pay for all services provided to residents at a shanty-town in Mofolo

Tshabalala promised this week at a meeting held with the Soweto Council's housing committee to pay for services at the camp which he put up in Mofolo about a month ago.

Deputy director-general of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning H P Fourie met the housing committee this week and was told about money collected by Tshabalala from his shanty community and which, it was alleged, did not go into the council's coffers.

The council told Fourie the camp had 1 200 shacks, from which Tshabalala was alleged to be collecting about R40 000 a month.

After Fourie had advised the council to resolve the matter themselves, Tshabalala promised to pay for toilet and water services from the money he collected as rent.

Residents staying at the camp say they pay between R35 and R40 a month rent.

Chairman of the council's housing committee Julius Mdlalose confirmed yesterday that Tshabalala had promised to pay for the toilet and water services provided for the residents at the camp.

Fourie said yesterday: "The council raised the matter of the rent money collected by Tshabalala from the shanty residents when I visited Soweto this week.

"I did not want to get involved in the issue and advised the council to resolve the matter themselves," Fourie said.

"The matter was discussed in my presence, including payment for the toilets hired by the council for the families at the camp."

Fourie said land for the shanty people to move to would be made available in the very near future.

ET to pay for water, toilets

TSHABALLA

been read correctly

Tomlinson regards the key features of the deal as the keen price paid for the property in the first place, the improved trading position of the centre that should follow the renovation, and the innovative marketing through the public company vehicle For his part, he is happy

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INDUSTRIAL MARKET 123

Lukewarm in Alex

Few can blame industrialists bordering Sandton's Alexandra township for feeling nervous And many contiguous homeowners are not exactly euphoric over recent events either

But, overall, it seems that tenants and property owners in the area are in anything but a state of panic Indeed, in some cases inquiries have increased from ever-hopeful bargain hunters

The chances of further cutbacks, however, appear slim Landlords say they have already sliced rates to bedrock and not even the unrest can force them down further

A good many believe the attacks on white businesses around Alexandra to be temporary Alternatively, they argue that trouble will spread to other industrial areas, which will mean Alexandra will not be odd-man-out

Even the initial flight of industrialists (*Property* April 4) from areas abutting Alexandra (Wynberg and Marlboro) seems to have slowed, according to local agents There's even a trickle of newcomers into the area

Agents do not deny that there are some departures, but in most cases they reckon tenants are moving to lower-grade space, where prices are even lower

Some areas around Alexandra, however, are worse than others One of the worst hit is First Street, Marlboro, which touches Alexandra directly But even then the First Street problem is said to have been caused not so much by the violence as vandalism

Richard Ellis industrial negotiator Andrew Simmons reckons that Pretoria Road, which dissects Wynberg, is the cut-off point between normal and depressed demand for property

"We deal now only on the motorway side of Pretoria Road, and have taken all our boards out of Marlboro"

But competitor Eddie Davidson, leasing director of Pace Real Estate, sees this to be to his company's advantage In the last two months, his sales team has let seven factories of 300 m²-500 m² in Marlboro at average rentals similar to levels of about six months ago — about R4/m²

And even last week, when press reports had it that Alexandra was in flames, Pace started negotiating for the sale of a 1 000 m² commercial site at R66/m², marginally above the going rate

Commercial land in Marlboro has dropped from R85/m²-R90/m² nine months ago to R60/m²-R65/m² and industrial sites have fallen from R110/m²-R100/m² to R80/m²-R75/m²

At least some builders are not perturbed A Dudley & Sons MD David Dudley, for example, tells the *FM* his faith in the area is unshaken Indeed, the company is currently adding an additional floor to its Marlboro building

"Land prices here have rocketed since we bought," notes Dudley "Stands we could have bought for R50 000 shot up to R100 000 All that has happened is that they have now come down to more realistic levels

"We won't buy more, but we certainly won't sell the two stands we have There is a security problem here which seems to be frightening away passing trade, but it isn't as serious as it's made out to be

"It's much better here than in Kramerville We were there for 20 years and had at least one break-in a month The police and the SADF seem to have security under control here"

Dudley says many of the moves out of Marlboro were inspired by "straight business considerations" rather than riots in Alexandra

"It's a tenants' market," he says, "and many moved into cheaper premises in less prime areas elsewhere"

The events in Alexandra have not affected the cost of political riot insurance cover for the surrounding areas, says Rodney Schneeberger, MD of the SA Special Risks Insurance Association (Sasria)

Wearing his cap as chief executive of the SA Insurance Association (SAIA), he says "Members of SAIA set their own rates It's a domestic matter, but I haven't heard of any who have increased their short-term rates because of the disturbances"

In the interim, the newly formed Marlboro Industrialists' Organisation is working to bring things back to normal Spokesman Ron Osborne, MD of Springbok Scaffolding, says a priority is to set up dialogue between local industrialists and Alexandra residents to sort out grievances

"Our difficulty," he complains, "is finding anyone to speak for the residents This is saddening, because Marlboro was formed to create jobs for the people of Alexandra It's right on their doorstep"

Osborne points out that "no businesses were closed because of the violence Most of us," he adds, "are still doing normal business Confidence is returning and things are improving, but the situation is not yet normal"

Kew, Lombardy East and Lombardy West, the white suburbs contiguous to Alexandra, have similarly suffered a drop in prices — but not alarmingly

Most white homeowners in these suburbs, says estate agent Basil Elk who is active in the area, "have grown used to the situation and will stay

"I haven't had hordes of people phoning to ask me to sell their properties There are a few nervous sellers who will accept lower prices, but they'll have to wait because there has also been a market drop in the number of inquiries for houses in the area"

At this stage, says Elk, owners thinking of selling up are assessing the situation and taking time to decide

He reckons that the second stage, if it materialises, is still several months away. Only then, he says, could owners who have thought the problem through decide to offer their houses at lower prices ■

BACK TO THE FUTURE

Tradition has always died hard in Maritzburg And tradition it seems, applies equally to the design of its **shopping** centres

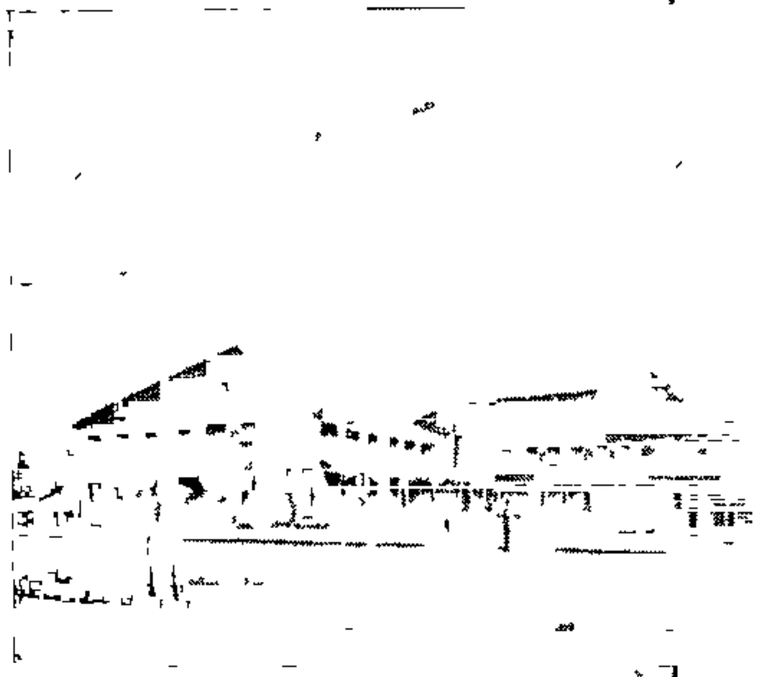
It turns out that **the** Natal capital's latest retail development — **a R2m neighbourhood** development of **1 800 m² on the** CBD fringe is to be **straight** out of the 19th **Century.**

And that will mean all the Victorian frills like wrought iron work, red bricks, lean-to verandas and even **an iron roof**

Furness Investments Consortium led by estate agent Peter Newman, it has been designed by Durban **architect Gordon Small of Durban Playhouse fame for the** corner of Boshoff and Boom **streets.**

It will be known as Sixty Boshoff Street and will sport **iron lettering on the** roof in line with the fashion of the last century.

Due to stream in by October, it will be



seeking a tenant mix which will include a bank building society, tea room, dry cleaner and fast food operator

Newman, whose Flamingo Estates is handling the letting says about a third of the pace is already under option at R8/m²-R22/m² and he expects a near sell-out by the time Singh's Construction puts the last brick in place.

The situations" "We are on the fringes of the CBD where there is shortage of retail accommodation," says Newman "Also, we're on the main north-south arterial road."

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MSHENGU CAMP: THE MYSTERY DEEPENS

By SAM MABE

THE demolition of some of the shacks at Mshengu's squatter camp in Mofolo on Tuesday has raised many questions about the Soweto mayor's powers and how his council is being run.

When a squad of about 30 council policemen arrived at the camp in the morning, it seemed they were going to bring down all the close to 100 shacks in the area

Suddenly the mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala arrived at the scene accompanied by some council officials After what appeared to be a plea of mercy from him the demolition was stopped immediately

The press was then told that the shacks that were being demolished were only those of newcomers to the camp Only 400 shack dwellers would be allowed to stay in the camp until they were given alternative accommodation elsewhere in Soweto



POLICE and demolishers at Mshengu Camp on Tuesday

The Chairman of Soweto Council's housing committee, Mr Julius Mdlalose, blamed Mr Tshabalala for starting the squatter camp and said the council had not received any of the money that the squatters paid to be allowed to settle in the camp

• It has been reported that as a condition for erecting a shack in the camp, dwellers have to join Sofasonke Party, of which Mr Tshabalala is president The joining fee is R5, the site is R30 and a monthly rental for staying in the camp is R35

If this money is due to the council and as Mr Mdlalose said has not been received, it would seem there is an irregularity somewhere which can only be dealt with by the police

Outcry

But it is still not clear how in the first place the mayor could have authorised the establishment of the squatter camp without the council's knowledge or its consent

There was an immediate public outcry against the squatter camp when the first few shacks went up three weeks ago and the council did not seem to know what it was supposed to do

Mr Tshabalala claimed that the land, which had previously been used as a golf course, was given to him by the Government As he was not prepared to speak to the Press about the issue, it was not clear whether the land was given to him as mayor or in his personal capacity

The chairman of the West Rand Development Board, Mr John Knoetze, said his board had given the land to the Soweto Council

From what Mr Mdlalose said, it would seem that Mr Tshabalala acted unilaterally in authorising the erection of the squatter camp If this is so, it would be expected of the council to take some form of disciplinary action against him

The council also has to take the rap for its handling of the issue both for doing nothing when the first shack went up and for suddenly and without any warning, moving in to demolish some.

Admittedly, the camp is an eyesore to the authorities and to residents living in the camp's neighbourhood The threat it posed to the health of its dwellers and to social stability cannot be overemphasised

But it seemed unfair and cruel to bring down the so-called newcomers' shacks because as far as everybody and especially dwellers of the camp were concerned, the camp was legal since its establishment was authorised by the mayor

What the council was doing by demolishing the shacks was making innocent homeless people pay for its own blunders and irresponsibility

According to one Soweto hardware dealer, it could cost up to R600 for material required to build an average sized shack This excludes labour costs which could be between R30 and R50

With the meagre wages that most people earn in Soweto the money some of the shack dwellers spend on the structures could constitute their entire savings

Hassle

Another serious problem some of these people face is that they have nowhere else to go after their shacks are demolished Going back where they were before coming to the camp might be a hassle since some may not be welcome, or their places may have been taken by others

And in all fairness, all those people whose shacks were demolished on Tuesday are entitled to some form of compensation for losses they incurred in buying building material

Besides, they are equally entitled to the alternative accommodation that has been promised the remaining 400 dwellers

BY TBM886

STILL NO CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

Property ownership is a qualified concession

PEOPLE who lost their freehold rights in Sophiatown when they were moved to Soweto at gunpoint in the mid-50s will not be thrilled that blacks will soon be granted full rights of ownership of property

One such person could be Mr William Madi, who will remember how he lost his R18 000 house when he was sold at the Native Commissioner's offices for R2 because he owed the Johannesburg City Council R76 for rates

To crown it all, he was not given a house in Meadowlands where all Sophiatown residents were being resettled

The removals were the brainchild of the then Minister of Native Affairs, Dr H F Verwoerd About 2 000 policemen supervised the uprooting of the first 100 families on February 9 1955

White policemen were armed with rifles and bayonets, the black ones were armed with assegais and batons Some of them were placed at vantage points on the route to Meadowlands, because many people resisted the removals

Verwoerd

Alexandra, which Dr Verwoerd wanted to rezone for single sex hostels since the early 50s, was also a freehold rights area Those rights were withdrawn and many people suffered losses when they were not adequately compensated for their properties which were bulldozed

The Black Communities Development Amendment Bill, presently before Parliament, does not properly define the nature of the property rights that blacks are going to have

What is clear is that the rights are not going to be called freehold rights

The argument given by the Government for not calling them freehold is that the term is from English law and is foreign to South Africa, which uses Roman-Dutch law

What is ironic is that the term *freehold* has always been used in South Africa and giving it a new or different meaning when the rights have to be extended to blacks is going to give rise to suspicion about the concession

But even if the rights were freehold, the concession would still get half-hearted support from blacks because it is a qualified concession

With the Group Areas Act still in the statute books, blacks will not be able to buy or own property wherever they wish Like the 99-year leasehold rights, the new property rights are aimed at urban blacks

This could mean that the concession made by the Government will go unnoticed by the majority of blacks, who will not be able to take advantage of it

The only thing that is commendable about the proposed law is that it will allow blacks from countries such as Lesotho, Mozambique and Botswana who are lawfully resident in South Africa to buy property here

The biggest stumbling block to the resolution of the property rights problem is the Land Act of 1913 The Government has to scrap that law so that the pre-1913 situation could prevail

The Land Act is a law of dispossession It robbed blacks of their land and forced peasant farmers to be solely dependent on white farmers for jobs and accommodation

The law also prevented blacks from owning land anywhere outside the Bantustans This meant that blacks, who constitute about 80 percent of the population, could have access to only 13 percent of the land

In contrast, peasant farmers in Zimbabwe have in the past five years made a significant contribution to that country's agricultural development, producing in surplus maize, some of which was exported to South Africa

The incentives given by the Zimbabwe Government also had the advantage of minimising the much feared influx of rural people to industrial centres such as Bulawayo and Harare after independence

Majority

As for South Africa, a lot more than just granting property rights is required Blacks are demanding participation in the decision-making machinery at parliamentary level to ensure that changes being made meet the aspirations of the majority

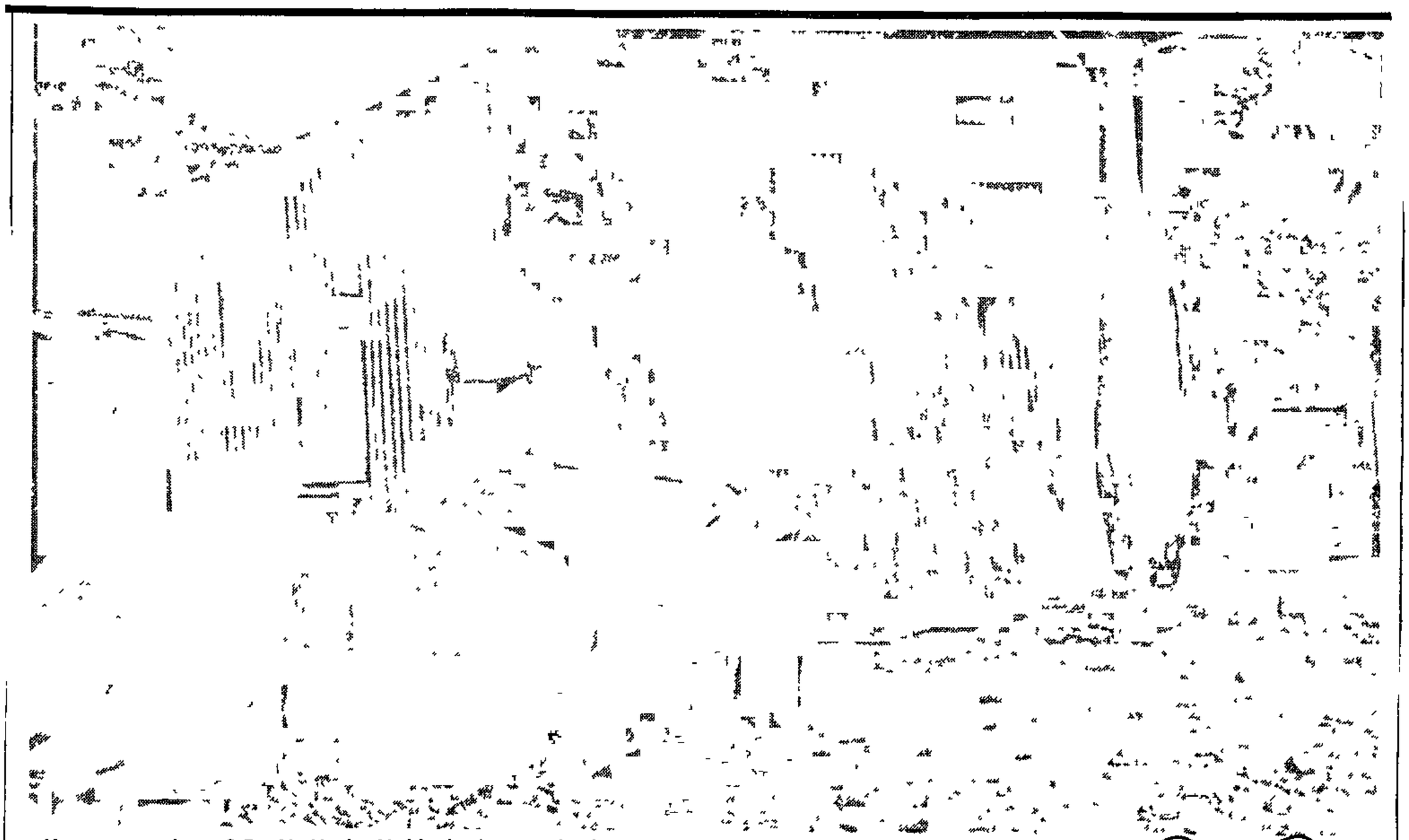
Experience has taught them, as in Sophiatown, that what is given to them through legislation can still be taken away through legislation and the use of police and the army



REMOVAL new legislation won't prevent this happening

FOCUS

By SAM MABE



Home, sweet home? For Mr Moshe Mahlaela the iron shack in the Brits location is a mixed blessing On the one hand it constitutes a victory against removal On the other it is a pitiful place to house a family

Interdict man given health hazard home — architect

By Sheryl Raine

Mr Moshe Mahlaela, who recently won a Supreme Court action granting him a house in the Brits location, has been allocated an iron shack which, says an architect, is unsafe and a health hazard

The one-roomed house measures 3 m by 6 m It has no natural light, no glass windows — only iron shutters — and a cracked concrete floor laid in the 1930s

Mr Jeff Stacey, the architect who inspected the house, found a leaking roof, no locking doors, holes in the walls and no proper ventilation

"The house is structurally inadequate, the roof is not properly secured, has inadequate roof struts and is unsafe," he said

The nearest water supply is a communal tap 30 m away A bucket latrine with tumbledown walls and no door stands in the left-hand corner of Mr Mahlaela's premises

He will pay R24,50 a month to the Central Transvaal Administration Board to house himself, his wife and seven-year-old daughter

Mr Mahlaela's battle to secure a home for his family is part of a greater struggle to save the old Brits location, known as "Oukasie"

About 5 000 of Oukasie's residents have already been moved 20 km to Lethlabile, on the Bophuthatswana border, but about 10 000 residents do not want to move

Mr Mahlaela was a tenant occupying quarters in his parents' house When they were moved to Lethlabile he applied for one of the many vacant houses in the township The request was refused, in keeping with Government efforts to demolish Oukasie and oust its people

With support from the Brits Action Committee, the Transvaal Rural Action Committee of the Black Sash, the Metal and Allied Workers' Union and the National Automobile and Allied Workers' Union, Mr Mahlaela took his case to the Supreme Court and won

Now others on the housing application list have a chance of acquiring shacks like his or vacant sites

Demolitions have stopped and Government removal trucks have disappeared from Oukasie's streets

But the struggle to save the location is still on Local employers have been asked to put pressure on the Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Mr Chris Heunis, to publicly declare that the township will not be deproclaimed a black area So far Mr Heunis has not responded

Once his assurance has been given, the Brits Industrial Association and others have pledged to help upgrade the location which has been allowed to sink into a sorry state of repair

Huge rent boycott planned in Soweto

By SINNAH KUKUNE

A RENT boycott – similar to the one in the Vaal – is threatening Soweto

The massive boycott, which will affect the whole of Soweto and lead to the crumbling of the Soweto City Council, is scheduled to start on June 1

At a meeting called by the Orlando West Civic Association last weekend, Soweto residents were urged to stop paying rent and electricity bills

Chiawelo Extension 3 residents – who have not paid rent since February – have complained about the high tariffs in the area

Residents decided not to pay the rent, and demanded that the Soweto council reduce rents and the purchase price of the houses by 50 %

They presently pay R145,20 a month

At several meetings, residents demanded that part of the money paid should go towards purchasing the house

This precedent was set by Jabulani flat-dwellers who refused to pay their rent because of high tariffs

Subsequently the Soweto council heeded their complaints and reduced flat rents by almost 50 %

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See Back

Soweto needs R352-m to build houses

Sowetan 27/5/86

(12)

THE Soweto City Council will have to raise at least R352-million to wipe out the critical housing backlog and provide accommodation to about 22 000 people currently on the official housing waiting list, according to figures released to the *Sowetan*.

By SY MAKARINGE

This comes in the wake of the controversy surrounding the mushrooming of shacks in Mofolo.

Mr Nico Malan, the town clerk of Soweto, said although it was not impossible to raise a loan of more than R350-million, it would not be possible to provide 22 000 housing units overnight

"The problem is to find land on which to build these houses," Mr Malan said.

He said although the council had provided thousands of houses in Tshiawelo Extension 3, Naledi, as well as the Tshiawelo and Jabulani flats in the last few years, the housing backlog could not be reduced from 22 000 units because of the natural population growth in Soweto, estimated at 3,3 percent annually.

Mr Malan also said the council was faced with a big influx of housing applicants following the abolition of influx control laws.

Mr Malan said his council had made certain proposals to the Government to make more land available for the building of more houses

He said several formal and informal housing schemes were on the pipeline

These are 601 units in Nancefield, 226 houses in Dlamini, 109 serviced sites in Naledi; 720 in Emdeni, 1 234 houses in Protea South and 4 200 flats or townhouses in Protea South.

He said 2 000 sites would also be made available at informal housing schemes in Zola, Tladi and Naledi.

Mr Malan said about R24-million has been made available for these projects.

1(a)	(b)	(c)	2(a)		(b)
B L Dineni	Middelburg	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
T S Schalk	Middelburg (CP)	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
K W Ngoqo	Middelburg (CP)	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
B M Nombewu	Middelburg (CP)	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
W P Mato-lengwe	Middelburg (CP)	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
A Nguqa	Middelburg (CP)	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
T Cetyiwe	Middelburg (CP)	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
V N Noyi	Molteno	work conditions	No	—	no nominations
S Sihlangu	Molteno	personal	No	—	no nominations
J M Shiba	Molteno	pressured by inhabitants	No	—	no nominations
G F Vakala	Molteno	personal	No	—	no nominations
M Boyana	Mossel Bay	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
F Komani	Mossel Bay	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
J Mapisa	Mossel Bay	health	No	—	no nominations
W L Mnweba	Noupoort	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
R S Maseti	Noupoort	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
K N Qatana	Noupoort	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
E M T Ram-ncwana	Noupoort	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
M N Tshitshiba	Noupoort	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
L A Vinqi	Noupoort	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
S Zakhe	Noupoort	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
N G Bonga	Alicedale	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
N A Dyasi	Alicedale	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
S N Skepu	Alicedale	dangers	No	—	no nominations
T J Gwebani	Alicedale	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
R Mali	Pearston	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
E Malose	Pearston	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
S Kota	Pearston	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
J Nkumande	Pearston	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
M Gunguluza	Pearston	transferred	No	—	no nominations
A Ngqeza	Pearston	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
V L Makapela	Queenstown	personal	No	—	no nominations
W Yokwe	Queenstown	personal	No	—	no nominations
M N Ganya	Queenstown	personal	No	—	no nominations
I R Mdudu	Queenstown	personal	No	—	no nominations
M W Majikela	Queenstown	high age	No	—	no nominations
S G Madube-dube	Queenstown	personal	No	—	no nominations
R Nculu	Queenstown	unsatisfied with Development Board			
M J Tom	Richmond	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
J S Nkewana	Richmond	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
J V Jacobs	Richmond	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
B G Yekani	Richmond	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
K M Lester	Richmond	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
F V Yose	Somerset East	health	No	—	no nominations
T W August	Sterkstroom	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
F G Peteni	Sterkstroom	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
M J Moyakhe	Sterkstroom	high age	No	—	no nominations
M A Stoza	Sterkstroom	personal	No	—	no nominations

1(a)	1(b)	1(c)	2(a)		2(b)
T M Skweza	Sterkstroom	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
N P Makalima	Sterkstroom	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
J D Maneli	Steynsburg	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
M Meje	Steynsburg	personal	No	—	no nominations
K Bam	Steynsburg	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
N Miggels	Steytlerville	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
J M Golozana	Steytlerville	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
D Grootboom	Steytlerville	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
E Yantolo	Steytlerville	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
R E Mdlela	Tarkastad	work pressure	No	—	no nominations
D M Siqithi	Tarkastad	health	No	—	no nominations
R K Silinga	Tarkastad	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
E Malange	Tarkastad	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
J Vena	Tarkastad	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
N E Resha	Tarkastad	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
E Manong	Victoria West	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
H Majali	Victoria West	intimidation	No	—	no nominations
J Jacobs	Victoria West	intimidation	No	—	no nominations

(3) Yes

(a) 18 Further vacancies still to be filled, exist at the following community councils and

(b) will be filled as soon as by-elections can be held

One each at Postmasburg, Carolina, Breyten, Jamestown, Middelburg (CP), Mossel Bay, East London and Alicedale

Two at Somerset East/Cookhouse and Steynsburg

Six at Stutterheim

East Rand Development Board

919 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(a) How many persons in each specified township under the control of the East Rand Development Board applied to purchase houses in terms of the 99-year leasehold scheme in 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)	Katlehong	769 persons
	Tembisa	750 persons
	KwaThema	155 persons
	Daveyton	779 persons
	Tokoza	32 persons
	Duduza	102 persons
	Vosloorus	232 persons
	Ratanda	5 persons
	Tsakane	137 persons
	Wattville	14 persons
	Refilwe	2 persons
		2 977 persons

(b) 2 977 applications to 31 January 1986

Sorghum beer/liquor

928 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning:

What was the total turn-over in sales on trading account in respect of (a) sorghum beer, (b) liquor and (c) other specified items for the 1979-80 and 1984-85 financial years, respectively, in respect of each specified Development Board area?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(5) If service charges are referred to, yes—R15 344,08 as at 30 April 1986

(6) No.

(a) and (b) Fall away

(7) No, but temporary interruptions were experienced as a result of unrest

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away.

(8) Falls away

(9) No A new town is being developed at Sandkraal where all services are provided

(a) and (b) Fall away

Freehold property rights

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

(1) Whether, with reference to the reply of the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education to Question No 998 on 19 June 1985, any progress has been made in the granting of freehold property rights to Black persons living in the (a) urban and (b) rural areas of the Republic, if not, why not, if so, (i) when and (ii) with what result in each case,

(2) whether Black persons residing in certain areas are to be excluded from gaining these rights, if so, (a) why and (b) in which areas,

(3) whether he or any member of the South African Government has received any further representations regarding freehold rights for Blacks from any Black leaders since 19 June 1985, if so, (a) what are the names of these Black leaders, (b) which Black communities do they represent, (c)(i) when and (ii) by whom were these representations received and (d) what was the (i) nature of the representations and (ii) response thereto,

(4) whether any Black persons have been granted freehold rights since 19 June 1985; if not, why not, if so, (a) how many as at the latest specified date for which figures are available and (b) where in each case,

(5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING:

(1) (a) and (b) If urban Black towns are being referred to, yes A bill which *inter alia* deals with property ownership has been prepared and submitted for debate during the present session of Parliament The Cabinet has also approved the retention of individual title to property held in Evaton and Fingo Village by Blacks and that such rights may be alienated to other Blacks

(2) (a) and (b) No. It is the intention that any Black person who is a South African citizen or a lawful immigrant may obtain ownership over property in Black townships where the 99-year leasehold scheme is applicable

(3) (a), (b), (c) and (d) I am not aware of written representations which specifically dealt with individual ownership over property Verbal representations were and are continually being received from leaders during discussions with them The discussions were often informal and no record has been kept of the names of such leaders The representations normally evolve around uniformity or not of ownership rights It is then explained that it will not differ from the ownership rights applicable to other race groups

(4) To my knowledge, no The obtaining of individual ownership over property is not recorded by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning

(a) and (b) Fall away

(5) No

Central Transvaal Development Board

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

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the Central Transvaal Development Board as at 31 December 1985 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1986,

(2) what total number of (a) crèches and (b)(i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each such township as at that date?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

	(1)(a)	(1)(b)	(2)(a)
Brits	945	None	2
Thabazimbi	69	None	1

(2) (b) (i) and (ii) The provision of school facilities is a function dealt with by the Departement of Educatiaon and Training

Eastern Transvaal Development Board

958 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the Eastern Transvaal Development Board as at 31 December 1985 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1986,

(2) What total number of (a) crèches and (b)(i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each such township as at that date?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

	(1)(a)	(2)(a)
Amersfoort	227	1
Amsterdam	254	Nul
Barberton	1 226	2
Breyten	866	Nul
Carolina	611	Nul
Chrissiesmeer	44	Nul
Davel	198	Nul
Lothair	348	Nul
Morgenzon	153	1
Piet Retief	1 221	1
Sabie	491	1
Wakkerstroom	214	1
Waterval Boven	659	Nul

(1) (b) It is government policy to provide serviced sites in order to enable Blacks to erect their own houses either with own capital or with loans which are made available for the purchase of building material Houses are erected only in exceptional cases for those applicants in the lowest income group, for instance pensioners, who are not able to help themselves The number of houses to be erected for this group will depend on the availability of funds

(2) (b) (i) and (ii) The provision of school facilities is a function dealt with by the Department of Education and Training

Western Transvaal Development Board

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

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the Western Transvaal Development Board as at 31 December 1985 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1986

(2) what total number of (a) crèches and (b) (i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each township as at that date?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

	(1)(a)	(2)(a)
Biesiesvlei	24	Nil
Bloemhof	612	Nil

	(1)(a)	(2)(a)
Carletonville	2 596	1
Christiana	599	Nil
Coligny	333	Nil
Fochville	220	Nil
Hartbeesfontein	287	Nil
Koster	534	Nil
Leeudoringstad	326	Nil
Lichtenburg	599	1
Makwassie	314	Nil
Orkney	1 088	1
Ottosdal	418	Nil
Sannieshof	167	Nil
Schweizer Reneke	782	Nil
Swartruggens	152	Nil
Stilfontein	1 631	1
Ventersdorp	463	Nil
Witpoort	36	Nil
Wolmaransstad	786	Nil
Zeerust	574	Nil

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(2) (b) (i) and (ii) The provision of school facilities is a function dealt with by the Department of Education and Training

Northern Transvaal Development Board

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

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the Northern Transvaal Development Board as at 31 December 1985 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1986,

(2) what total number of (a) crèches and (b)(i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each such township as at that date?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

	(1)(a)	(2)(a)
Nylstroom	463	Nil
Messina	640	1
Naboomspruit	357	Nil
Soekmekaar	65	Nil
Louis Trichardt	119	Nil
Roedtan	46	Nil
Duiwelskloof	16	Nil

(1) (b) It is government policy to provide serviced sites in order to enable Blacks to erect their own houses either with own capital or with loans which are made available for the purchase of building material Houses are erected only in exceptional cases for those applicants in the lowest income group, for instance pensioners, who are not able to help themselves The number of houses to be erected for this group will depend on the availability of funds

(2) (b) (i) and (ii) The provision of school facilities is a function dealt with by the Department of Education and Training

Highveld Development Board

961 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the Highveld Development Board as at 31 December 1985 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1986,

(2) what total number of (a) crèches and (b)(i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each such township as at that date?

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The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

	(1)(a)	(2)(a)
Balfour	842	1
Belfast	692	Nil
Bethal	1 587	1
Dullstroom	133	Nil
Greylingstad	181	Nil
Hendrina	287	1
Langverwacht	1 905	1
Leandra	1 597	Nil
Lydenburg	641	1
Machadodorp	165	Nil
Ogies	989	1
Perdekop	99	Nil
Standerton	2 593	1
Volksrust	1 400	1

(1) (b) It is government policy to provide serviced sites in order to enable Blacks to erect their own houses either with own capital or with loans which are made available for the purchase of building material Houses are erected only in exceptional cases for those applicants in the lowest income group, for instance pensioners, who are not able to help themselves The number of houses to be erected for this group will depend on the availability of funds

(2) (b) (i) and (ii) The provision of school facilities is a function dealt with by the Department of Education and Training.

Orange Vaal Development Board

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

(1) What total number of houses (a) were there in each township falling under the Orange Vaal Development Board as at 31 December 1985 and (b) are to be built in each such township in 1986,

(2) what total number of (a) crèches and (b)(i) primary and (ii) secondary schools were there in each such township as at that date?

HoA

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

	(1)(a)	(2)(a)
Arlington	346	Nil
Bothaville (Old)	438	Nil
Bothaville (New)	2 055	Nil
Clarens	100	Nil
Cornelia	144	Nil
Edenville	227	Nil
Frankfort	1 076	Nil
Harrismith	1 852	2
Heilbron	1 072	1
Kestell	211	Nil
Koppies	333	Nil
Lindley	689	Nil
Memel	135	Nil
Oranjeville	73	Nil
Parys	2 150	3
Petrus Steyn	450	Nil
Reitz	993	Nil
Steynsrus	388	Nil
Tweeling	170	Nil
Vrede	894	Nil
Vredefort	364	1
Villiers	409	Nil
Viljoenskroon	750	1
Warden	517	Nil

(1) (b) It is government policy to provide serviced sites in order to enable blacks to erect their own houses either with own capital or with loans which are made available for the purchase of building material. Houses are erected only in exceptional cases for those applicants in the lowest income group, for instance pensioners, who are not able to help themselves The number of houses to be erected for this group will depend on the availability of funds.

(2) (b) (i) and (ii) The provision of school facilities is a function dealt with by the Department of Education and Training

Southern Orange Free State Development Board

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

(b) No—No sites for new houses are available in Lamontville and Chesterville Blacks who are employed in Durban are mainly from townships in kwaZulu namely Umlazi, KwaMashu, Ntuzuma and Inanda

(c) No—The urban Black township, Sobantu is surrounded by other land usages and cannot be extended further Development is however taking place at Imbali which is a South African Development Trust town

(d) No—The problems associated with the rounding off of both Atteridgeville and Mamelodi are being considered and housing is at present mainly provided in Soshanguve which is a South African Development Trust town

(e) No—But there are three areas being developed in Port Elizabeth namely Kwamagxaki (1 900 sites), Kwadwesi (2 800 sites), and Motherwell (17 000 sites) The infrastructure in Kwamagxaki is completed and houses are being erected by private developers and interested parties Kwadwesi consists of three phases Phase one (infrastructure and housing) is being developed by private developers Erection of houses has commenced Phases two and three (infrastructure) which is being developed by private developers are in various stages of completion Motherwell consists of nine neighbourhood units in respect of which the provision of infrastructure is in various stages of completion Houses will be provided by way of material loans and by private developers

(f) No—An amount of R1 302 783 has however been spent on the provision of services to approximately 1 600 sites which will be utilised for self-build purposes in Galeshewe

(g) No—In terms of earlier policy it was at one time decided to deproclaim the Black residential area and to resettle the Blacks in Mdantsane (Ciskei) The decision was revised and planning of the upgrading and extension (2 400 sites) of the Duncan Village township is under way. Development will be done in three phases The first phase of redevelopment has already been commenced with

Housing will be provided by private developers and by way of material loans

(h) No—The Town Council of Mangaung is at present considering the upgrading of Mangaung. Housing is at present mainly provided in Botshabelo which is a South African Development Trust town

(i) Yes—R13 692 785 in Greater Soweto

Ekangala

683 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) With reference to the reply of the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education to Question No 1040 on 19 June 1985, (a) who are the owners of the land on which Ekangala Township is situated and (b) when did they acquire ownership of this land,

(2) whether the ownership of this land is to be transferred to any other person or body, if so, (a) to whom, (b) when and (c) why, if not,

(3) whether he or any member of his Department has (a) received representations from or (b) held any discussions with any persons or bodies in regard to this land, if so, (i) from whom were such representations received or with whom were such discussions held, (ii) when, (iii) what was the (aa) nature of the discussions or representations and (bb) response thereto,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

(1) (a) The Department of Public Works and Land Matters

(b) In phases during 1980 and 1981.

(2) Yes

(a), (b) and (c) Consultation in regard to the constitutional future of Ekangala is presently taking place with all instances concerned.

(3) (a), (b)(i), (ii), (iii)(aa) and (bb) Fall away

(4) An announcement will be made in due course after further consideration and consultation

Housing

764 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) (a) How many housing schemes were being developed in the Transvaal in Black townships other than Soweto by (i) each specified Development Board and (ii) the private sector as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b)(i) when (aa) was each of these schemes initiated and (bb) is it envisaged that each of them will be completed and (ii) how many housing units are involved in each case,

(2) whether any housing schemes for lower-income groups are under construction in black townships in the Transvaal, if so, (a)(i) how many and (ii) how many units are involved in each case and (b) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1)(a)(i) East Rand Development Board 2
West Rand Development Board .. 5
Eastern Transvaal Development Board .. 2
Orange Vaal Development Board 4
Western Transvaal Development Board 21
Highveld Development Board 1
Town Council of Katlehong .. 2
Town Council of kwaThema .. 1
Town Council of Vosloorus 1
Village Council of Jouberton .. 1

(ii) 44

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Development Boards		(b)(i)(aa)	(bb)	(ii)	
East Rand	1	3 (1983)	Not known	700	(Site-and-service)
	1	7 (1985)	7 (1986)	272	
West Rand	1	12 (1985)	8 (1986)	140	
	1	3 (1985)	12 (1986)	300	
	1	3 (1986)	2 (1987)	176	
	1	3 (1985)	12 (1986)	300	
	1	4 (1986)	3 (1988)	1 152	(Flats)
Eastern Transvaal	1	(1986)	(1986)	192	
	1	(1986)	(1986)	24	
Orange Vaal	1	(1983)	6 (1986)	2 350	
	1	(1983)	6 (1986)	2 045	
	1	(1983)	6 (1986)	700	
	1	(1983)	(1990)	5 000	(Provision of services)
Western Transvaal	1	10 (1985)	Not known	18	
	1	10 (1985)	Not known	8	
	1	3 (1985)	Not known	43	
	1	10 (1985)	Not known	8	
	1	10 (1985)	Not known	45	

Development Boards		(b)(i)(aa)	(bb)		(ii)
	1	10 (1985)	Not known	3	
	1	5 (1985)	Not known	10	
	1	10 (1985)	Not known	8	
	1	3 (1985)	Not known	6	
	1	10 (1985)	Not known	20	
	1	10 (1985)	Not known	9	
	1	10 (1985)	Not known	10	
	1	11 (1985)	Not known	75	
	1	10 (1985)	Not known	18	
	1	1 (1985)	Not known	16	
	1	9 (1985)	Not known	13	
	1	10 (1985)	Not known	20	
	1	10 (1985)	Not known	42	
	1	10 (1985)	Not known	10	
	1	10 (1985)	Not known	8	
	1	(1986)	Not known	78	

These schemes are in various stages of erection The Development Board is not in a position to furnish an accurate date of completion in respect of each individual scheme

Development Boards		(b)(i)(aa)	(bb)		(ii)
Highveld	1	(1985)	(1986)	142	
Town Councils					
Katlehong	1	8 (1985)	8 (1987)	1 500	(Site-and-service)
	1	4 (1986)	10 (1986)	75	
KwaThema	1	1 (1986)	7 (1987)	110	
Jouberton	1	10 (1985)	4 (1986)	100	
Vosloorus	1	1 (1986)	5 (1986)	100	
Private Sector					
West Rand	1	12 (1985)	8 (1986)	35	
Eastern Transvaal	1	(1985)	(1986)	214	
Western Transvaal	1	3 (1986)	9 (1986)	86	
	1	3 (1986)	9 (1986)	3	
	1	3 (1986)	9 (1986)	2	
Orange Vaal	1	(1983)	(1988)	700	
	1	(1985)	5 (1986)	111	
	1	(1985)	7 (1986)	80	
	1	(1985)	(1987)	50	
Highveld	1	(1985)	(1986)	100	
Mamelodi	1	(1986)	(1989)	1 551	
Mhluzi	1	(1986)	12 (1986)	150	
KwaGuqa	1	(1980)	7 (1986)	1 263	
Mohlakeng	1	9 (1984)	8 (1986)	260	
Kagiso	1	3 (1986)	5 (1986)	118	
	1	2 (1986)	7 (1987)	415	
	1	10 (1985)	10 (1987)	840	
	1	3 (1986)	3 (1987)	25	
Tokoza	1	1 (1986)	12 (1987)	400	
	1	1 (1986)	12 (1987)	400	

Private Sector		(b)(i)(aa)	(bb)		(ii)
Tembisa	1	7 (1984)	7 (1987)	600	
	1	7 (1984)	6 (1986)	234	
	1	7 (1985)	12 (1986)	38	
	1	1 (1986)	12 (1986)	10	
	1	1 (1986)	12 (1986)	12	
Wattville	1	8 (1985)	12 (1986)	41	
Vosloorus	1	8 (1985)	10 (1986)	88	
	1	2 (1986)	10 (1986)	40	
Daveyton	1	1 (1986)	1 (1987)	6	
	1	8 (1985)	8 (1987)	50	
	1	8 (1985)	8 (1986)	5	
	1	11 (1985)	11 (1986)	20	
	1	7 (1985)	7 (1987)	50	
	1	8 (1985)	8 (1987)	50	
	1	4 (1986)	4 (1988)	50	
	1	1 (1985)	1 (1987)	50	
	1	12 (1983)	12 (1986)	378	
	1	1 (1986)	1 (1987)	5	
	1	1 (1986)	1 (1988)	45	
	1	7 (1985)	7 (1987)	50	
	1	12 (1985)	12 (1987)	6	
	1	5 (1985)	5 (1986)	10	
	1	5 (1984)	5 (1986)	50	
	1	5 (1984)	5 (1986)	250	

(2) Yes

	(a)(i)	(ii)
Tsakane	1	700 (Site-and-service)
Katlehong	1	1 500 (Site-and-service)
Naledi Extension II	1	777
Nancefield	1	601
Dobsonville	1	400
Diepkloof	1	1 484
Bloemhof	1	18
Christiana	1	8
Fochville	1	43
Hartbeesfontein	1	8
Koster	1	45
Leeudoringstad	1	3
Lichtenburg	1	10
Makwassie	1	8
Orkney	1	6
Orkney	1	20
Ottosdal	1	9
Sannieshof	1	10
Sannieshof	1	75
Schweizer-Reneke	1	18
Stilfontein	1	16
Stilfontein	1	13
Stilfontein	1	20
Wolmaransstad	1	42
Zeerust	1	10
Lichtenburg	1	8
Jouberton	1	100

(2) (b) As at 31 March 1986

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Silverton

805 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) (a) When was Silvertown, bordering on Tsakane near Brakpan, established, (b) why was it established, (c) what is the nature of the housing provided in Silvertown and (d) what was the estimated number of persons resident in Silvertown on 1 January 1983;

(2) whether residents of Silvertown are to be moved, if so, (a) where and (b) when;

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HANSARD 127

Silverton

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(2) whether residents of Silvertown are to be moved, if so, (a) where and (b) when;

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(3) whether any member of the East Rand Development Board notified the residents of Silvertown in 1985 that a housing scheme for four-roomed houses was to be developed in Tsakane; if so, (a) when was this notice issued and (b) how many houses were to be provided,

(4) whether this housing scheme has been completed, if so, (a) when and (b) how many four-roomed houses were provided, if not, (i) why not and (ii) when is it anticipated that it will be completed,

(5) whether work has begun on this housing scheme, if not, (a) why not and (b) when is work due to begin, if so, (i) when and (ii) what progress has been made,

(6) whether the residents of Silvertown are to receive priority in the allocation of four-roomed houses in terms of this scheme, if not, (a) why not, (b) who will receive priority in the allocation of these houses and (c) who took the decision in this regard,

(7) whether the rentals for four-roomed houses built in terms of this scheme have been determined; if not, (a) when and (b) on what basis will they be determined, if so, (i) what are these rentals and (ii) on what basis were they determined,

(8) whether any residents of Silvertown moved into two-roomed houses on a temporary basis pending the completion of the four-roomed houses, if so, (a) what are the rentals for these houses and (b) on what basis were they determined,

(9) whether these persons will be allocated four-roomed houses when the housing scheme is completed, if not, (a) why not and (b) what provision will be made for these persons, if so, on what basis will these houses be allocated,

(10) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

(1) (a) During 1982

(b) It was created as a transit area to accommodate the families who were to be rehoused from the old Brakpan Black township in Tsakane

(c) Temporary corrugated iron structures were provided Some residents erected additional rooms themselves

(d) Approximately 9 730

(2) Yes, the families who are still accommodated there

(a) Tsakane

(b) As soon as the houses of the final scheme which is presently under construction are completed

(3) Yes The Tsakane Ad-hoc Homeseekers Committee was interviewed on two occasions during 1985 by the Chief Director and senior officials of the East Rand Development Board during which meetings the Chief Director inter alia undertook to investigate problems which were identified

(a) During the discussions

(b) 272, for the remaining families

(4) Not yet

(a) and (b) Fall away

(i) A site-and-service scheme was originally approved The scheme was, however, not acceptable to the residents of Silvertown and alternative arrangements for the provision of a housing scheme had to be made

(ii) Approximately 31 July 1986

HoA

(5) Yes

(a) and (b) Fall away

(i) During July 1985

(ii) 40 houses are 60% to 80% completed First allocations are expected to be made during May 1986

(6) Yes

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away

(7) No.

(a) The East Rand Development Board has been requested to apply for the approval of provisional rent based on the amount of the tender for which information is expected shortly

(b) On a differentiated basis as determined by the National Housing Commission

(i) and (ii) Fall away

(8) No, the families who moved into two-roomed houses did so voluntarily and on a permanent basis

(a) and (b) Fall away

(9) (a) and (b) No, unless the residents concerned who originally preferred to move into the two-roomed houses apply for alternative accommodation in which event applications will be considered on merit

(10) No

Legal aid

853 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice·

(1) Whether payments of legal aid funds for divorces were suspended in 1985, if not, what steps were taken in respect of such funds in that year, if so, (a) when, (b) why and (c) on whose instructions;

(2) whether the Legal Aid Board intends making funds available for divorces in future, if not, why not, if so, when;

(3) what (a) total amount was spent by the Legal Aid board on divorces in 1985 and (b) percentage of the total budget did this amount to,

(4) how many (a) men and (b) women were granted legal aid for divorces in 1985,

(5) whether any special provision has been made for the Director of the Legal Aid Board to grant legal aid for divorces during the above-mentioned suspension of payments, if not, why not, if so, (a) what special provision and (b) under what circumstances will legal aid be granted for divorces in terms of this special provision,

(6) whether any applications for legal aid for divorces in 1985 were refused prior to the suspension of payments; if so, (a) in respect of how many cases and (b) what were the reasons for the refusal in each case;

(7) in respect of how many cases was legal aid granted in 1985 for Supreme Court proceedings in terms of Rule 43,

(8) whether legal aid officers are permitted to negotiate with other attorneys on behalf of persons who approach them for legal aid; if not, why not?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(1) Yes

(a) 18 November 1985

(b) There was a marked increase in applications for legal aid resulting in an indication that, despite an additional R1,5m over and

HoA

Mamelodi homes project

Sowetan
30/5/86

THE Mamelodi Town Council has approved plans for the development of a new multi-million-rand suburb in the area.

The council yesterday approved plans that will allow building contractors to develop 1155 residential sites and to build sub-economic houses for the township's lower income group.

This was at the council's monthly meeting

A spokesman for the council said a new technical secondary high school and two creches would also be built at the buffer strip area near the Eerste Fabrieke railway station

The council also announced that developments were at an advanced stage for another multi-million rand suburb — "Mamelodi Gardens". The local mayor, Mr Bernard Ndlazi, yesterday said contruction companies were laying roads and sewerage and water pipes.

The new area near the Eerste Fabrieke station, according to the council's planners, would comprise 1155 residential sites, eight church sites, for business stands, two creches, four primary and pre-primary schools, a technical high school, eight parks and a garage.

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Roadblock shooting — cops launch probe — Page 3

Dobsonville families grab houses

(127) (375) SOWETAN

By MANDLA NDLAZI

THE Dobsonville Civic Association yesterday defied the local council and allocated homeless families some of the 400 new council houses.

And the families have vowed to stay put.

Some said they had been on the waiting list for the past 10 years.

The DCA took the defiant stand because of allegations that the council was biased in allocating houses to people in the township.

The association's chairman, Mr Peter Kodise, said the DCA has a number of cases to prove the allegations. "This is one way of exposing the council," said Mr Kodise.

Mr Kodise said the council promised on February 2 that the homeless families would be given houses as soon as they became available.

By yesterday the DCA had helped 135 families to choose houses in the area.

The local council office refused to take their money for rent.

"Only death will move me out of this house I have chosen," said Mrs Mavis Mlotshwa (37), a mother of four children.

She said she applied for a house in 1975.

No council officials could be reached for comment yesterday.

Meanwhile the Soweto City Council yesterday reacted strongly to rumours of an anti-rent campaign and warned the township's residents the implementation of such a step might have serious consequences.

The director of housing for the Soweto council, Mrs Del Kevin, said the Soweto City Council appealed to residents to pay rent despite threats from activists who told them not to pay rent from Sunday.

She said it was important all residents continued to pay rent for the council to render essential services effectively.

The council has no other form of income, Mrs Kevin said.

She said those who were afraid to go to the council offices should post their money to Private Bag X10, Jabulani, Soweto.



SOME of the heads of the 135 families who were given council houses by the Dobsonville Civic Association

Desperation drives them to Mshengu Town

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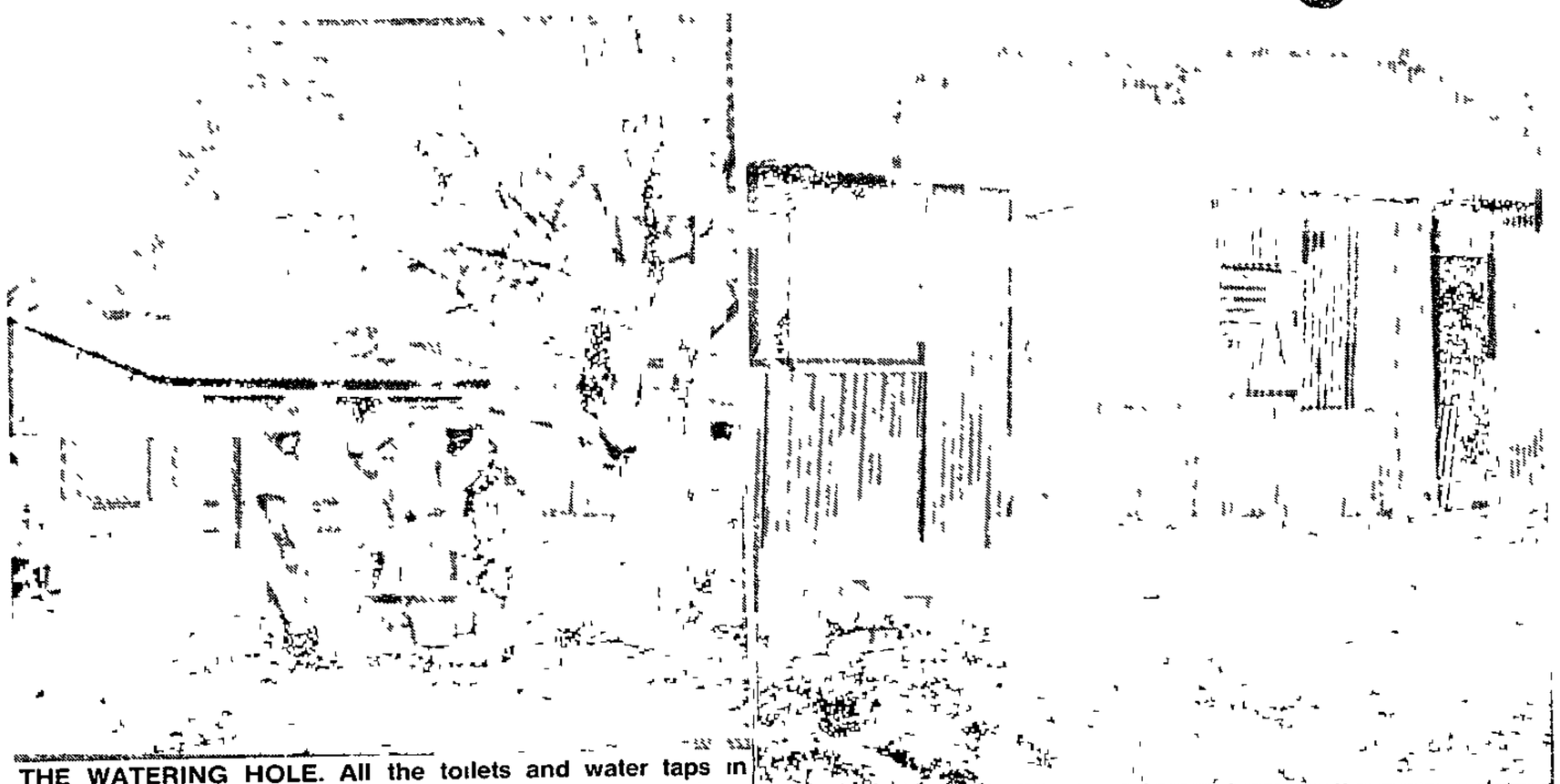
MRS Christina Mtyawazo has been on the waiting list for housing for six years

She tells a harrowing tale of moving from shacks and rooms at the whim of landlords

It was desperation and the signs of a looming eviction that sent her to Mshengu Town, the shanty town started by the mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala

By NTHABI MOREOSELE



THE WATERING HOLE. All the toilets and water taps in Mshengu Town are bunched together at one point, making them inconvenient for some dwellers

Home sweet home for some, these shacks in Mshengu Town

Her new home is a 3m by 2m corrugated iron room She shares it with her husband and four children There are two beds, a homemade cabinet-cum-dresser, a stove, table and a baby bath hanging on the wall This is home for six people

Destitute

"We are destitute," Mrs Mtyawazo said. "That is why we are here We lived in White City after our marriage in 1976 We have moved five times since then The landlords always give funny excuses like the children are all over the yard, they are noisy or we are untidy. I could not let our eldest child come home on vacation, as I was afraid the landlady would object," she said.

"I used to think we would get a house quickly, but after queueing outside the township manager's office for several years, getting the same answer, I have given up hope We would move to any township if they promised us a house An ordinary four-roomed house would be fine We do not want anything fancy"

The "home" she has now, is very cold, the toilets and water taps are a distance from the house. It is a challenge to get the children there in time

Future

"We are uncertain about the future, anything may happen They may raze our homes at any time. They said we could stay here for two months. Where can we go after that? I have not heard of any houses being built and we cannot afford the expensive houses like those in Protea North," Mrs Ntyawazo said

Each time the family moves, Mrs Mtyawazo has to find a new room, a school, creche and clinic for the children, and a new church.

Mrs Agnes Rahube has been on the waiting list since 1975 She has lived with five different families renting a room inside the house She ended up supporting those families for the privilege of living there.

"I have had to farm my children out to relatives, I cannot live with them like other mothers do," she said

She lived in the white suburbs for four years when she could not find a room to rent. Most of her furniture is with friends and relatives She cannot find some pieces and others have been damaged Her shack is a marvel It has a ceiling, wood paneling on the walls and tiles on the floor When we arrived at her shack, her husband was painting the outside The Rahube's are houseproud and have turned their shack into a cosy haven They bought a small generator so they can watch television

Her husband, Meshack, is a driver for a big company, but it is the company's policy not to give housing loans to its employees

"We have lost hope of ever building and making a proper home for ourselves An official of the Diepmeadow council said they are no longer going to build rented houses," Mrs Rahube said

Marriage

Mrs Christina Makoko moved to Mshengu town when her landlady locked the gates at 5 pm and would not let them in She failed to get a house during her first marriage and she had to take her husband's body to be buried at her grandmother's home Her children are grown up and live with her mother.

"I have never had a house to call my own I have lived with relatives which causes bad blood in the family," she said "If you live with strangers, they can tell you to vacate their home at any time If their daughter's marriage fails and she returns home, they chuck you out that same day"

"You cannot plan your life, have parties or weddings if you live and are dependant on someone else's goodwill It is frustrating," Mrs Makoko said



Mrs Agnes Rahube cooking in her shack.



This week's scramble for houses in Dobsonville when homeless families defied the local council

Housing shortage at crisis point

THIS week's defiant occupation of vacant council houses by homeless families in Dobsonville once more brings the spotlight on the countrywide housing shortage that has reached crisis proportions

About four years ago, the Department of Co-operation and Development estimated that at least R1 000 million would be needed to eliminate the housing backlog as it stood at the time

The figure, a department spokesman said, did not make provision for the normal increase in housing requirements nor was the improvement of the existing infrastructure in black townships taken into account

It has been estimated that the shortage of housing for blacks in South Africa could be as high as 420 000 units, 134 000 in the homelands and 15 000 in areas that are to be incorporated into the homelands

In Soweto, the massive township near Johannesburg which has the highest population density in the country, the official waiting list for houses stands at 19 500

This figure does not include the many homeless families who were hitherto deemed "illegals"

Problem

In spite of some efforts by the Soweto Council to address the one problem that has the most explosive potential in the township — housing — it remains as insoluble as ever

Two years ago the Soweto Council released a five-year plan to wipe out the housing backlog, but it has not succeeded

The plan involved building projects in various parts of the township that would lead to the building of 3 000 houses

Recent developments in the townships are an indication of how serious the problem is and how desperate people are to get accommodation

There are families who have been on the waiting list from as far back as the early 70s

The Soweto Council looked on with disbelief when its mayor, Mr Ephraim Tshabalala, invited hundreds of homeless families to start a squatter camp on a piece of ground near his business premises in Mofolo

This move is one of the reasons that led to the council's suspension of Mr Tshabalala for allegedly contravening municipal regulations

This week the Dobsonville Civic Association, in defiance of the Dobsonville Town Council, moved 400 families into newly-built council houses that were awaiting occupation. Some of the families have been on the waiting list for the past 10 years

Defiant

The DSC took the defiant stand because of allegations that the council was biased in its allocation of houses to people in the township The people have vowed to stand put. It is not yet known what the council's response will be

This week, a spokesmand for the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, said the shortage of housing for blacks countrywide stood at 220 000 to 240 000 units She said that she could not say how much money would be needed to erase the backlog

Asked what the Government planned to do in order to wipe out the housing shortage, the spokesman said it was not the Government's job to provide houses

"It is not the Government's function to reduce the shortage The Government gives the private sector the opportunity to reduce the shortage The Government spends up to R400 million a year on providing infrastructure, especially on the upgrading of existing services," said the spokesman

How long it would take to erase the backlog would depend on the private sector's involvement, especially the individual, the spokesman said.

"What this means is that for people who can't afford to buy or build their own homes, there is little hope of getting a council house to rent in the future

Mr Matthew Nell, general manager of the Urban Foundation predicts that about 2,8 million houses would be required by the year 2000 (14 years' time) to cope with the black urban housing needs

"Housing is a socio-economic and not a physical issue," Mr Nell said He said there were few people who could afford to build homes today at present construction costs

A solution to the housing crisis, he said, lay in alternative housing schemes such as self-help starter and conventional schemes

Although the scrapping of the pass laws has given free movement to blacks, the Group Areas Act prevents movement into white areas, where housing and land are more available

Influx

The scrapping of influx control laws has caused people who were "illegals" in the urban areas to come out in the open

With no housing, one of the requirements of the right to be in the urban areas, they will be forced to squat But squatting is now going to be more strictly controlled with heavier fines being imposed

Many see the new housing pre-requisite as another form of influx control.

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FOCUS

By NAT DISEKO



The Media Council

THE South African Media Council is an independent body established to deal with various matters affecting media reporting and comment

One of the council's functions is to receive and act upon complaints from members of the public who have not been able to get satisfaction by approaching a newspaper or other news

Boycott 'worse for State'

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By KHULU SIBIYA

THE call to Soweto residents to boycott rents from June 1 will have worse implications for the government than a similar call made soon after the June 16 upheavals

Then residents were forced not to pay rents – because all the West Rand Administration Board offices were razed to the ground

But this call was made by the Soweto Civic Association following several weeks of meetings by street committees in Soweto's various townships

"We wanted these meetings to be democratic We wanted to ensure the decision would be binding We wanted parents to share their views with their children and did not want a confrontation," an SCA member said

He said the SCA is demanding

- The resignation of all councillors
- That pensioners should not pay rent
- The regular removal of refuse and the repair of sewerage pipes
- That street lights be erected in the township
- The removal of soldiers from the townships
- Lower rents because people with low wages cannot afford high rents

The government should have little problems in meeting these demands They are not political demands, but "bread and butter" issues, he said

- Jouberton Civic Association chairman Naphtalie Hoffman this week said residents will continue their rent and bus boycott – started in February this year – until their demands are met

This follows the threat by Jouberton Village Council to take legal action against residents who haven't paid rent tomorrow

JCA also called on all residents to boycott all businesses and taxis owned by councillors from tomorrow

Earlier, councillors Stanley Phakade and M Maleka heeded the call by Jouberton Youth Congress for them to resign

Council will employ whites

THE Soweto City Council will employ whites to handle rents paid in by cheques and postal orders.

This was disclosed by Mrs Del Kevan, the council's housing director. She said this was a way to offset the rent boycott.

Mrs Kevan said this was also a way to protect the residents who wished to pay their rent but feared victimisation. Such people, she said, will be protected in that their identities will be known to the white staff only.

"No other staff member who is likely to be intimidated will know about the rent payments," she said.

She said from last Friday all rent payments should be made at the council chamber's offices in Jabulani

"To make sure that no one knows that you have paid and therefore cannot be victimised post your money in postal order or cheque form," she said.

She said such payments should be made through the KwaXuma post office in Jabulani. The letters should be directed to Director Housing, Soweto City Council, Private Bag X10. The code is 1868.

Reinstated tenants seek to have lessor jailed for contempt

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

Tenants who yesterday forced the lessor of a Joubert Park block of flats to reinstate them after they had been evicted have lodged an urgent application with the Supreme Court to have him imprisoned for contempt of court.

The incident was the culmination of a long-standing feud between the tenants who occupy the 71 flats in Branksome Towers, Wanderers Street and the lessor, Mr L Malaga.

The black, coloured and Indian tenants contend that they had been forced to pay rents far in excess of those laid down by the Rent Board

VICTIMISED TENANTS

They allege they had offered to pay the controlled price but Mr Malaga had refused to accept the reduced amounts (in some cases down from R310 to R120) and victimised the tenants by switching off the electricity, leaving them without hot water or lifts for nearly two months

Mr S B Friedland, acting for the tenants, had obtained interdicts ordering Mr Malaga to reinstate the electricity and stop interfering with residents

A fifth application — by Mr Malaga — declaring that the property was not subject to rent control because the Group Areas Act had been contravened, cannot proceed until he has paid costs.

Mr Malaga's gun has been confiscated by the police after an incident with a tenant and applications are being prepared on behalf of the tenants to reinstate all the furniture that was thrown out, authorising the deputy sheriff to reinstate the electricity and committing Mr Malaga to jail.

Council in court move

THE Dobsonville Town Council yesterday made an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court for an interdict against three people who were among 140 who allegedly occupied houses without the permission of the council.

The hearing was postponed to Friday by Mr Acting Justice J T Ludorf.

The three respondents, Miss Linda Morakajele, Mr Thakayadanna Soekgobela and Mr Christopher Jiyane, were among the 140 allocated houses by the Dobsonvile Civic Association last week. — Sapa.

Flat boss ordered to restore hot water to tenants

Joubert Park flat boss Mr Lourentin Malaga was ordered by a Rand Supreme Court judge yesterday to reinstate hot water to Branksome Towers — one of four blocks he leases in the suburb — by midday today.

Mr Justice G Gordon added that Mr Malaga had in fact tendered to do so.

It was also recorded that tenants who were evicted earlier this week had been allowed back into their flats with their furniture and that Mr Malaga had undertaken not to interfere with any of the tenants.

Mr Malaga was also interdicted from committing any breach of the conditions set out.

PUT OUT

An urgent interdict was brought by Mr Martin Anthony on behalf of nine tenants after they were allegedly put out of their flats in Branksome Towers with all their belongings on Tuesday.

The hearing was postponed until June 17 when the question of Mr Malaga's alleged contempt of court — for allegedly breaching a court order — will also be dealt with.

Mr Justice Gordon said Mr Malaga had been told repeatedly of the serious consequences if he acted illegally and he hoped that the advice would be heeded.

Backing for rent boycott

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By SELLO SERIPE

THE National Environmental Awareness Council this week backed the Soweto rent boycott – saying no-one should pay rents until reliable sanitary services were provided

Neac president Japhta "Charm" Lekgetho – whose organisation has taken responsibility for cleaning Soweto and creating parks for the past 11 years – said the anti-rent campaign should not only concentrate on Soweto but all areas affected by the poor services provided by town councils

"It's the right of every resident to get services regularly when he or she pays rent," he said

"But our townships are becoming unhabitable The amount of uncollected rubbish and continuous sewerage blockages are making residents' lives unbearable

"Our townships are now nothing but health hazard zones," Lekgetho said

He said a major problem was that town planning was "disgraceful".

Residents wanted proper planning – providing tarred roads, sewerage, shops, cleaning services, recreational facilities, electricity and health services, he said

Neac, said Lekgetho, therefore wholeheartedly supported the Soweto Civic Associations's anti-rent campaign

Lekgetho gave an August 30 deadline to the Soweto Cleansing and Maintenance Services to improve services – or Neac and other community organisations would demand that all services be privatised

"We will organise a group of local businessmen to buy trucks and equipment to clean our townships.

"The contract will be renewed after five years and will be permanent if necessary," he said

"The move would encourage free enterprise," he said.

● A Soweto Cleansing Services spokesman said their trucks were being hijacked and destroyed in the townships, which made it difficult for them to remove rubbish

He said at workmen had been assaulted, and last week a driver was stabbed by people who stole his truck

D-day for D-ville

DOBSONSVILLE residents, who were allocated new houses by the Dobsonville Civic Association after the organisation accused community councillors of unfair allocations, will know their fate today

The Dobsonville Council made an urgent application in the Rand Supreme Court for an interdict restraining about 140 families – some of whom have been on the waiting list for 10 years – from occupying the houses without its permission

The hearing was postponed until today



Dobsonville families win a court victory

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SOME of the 140 heads of the homeless families who occupied the Dobsonville Town Council houses They sang in jubilation when they left the Rand Supreme court on Friday.

THE homeless families allocated council houses by the Dobsonville Civic Association scored a victory when an urgent application to evict them was dismissed with costs by Mr Justice J C Kriegler in the Rand Supreme Court on Friday.

And in jubilation, the heads of the 140 families who had crammed the court's public gallery shouted "Amandla" and raised their fists after the judge had left his bench

The application was made by Mr S Roux, the Dobsonville Town Council's acting town clerk

In his judgment, Mr Justice Kriegler said this did not concern the legality of the occupation of the houses, but the way in which the council's application was made

He said Mr Roux did not have the authority to bring the action on behalf of the council

Earlier, Mr J H Watt-Pringle, who represented the families, had told the court that the council's application should be dismissed with costs

Mr Watt-Pringle represented three families — Mrs Linda Morakele, Mrs Thakayahanne Bekgobela and Mr Christopher Jiyane — who were named as respondents in the case

The 140 families occupied the new houses with the assistance of the DCA two weeks ago

The DCA took the defiant stand because of allegations that the council allocated houses to people who paid bribes amounting to R600

It was further alleged that some councillors gave houses to single women who were prepared to offer them sex whenever they wished

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Tenants move out after losing fight

Municipal Reporter

Tenants living in rent-controlled houses owned by the Johannesburg Technical College spent last weekend moving out after they lost their Supreme Court case to remain in the area.

In Van Beek Street in Doornfontein, Miss Irene Charles (58) was distraught. She was born in the suburb and has lived in her present house for the last 28 years She is still trying to find a new home

Miss Charles has been paying the rent-controlled R60 a month and said she would have to pay up to R400 a month out of her salary of R660 in new lodgings.

UNLAWFUL

The eviction was sanctioned after it was ruled that the tenants' occupancy might have been unlawful under the Group Areas Act.

An Actstop spokesman said the judgment handed down had far-reaching implications as it was the first time that a judge had ruled that the Group Areas Act overrides the Rent Control Act.

Council bid to evict families

THE Dobsonville Town Council meets today to decide whether to make another Rand Supreme Court application to evict families from the new houses in the area.

The mayor, Mr Steve Nkatlo, yesterday said the matter may be taken back to court after today's special meeting.

The council's first application was dismissed with costs by Mr Justice J C Kriegler in the Rand Supreme Court last Friday

The judge said the council's application, made by the acting town clerk, Mr S Roux, was not properly done He said Mr Roux did not have the authority to bring such action to court on behalf of the council

Lekoa Council faces a crisis

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BY ST

MAKARINGE

THE Lekoa Town Council, which has not been receiving revenue from house rentals for almost two years, is exhausting its reserve funds and may soon face a major crisis.

This emerged during an interview yesterday with mayor Mr Esau Mahlatsi and town clerk, Mr Nic Louw.

Both said the council had been using its reserve funds to render essential services in the township since September 1984 when unrest, which led to the rent boycott, flared up in the Vaal Triangle.

They said the council could find itself in a crisis if the Rand Water Board and Electricity Supply Commission increased their tariffs.

"We will have to cut down on some of the services, such as water and sewerage. I don't know when that will happen. The sooner people realise this, the better," Mr Louw said

He said the council was using funds earmarked for township development and maintenance to render services and that these funds were starting to dry up

Hawker wins a house — but can't live in it

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The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — A hawker has won a R65 000 house she is not allowed to live in — because it is in a white suburb

But the competition organisers have pledged to build her a home in Daveyton — where she can live.

Mrs Perethia Radebe wept tears of joy when she heard she had won a house She and her family have lived in a garage for 10 years

But her tears almost turned to tears of despair when she learnt that the house was situated in Crystal Park, a white suburb The law prevents her from living there

10 YEARS WAITING

"My husband Helmot and I have been on the waiting list for housing since 1976

"I entered the competition determined to win because my family had no proper home and we have been living in a garage for the past 10 years"

Mrs Radebe added that only two blacks had entered the competition

"I wouldn't mind staying in the white suburb of Crystal Park as long as it was in the house which I had won," she said "The fact that my neighbours would be white means nothing to me

HAD A FEELING

"When I entered the competition Helmot told me he had a feeling I was going to win, and win I did," she said, giggling

She can't wait to move into her new home with her husband and their three children

The organisers have promised that the house will be ready for occupation in about three months



Mrs Grace Tshabalala, a friend of the occupant, ironing clothes in front of the electrical meters and main switch.

Woman's home is switch room

By Glenda Spiro

A woman living in an electricity room, said to be unsafe and unhygienic, claims she is paying rent for her basement home in a Yeoville block of flats

Tenants at Beacon Royal, in Grafton street, have complained that a shebeen is being run from the room.

Mrs Georgina Cuba has been living in the basement room for nine months. It has no windows or ablution facilities.

Tenants complain about people in the room who "drink all day".

Mrs Cuba said a "white man" who had said he owned the building had told her to pay R30 to Johannes (the service attendant), every month for rent.

The owner of the building, Mr Aubrey Levert, said he knew of "the squatters" and claimed he had reported them to the Hillbrow police two months' ago He denied receiving rent

Hillbrow police said it was difficult to confirm the report unless a case number was given to them.

Mr Tony Leon, PFP city councillor for Bellevue, said. "For people to be charged rent to live in unsafe conditions, like an electrical switch room, is exploitation of the worst kind."

Mrs Susan Steyn, of Electrical Contractors' Association, a consumer protection body, said the conditions posed a "potential fire hazard" to the occupant as well as tenants in the block

GAS BURNER

"When we inspected the building the woman was using a gas burner to heat her iron There were loose, live wires hanging from the ceiling."

She said the room contained the main electrical switch and the meters for the block.

"These rooms should always be locked. Only the meter reader should be able to enter.

"If a fire broke out it would spread rapidly because among other factors, there are mattresses and clothes piled up in the room," Mrs Steyn said

Fitness seminar is an exercise in discretion

Keep Fit International is to hold a seminar entitled "Fitness: Fact and Fallacy" on July 5 in conjunction with the Department of Education and Culture.

The seminar, to be held at a Johannesburg hotel, will feature Dr Neil Gordon as guest speaker. Dr Gordon is the scientific adviser on exercise to the Heart Foundation and director of cardiac rehabilitation at 1 Military Hospital, Pretoria. He will speak on endurance exercise.

Dr Brian Goslin, who has a PhD in human movement and is the director of the Institute of Preventive Medicine and Human Performance, is another speaker.

For more details, phone (011) 832-1433 or (01100 706-5781.

Outcry over houses

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FAMILIES occupying the new houses in Dobsonville yesterday alleged that they gave gifts, some amounting to R1 000, to officials of the local town council.

They named the officials and added that their gifts went down the drain because they were not allocated the houses they were promised until they moved in on their own.

Approached for a comment, the Dobsonville mayor, Mr Steve Nkatlo, denied the allegations and added, "let them go to court if they can prove their cases."

The residents have made sworn affidavits to Mr J H Watt-Pringle, who represented them when the council's urgent application to evict them was dismissed with costs by Mr Justice J C Kriegler in the Rand Supreme Court last Friday.

They include Mrs Linda Morakele (43) who made her application for a house in October 1974 and paid R500 to an official in January this year, Mr Christopher Jiyane (29) who made his application for a house on November 7, 1978 and also paid R500 this year, and Mrs Thakayabanna Sekgobela.

Tembisa to be developed

Tembisa township outside Kempton Park has been declared a "development area" to facilitate Government attempts to ease the area's housing backlog.

About 800 hectares of land have been set aside for development, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, announced in Pretoria yesterday

Mr. Heunis said this was in line with the recommendations of the policy set out in the White Paper on Urbanisation.

R40m black township opens

MAMELODI Gardens, the R40m development of fully serviced residential sites in the black township adjacent to Pretoria, will be officially launched next Tuesday.

This is the first time private sector interests have come together to promote housing in black urban areas in SA, claims Family Housing Association GM Matthew Nell

The association, established by the Urban Foundation, is managing the project for a consortium Bonaero Park, Gough Cooper Homes, SA Transport Services and Schachat Homes.

The consortium has provided the capital for the services which include reticulated water, waterborne sewerage, electricity, street lighting and tarred roads

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HOUSING DISPUT: TAKES NEW TURN

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Families pay rent but no homes

MEMBERS of the Dobsonville Town Council have allocated some of the houses presently in dispute to new tenants.

Five families have informed the *Sowetan* that they were allocated houses — only to find that these houses were already occupied by families involved in a case which is before the Rand Supreme Court

By MANDLA NDLAZI

Three council members have allegedly allocated the houses Asked to comment on this, the mayor, Mr Steve Nkatlo, said the council had decided not to allocate houses until the matter had been settled in court

The council's application to evict the families who occupied the houses on their own was dismissed with costs by Mr Justice J C Kriegler in the Rand Supreme Court about two weeks ago

Mr Justice Kriegler said his judgment in the case did not concern the legality of occupation of the houses but the way the application to evict the families was made

Mrs Christina Nyenyane (30), a mother of two children said she and her husband applied for a house two years ago They were given keys to house No 8103 on June 4 this year by a councillor, she said

They have already paid rent for this month but when she got to the house, she found it was occupied by another family

Mrs Cynthia Lolwane (33), a mother of two children, said she was given keys for house No 7999 on June 4 by a councillor

They have paid this month's rent, she said, but cannot move in because the house is occupied by another family "I am waiting to see what the council will do about this," said Mrs Lolwane

Mr Jeremiah Sebola (36) said he was keys for house No by a councillor

He found the ho occupied by an family He said he waiting to see how council and the Do ville Civic Asso would solve the issue



Mrs CHRISTINE Nyenyane holding keys for house No. 8103 already occupied by a family involved in the court case.



Mrs CYNTHIA Lolwane holding the keys for house No. 799 that is already occupied by a family involved in the court case

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Midrand tipped as a multi-racial town

By Winnie Graham,
Property Editor

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Midrand, tipped to become the first non-racial town in South Africa, is soon to get additional accommodation for 80 000 people

An 800 ha site has been set aside for the new R300 million development providing 15 000 low-cost housing units

And Tembisa township outside Kempton Park was this week declared a "development area" to facilitate the Government's attempt to ease the housing shortage

Multi-racial township

At a seminar looking at Johannesburg in the year 2 000, it was suggested the new township could become the first multi-racial township in South Africa with Midrand the first multi-racial town The seminar was organised by the South African Property Owners Association (Sapoa)

Mr James Croswell, a leading South African consulting engineer who is also chairman of Sapoa's Housing Matters Committee, said this week he hoped relatively large sections of this land would be offered to private companies to plan, service and construct houses "for those willing and able to pay market-related prices"

Sapoa, he said, had long been investigating ways in which the private sector could become involved in low-cost housing It had looked into deregulation, availability of land and incentives for private enterprise in an area otherwise considered non-viable

Now the Government could demonstrate its support for private enterprise involvement in solving the backlog of 600 000 low-cost homes

He said "The Government has frequently requested the private sector to step forward with proposals which would make their involvement in low-cost development attractive

"Building societies which have been providing finance and developers who have been constructing homes for the middle-income group welcome the opportunity in the newly proclaimed development area"

As one of South Africa's largest consulting engineers active in the development of the private sector townships, he forecast that contracts worth R100 million would become available to contractors providing civil and electrical services to the new township

"The augmentation of bulk services is likely to inject a further R25 million to R35 million into the flagging construction industry," he said "The availability of relatively large tracts of land for the development of townships — from green fields to complete constructions — has been a stumbling block for private enterprise"

50m homes project

SUNDAY · MICK COLLINS

A HUGE R50m private housing project for coloureds gets underway tomorrow with the signing of a purchase development agreement for nearly 500 000m² of land at Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg

The agreement between government and LTA Comiat will pave the way for the development of 1 000 houses, the first of which will be completed by the year-end

Construction, roadworks and all other facilities are to be financed by LTA Comiat.

The three-bedroomed to five-bedroomed priced houses will be priced from R45 000.

LTA Comiat has over 2 500 homes and stands under development around SA

These include projects at Lenasia — the Indian area near Ennerdale — in Durban and Welkom.

Some stories on this page have been edited to comply with restrictions imposed by the state of emergency.



THAKAYABANNA SEKGOPELA: Where do I go now?

All's lost for 'stolen town' residents

By MARTIN NTSOELENGOE

DOBSONVILLE'S "stolen town" residents' high hopes of occupying the newly-built houses went up in smoke this week

The homes adjacent to Extension Two were nicknamed "stolen town" by

'Where do we go to?'

By DERRICK LUTHAYI

DOBSONVILLE "stolen town" resident Thakayabanna Sekgopela this week claimed mayor Steve Nkatlo had told him to abandon earlier plans of building a home

Sekgopela said he had already paid R2 045 deposit on a home at 8095 Dobsonville Extension Two when Nkatlo "persuaded me to drop my plans and promised to allocate me a house"

"I sold my stand and waited in vain for a house But now this has happened to me,"said Sekgopela

Nkatlo was not available for comment, despite repeated attempts to speak to him

And the Dobsonville Residents' Association will attempt to reverse the court's decision this week to evict illegal residents in "stolen town"

people after 147 homeless families moved into the newly completed houses without the Dobsonville council's approval

A Rand Supreme Court judge ruled this week that they did not have the right to live in the houses

The deputy sheriff has been ordered to evict those residents occuppying the houses illegally

But residents interviewed outside court this week vowed to stay put

The case against three residents who fought the evictions was dismissed with costs

The application was brought by the council after it accused residents of occuppying the 400 newly-built houses illegally The council said it did not allocate the houses to them

Dobsonville Residents' Association had earlier won an urgent interdict to stop the council from kicking out the residents

But the council came back this week – and won the case

The court ruled that if any of the three people – Linda Morakile, Thakayabanna Sekgobela and Christopher Jiyane – failed to vacate the houses, they should be evicted

'They said they'll evict us'

By SELLO SERIPE

MUNICIPAL police raided Soweto homes at 3am on Wednesday – threatening them with eviction if they failed to pay their rent.

The raid started at Naledi Extension 2

The Bureau for Information said the municipal police visited residents who were in arrears with their rents "and warned them that they risked eviction if they failed to pay"

The move to evict people comes after many residents had refused to pay rents following a call by the Soweto Civic Association, which demanded that councillors resign

The council has since extended the deadline for eviction for another week

Soweto housing director Del Kelvin this week said the council was losing at least R9-m a month in rent

"We are going to throw people out," she said "There is nothing for mahala"

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State and builders to provide 2 000 houses

By Frank Jeans

A massive housing project which will bring to the market nearly 2 000 homes for coloured people at Ennerdale, south of Johannesburg, is now under way.

The R90 million development was given the go-ahead when contracts were signed between the builders of the homes, LTA Comiat and Basil Read Sun Homes (BRSH), and the Department of Local Government

The LTA Comiat share will be close to 1 000 homes, while BRSH will build 800 houses and it is understood prices, including land, will range from R38 000 to more than R45 000

The homes will be custom-designed and buyers will be able to buy off plan, according to individual specification

"We have already sold 150 stands," said Mr Dave Wassung, chairman of Basil Read Sun Homes, "and we are confident that demand is strong for this type of housing"

Mr Carl du Preez, chief director of the department, said the project signalled the start of the Government's policy of privatising State-funded schemes

Mr Don Goodey of LTA Comiat, whose company has more than 2 500 houses and stands under development nationally, said the Ennerdale project heralds a new partnership by the private sector and Government into non-white housing — a programme which can only increase in tempo with Minister of Finance Barend du Plessis's R750 million housing allocation

"We are learning the hard way in the housing area and the result can only benefit the homeowner in the long run," said Mr Goodey, "no Government can solve the housing problem on its own"

SUBURB WITH A DIFFERENCE

By SY MAKARINGE



CONTRACTORS are still hard at work putting the finishing touches to some of the houses

PROTEA North, Soweto's newest elite township, is a suburb with a difference!

While posh black townships such as the Richman Acres in Diepkloof, Selection Park in Pimville and Dobsonville Extension are well known for their exclusivity and for their quiet and relaxed atmosphere, Protea North buzzes with activity right round the clock

Drinking joints, regarded as taboo in the other middle-class townships, are scattered all over the fast-growing suburb These are frequented by people from the surrounding townships and socialites from as far afield as the West Rand

Merry-making in these shebeens goes on until dawn, especially during weekends

Patrons seem not to worry about socialising on the carpets as most of the shebeens have not been furnished

The "sphaza" business, an old township form of business which is gradually dying, has suddenly resurfaced in many of the plush homes

Many home-owners who do not have cars have found better use for their garages by operating sphaza shops or hiring them out to businessmen from the townships

This is, partly, not surprising as the new complex has no shopping centre yet But it is also widely believed that these residents are running a backyard business to supplement their income to pay the high bonds

These attractive homes first gave hopeful work-seekers the impression that their owners were stinking rich and would probably need domestic workers and gardeners

Their endless and fruitless trips to Protea North proved otherwise when only a handful of work-seekers were hired It seems that owners of these plush homes prefer to do their own cooking, washing and gardening

Delivery trucks from furniture shops are becoming a common sight as residents try to fill their empty houses

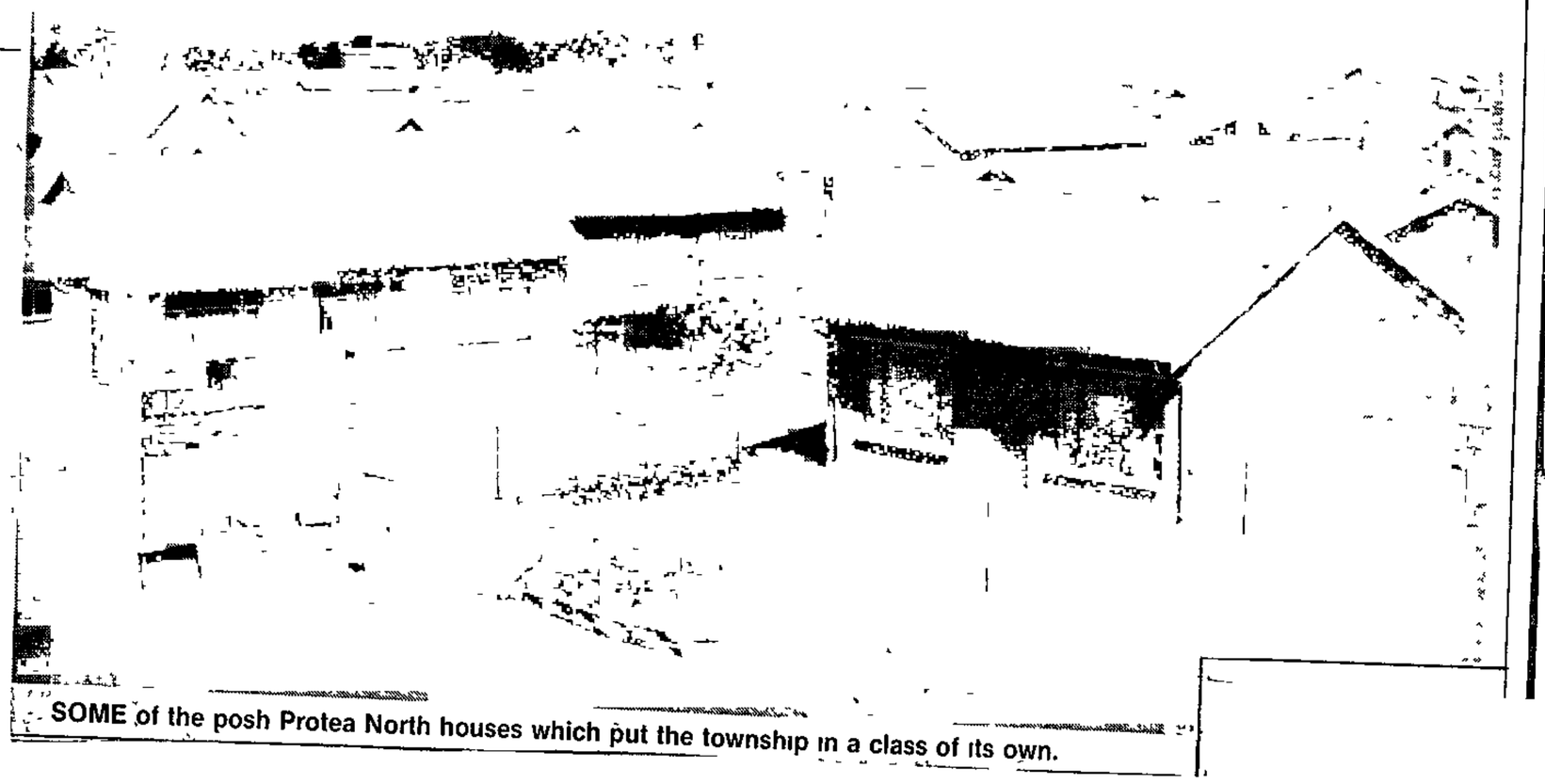
But children either kicking a tennis ball around or riding on bicycles in the streets is evidently not common

The reason is not hard to find Most of the inhabitants are young and single professional people

There is an unconfirmed story about a newly married couple Word is that both own separate houses

Protea North hit the headlines earlier this year when the Soweto City Council named the streets after councillors and Cabinet Ministers

However, some of the streets have been named after the jailed leader of the banned African National Congress, Nelson Mandela, founder of the banned Pan Africanist Congress, Robert Mangaliso Sobukwe, Zimbabwean Prime Minister, Mr Robert Mugabe, Bishop Desmond Tutu, Anglican Archbishop-elect of Cape Town and many other black leaders



SOME of the posh Protea North houses which put the township in a class of its own.

Black-housing boost

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GERALD REILLY

MAMELODI GARDENS in Pretoria, a R40m black-housing project, demonstrated the capacity of the private sector to initiate large-scale housing schemes

So said Urban Foundation chairman Jan Steyn yesterday when launching the project.

He said Mamelodi Gardens represented a model, which could be used in all urban areas, for private-sector participation in providing black housing.

The Family Housing Association had sold 400 stands, with demand exceeding supply five times.

All of Mamelodi Gardens will be sold on 99-year leasehold and all property will be available on a freehold basis. The project is the biggest private-sector housing development undertaken in Pretoria, providing 1 300 detached houses all of which are expected to be serviced and sold by December



MAYOR Ephraim Tshabalala.

'Mayor pocketed rent'

By ALI MPHAKI

THE mayor of Soweto, Mr Ephraim Tshabala, pocketed the rent he collected from about 2 000 people who have built shacks on land belonging to the council, the Rand Supreme Court heard yesterday.

The council is asking the court to stop Mr Tshabalala from collecting rent from squatters in Mofolo Park. It has also requested that the mayor be prevented from "allowing, permitting or encouraging" squatting.

Mr Justice J J Strydom, who was on the Bench, reserved jugement.

Mr S Z Cohen, SC, who represented the council, said Mr Tshabalala had been collecting rent from the squatters and this was in contravention of the Squatters Act. He said Mr Tshabalala also had a private army to protect the squatters. He contended that Mr Tshabalala was exploiting the plight of the homeless.

Mr R Kruger, SC, for Mr Tshabalala, said there was no proof that Tshabalala took money from the squatters and the application by the council "was for nothing". He said if the order was granted there would be total chaos because of the present turmoil in the country.

"To demolish shacks of people who are homeless would be highly undesirable," he said.

Soweto rent boycott moves towards crisis

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SOPHIE TEMA

THE Soweto rent boycott is moving towards a crisis and the Soweto Council says failure by residents to pay by the end of July may have drastic repercussions.

Town clerk Nico Malan said the R500 000 a month collected under normal circumstances from the 75 000 registered tenants in the area had dropped to about R200 000 in June.

Notices warning residents to start paying their rents were issued in different parts of Soweto last week.

Malan asked residents to start paying their rents as non-payment could lead to the disruption of basic services in the township.

He said "The council is expected to pay the Rand Water Board for its water and Escom for its electricity supplies from rent money collected from the consumer.

"We have sympathised with residents for the month of June because of the pressure placed on them by groups which called for the boycott.

"But they must start paying in the month of July because if council does not get the rent money to cover its bills, then services will be affected.

"People cannot expect to continue living in houses without paying rent and they also have a commitment to their families."

When the call for a rent boycott was made in Soweto, the council introduced a plan whereby residents could pay their rent by post.

But few residents responded.

Residents have not been paying their rents in other townships, including Lekoa (Vaal Triangle) where the boycott has lasted for almost 22 months.

Lekoa mayor Esau Mahlatsi said the people in the Vaal were in arrears to the tune of about R12m, and the council would not be able to carry the burden for much longer.

Several meetings had already been held between the Vaal Chamber of Commerce and Industries and the council to try to solve the rent deadlock in the area.

Sowetans told to pay rent or else

SOPHIE TEMA

HUNDREDS of Sowetan residents have been served with notices warning them to pay their rent or face eviction.

Several Orlando East families have had their electricity cut off after being served with notices telling them they were in default on their payments.

Residents said the disconnection of water and electricity supplies was a measure applied by the Soweto City Council to get them to pay their rents.

Town clerk Nico Malan has called on residents to start paying their rents for July because failure to do so could disrupt essential services.

Eviction threat to Soweto rent defaulters

By Mudini Maivha

Several residents of Orlando East, Soweto have received letters from the Johannesburg City Council threatening eviction if they do not pay rent.

The residents said they were given until yesterday to pay. If they failed to do so, they would be evicted within 14 days

They owe two months' rent, which has not been paid pending the granting of certain demands

The electricity supply to several houses in Orlando East was cut after the delivery of the letters.

Some residents said they were going to wait and see what the council would do after the two-week deadline

"As far as we know nobody is paying rent I have not paid and I will see what happens in this 14 days," said one elderly woman. She she was saving the money until "we are told to pay rent again"

Another resident claimed officials were inconsiderate and were taking advantage of the fact that many Orlando East tenants were elderly

"I gave the letter to my friend to go and inquire on my behalf. I have not yet paid," said an elderly hawker.

One resident said the letters posed a problem for residents. On one hand was the call not to pay rent, and on the other there were the letters from the council threatening eviction.

"It puts us in a fix. We have been told that groups of youths hang around the council offices and follow those who pay their rent," he said.

July 15 deadline for rent defaulters

SOPHIE TEMA

THE Soweto City Council yesterday said that it would evict all residents whose rents were not paid by July 15.

Town Clerk Nico Malan also warned that "drastic measures" would be taken against council employees who leaked information about people who had paid rent

Fears have been expressed that details about rent-paying residents would make them targets of victimisation

Hundreds of residents have already been served with notices to pay their rent or face eviction

"We have thousands of people desperately in need of houses who are prepared to pay the rents," said Malan.

Council records show that there are 22 000 people on the housing waiting list

Malan said only a third of the estimated 75 000 registered tenants had paid their rent last month

The council normally collects R500 000 a month in rent

"The council has tried to meet the residents as far it was able by walking the first mile alone But we cannot carry these arrears any longer," he said

"The council provided a special rent office during June and sympathised with the people for this month because of the unrest.

"We are now hoping that those people who did not pay in June will make two payments on their rents in July"

Malan said that the electricity supplies of about 100 Orlando East families had been cut because they had arrears of more than R300

'Pay your rent, or else . . .'

SOWETO residents who do not pay their monthly rent by July 15, will be evicted from their homes, the council has warned.

By LANGA SKOSANA

The director of housing in the council, Mrs Del Kevin, said the decision was taken at a council executive meeting on Monday after about two thirds of Soweto residents failed to pay rent in June

She also warned that there were 22 000 people on the housing waiting list who were prepared to pay rent regularly if they could get a house

She said "When the people said they were threatened about their rents in June, the council opened a special office where they could pay in complete confidentiality

"The council has been fair to the residents — now it is the turn of all Sowetans to do their duty towards their town

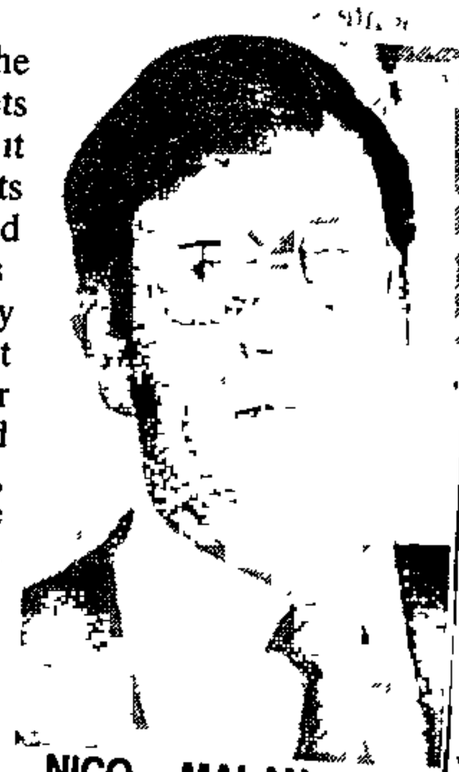
"Please Sowetans, be warned — if you don't pay your rents, no matter what excuse you make, you are going to lose your house or flat and you'll wait for many long years before you get another one "

Last month residents were told not to pay their rents by certain organisations which have since been banned from being quoted

The council's town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, has been quoted as saying his council was losing about R300 000 a month because of the boycott

Mrs Kevin said the only income Soweto gets comes from rents and it was important that rents be paid in order to avoid a breakdown in services

"Someone has to pay for electricity bought from Escom, water bought from the Rand Water Board, for roads, for ambulances, for fire brigades, for rubbish removals, for parks and libraries and for all the other reasons that makes living in a town better than living on a farm or in the veld," she said



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To Colleen (nee White) and Fulton a lovely baby girl born on 7th July Grateful thanks to doctor and staff Morningside Clinic

BECHER
To Cheryl (nee Allstoun) and Les a beautiful daughter Nicole born on the 6th July 1986 Sister for Janine and Michelle Baruch Hashem

CANNING
To Phyllis (nee Magua) and Greg a bonny daughter Angela Mae on 4th July 1986 Sincere thanks to Almighty God and doctors and staff at Park Lane Clinic

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Giovanna (nee Secco) and Julian have pleasure in announcing the arrival of their son Walter Dennis on July 8th 1986 Sincere thanks to doctor and staff at the Morningside Clinic

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To Alida (nee Victor) and Greg a beautiful bouncy boy born 9th July 1986 Greatful thanks to doctors and staff of Park Lane All well

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Protest at move to extend coloured township

West Rand Bureau

About 100 Roodepoort West and Lindhaven residents met in a Roodepoort school hall this week to discuss the proposed extension of Davidsonville, a Roodepoort coloured township

After a debate which was stormy at times, the group decided to send a memorandum listing their complaints and requesting a meeting with the city council's management committee.

The meeting was called by the Roodepoort Ratepayers' Association, which claimed to have proof that the council had spent an exorbitant amount of money on a piece of land intended for the extension of Davidsonville

COUNCILLORS

They asked the chairman of the management committee, Mr Awie Heiberg, who attended the meeting in his private capacity, how "to get rid of" the two councillors concerned (Mr Tienie Crous and Mr Hennie van Zyl) as "they do not carry our interests at heart"

They also expressed disappointment in the council as a whole

One resident said he had been the victim of eight burglaries in the past two months

Mr Heiberg assured residents that the council's "door would always be open" for further discussions

Mr Hennie Meyer, chairman of the Ratepayers' Association, said "Munsieville is not as large a threat to its surrounding white suburbs as Davidsonville is, because Davidsonville is expanding towards the white sector"

EXPANDING

Advocate Jurg Prinsloo, who led the meeting, explained that the township appeared to be expanding towards Lindhaven 4 and that the nearest house would be "no more than two stands away"

On the opening of the central business district to all races, residents agreed that the area was an extremely large one They feared that the council would not be able to prevent people of other races from living in these areas

The meeting ended with agreement that the association would try to find a solution through discussion with the management committee.

Mr Smit agreed that it

COUNCIL GETS TOUGH

By LANGA SKOSANA

THE Soweto Council yesterday sent out hundreds of eviction orders to residents who have defaulted on their rent payments for two months or more.

The orders follow a tough warning from the council on Tuesday that residents pay up their arrears by July 15 or face eviction

The director of housing in the council, Mrs Del Kevin, yesterday said notices were issued in terms of Section 65 of the Housing Act

Council policemen, she said, went to several houses in Orlando East and served tenants with the orders

She said those people who received the eviction orders yesterday were in arrears with rent for two months or more.

She advised residents to go to the township administration offices to pay up before July 15

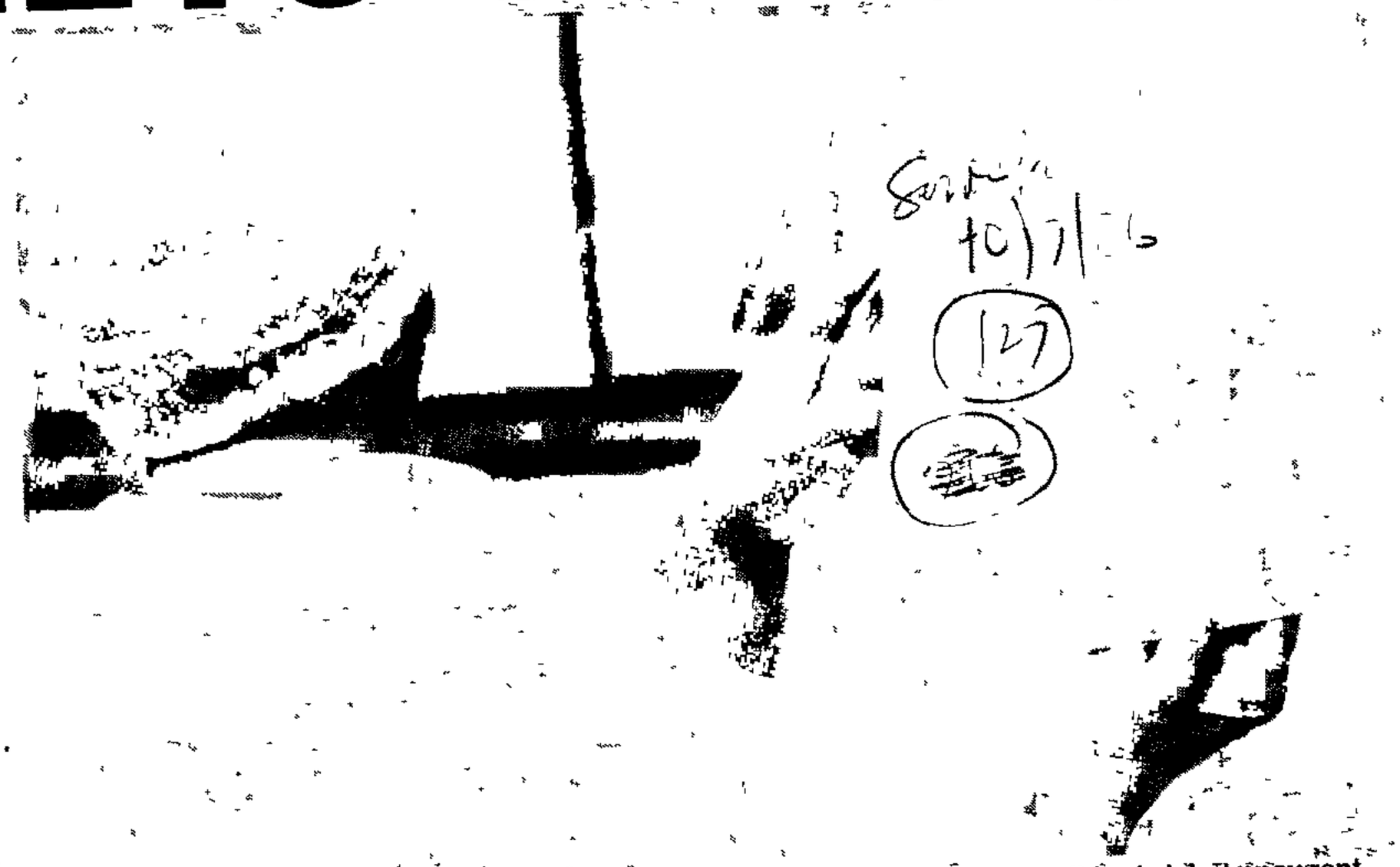
Some of the residents interviewed yesterday who asked to remain anonymous, said they were at a loss as to what to do because they were afraid of reprisals if they were seen to be paying

Youths

On Tuesday in Mofolo and Zondi, a number of youths went from house to house asking house owners to see their previous month's rent receipts They then tore them up

The eviction notices, signed by the township manager, warn that should a resident fail to pay within seven days, he or she should remove furniture in the house to allow new tenants to take occupation of the house

It further says that any payment made after the expiry of the date on the notice will be accepted but the council still has a right to carry out the eviction



AN Orlando East housewife shows the eviction order she got from the council for failure to pay rent.

Soweto rent boycott bites

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act figure for the rent arrears, she said the council was presently working on a third collected from rents in June.

Soweto has an estimated 75 000 registered tenants

"We cannot work on a third of our monthly revenue as we have to pay the staff, look after the roads, pay Escom for its eletricity and the Rand Water Board for its water," Kevan said.

Another spokesman for the council had estimated that the council collected about R500 000 a month under normal circumstances.

Rents are the council's only source of revenue.

This week the council warned that it would evict people whose rents were not paid by July 15.

Yesterday hundreds of anxious employers telephoned *Business Day* for information on where their employees could pay their rents because they were scared of victimisation

This comes after fears expressed by resident that details of rent-paying residents would make them targets of victimisation.

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Bankruptcy threat in rent boycott crisis

Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The Soweto rent boycotts has forced the Soweto City Council to draw R8-million from its reserves to pay its costs

This was confirmed yesterday by the council's housing director, Mrs D Kevan, who admitted that the situation was grim

She said that if the rent boycott continued the council could face bankruptcy

While councillors and some officials were reluctant to discuss the rent and finances of the council, well-placed sources have disclosed that it had to use R8-million from its reserves to meet monthly bills

This leaves the reserves with about R5-million which could dry up soon if residents do not start paying rent

Although Mrs Kevan could not give an exact figure for the arrears, she said the council was at present receiving a third of the amount usually collected from rent, the council's only source of revenue

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Private sector acts

The Alexandra Development Fund (ADF), a group of concerned businessmen, has announced details of an ambitious housing plan for Alexandra township north of Johannesburg Now it is asking the other members of the private sector for support

Chief patron of the ADF is business supremo Albert Wessels. The chairman of the executive committee is Chris Aitken, a prominent accountant and general secretary of the Presbytarian Church of SA. Other members include Toyota MD Colin Adcock, Altech's Neill Davies, Blue Circle's Trevor Coulson and Charles Lipp of Barlow Rand Bill Yeowart of Nedbank, the SA Perm's Miles Flynn and Llewelyn Mehlomakulu of Barclays are the trustees. Jo Dunstan and

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Ian Bernhardt, of Ian Bernhardt and Associates, form the secretariat Attorney Oscar Abraham is the ADF's legal adviser and Bill Smith of Arthur Andersen is its auditor

Alexandra has had a particularly turbulent history. It was one of the few black urban areas where residents held freehold rights until the mid-Sixties The National Party then withdrew these rights in line with the philosophy that blacks were "temporary sojourners" in white urban areas

For much of the Seventies it appeared the township was to be "removed" entirely, a decision reversed only in 1979 Now, of course, along with other black townships, freehold rights are to be restored But the history of insecurity has had serious effects on the morale and living standards of Alexandra's inhabitants There is an extremely underdeveloped infrastructure, and living conditions are shabby — a perfect recipe for instability.

The ADF's initial focus is to upgrade existing structures, and build new ones, in a two-block area in Alexandra's south-eastern section occupied by 117 families.

What makes the project unique is, firstly, that the new housing will be accessible to all the residents, whatever their present financial standing. And, secondly, the project is being carried out in the closest consultation with the residents and Alexandra's civic leaders The residents have elected four representatives to liaise with the ADF. In addition, Alexandra Civic Association member Mac Lekota represents the community as a whole It is through the participation of their representatives that residents have been satisfied that the project is not merely talk by a group of "do-gooders" which will never be translated into action



Albert Wessels ... upgrading Alexandra

Architect Jo Noero has, in consultation with residents, designed four different types of structures which will cost between R3 000 and R9 000 to erect The most expensive will require bond repayments of only about R80 a month, after a 20% deposit

For those residents who cannot afford the initial deposit, a plan is being mooted whereby it can be accumulated through monthly payments over a few years. Other packages are being devised for those residents — the unemployed, for example — who at present cannot afford even that The reason for these considerations is that the ADF is determined that present residents of the blocks should not be displaced

The authorities have assured the fund that water and electricity will be made available for the homes And, in another significant breakthrough, the ADF has acquired the services of Lesotho-based alternative sanitation specialist Jim McLoy, who has developed a system suitable for the area At present, Alexandra inhabitants have to make do with a "bucket system" — a source of great resentment.

To complete this initial programme, R900 000 is required. Says Dunstan: "The upgrading of existing housing stock, the introduction of an alternative sanitation scheme, the strong element of community participation, and the modest price range all make this scheme a sound investment. We hope this pilot project will be seen as part of the solution to the vast housing problem that exists not only in Alexandra but throughout the country " ■

ALEXANDRA — 2

New man at the top

Alexandra's new administrator, Steve Burger, appointed by government seven weeks ago following the collapse of Sam Buti's town council, believes he is winning the support of the community

Townsfolk face perilous dilemma over rent boycott

By Phil Mtimkulu

Township residents on the Reef are faced with an unenviable choice over the rent boycott — a petrol bomb or eviction

A rent boycott has been called in a number of Reef townships by civic associations and is being used as a lever by activists in their fight against black local authorities and against the Government

The decision not to pay rent is always a tough one As every township resident knows, a house is a most prized possession and nobody would want to lose it after acquiring it through a hard struggle

The waiting list for houses in most black townships runs into thousands and is increasing.

Although there are housing schemes initiated by the industrial sector, these houses are beyond the means of the average person

When a rent boycott is called, it takes a great deal of courage to withhold payment It is accompanied by grunts and groans It is an agonising moment for many residents

The various town councils have reacted by threatening to evict people who have not paid their rent. In Tembisa, on the East Rand, electricity was cut off in one section of the township.

FACE EVICTION

Soweto residents who do not pay rent by July 15 face eviction from their homes, a Soweto City Council official confirmed yesterday.

"The council has taken a firm decision that if people do not pay their rents by July 15, they will lose their houses," an official said.

She added that 22 000 people were on the waiting list for houses

"We are taking a very firm line on this," the official said

"We can't carry these arrears any longer"

Some residents have been issued with eviction orders

The truth of the matter is that residents are not unable or unwilling to pay their rent

The paying of rent comes before any other consideration, including food or school fees for the children Being evicted is the saddest thing that could happen to a family

The prospects of acquiring another house thereafter are slim.

Many residents were critical of the tough attitude adopted by the authorities who, they said, did not seem to understand the unrest situation

"It is well and good for them to threaten us with eviction, but will they offer us protection after we have paid rent," said a resident who has received a summons.

The threat of eviction loomed large in the minds of the people

So does the prospect of a petrol bomb.

FOCUS

Residents' dilemma: To pay or not to pay

By SAM MABE

TODAY is the deadline for Soweto rent defaulters to pay their rent: from tomorrow, those who have not paid will be expected to vacate their homes or face forced eviction.

Many residents in Soweto, Dobsonville and Meadowlands started the rent boycott on June 1 in response to a call made by community organisations which may not be named in terms of the emergency regulations.

The Soweto Council's threat issued last week to residents to pay up or lose their houses, puts many people in a Catch 22 situation. There are fears that if they pay, they could face the wrath of the "comrades"

Earlier this month, the Soweto Council suggested that residents send their rent by mail to the council offices.

The idea was mooted because it was thought that it would make things easier for residents who were not paying their rent because of intimidation

But the system did not work It was feared that some of the council clerks could be forced to give the "comrades" the names and addresses of those who broke the boycott

The refusal to pay rent was to last until the Soweto Council and the Government met certain demands. The demands may not be listed in terms of emergency regulations

Residents of Vosloorus on the East Rand also stopped paying rent from June, but many have now started paying after some of the defaulters were evicted during the past few weeks

According to earlier reports, as many as two-thirds of Soweto's residents had failed to pay rent last month and this month This resulted in the Soweto Council losing R300 000 a month in rent arrears

Mr Tom Boya, deputy president of the Urban Councils Association of South Africa, was recently quoted as saying as many as 32 community councils and three town councils had collapsed because of rent boycotts.

In the Vaal Triangle, residents stopped paying rent in September 1984 after the outbreak of unrest in which 70 people were killed Eviction notices were served for the first time in September last year to about 350 000 defaulters

In March this year, about 60 residents were jailed for failing to pay rent So far, the Lekoa Town Council is believed to have lost about R45 million in rent arrears

In an attempt to induce residents to pay, the Lekoa Town Council started switching off electricity from 4 am to 10 am on specific days, but this was stopped after complaints from businessmen who also had to suffer although they had paid their rental and electricity bills

In another attempt to recover money from the Vaal residents, the Government proposed legislation empowering black local authorities to order employers to deduct rent money from their employees' wages

The Bill was opposed by trade unions and employer organisations who described it as highly explosive Many employers said the Government was passing the buck to them

Many employers made representations to the Government in which they stated their refusal to be used as rent collectors as this would put them in the "middle of a political fight"

Other fears expressed were that labour relations in South Africa could be seriously affected if the Bill was passed since workers would take industrial action in protest against deductions from their pay

The Bill was dropped and today thousands of residents still owe rent Many might find it difficult to pay since the accumulation of the arrears runs into several hundreds of rand

Mamelodi residents are still not paying rent They stopped in November last year following the killing of 13 people during a march by 30 000 residents to protest against rent increases

But the biggest problem for Soweto residents is that they were warned that even if they paid after today, the council would reserve the right to carry out evictions.

LET US PRAY

THIS prayer by Archbishop-elect Desmond Tutu, is especially for those families who are without their loved ones in these troubled times.

God said: "My name is Emmanuel which means God with us." He is the God who stood with the three in the fiery furnace. Jesus said: "In the world you will have suffering, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

That is our God. If this God is for us, who can be against us? Nothing in heaven or on earth or underneath the earth can separate us from the love of God, who did not only give good advice but came and was involved with us in our suffering. He died, and they thought they had killed him, but he rose and overcame evil. And so we know we will be free. We know that we will be able to live together as brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, whatever the forces against us."

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Govt to upgrade Duduza

Pretoria Bureau

An R8 million water and sewerage scheme for Duduza, near Nigel, was expected to get underway within the next three months, the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning announced yesterday.

The department said the technical details were finalised recently by the National Housing Commission and tenders would be called for soon. They added that the money needed to finance the project was immediately available as it had been reserved from the National Housing Fund.

Extra land for housing on the East Rand township had also been made available.

Existing buffer zones would be used to alleviate the housing shortage in the area, and one buffer zone had already been divided into 650 housing sites.

Once these services had been properly planned, the full request would be put to the National Housing Commission, the department said.

Funds have been reserved and the private sector was expected to become involved in the building of houses.

The Nigel City Council has indicated its willingness to help in the development of Duduza and negotiations for the purchase of more land were expected to be finalised in the near future.

Tenants facing eviction

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"Population control is so important that the Government should stamp its foot down and introduce a comprehensive policy to reduce population growth

"Life must be made difficult for those women who want to have more than four children," he said If implemented now, Zimbabwe's population growth rate would decline in a few years

The former Deputy Minister said women in Zimbabwe generally had a minimum of eight children, but the maximum "could be up to anything"

If this was allowed to continue, Zimbabwe could soon find itself with an uncontrollable population of millions which would exacerbate problems of unemployment, education, health and other facilities, he said

Senator Chief Zephenıah Charumbira dismissed the suggestion as an "insult" to Zimbabweans Zimbabwe did not need to import "foreign ideas" — Sapa

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They also support demands that township services be improved

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Pay rents or face whole SADF — town clerk

The Tembisa Town Council would not tolerate the non-payment of rent and would do all in its power to see that it is paid "even if this means getting the whole of the South African Defence Force into Tembisa," says the town clerk, Mr P L Harmse

He added that people who have not paid their rents would be evicted from their homes

There was no need to set a deadline for the eviction and suspension of services because people were already in arrears

Addresses of those who had not paid had already been handed to lawyers so they could institute legal procedures to issue eviction orders

He said people who were afraid to pay at the offices in Tembisa could pay through their employers or at the offices of the council in Kempton Park

Other town councils have hardened their attitude towards the non-payment

More than 20 000 families in Soweto have been granted seven days to pay up or face eviction

Dobsonville residents who have not paid have also been threatened with eviction

Many residents in Soweto, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow have not paid their rents for the past two months

Rent payments on rise

SOPHIE TEMA

THERE was a sharp increase in the number of people who paid their rent in Soweto yesterday to meet the deadline set by the city council.

Yesterday was the last day for defaulters to meet arrears.

But Soweto town clerk Nico Malan said about 20 000 families who had not paid their rent since June had been given seven more days to pay or face eviction.

"Rent payments have improved since eviction notices served on hundreds of rent defaulters — particularly in Orlando East

"Payments were also made in other areas Those who have not paid will be served with notices in terms of Section (65b) of the Housing Act — authorising the council to repossess a house"

He conceded that some residents had not paid rent for fear of intimidation by militant youths and information that might leak from the council offices

He warned that drastic measures would be taken against council employees who leaked information about people who had paid rent

In Tembisa, East Rand, where a rent boycott started three months ago, the council has threatened to cut all water and electricity supplies if residents do not pay their arrears.

Notices have been served on residents and businessmen demanding payment of rent and service charges

Last month several hundred residents had their electricity disconnected .

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Soweto rent showdown looms

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The council had previously set today as the deadline for tenants to settle their arrears

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● There is no rent boycott in the Western Cape, according to the Office for Community Services, previously known as the Western Cape Development Board

Liaison officer Mr Sampie Steenkamp said he was "not aware" of any boycott

"There are some people in arrears but I think it's due to the economic situation They are a very small minority Our rent collection is 100 percent, no problems" — Sapa and Staff Reporter

Families evicted after Supreme Court order

Three Dobsonville Extension 2 families were evicted from their homes yesterday following a Rand Supreme Court ruling in favour of the Dobsonville Town Council on Tuesday

And within hours of the evictions, council officials were busy installing new locks on the doors of the vacated houses.

The respondents in the case were Mrs Linda Morakile, Mrs Thakayabanna Sekgobela and Mr Christopher Jiyane

All three families, who had been sub-tenants in the township for years, said afterwards that they had nowhere else to go, or to sleep on Tuesday night.

The Dobsonville Town Clerk, Mr Alec Conn, yesterday warned the other 144 families who had also moved into the houses without the permission of the council that they would be evicted.

But the Dobsonville Civic Association (DCA) yesterday vowed that its members would not vacate them.

The three families were evicted while members of the SAP and the Dobsonville Council police stood by.

Council employees removed the families' furniture and other possessions and officials broke the lock on the door of Mrs Morakile's home.

The DCA said nobody who was not a member of the DCA would be allowed into the three houses.

A tearful Mrs Morakile, a mother of five, said: "I was evicted with my children from another house in the township in 1976. The house was unoccupied at the time I moved into it, but councillors ejected me for somebody else. We have nowhere else to go".

Mr Jiyane, a father of five, said he had been staying with his family "all over Dobsonville"

"I work for Putco and I have to wake up very early. I don't think I will even go to work while my family is outside in the street," he said.

Trouble at Dobsonville started after the council had completed building 400 houses for families who were reported to have applied for homes. When only 149 houses were still to be occupied, some families moved in without the consent of the council.

Rent defaults spark off Soweto fights

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From SOPHIE TEMA

JOHANNESBURG — Fierce fighting broke out between residents, youths and Soweto council police in Naledi Extension 2 yesterday following early-morning raids on rent defaulters

Residents said trouble was provoked by a house-to-house raid by council police in the area early yesterday morning.

Soon thereafter a group marched to the Soweto city council chambers to protest against the raids and eviction orders served on several residents.

Raids

The group moved away after a council official addressed them

The residents claimed council police had conducted house-to-house raids in the area on Tuesday night and demanded house permits and receipts of rent payments last made.

Unconfirmed reports also claimed that the clashes broke out after an unknown number of residents were evicted

The Bureau for Information said. "According to a SA Police spokesman, in Soweto council police visited residents who are in arrears with their rents and warned them that they risked eviction if they failed to pay their rent.

"No reports of evictions were received."

Yesterday the council issued notices extending the deadline for evictions over the rent boycott by seven days

The Soweto Council's town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, could not be reached for comment

Three other town councils — Tembisa, Dobsonville and Diepmeadow — have also taken a firm stand on rent defaulters in their areas, warning that they will lose their houses

● Sapa reports that transit camp families in Mzimhlophe, near Soweto, who had been temporarily accommodated at a nearby hall because of fierce fighting in the area, were taken back to their homes yesterday by the Diepmeadow police.

Protection

A spokesman for the families said on Tuesday they were unhappy to be returning because of continuing battles between youths at the transit camp and inmates of the Mzimhlophe Hostel

Yesterday a spokesman for the Diepmeadow Council said the families would be given 24-hour protection

The spokesman for the families said he and other residents were willing to go back to Kliptown if the corrugated-iron front from their shacks was still available

"Only this morning trouble flared up again and more houses were set alight What kind of life is this?" he asked

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Mum booted out of home

A DOBSONVILLE mother of four was yesterday evicted from her house, which was then given to another family.

Mrs Gladys Mdluli (36) said the Dobsonville Town Council police, accompanied by a messenger of the court, arrived at her home about 7 55am and took all her belongings out of the house

Furniture belonging to Mrs Stela Seaketso was put inside the house

Mrs Seaketso claims she bought the house for R1 631 in January this year and paid rent for two months

There was drama when members of the Dobsonville Civic Association arrived at the house and told Mrs Seaketso not to occupy the house until the council had found Mrs Mdluli alternative accommodation

Mrs Mdluli's belongings were, until late yesterday, outside the yard of her former home

She told the *Sowetan* that she has been staying at the house since 1975 with her mother's sister who died in May last year.



EVICTED: Mrs Gladys Mdluli with her four children and some of her belongings.

Soweto rent offices to open in Jo'burg

The Soweto City Council is to open two offices in Johannesburg so Soweto residents can pay their rent without being intimidated, councillors said today

The decision was taken after a meeting between executive committee members and officials at the Soweto Chambers in Jabulani today

Soweto town clerk Mr Nico Malan said about 500 residents indicated at a meeting yesterday that it was impossible to pay their rent in the township because of intimidation

The two Johannesburg offices will open on Monday to benefit city workers, but their location would only be revealed later, Mr Malan said

Mr Malan said the council had warned defaulters their houses would be repossessed if rents were not paid

He said the council had lost about R4 million during June through unpaid rents and service charges

He added that the council had successfully approached people to pay their July rents — Sapa

Rent-payments office opens today

SOWETO City Council has shown losses of R4-million because of non-payment of June rents and service charges

Town clerk Nico Malan said in July that half of the 75 000 registered Soweto tenants paid their rents after most had been served with eviction notices

And last week he said two offices where Soweto residents could pay their rent would open in Johannesburg

One office will open today at 81 Albert Street, headquarters of the West Rand Development Board

A second office will open later this week.

The Soweto Civic Association (SCA)

SOPHIE TEMA

has condemned the early morning raids on rent defaulters in Naledi Extension 2 by Soweto municipal police last week

Residents say their homes were raided about 3am on Wednesday, with council police demanding permits and rent receipts

Fierce clashes erupted between the council police and residents in which several people were injured

Several residents said police had thrown their furniture out of their houses

The Bureau of Information confirmed that police had acted against people in arrears with their rents

The SCA, in its statement, said "The removal of furniture from the houses by armed municipal police in the early hours of the morning and the rude behaviour of 'those who claim to be maintaining law and order' deserves condemnation and contempt from all freedom-loving people and the civilised world

"Threats to residents and the exposure of sick people, the old and the very young to cold winter nights would not quench people's desire for political freedom"

Anti-rent pamphlets distributed

Pretoria Correspondent

Hundreds of pamphlets urging residents to continue their opposition to paying rent were dropped in Mamelodi at the weekend

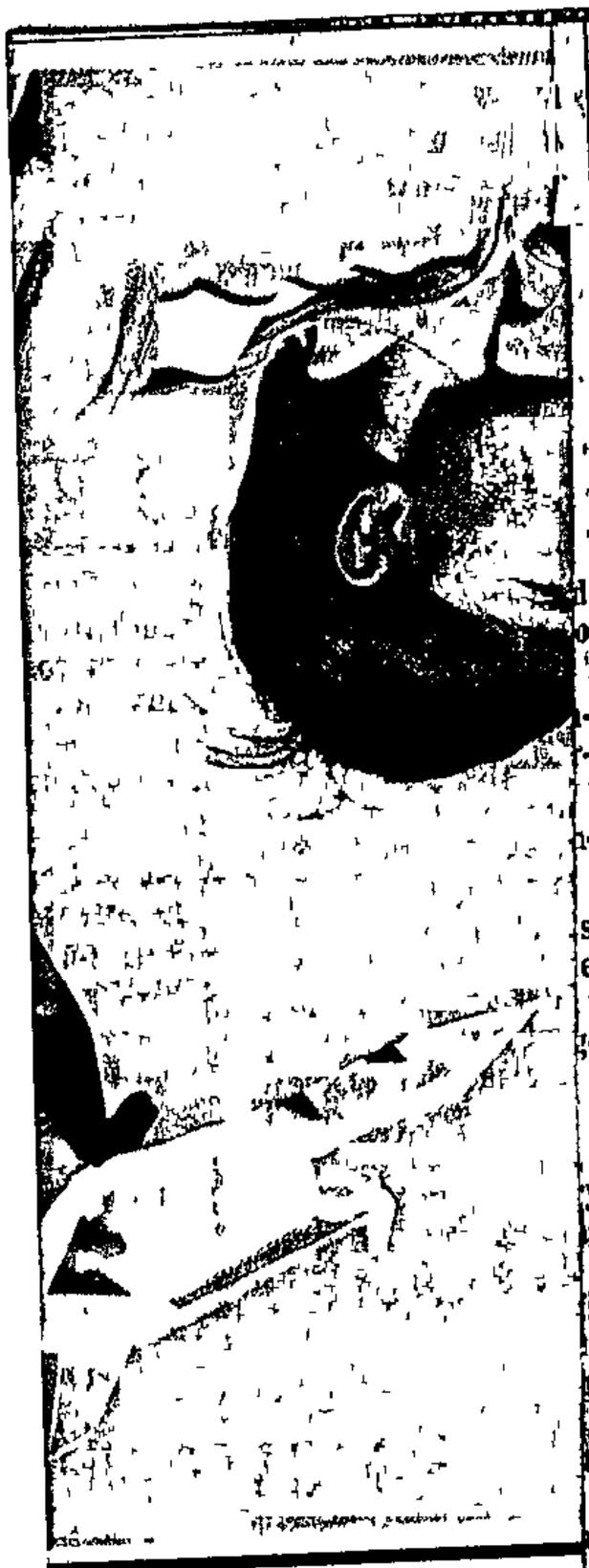
The pamphlets, written by an anonymous person or organisation, were a reaction to media statements by Mr Bennett Ndlazi, the Mayor of the township, in which he said the rent boycott in Mamelodi had crumbled

In terms of the state of emergency, *The Star* is not allowed to reveal some of the contents of the pamphlets which called on residents to continue their opposition until certain demands were met.

The rent boycott in Mamelodi started last November According to Mr Ndlazi, the amount collected in rents started increasing from March this year The figure collected last month was more than R1-million

The action on rent is not only continuing in Mamelodi, Tembisa, Soweto, Alexandra, Warmbaths, Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage and Nelspruit, but throughout the country, the pamphlets state

The pamphlets demand the lifting of the state of emergency and the release of all detainees and political prisoners



Dobsonville families stay

The 144 Dobsonville Extention 2 families who in May occupied newly built houses in the township are staying put — despite being served with notices ordering them to vacate the houses by last Friday

The Dobsonville town clerk, Mr A Conn, said yesterday "They were told verbally and in writing to vacate the houses forthwith or they would be ejected. But we did not follow up with the 'forthwith'

"Now we are considering taking legal proceedings against them and we will apply for an ejection order from the court"

Last week, three of the 147 families who had occupied the house without the permission of the council were evicted after a Supreme Court decision in favour of the Dobsonville Council

The Dobsonville Civic Association (DCA) said its members — some of whom had been on the waiting list for up to 15 years — would continue to stay in the houses because they had nowhere else to go.

The Dobsonville Council has also threatened to evicted hundreds of other families who have refused to pay rent in response to a call by the DCA and other associations.

Vaal rent row takes new turn

THE Lekoa Town Council is under pressure to make cuts in the electricity and water supply in the Vaal Triangle townships in an attempt to force residents to break the 22-month-old rent boycott.

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

The town clerk, Mr Nikolaas Louw, yesterday said that the council was to prosecute thousands of rent defaulters

He added that a large number of residents have been paying their rent arrears and that arrangements were being made with the council on how to settle their debts

Residents in the area — Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Bophelong, Boipatong and Zamdela — have not been paying their house rents and electricity and water tariffs since September, 1984

Mr Louw warned that the council would not tolerate the non-payment of rent by residents

"We have instituted legal proceedings against residents," he said

It was vital that residents should realise that it was wrong to use electricity and water without paying for them, he said

Mr Louw declined to say how much money the council has lost since the boycott started in 1984, but said that the council could no longer afford paying for services because "our coffers are dry"

The Vaal Civic Association, Vaal Rent Crisis Committee, Vaal Education Crisis Committee and other opposition organisations in the area have in the past rejected the council's claims that residents were paying rent.

Fresh eviction orders after court throws out old ones

By SEFAKO NYAKA

ALTHOUGH the Soweto Council claims the last thing it would like to do is throw people out of their houses, it served fresh and "perfectly correct" eviction notices to rent defaulters this week.

"We want to be as lenient as possible," said the council's Director of Housing, Del Kevan, after the notices went out The council, she added, wants to build a "happy and healthy community".

Last week Justice G Gordon issued an order restraining the council from evicting Paulina Mathibela from an Orlando East home

A day after the court ruled in Mathibela's favour, a group of men ransacked her shop in Orlando East. The staff was rudely pushed around and several goods were stolen from the premises. It is not known whether the incident had anything to do with Mathibela's court victory.

Speaking on the court ruling, Kevan said: "We lost the case on a technicality. The notices we issued were typed on West Rand Development Board letterheads, and as you know that the Boards are defunct, this little technical error nullified the notices.

"We are issuing perfectly worded notices in terms of the Housing Act 65b, checked by our legal advisers."

According to the new notices, residents are given seven days within which to pay up — or face eviction.

A recent report from the Community Research Group (CRG) of the University of the Witwatersrand found many people are defaulting, not for political but for purely economic reasons: If they spend R30 a month on rent, they will starve.

Glen Jwara, deputy "mayor" of Soweto, contradicted the report, claiming "people in general are keen to pay, but they fear victimisation from instigators".

Asked who the instigators were, Jwara responded: "That's a good question."

He said people fear being "necklaced or having their homes burnt by the 'comrades'".

A few months ago, the council threatened residents that if they didn't pay up their houses would be given to the 22 000 people on the waiting list.

When that didn't work, tenants were asked to send the money by post to a special post office box

After the first lot of eviction notices were nullified by the court, the council opened a rent office in Albert Street — at the offices where the pass system had been so vigorously

According to Kevan, residents are flocking there to pay their rent. "On Monday and Tuesday we collected more than R14 000, and we hope that as soon as we open a second office in the city and people get to know about it, more rent money will be collected," she said.

Rent payments at the city office, at township rent offices and through the post are "snowballing", she said — a claim denied by the Soweto Civic Association.

Meanwhile Soweto Town Clerk Nico Malan reckons some R300 000 in revenue is being lost every month rents are not paid.

Only a third of the estimated 75 000 registered tenants paid their rent last month. The council normally collects R500 000 a month in rent.

Recently the council used about R8-million from its reserves to pay its bills.

Throughout the country rent boycotts, some of them 20 months old and affecting 28 townships, have cost a staggering R250-million.

The CRG recently reported 32 community councils and three town councils had collapsed because rent boycotts had eliminated their source of revenue for running the townships.

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Protest on township

JOHANNESBURG —Hundreds of white people gathered in Hennops River at the weekend to protest against government plans to build a huge black township in the area

The government published plans earlier this month to build a township for 250 000 black people a few kilometres north of Johannesburg.

The plans for the township, dubbed Norweto after the city's sprawling Soweto township, has infuriated many local whites who say it will spoil the countryside, depress house prices and boost crime

More than 1 000 whites met in the village some 20 km north of Johannesburg to voice their objections, sign petitions and raise money to fight the proposal

"We are not fighting this thing on a racial basis," a local property developer, Mr Phillip Rykaart, told the crowd.

"The proposed township here is in fact degrading the black people We want to get away from the old Soweto, the old Alexandra, the slums that were there," he said

Department of Constitutional Development and Planning officials were heckled when they tried to justify the township, saying housing was needed for the rapidly-swelling urban black population

Opponents of the plan said it was wrong to build a new black township when the fate of the Group Areas Act was in the balance. But they did not suggest any alternative

The State President, Mr P W Botha, said recently the act might be made more flexible but the principle of separate areas would stay

The Green Belt Action Group, a committee set up to fight the government's proposal, has 60 days to file objections A committee spokesman, Mr Richard Leppington-Clark, said 5 000 people had so far signed the petition — Sapa-RNS

'Test' case to be heard in Supreme Court

FIGHT AGAINST RENT EVICTIONS

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

LAWYERS representing residents in Tumahole, Parys, and Vaal Triangle townships have sent letters to town councils seeking the reinstatement of evicted rent defaulters.

A spokesman for a firm of Johannesburg lawyers said that they had informed the councils that residents were paying "excessive rents and that as a result they were not in arrears."

These letters have been sent to the authorities in Tumahole and Sebokeng which were previously under the now dissolved Orange-Vaal Development Board.

The spokesman said a case which may set a precedent will be heard in the Rand Supreme Court on Monday when they attempt to overrule eviction and attachment orders which have been issued against many residents.

The Lekoa Town clerk, Mr Nikolaas Louw, said they were taking legal proceedings against hundreds of residents who have not paid their rent.

He urged residents in Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Bophelong, Zamdela and Tsirela to pay their rents, adding, "otherwise we will be forced to cut essential services."

Lawyers representing residents have submitted that the last rent increases appeared in the Government Gazette in 1979 and that all other subsequent rent hikes were illegal.

The spokesman added that residents felt that they have been overcharged for years and the amount owing as a result of the boycott should be set aside.

Water

The lawyers said they have also applied to the Supreme Court that Vaal residents should not be evicted by the authorities

Residents in the area have complained that their water and electricity supply have been cut and that many have received summonses to appear in court.

This was confirmed by Mr Louw who said residents could not continue to use these services without paying for them

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Sites row - ERDA replies

THE East Rand Development Area has replied to an allegation that it snubbed an association of black builders in favour of a white construction company over the allocation of building sites in Tsakane, Brakpan.

The East Rand Builders Association claimed last week that it was offered 91 sites in April this year to put up new low cost houses in the area, but were informed early this month that the sites were no longer available to them

President

Mr Ditshaba Nkabinde, president of the association, said they have since discovered that the sites have been given to a white building construction company — Vista Homes

The acting chief director of the ERDA, formerly called the East Rand Develoment Board, Mr J H Opperman, in a telexed reply to the *Sowetan*, said the board alloted the sites to Akhane Property Developers — a member of the association, on March 10, provided that they signed an agreement within two months of allotment

Condition

A condition was that the developers would supply the finance for the installation of all services In Akhane's case, it amounted to R532 168,00, Mr Opperman said.

He said rumours that Akhane had been experiencing problems regarding the development in the area must have filtered through to the public because the assistant area director in charge received an application from Vista Homes regarding the possible allocation of the 91 sites in Tsakane

Meeting

He said a meeting was held on July 8 where it was explained to Mr Nkabinde and a Mr Ngwenya that the allocation to Akhane had been cancelled and that Vista Homes had applied for the allocation of the 91 stands, but that the latter would be prepared to make available 10 serviced stands to Akhane, who had been experiencing difficulties in raising funds for the installation of the infrastructure.

'No transport for expectant mother because she was an illegal tenant'

NO ROOM IN AMBULANCE

A MOTHER-to-be of Dobsonville had to use public transport after an ambulanceman was allegedly instructed not to ferry her to hospital because she was occupying the house she was living in illegally.

By SY MAKARINGE

Mrs Theresa Dlamini (35), is one of several people who have not vacated the newly-built houses in Dobsonville despite a Rand Supreme Court ruling

Mrs Dlamini told the *Sowetan* yesterday she sent her son to call for an ambulance to take her to hospital on Saturday morning

When it arrived, she said, an ambulanceman told her he was not supposed to take people living in those houses to hospital because they were occupying them illegally

"He then took me to the rent office where he spoke to someone I did not see the man he spoke to as he had left me in the ambulance When he came back he told me he had been instructed not to take me to Leratong Hospital because I was an illegal tenant," Mrs Dlamini said

She said the driver took her back to her home where she started making alternative arrangements of getting to hospital

"I was in great pain at that stage, but I managed to reach the rank where I boarded a taxi to Roodepoort Road I got off at Roodepoort Road and boarded another taxi to Leratong," she said

Mr A M Conn, town clerk of Dobsonville, said he was not aware of the incident

He said he would not allow such a thing to happen adding that the matter would be investigated and steps taken if necessary

"I can't say at this stage that the allegations are untrue," Mr Conn said



Mrs DLAMINI back at her home after giving birth to a baby girl at Leratong Hospital at the weekend. Pic MOFFAT ZUNGU

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R300 million Midrand low-cost housing project likely to benefit entire SA economy

The Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Midrand, widely expected to become South Africa's first multiracial town, is to be the focal point of a mammoth R300 million construction programme for 15 000 low-cost housing units

The programme will alleviate unemployment and, via its ripple multiplier effect, could benefit the entire South African economy

This is the conclusion of James Crosswell, one of South Africa's leading civil engineering consultants and chairman of the SA Property Owners' Association's housing committee, following last week's Government declaration of an 800 ha "development area" at Tembisa

The planned township, which could house up to 80 000 people, is part of the Government's plan to help ease the country's housing shortage of an estimated 1 million low-cost units

Mr Crosswell says that while no details have yet been forthcoming, he hopes that the new township will be constructed solely on labour-based lines, since this would have the effect of requiring 5 000 man-years of labour, thereby helping alleviate the country's high level of unemployment.

"If one is rather more realistic and applies labour-based methods only to those elements which lend themselves to such methods (such as excavation), then 2 500 man-hours of labour would be required," says Mr Crosswell

"The balance — in particular road construction and servicing — could be carried out by conventional construction methods"

Based on a three-year contract, he suggests that a peak of 1 000 labourers could be employed at a total cost of R7,5 million

He adds "The first priority is to provide employment to a demoralised industry that has already lost 250 000 skilled men during the recession, by expanding the net of employment opportunities at the lower, unskilled levels

"This move would trigger a multiplier effect throughout the economy"

Mr Crosswell, who has successfully introduced labour-based construction methods to depressed Transkei towns, sketches out how the Midrand construction scenario could unfold.

"Given an 800 ha site for 15 000 houses, the excavation for water and sewerage alone would require 2 000 man-years of labour.

"At a daily labour rate of R12 — as opposed to the rate of R6 in the more depressed areas of the country — significant direct input into the local economy would be realised.

"However, the rate must not be higher than R12, since the intention shoud be to absorb the unemployed rather than attract labour from other industries

Removals to continue 'on request'

Post Reporter

OFFICIALS of the Kwanobuhle Town Council would continue moving people from Kabah and Langa at their request, the Town Clerk, Mr Eddie Coetzee, said today.

If any of the people were left in the area between Fourth and Ninth Avenue, Kabah, on August 15 — the deadline set in the Supreme Court this week for people to move their shacks from the area — officials would explain the terms of the court order to them.

Mr Coetzee said there were between 700 and 750 families now living in the tent town in Kwanobuhle.

A spokesman for the Congress of South African Trade Unions in Uitenhage said the people remaining in the area, which he estimated at 20 families, should be allowed to stay in Kabah until the outcome of an appeal.

He expressed concern that some of the tents appeared to be made of a plastic material and were said to be inadequately ventilated.

The spokesman said conditions in the tent town were totally unacceptable to the community.

Many of the people moved to Kwanobuhle did not have enough materials to rebuild their shacks. He appealed to employers to help them with material.

Jo'burg wants others to live in CBD

Post Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The Johannesburg City Council Management Committee wants to open the city's central business district (CBD) to residential occupation by coloured people and Indians, the council heard at its monthly meeting last night

The chairman of the committee, Mr Francois Oberholzer, said "The time has come for us to start talking about the central area

"I don't think there will be any political difficulty or reaction to this," he said

"We can save the Government R16 to R20 million in the provision of new houses for coloureds and Indians if we allowed these groups to shift into the CBD These are the realities of the situation"

Mr Oberholzer said the CBD was already residentially "multi-racial" with an estimated 20 000 coloureds and Indians living there

"It doesn't make sense to allow a person to own and trade at a property, but not to live in the residential components of that property"

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BUILDERS GIVEN A 'RAW DEAL'

Council denies claim

By MANDLA NDLAZI

THE Soweto's Building Contractors Association has accused the Soweto City Council of giving black contractors a "raw" deal" in the allocation of sites for the erection of houses.

The association's chairman, Mr Victor Selane produced correspondence showing that his association had applied for some of the 226 sites in Diamini Extension I, which have now been all allocated to a white construction company

In reply, the council's town clerk, Mr Nico Malan said in a letter to the association his council had resolved that the council would build "shell" houses in that area and that all tenders must be turned down.

Said Mr Selane: "There is no truth in what Mr Malan said because his council has not erected shell houses on that piece of land and not all tenders have been turned down because a white construction company has been allocated all the 226 sites and has started digging foundations for the erection of houses."

But Mr Julius Mdlalose, chairman of the council's housing committee, said Mr Selane was not telling the truth. He said some black contractors have not been able to develop sites they were given as early as 1982



Mr VICTOR Selane.



Mr JULIUS Mdlalose.

He said black contractors seemed to have many problems that made it difficult for them to do their job Some do not even complete their projects

"One thing I can say is we do not have sites to waste," said Mr Mdlalose

Said Mr Selane. "While we cannot do away with white construction companies because of the great demand for houses in black townships, we would like to be treated fairly and not given a raw deal"

Vaal council to raise rent

MORE rent increases would cause chaos in the Vaal Triangle townships, the Lekoa Town Council was told during its monthly meeting in Sebokeng yesterday.

The council has decided to increase hostel tariffs by R5 a resident from August 1.

Councillor Z A Jokozela warned that the rent hike could cause a tense situation

However, the mayor, Mr Esau Mahlatsi, said the council gave all residents a chance to raise objections to the proposed increases. So far, no objections were received and "we will go ahead with the increases"

RESIDENTS ARE EVICTED

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Tembisa and Dobsonville act

THE Dobsonville and Tembisa town councils yesterday evicted residents for "squatting" and for being in arrears with rent.

In Tembisa 15 families were thrown out of their homes for owing rent while in Dobsonville six of the 144 families who "illegally" occupied new houses were evicted under the Squatters Act

A Tembisa township manager, Mr Anthony Relihan, confirmed that the evictions were for failure to pay rent "If the people feel intimidated they should approach the security forces in the township and ask for protection Residents are responsible for payment for services rendered and if they cannot pay then we simply withdraw the service," said Mr Relihan

Mrs Lydia Maphuru, of 553 Emfuyani Section, said they received notices with the amount owed to the council last week They were given until July 29 to pay the rent arrears

SOWETAN Reporters

"We heard noises outside at about 7am and saw council officials They ordered us to take out our property and they locked the house," said Mrs Maphuru

The remaining Dobsonville "squatters" will probably be evicted by the end of the week, said Mr A M Conn, the town clerk of Dobsonville yesterday He said there were criminal charges pending against all and the fine was R2 000 or two years imprisonment

Mr Conn said the council had resolved at a special meeting on Monday that the families who did not heed the notices to vacate the houses would be evicted.

He said the council also resolved at that meeting that criminal charges would be pressed against these families He said the families were given the notices to vacate the houses after the council was given an order by the Rand Supreme Court to evict them under the Squatters Act.

The number of the families who moved into the new houses was 147, and the first three evictions were on July 8 after the council was given an order by the Rand Supreme Court to evict them

About the rest, Mr Conn said "We can apply to the Supreme Court or Magistrate's Court or use any other legislation to press civil or criminal charges against them for an eviction"

Mr Conn said the council was aware that the situation in the townships was volatile He said the council could not avoid the evictions because while these families wished to remain in these houses, the council had already allocated them to other families on the waiting list for accommodation

The six families were yesterday evicted in their absence The heads of the families were at work, and the council police forced open the doors and removed their belongings In the other houses the policemen found children who were thrown out with the belongings

• There will be no water supply in Dobsonville from 7am to 7pm on Thursday because of repairs to the main water pipes, said an official, Mr T Roux, yesterday



... evicted Dobsonville families out in

Lekoa rips off power cables

SOWETAN Reporter

THE Lekoa Town Council decided that cables that connect electricity to the homes of people who owe rent will be ripped out in an effort to make them pay rent.

Meanwhile, most members of the council themselves have not paid service charges since 1984. They stay in council houses, and enjoy full benefits.

The council also wrote off arrears on rent and service charges amounting to over R1 000 against Councillor J D Ramagole in Bophelong township.

Damaged

Mr Nikolaas Louw, town clerk, did this because Mr Ramagole has not stayed in the house since it was damaged in 1984.

Councillors living at a camp outside Sebokeng township do not pay rent, and receive certain allowances.

This was disclosed to the *Sowetan* by some of the councillors, who have left "the councillors' camp" and are back in the townships.

Warned

In reply to these allegations, Mr Louw said the non-payment of rent and allowances received by councillors were "a personal matter" which he did not want to discuss with anybody close to anybody.

He warned that criminal proceedings would be instituted against residents who illegally reconnect the removed electricity supply cables, adding "no electrical reconnection will be done unless all or outstanding amounts are paid to the council."

Hundreds of residents in Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Bophelong and Boipatong have claimed that their electricity supplies have been cut off.

Rent evictions on the Vaal

1 800 FAMILIES ON LIST

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THE Lekoa Town Council started with evictions in Vaal Triangle townships last Friday — and more than 1 800 families in the area face evictions from this morning onwards.

The town council secretary, Mr Ben Scott, said the council had been granted orders by the court to evict 1 800 families from their homes More orders are to be sought against residents in arrears with their rents According to the council, 60 percent of homes in the area are in arrears

Mr Ben Scott announced at the weekend that 10 families were evicted in Bophelong township, on Saturday for not paying rent for nearly two years

He said the council would only evict those residents who were capable of paying rent, but refused to do so Most tenants owed between R500 and R1 500, he said

The townships involved are Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Bophelong, Boipatong and Zamdela

Boycotting

These townships are among the 30 black residential areas, including Soweto and Alexandra, which are currently boycotting rents, according to a Community Research Group of the University of the Witwatersrand

In the Vaal local authorities began evicting families on Saturday

The Bureau for Information has confirmed the evictions

Mr Scott said they have started with the evictions to show people that they could not refuse to pay their rent

SOWETAN is seized by police

Sowetan

POLICE seized unsold copies of the *Sowetan* from selling points throughout the country on Friday — the second time this has happened since the declaration of the state of emergency on June 12.

***Sowetan* is the second largest selling paper in South Africa.**

The first time copies of this newspaper were confiscated by police was on July 13, a day after the state of emergency had been introduced.

By late yesterday, the *Sowetan* had not been informed why copies of the Friday edition were impounded.

This newspaper's lawyer said he had learned that an order declaring Friday's edition undesirable had been issued by the office of the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, saying all unsold copies should be taken off the streets.

First reports of the seizure of *Sowetan* were received by an Argus Group correspondent in Port Elizabeth. In turn, he telephoned *Sowetan* manager, Mr Brian Moult.

Mr Moult was informed about the order on Friday afternoon, by a Captain Venter at John Vorster.

The managing director of the Argus Group, Mr Peter McLean, said: "We are obviously very concerned that *Sowetan* has been taken off the streets. We don't know the reason for it. But we and our lawyers are looking into it".

Mr Moult said: "We are mystified.

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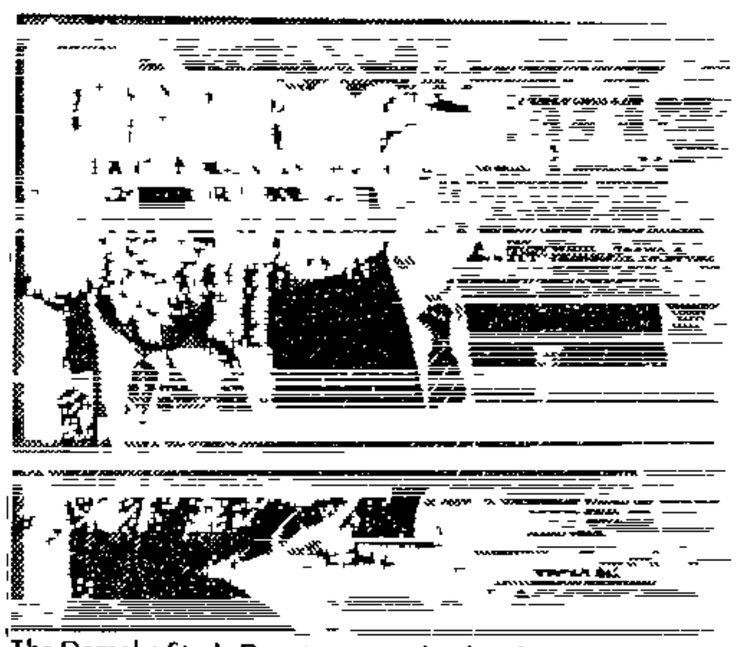

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Secret plan to bust the rent boycotts

Plan to bust rent boycotts

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residents to motivate them to pay rent. Information from these discussions must then be sent to the (white) town clerks who will computerise it in order to compile "community profiles" This, the document notes, will help them ascertain the "healthy areas" — presumably areas where the rent boycott is weak

●Action must be taken against councillors who do not "pay their arrears".

●The "hearts and minds" of the youth must be won, and they must be persuaded to convince their parents to pay rent This should be done at "weekend camps" where, states the document, they must be given lectures on the future of "black constitutional reform", the functions and necessity of local authorities, why it is necessary to pay rent ("for the upliftment of socio-economic circumstances"), and that better educated people "earn a higher income"

● Police stations must be established in all black areas

●The media must be used. This suggestion was apparently successful, the local newspapers agreed to run columns that deal with inter-racial reconciliation and Radio Sesotho agreed to broadcast a series of talks on the need to pay rent

●In a clear attempt to usurp the authority of the street and area committees that have been established by the UDF-affiliated civic associations, the re-establishment of "authority structures" was recommended by the document, in particular the enforcement of discipline "within the context of the family structure"

● The establishment was recommended of "law and order committees" in each ward that can "serve as a forum for dialogue between parents and rebellious youth"

●All councillors and officials must get involved in "climate creation" to prepare the community for rent increases This should be done by educating the community about how their wages have risen The new tariffs would then be justified in terms of rising costs of services provided by the local authorities

Other parts of the document reveal how sensitive the state is to the rent issue For example, the document recommends that all decisions on rent or related increases that affect the black community must be taken at cabinet level

As at June last year, the now-defunct development boards suffered losses amounting to R144-million. In the Vaal townships alone, authorities have lost about R20-million in uncollected rents In Soweto the figure stands at R9-million

Community councils have been forced to dig deeply into their reserves The resulting bankruptcy and sustained nationwide unrest have contributed to the collapse of close to 40 local authorities

There are 31 townships where rent boycotts are known to be taking place Mamelodi, Alexandra, Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Boipatong, Bophelong, Tumahole, Huhudi, Ermelo, Piet Retief, Soweto, Ratanda, Tembisa, Katlehong, Vosloorus, Warmbaths, Carolina, Waterval Boven, Amsterdam, Lydenberg, Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage, Port Alfred, Alexandria, Cradock, Duncan Village, Grahamstown Aliwal North, Burgersdorp, Potgietersrus, Refengkgotso.

WEEKLY MAIL REPORTER

THE state, business and community councils are collaborating in a grand plan to break the nationwide rent boycott which has already cost the state more than R250-million

According to documents in the possession of Weekly Mail, leading the boycott-busting exercise are the Gesamentlike Bestuursentrums (Joint Management Centres, or JMCs), made up of representatives from business, community councils, ex-development boards, the South African Police and the SA Defence Force

JMCs are regional organs directly accountable to the State Security Council Their function is to assess the security situation in each region and recommend to the authorities appropriate "solutions", ranging from Security Force action to the upgrading of living conditions

Over the past 18 months, the JMCs — which together comprise the National Security Management System — have become increasingly involved in township matters

Documentary evidence of the involvement of the JMCs in the breaking of rent boycotts was discovered this week

In a document entitled "Strategy for the collection of arrear rental and service charges", submitted to a meeting of the Lekoa Town Council on November 1, 1985, it is stated that "local collection action groups" made up of councillors, policemen and officials will be formed and mandated to use all available means to collect rentals in arrears

The document instructs, however, that in resolving the boycott, "no acknowledgement through negotiations must be given to revolutionary groups or organisations"

"All actions," it continues, "are to be taken in mini-Gesamentlike Bestuursentrums (local constituents) and (in that) context within the ambit of (the) National Security Management System"

The document recommends a wide range of strategies to break the rent boycott, including

●Legal action must be taken against defaulters Because the large majority of the township population is not paying rent, it is necessary to identify initial targets, the document states These include businessmen and households that are reasonably well-off and employed workers identified by employers. "Identified hostile residents must be identified as first priority for civil procedure steps, but it must not be done obviously"

●Employers must be contacted and requested to supply lists of workers' names Ideally, employers should deduct rent by stop-order

●Councillors, with "SAP support", must hold household discussions with groups of

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Mayor resigns over eviction of boycotters

By Mike Siluma

The mayor of Tembisa, Mr Lucas Mothiba, yesterday resigned from the town council he has headed for seven years.

Announcing his resignation at a press conference in Johannesburg, Mr Mothiba said many black people had lost faith in black local authorities because the structures were not of their making

The eviction of rent boycotters in Tembisa was one of the factors prompting his resignation

He said although it was the feeling of the community that the council was responsible for the evictions, his council had nothing to do with them The council had no control over the police, he said

Mr Mothiba, who has repeatedly made impassioned pleas for an end to the rent boycott, also cited the eviction of defaulters as another reason for his resignation He declared himself to be opposed to the eviction of rent defaulters

Other reasons for his resignation, he said, were the powerlessness of black local authorities and the failure of the Government to reach a settlement with black leaders

A shortcoming of the present black council system was that the councils derived their revenue from poor people who could least afford to pay The problem could be resolved by a heavy State subsidy

Mr Mothiba also revealed that the Tembisa council had resolved to reinstate about 1 000 members of the SA Black Municipal and Allied Workers' Union dismissed after a strike about two months ago

A union spokesman, Mr Benny Alexandra, said those reinstated would not resume work until the union had been formally informed of the move

He said the workers should be paid for the time they had not been working because, in the union's view, they had been council employees throughout

Tembisa town clerk Mr P L Harmse has confirmed Mr Mothiba's resignation and the reinstatement of the workers

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HOUSING BOOST FOR MAMELODI

THE Mamelodi Town Council and the Family Housing Association have signed an agreement involving 1 300 empty plots in the township, writes ALINAH DUBE.

The general manager for the housing association, Mr Matthew Nell, said at a Pretoria hotel on Wednesday that of the total stands available, 500 were to be used for a self-help housing scheme to enable the low-income group to obtain houses.

He said the organisation would provide the area with water-borne sewerage, water, public lighting and graded roads.

The scheme would also help residents to build their own houses.

Mr Nell said prices would range between R10 000 for two-bedroomed houses and R20 000 for three-bedroomed units.

Part of these residential areas will be serviced by the end of the year.

Building is expected to start early next year.

"For those who cannot afford to own a home in the planned upper-income suburb of Mamelodi Gardens, or wish to build houses for themselves, the self-help housing scheme offers a real opportunity to realise their dreams. "This scheme will be available to families who have a household income of about R350 a month," said Mr Nell.

Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, Mamelodi's mayor said he was pleased that he had been instrumental in making further housing available to the community.

He said the housing association has allocated empty stands "to protect the interests of the low-income group."

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Evictions - Tembisa briefs lawyers

THE Tembisa Working Committee yesterday said it had briefed lawyers on evictions and would not hesitate to go to court should the Tembisa Town Council continue evicting residents.

The statement by the committee follows evictions of families at Emfuyani Section of Tembisa on Tuesday. The township manager, Mr Anthony Relihan, said the families were evicted for failing to pay rent. They were allowed to return to their houses on the same day.

"Residents should not feel threatened by the evictions We are prepared to take the council to the highest court in the country if it continues evicting legal tenants," said a committee spokesman.

Six more families thrown out

BY SELLO [illegible]

AS [illegible] going got tough for rent defaulters countrywide this week, six more residents of Dobsonville's "stolen township" were evicted from the newly built houses they occupied in April.

The six families were evicted on Tuesday. And on Wednesday residents "stayed away" from work in an apparent bid to stop being kicked out.

A Dobsonville Civic Association spokesman said that they will brief lawyers to challenge the evictions.

Dobsonville town clerk AM Conn confirmed that the six were evicted because they were "illegally" occupying the houses.

Charges have been laid against the families for alleged break-in and entry into the houses, he said.

● Three families were earlier evicted after the Rand Supreme court ruled in the local council's favour to remove the "illegals".

They are begging shelter from friends in the area who could also be evicted

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D-day for Vaal areas

By STAN MHLONGO

THE Lekoa Town Council will embark on a mass eviction scheme today and stop supplying electricity in all Vaal townships in a last ditch effort to recover rental arrears of more than R20m.

The decision to "black out" the Vaal townships and introduce mass evictions was announced at the council's monthly meeting this week and will affect 400 000 residents in Sebokeng, Boipatong, Sharpeville, Bophelong, Refengkgotso, Zamdela and Residensia.

The Lekoa council's actions follows some 22 months after township residents stopped paying rent and follows the recent mass evictions by the Tembisa, Dobsonville and Soweto councils.

Council town clerk P Louw said the council had obtained an order from the Supreme Court to go ahead with the evictions. Several Vaal residents have already been evicted last week.

Louw said the council would not cut residents' water supply "because the Health Act does not permit us to cut the water supply".

But councillors were divided on the council's decisions. They fear the decisions could spark off a situation similar to the Vaal unrest of 1984 in which councillors were burnt in their homes after rents were increased by R5.

When Lekoa mayor Esau Mahlatsi announced that the electricity supply would be cut, councillor VS Tshabalala was heard to say "Now he (Mahlatsi) is putting our lives in danger again".

Councillors Arthur Jokozela and Samuel Kolisang also strongly opposed the decisions, claiming the council only discussed them on June 3 and that they never reached any conclusions.

They claimed Mahlatsi made these decisions alone – without consulting the council.

But Mahlatsi said "As full members of the council you are not exonerated from the decisions taken by this council and you are well aware that we had long decided to have the increases promulgated".

OUT: Tembisa resident Pretty Motha outside her home with her mother's furniture after being evicted this week.

Evicted rent boycotters reinstated

By HERMAN LETSIE

THE FUTURE of Tembisa residents, who have been on a rent boycott for the last two months, is in the balance – pending the outcome of talks between the Tembisa Civic Association's lawyers and lawyers representing the local council

The council this week evicted 20 families who had not paid rents after a boycott started two months ago in the area

Residents were evicted as early as 5am and all their belongings left in the street by casual labourers hired by the council

The TCA lawyers intervened and held urgent talks with the council's lawyers over the matter

Residents were allowed back into their homes 12 hours later, pending further talks betweeen TCA and the council at a date still to be decided

According to the TCA lawyers, the issues discussed included the validity of notices served on residents

"We will get a mandate from the TCA to look into the possibility of a settlement over rent payment," he said

Elias Morerwa of 555 Emfuyeni Section said he received a notice which gave him until July 29 to pay rent

"How could I pay rent when there is no one to receive it – all the black workers at the council offices are on strike

"And I'd rather be evicted than necklaced," he said

Many Tembisa residents claimed that since the council workers downed tools on May 23, there was no one to collect rent at the council offices and people were afraid of being victimised

But township manager Anthony Relihan dismissed the allegations and said those who were intimidated should not fear but approach the security forces in the township "and ask for protection"

Relihan added that residents who fail to pay rent will find the services being withdrawn

The withdrawal of services because of non payment of rents was heavily felt by local businessmen who claim their power was cut two months ago when the boycott came into effect

A local garage owner has closed down for business He has put up big signboards at the entrance to the driveway saying "FORCED TO CLOSE" because there is no power in the premises

A shopping complex owner told *City Press* that a plant hiring firm was doing booming business by hiring out generators to local businesses

"I have to operate a supermarket, night club, dry cleaning and a motel on a generator hired from this company at R2 000 per month You can imagine what this means for us in business," said the owner

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'Mshenguville' squatters to be moved tomorrow?

By ST MAKAHINGE

THE Soweto City Council has announced seven major housing projects involving nearly 7 000 new residential housing units in its attempts to solve the critical housing crisis in the complex.

This may mean that squatters at the "Mshenguville" camp may be relocated as early as tomorrow

In an effort to beat its own deadline of housing people who are squatting at "Mshenguville" in Mofolo within four months, the council approved the development of 272 sites at the Naledi "emergency camp" — mainly for the squatters

The council said at its monthly meeting last week that it had also developed a shell housing scheme at the Zola bufferstrip at a cost of R3,3-million to accommodate about 333 families from the Mofolo squatter camp

Mr Julius Mdlalose, the chairman of the council's Housing Committee, said in an interview that the council was hoping to start moving the squatters to the new areas from tomorrow.

The biggest housing project to be embarked upon by the council within the next few months is the rezoning and development of all in-fill sites in the township with the aim of accommodating about 4 000 homeless families in Soweto

The development of about 226 residential sites in Dlamini Extension and 601 in Nancefield is already off the ground

Other projects in the pipeline include the building of 603 houses at the Pimville eastern bufferstrip and 704 in Emdeni Extension

Mr Mdlalose claimed that many people who were squatting at homes to live with boyfriends or girlfriends at the squatter camp "Mshenguville" did not qualify to apply for houses in Soweto and that some had fled their

He said those were the people who were giving the council a big problem in its attempts to prevent shacks from going up.

"These are the people who do not want to be moved to areas set aside by the council. They prevent council employees from checking their qualifications," Mr Mdlalose said

According to our investigations most people at these squatter camps, including "Mshenguville", are *bona fide* families who have been on housing lists for many years

Council to evict squatters

THE Dobsonville Town Council warned yesterday that the remaining 138 families illegally occupying the council's newly built houses would be evicted "soon" if they did not take heed of the council's notices to leave.

Mr A M Conn, Town Clerk of Dobsonville, said the council would not hesitate to act on the "squatters", despite rumours that the houses would stay empty for the remainder of the year if the council did not rescind its decision to evict the families

Mr Conn's warning follows the eviction of six families on Tuesday, bringing to nine the number of families evicted since the Rand Supreme Court ruled that they must vacate the houses

"The houses will not stay empty because there are too many people who desperately need accommodation' If anyone tries to intimidate them, they are entitled to resort to protection from the South African Police," Mr Conn said

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Wits group tells of strategy to bust rent

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A group of University of the Witwatersrand academics has claimed that regional organs of the State Security Council are directly involved in busting township rent boycotts, which have cost the State more than R250 million in two years

The assertion is made by the Community Research Group (CRG), which bases its claim on a document put last year to the Lekoa Town Council — which controls the Vaal Triangle townships, the scene of long-standing boycotts.

Asked to comment, a spokesman for the Bureau for Information in Pretoria said it was "not prepared to comment on an assertion made by a group of Wits academics on an alleged report dating back to last year"

In a report released on Thursday, the research group explains that each of the regional organs — known as "gesamentlike bestuursentrums (GBS)" or joint management centres — is "directly accountable to the State Security Council" and is made up of representatives of the community councils, former development boards, SAP, SADF and the business sector.

"Concrete evidence of the involvement of GBSs in the breaking of rent boycotts was given to the CRG this week.

"In a document titled 'Strategy for the collection of arrear rental and service charges', submitted to a meeting of the Lekoa Town Council on November 1 1985, it is stated that 'local collection action groups' made up of councillors, policemen and officials will be formed to use all available means to collect arrear rentals.

"The document continues: 'All are (to be) taken in a mini-GBS and GBS context ... within the ambit of the National Security Management System' "

The researchers explain that each regional GBS breaks down into mini-GBSs that deal with local areas Together these bodies form the National Security Management System.

"The function of GBSs is to assess the security situation in each region and recommend to the authorities concerned appropriate 'solutions' — recommendations that range from security force actions to the upgrading of living conditions," the CRG report reads.

It highlights that the Lekoa document categorically rules out negotiation as a means to ending the rent boycott

It quotes an instruction that "no acknowledgement through negotiations must be given to revolutionary groups

Instead, a range of strategies — which were widely reported when the document was leaked to the Sharpeville Civic Association in November — were to be deployed in the Vaal townships falling under the Lekoa Council. They included:

- Legal action against rent defaulters, concentrating on those identified as able to afford rent
- The holding of household discussion with residents These

were to be conducted by councillors "with SAP support" and were intended to ascertain "healthy areas", which the CRG presumes refers to areas where opposition to paying rent is low.

- Winning the hearts and minds of the young so that they can persuade their parents to pay rent. This should be done at "weekend camps" where talks on the role of local authorities, constitutional reform and the necessity of paying rent would be given
- The use of the media on the rent issue and to deal with general topics like inter-racial reconciliation.
- The establishment of "law and order committees" in each ward to "serve as a forum for dialogue between parents and rebellious youths".

The CRG comments that the Lekoa documents reveal a great sensitivity on the part of the State to the effect of rent boycotts in eroding the image of local government.

It adds. "It is unlikely that this combination of repressive and 'hearts and minds' strategies will work The more repression the State uses the less legitimate its organs become"

The CRG concludes: "The fundamental weakness of the National Security Management System's boycott busting strategy lies in the clause that forbids negotiation with 'revolutionary' organisations The longer negotiations are postponed, the longer the rent boycott will last."

The Wits group adds a final caution that rent boycotts are not in themselves problems — but an indication that more fundamental problems exist "The boycott is merely a silent but powerful call by the communities that they want some control over their own lives and cities. No new 'urbanisation policy' will work if this call is ignored"

BUSDAY 5/8/86

Council to sue evicted families

SOPHIE TEMA

THE Dobsonville Town Council is to take legal action against 138 families evicted from the township's newly built houses yesterday.

Town clerk Alec Conn said the council would sue the families for loss of compensation or loss of rent, use of water, damage to the houses, and delaying an electrical contractor's work — thereby placing the council in breach of contract.

Yesterday *Business Day* spoke to the families as they sat beside their possessions on the pavements.

They watched helplessly as council police moved from house to house to throw out their belongings.

In several cases, policemen opened the doors themselves because the occupants were not present.

Several families claimed their newly bought furniture was damaged as a result of bad handling by police.

Some residents almost broke down when they told how they had nowhere to go and would have to sleep in the open unless they were offered alternative accommodation.

Conn said: "Our investigations have shown that some of the families were not residents of Dobsonville and had come from as far afield as Potchefstroom.

"We also found that about five other families already had houses in Dobsonville, but had moved out to occupy new houses. These people have lived in the council's houses since May and no rent was collected from them because they were staying in the houses illegally.

"They were served with notices a week ago to move out or face eviction.

"All of them were warned that they would be evicted if they did not take heed of the notices because they were occupying the houses illegally."

Nine other families were evicted previously — three on May 18 and six last week — after a court order against them.

Conn said the 138 houses had been allocated to people who had been on the council's housing waiting list for a long time.

Evicted families now homeless

By Mudini Maivha

Several Dobsonville families lost their homes yesterday when they were evicted from houses they had been occupying illegally.

The evictions were carried out by the Dobsonville Town Council police, backed by members of the South African Police and Railways Police

A spokesman for the Police Directorate of Public Relations said it was normal procedure for the SAP to stand by during evictions when asked to do so by the evicting authorities. However, they would not actively take part in the evictions, he said

The families were given a 4 pm deadline to clear out They occupied the houses in May, soon after completion.

The council went to the Rand Supreme Court and the families were ordered to move but refused

The council police allegedly kicked open doors yesterday when the occupants had left for work, took out furniture and installed new locks

Some parents returned home after being telephoned by their children

Several men were arrested by the council police

Some residents complained that the council police had broken their furniture while moving it Destitute residents stood in groups talking while police drove around

One resident, Mrs Belinah Maiswe, said· "We have nowhere to go Those who were lodgers have a bigger problem because their landlords have probably taken in new people"

Elizabeth Legoete (11) said. "My parents were away when the council police arrived and took everything out.".



A small boy carrying a loaf of bread and kettle of water searches for a place to make some tea and have a meal after his family was evicted yesterday.

COLD COMFORT

144 families homeless

MANY of the 144 Dobsonville families who were occupying houses illegally for the past three months, spent last night homeless after being evicted and later arrested under the Squatters Act and for possession of dangerous weapons.

By LANGA SKOSANA

Among those evicted was Mrs Teressa Dlamini and her seven-day-old infant She said they would spend the night in the open because they did not have alternative accommodation

The council's town clerk, Mr Alex Conn, said many of the houses were damaged by the illegal tenants and the council was going to get into considerable expense repairing them

The council, he said, was fitting new locks into the doors to prevent the tenants from occupying them again They were doing this following the re-occupation of six houses from which six families were evicted last week

Baby

Mrs Dlamini said she gave birth to her baby, Nonhlanhla last week and was still attending a post natal clinic She said she was worried her infant might get sick because of exposure

Another evicted family is that of Mrs Louisa Moeneng, who with her three children have been on the waiting list for 16 years

She said she got tired of waiting while other families who applied for homes after her were allocated houses

Most of the families claimed that after occupying the houses they tried to normalise their stay by paying the monthly rent but the council refused to accept it

They said they now faced the prospect of living in the open until alternative accommodation is found for them or squat anywhere where they can find shelter

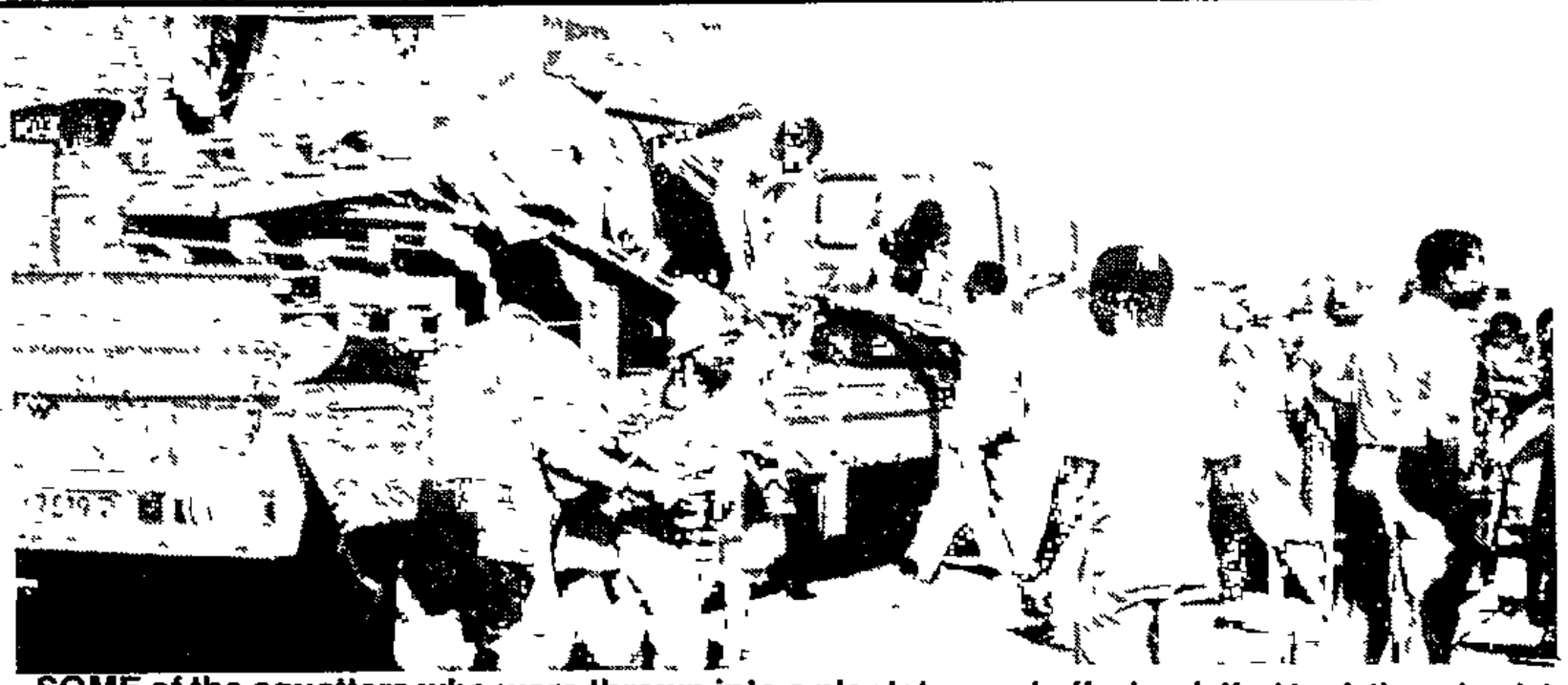


THIS was the scene yesterday at Dobsonville Extension after the council had evicted 144 families who have been illegally occupying its houses for three months The eviction follows a Supreme Court ruling recently Pic. LEN KUMALO



More misery for squatters evicted from Dobsonville

DRIVEN FROM PILLAR TO POST



SOME of the squatters who were thrown into a plantation get off a truck that took them back to Dobsonville. The homeless people spent last night huddled next to their belongings.

DOBSONVILLE'S 144 homeless families had a sad experience yesterday when they were shunted from pillar to post, and ended up spending last night in the open.

A tent which some of them used for shelter on Monday was seized by council officials, and heads of families in the area were arrested and charged with squatting Yesterday was the second night some of them spent in jail

By LANGA SKOSANA

The squatters' misery started on Monday when 144 families who had occupied council houses illegally for the past three months, were forcibly ejected and scores arrested for squatting A mother who gave birth last week was also thrown out

Yesterday in a drama-filled day (some of the events cannot be published because of emergency regulations), the council seized a tent, arrested men in the area, transported the squatters to a forest and watched them from a distance.

No sooner had the squatters arrived at the forest than owners of the land told them to leave They were taken away and dumped in the open

The council's town clerk, Mr Alex Conn, said yesterday that the squatters were moved, at their request, to a forest near Dobsonville He said he did not know to whom the land belonged

The council also assisted those who had derelict cars by towing the cars to the area where the squatters wanted to go

Birth

Mr Conn said the mother who gave birth to a child last week was allowed on humanitarian grounds to sleep in the house she illegally occupied, because she did not have transport to take her belongings away She would also be evicted, he said

Some of the squatters cried bitterly as they were being shunted from place to place They complained that their furniture was damaged by council workmen

One of them, Mrs Lindi Sithebe, whose husband, Siphiwe, was arrested, said a newly-bought wardrobe was smashed She reported the matter to Dobsonville Police Station.

Another squatter, Mr Hendrick Molefe said he and his family faced yet another night in the open veld because they had nowhere to go

The squatters said they moved into the houses because they were on the nouse waiting list for a long time

They argued their case in the Supreme

2 000 housing units on ER

A MAJOR housing scheme was launched this week in response to the shortage of homes in Kathlehong, Germiston.

The agreement was signed by representatives of the Town Council, the East Rand Development Board, the Housing Association and the Urban Foundation to provide a further 2 000 housing units in Kathlehong by the end of 1990.

Mayor of Kathlehong, Mr Thami Sluma, said the agreement was a major breakthrough in the housing crisis.

"The agreement will be signed during a conference being held in Germiston. It is anticipated that all parties will be represented by the end of this week. Prices will be announced for a two-bedroomed house and a three-bedroomed house. Only the first 2 000 houses will be built in Kathlehong, with the remaining 8 000 houses to be built in other areas on the East Rand," he said.

Mr Sluma said the agreement was the result of negotiations between the Town Council and the Urban Foundation.

"The Urban Foundation will be responsible for the planning and development of the 10 000 houses and will also be responsible for the provision of bulk services and the building of community facilities," he said.

"The Town Council will be responsible for the provision of roads, electricity, water and sewerage services to the houses."

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Tenants face more action

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

Tenants of the three Joubert Park blocks of flats where mass evictions were carried out last week, again face action by the new lessors unless they pay rent and an additional service charge today

It was spelled out to the residents of the rent controlled flats — Branksome Towers, Claridge Court and Protea Mansions — that unless they paid up "alternative action" would be taken

Still fresh in the tenants' minds was the memory of brutal illegal evictions at the hands of the previous lessor, Mr L Malaga

A Mr A White and a man who declined to give his name warned "black" and white tenants of service contracts of R105 a month

The "black" tenants were concerned about the recent court finding that they could not seek relief in an illegal situation

They were advised by the Action Committee to Stop Evictions (Actstop) to consult the Legal Resources Centre Prospective tenants were asked not to seek accommodation in these blocks if the lessees were evicted

TV ads campaign to break rent boycott

THE government is embarking on a major multi-media campaign to try to break the widespread rent boycott

The Weekly Mail has learnt that filming will start next week on a series of more than 40 one-minute television spots designed to encourage people to pay their rent.

The Bureau for Information indicated yesterday that this is part of a major campaign

This comes one week after the Weekly Mail revealed a grand plan by the government, business and community councils to break the boycott The plan was being run by the Joint Management Centres, which are directly accountable to the State Security Council, and it brought together representatives of business, community councils, the ex-development boards, the South African Police and the SA Defence Force

Part of the campaign was to "use the media".

The Wits University-based Community Research Group has listed 31 townships where rent boycotts are taking place and estimate that this has already cost the state R250-million

Asked this week to confirm the media campaign, the Bureau for Information said it was "looking at a multi-media approach to support the educational and information campaigns of local authorities

"There seems to be a plethora of twisted messages in the market place about rents and services We believe the public should be informed as to the manpower and costs involved in rendering these services and the necessity of their contribution

"The approach is quite simply to inform the consumer that effective services and infrastructure for his/her benefit can only be established, maintained or improved with their assistance and co-operation.

"In view of the fact that the information exercise is still being planned, it will be guesswork on our part to provide you with details on quantity, launch date, format and cost"

HOME IN THE NORTH

A NEW black township to accommodate over a quarter of a million people north of Johannesburg is one of the proposals contained in the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning's draft guide plan for the central Witwatersrand, released in Pretoria today.

Guide plan for new black area near Sandton

The site — about 3 000 ha in area — is north of Sandton and would be established on the eastern and northern sides of the Diepsloot nature area.

In a statement, Constitutional Development Minister Mr Chris Heunis said the move was part of the positive implementation of the Government's urbanisation policy, and would provide a residential area for blacks within reasonable distance of employment opportunities in surrounding areas.



Mr CHRIS Heunis.

The draft guide plan, which proposes guidelines for the future spatial development of the central Witwatersrand, was released for comment by all interested parties, which have to submit written representations to the department within 60 days.

Former student leader on murder charge — Page 2

Huge Transvaal township planned

Dispatch Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Plans to establish a huge township north of Sandton to accommodate 250 000 people have been announced

Details were contained in a draft guide plan for central Witwatersrand released in Pretoria by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning.

The 3 000 ha identified for the township could provide about 45 000 homes — about half the number in Soweto — according to the general manager of the Urban Foundation's Family Housing Association, Mr Mathew Nell

The township would go some way to reducing the enormous black housing backlog — presently estimated at about 550 000 units nationally and 200 000 in the PWV area

It would supply the rapidly expanding growth areas of Randburg and Sandton areas with labour

The Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said the move was part of the implementation of the government's urbanisation policy and would provide a residential area for blacks within reasonable distance of jobs in surrounding areas

Experts said it was not possible to say what the development would cost.

Court orders release of union's chairman

JOHANNESBURG —The Rand Supreme Court yesterday granted an order for the release of the Johannesburg branch chairman of the Commercial Catering and Allied Workers' Union of South Africa, Mr Amon Cetshwayo Musani.

The urgent application was brought by Mr Musani against the Minister of Law and Order and the commanding officer of Kempton Park police station.

He has been in detention since July 9 when he returned from the United States. — Sapa

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Evictions to be fought in court

By STAN MHLONGO

APPLICATIONS to fight evictions in Soweto, Vaal townships and Tumahole were filed at the Bloemfontein and Rand Supreme Courts this week

The applications were filed by attorney Priscilla Jana's office on behalf of the Sharpeville Taverners' Association and the Soweto Civic Association

Lawyer Richard Spoor said he had given the Soweto council until 2pm today to withdraw its threats to evict residents at Zola Emdeni next Tuesday

He had also been instructed to get a court interdict preventing evictions in Tumahole

An application to set aside rent increases in Sebokeng, Bophelong, Boipatong and Sharpeville would also be made, he added

Tvl rent strikers evicted

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SHARPEVILLE — Local authorities in the Vaal Triangle townships began evicting families at the weekend in a crackdown on a prolonged rent strike

The area includes Sharpeville and Sebokeng where the current wave of violence, which has left more than 2 150 dead, began with fighting sparked by rent increases in September 1984.

An official of the local town council, Mr Ben Scott, said 10 families were evicted on Saturday for not paying rent for nearly two years

'60 percent'

"We have started with the evictions to show people they cannot refuse to pay their rent," he said. About 60 percent of township residents were not paying rent, he added

Mr Scott said the court had ordered 1 800 evictions, but the council would evict only those residents who were capable of paying rent but refused to do so. Most tenants owed between R500 and R1 500, he said

Lekoa's town clerk, Mr N P Louw, said evictions started on Saturday in Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong, Bopelang, Zamdela and Refengkgotso

He declined to disclose how many residents of these townships constituting Lekoa would be affected.

Mr Louw expected the evictions "to continue on a daily basis for some weeks".

He said, however, that no resident had been evicted or would be evicted without being served a summons signed by a magistrate

He also denied that policemen and the army were assisting municipal police with the evictions, saying that "these forces were in the townships before the operation began".

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More than half-a-million people live in the six townships — Sapa-Reuter and Own Correspondent

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Police start evicting rent boycotters

Dispatch Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Municipal police here evicted an undisclosed number of people from homes in six Vaal Triangle townships at the weekend

Lekoa's town clerk, Mr N P Louw, said yesterday the eviction of residents "refusing to pay rent" had begun on Saturday in Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong, Bopelang, Zamdela and Refengkgotso

He refused to disclose how many residents of the six townships constituting Lekoa would be affected by the "eviction operation expected to continue on a daily basis for some weeks"

He said, however, no resident had been evicted or would be evicted without being served a summons from either the Vereeniging or Vanderbijlpark magistrate's courts

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Overcrowding — but 37 000 homes empty

Rent boycott families e

evicted

By Jaap Boekkooi

Sixteen blacks are living in each house in urban townships, while 37 000 houses and flats in white areas are standing empty, according to estimates in a survey by the Housing Research Information Centre.

The centre, part of the National Building Research Institute of the CSIR, says there is still an unmitigated housing shortage among groups other than whites.

The shortage for blacks outside national states is 538 000 houses, for coloured people 52 000 and for Asians 44 000.

The country's 7 400 000 urban blacks live in only 466 000 relatively small housing units.

This works out at statistically at almost 16 people per house.

Among whites more households and families are now sharing accommodation, and both expensive and cheap housing units are difficult to let.

Many landlords had to reduce rentals for flats and houses by as much as 20 percent.

In white areas an estimated 17 400 flats, or 3,9 percent of all flats, and 19 000 houses are standing empty.

The centre said housing shortages and surpluses could be evened out by carefully selected "grey areas" where all population groups could live.

Vereeniging Bureau

The first group of a large number of families who have not paid rent for two years were evicted in Vaal triangle townships at the weekend.

Nearly 1 800 more will also get eviction orders in the next few weeks "if they fail to react positively and settle their long overdue debts" — said to total several million rands

Mr Klasie Louw, town clerk of Lekoa, said the evictions followed several appeals to residents to pay their rents.

He said 13 families — two in Sharpeville, eight in Bophelong and three in Zamdela — were evicted on Saturday after 1 800 eviction orders were granted by magistrates in Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark in the last few months.

"We will continue to have residents evicted in groups of 13 or more on a weekly basis until they react positively to our continued appeals to settle their dues," Mr Louw said.

"We are not taking the law into our hands by resorting to these measures as the evictions have been authorised by magistrates in the area"

Five years to pay

The evictions were being enforced by the new municipal police force in conjunction with a messenger of the court..

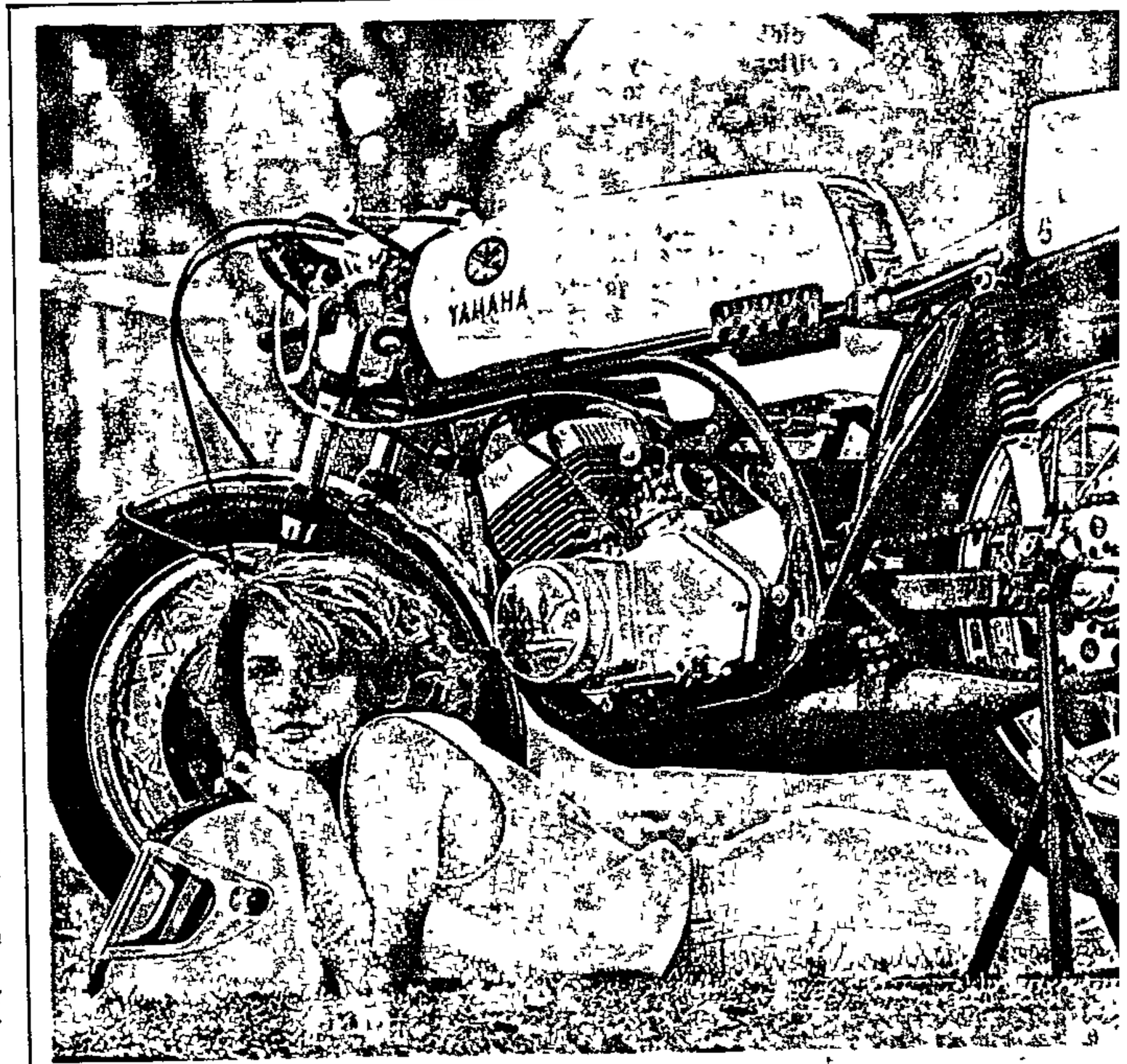
They were "on a selective basis and with a feeling of pity for the less fortunate" Those with fixed incomes would be evicted at first.

However, according to Mr Louw, residents owing rent could still avoid eviction by making arrangements to pay with the town treasurer of Lekoa at the municipal centre in Sebokeng (the former development board complex).

He said residents could leave a deposit and pay off the rest of the money owed over five years.

Mr Louw also warned residents who have failed to pay their electricity bills to do so within the next two weeks or have their service cut.

He said the electricity supply to about 150 homes in the area had already been disrupted Electricity supply cables to these houses were dug out and removed..



Here's a preview of what you can see at the Classic Motorcycle exhibition at the C until August 16. Gwen Goosen (21) shows off a 1969 Yamaha TR2 350 belongi

FAMILIES ARE TORN APART

FAMILIES who were evicted from Dobsonville have been forced to live apart.

Parents now no longer live with their children as a result of last week's evictions

The story of the broken families was told yesterday by a number of families who were camping at the township's Methodist Church hall after being forcibly ejected by the council

By LANGA SKOSANA

from houses they illegally occupied

Mrs Jessie Ndlela and Mrs Dinah Msibi said they were not living with their children whom they last saw when they were evicted from council houses last week

"I have asked relatives to look after my children, while I stay here," said Mrs Ndlela

Others said the strain of homelessness was leading one family to a divorce as the husband said he could not stand living in a church hall and has decided to live in the township apart from his wife

A total of 24 heads of families who were arrested for squatting and other offences were released on bail of between R300 and R500 One man is charged with terrorism and is out on R500 bail while another is out on R100 bail for public violence They are to appear in court on August 15 and August 18

Dobsonville's town clerk, Mr Alex Conn, yesterday explained the council's attitude to squatters.

He said his council had a long list of people waiting for houses and could not allow people to hijack the council's houses The waiting list was a result of a backlog in housing which has been accumulating from 1962 to October last year In that period no house was built in Dobsonville, he said

Last year the council obtained a loan to build 400 houses to offset a waiting list of more than 1 800 families

On allegations that corruption existed in the allocation of houses, Mr Conn said people should report such allegations to the police or give him affidavits If the allegations were true, he would deal with the officials concerned

Squatting, he added, was not the way to solve the housing problem. He said some people squatted because they wanted to elicit sympathy and publicity and hold local authorities to ransom to provide them with houses

BUSDAY 12/8/88

Lekoa residents get a chance

SOPHIE TEMA

LEKOA residents, now facing eviction, have a chance to retain their homes if their rent arrears are paid immediately.

The Lekoa Town Council was granted court orders last week to evict 1 800 families from their homes for failing to pay their rent.

Vaal residents have not paid their rents for two years, after a call to boycott rent

Lekoa town clerk N P Louw said families who were evicted in the Vaal at the weekend, but who paid their rent arrears in full by yesterday, could move back into their homes

He said residents owed the council between R30m and R40m for rent, water, electricity and service charges

A Department of Constitutional Development and Planning spokesman said last week rent owed by black residential townships countrywide could amount to about R250m

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Massive boost for housing in city

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

A massive injection of R150 million into housing in Johannesburg this year has seen more homes provided for whites and coloureds in the last six months than at any other period in the city's history

According to the city's director of housing, Mr Thys Wilsnach, nearly 7 000 houses or flats have been completed or are scheduled to come on stream this year

The waiting list for whites was brought down from 2 233 in December to 1 475 in July — the first time a drop has been achieved in the last 10 years — and the list for coloured people, which had grown to 5 046 in June, was dented by 18 in July

The backlog could be wiped out in two years

But a decreasing waiting list did not signal the end of housing problems in the city, Mr Wilsnach said

"The more we provide, the more come on to the waiting list"

The waiting list for coloured people has increased by about 115 names every month since January this year

The largest proportion of sub-economic houses for people earning less than R800 a month and homes for the elderly have been built for coloured people, who have been allocated more than 5 000 of the 7 000 units

The main thrust of white housing has been for pensioners



Mr Johannes Mathemba of Sharpeville and his family of nine were evicted from their home at the weekend.

Evicted families told to 'pay R1 000 to get homes back'

By Montshiwa Moroke

Two Sharpeville families, evicted at the weekend by Lekoa Town Council, said yesterday they were told they would have to pay R1 000 before they could re-occupy their homes.

The families were still without homes for the fourth day yesterday, while the council has placed the houses under 24-hour police guard. Some of their furniture is in the open.

The two families were among 13 families evicted in the Vaal Triangle on Saturday morning for not paying rent since a rent boycott started in September 1984.

Town clerk Mr Nic Louw said three other families had been evicted in Zamdela and eight more in Bophelong.

He said the council had been granted court orders to evict 1 800 families. Evictions would be carried out systematically, he said.

The Vaal Triangle contains five black townships with a population of about three million However, Mr Louw declined to reveal what percentage of residents owed rent or how much in total was outstanding.

Mr Louw said evictions, which started on Saturday, would be carried out each weekend when families were at home. The council would evict families in small numbers until there was a "positive" response from residents.

The families of Mr Johannes Mathemba (67) and Mr Tshehla Khanya were evicted in Sharpeville.

Mr Mathemba, a father of nine and grandfather of three, was pensioned in 1976

Both families are puzzled why the council started with them They are being put up by other township families at the moment.

Township plan will destroy us: residents

By Lesley Cowling and Toni Younghusband

Owners of plots in Hills and Dales, north of Sandton, will fight the Department of Constitutional Planning and Development's proposed township development, nicknamed Norweto, zoned for their area

Owners and tenants will hold a meeting this weekend to decide how to counter the move, which, they say, will destroy their community About 100 residents of Laezonia, which borders the township, held a protest meeting on Saturday

Proposals for the black town housing 250 000 people were released last week in the Government's draft guide plan for the Central Witwatersrand

Officials have welcomed the development, saying it will provide much-needed black housing

But residents and tenants argue the move is ill-conceived and ignores a number of factors, including

● The need for a green belt. theirs is the only area so near to town where plots are as big as 56 acres, say residents Their properties are not farmed because of the arid soil and lack of water, and the area is like a nature reserve Most of the men in Hills and Dales families work in town and their money goes into conserving the land and the wild life

● The distance factor: it is impracticable for a township to be 45 km or an hour's drive from the city centre, they say There is no rail link to Hills and Dales, and road transport will place a greater strain on the already overloaded Nicol Highway and Jan Smuts Avenue

PERPETUATES GROUP AREAS ACT

● Perpetuating the Group Areas Act: residents argue that the establishment of a black township perpetuates the Group Areas Act and does not fit in with the Government's stated reform policies Their small community is non-racial, and local blacks and whites work together to solve community problems, they say

"How can they do this?" said Mr Gert Masilela, whose family has lived in the area for generations

"They don't even tell us themselves, we just have to hear it on the wireless "

Mr Masilela said he cannot sleep since he heard the news

"This is my world. I was born here, I got married here and my children were born here "

Mrs Helen Duigan, who has lived in Hills and Dales for 10 years, said "We are not selfish If we felt we were giving up our homes for a necessary and worthwhile project, we would be sad, but we would go "

She suspected the authorities were taking their land because there were only a few people and it would make expropriation cheaper

"We have put so much into the land here and it will all be bulldozed."

Mrs Annemi Gardner said all the residents had put an enormous financial and emotional investment into Hills and Dales.

"People here were almost like pioneers When we came there was no electricity, roads, telephones or water We made the roads ourselves," she said

Everyone in Hills and Dales was shattered by the news, she said

CHARTWELL'S NOT THE SAME

Mrs Louise Balfour: "People say, move to Chartwell But it's not the same The plots are small. I don't want to hear my neighbour cough "

She had lived in Hills and Dales with her family for 15 years The news of the proposed township had come soon after they had paid off the last of what they owed on the property

● Mr Peter Joseph, of Laezonia, told *The Star* yesterday residents were strongly opposed to a black township on their borders

"We plan to make some sort of protest representation to someone in Government We have invited various officials to our next meeting to discuss the issue," Mr Joseph said

Mr Joseph said development of such a township would be against the Government's stated intentions

"They are establishing a black township again instead of a multi-racial development," he said

● *The Star's* Pretoria Bureau has received a number of protest calls from homeowners in those areas bordering the site of the proposed township.



EVICTED . . . Mrs Elizabeth Motaung of Bophelong, holding child.

RENT CLAMP ON THE VAAL

13/8/86 Sowetan

Scores may be locked out



Mr NIKOLAAS Louw

SCORES of Vaal residents may be homeless because the Lekoa Town Council is to continue locking them out of their houses on Saturdays.

More than 30 families have been evicted in the townships of Sharpeville, Zamdela, Bophelong and Sebokeng as local authorities continued the mass action against rent defaulters.

In Bophelong 10 families were evicted, in Sharpeville five and the rest were evicted in Boipatong, Zamdela and Sebokeng.

Armed council policemen guarded houses as soon as occupants were ejected. The council has also started disrupting electricity supply by removing major cables where residents have not paid rent arrears

Mrs Elizabeth Motaung of Bophelong said she was forcibly moved out of her home by council police She was prepared to pay rent but afraid that she might be attacked.

"I am now faced with problems now that my family has to remain in the open I think the authorities should talk to the residents in order to break the rent boycott "

In Sharpeville Mr Petrus Maphutla said he was not given any notice about the eviction

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

Notice

He said. "We are prepared to pay reduced rents because we know we cannot stay without paying for the services.

"The authorities should negotiate with residents and not just throw our belongings out of our homes."

Mr Moses Ramolipe of Sebokeng said he was forced to hand over the keys of his house to a white council policeman. His house was then locked and was forced to squat in his backyard.

Mrs Kalie Molato of Zamdela, who was ejected, said that she was told if she wanted to pay her rent, then she should go to the council's offices.

Several other residents interviewed by the *Sowetan* yesterday said they could not afford to pay "high rents".

"We have been frustrated by the cutting off of the electricity supply in our area The authorities are acting indiscriminately and do not consider that we also have problems with high rent," Mr Howard Matloane of Sebokeng said.

The Lekoa town clerk, Mr Nikolaas Louw has warned residents to pay their rents or to face prosecution and eviction The council has obtained court orders to evict defaulters who have not paid their rent since September 3, 1984.

Plea to residents to help homeless

MEMBERS of the Dobsonville Action Committee went on a door to door campaign last night to plead with residents to allow the 44 homeless families to build temporary shacks in their back yards.

A spokesman for the Action Committee has appealed to residents to "open their hearts" so that the homeless families can have a place to live.

SOWETAN Reporter

The 44 families were among a group of 144 families who were evicted from Dobsonville Council houses last week after occupying the houses illegally for three months

After being thrown out into the street, a Methodist Church Minister, Reverend Phidian Matsepe, housed them in his church hall, but said yesterday the squatters could not stay there forever.

The council on the other hand does not want a squatter problem on its hands and has charged some of them with squatting Those charged have paid between R300 and R500 bail and will appear in court on Friday

The spokesman for the Action Committee said influential groups and organisations will be approached to put pressure on the Dobsonville Town Council to find alternative accommodation for these people.



Rev PHIDIAN Matsepe . . . temporary shelter

Hope for Fred Clark squatters

FAMILIES squatting in the Fred Clark emergency camp stand a chance of being allocated a site or a house in Nancefield if they have the money and have been on the waiting list for many years, writes MANDLA NDLAZI.

This is what Mrs Del Kevan, the Soweto City Council's housing director told the hundreds of squatters who claim the Nancefield sites were reserved for them by former Soweto mayor, Mr David Thebehali.

The squatters went to the council's chambers in Jabulani last month to tell deputy mayor, Mr Glen Jwara, they believed the sites were being allocated to families living outside the Fred Clark camp.

In a letter to them, Mrs Kevan said: "This is to confirm that the council has agreed to reserve some stands at Nancefield site and service scheme to residents of Fred Clark Emergency Camp on the following conditions:

- That they will be at least as senior on the waiting list as the other residents of Soweto who are at present being allocated sites in Nancefield; and
- That they will be able to afford to build their own houses on the sites."

The letter also explains other housing schemes in the pipeline.

The letter further explains that the council is planning to build 333 shell houses in Zola These are houses without internal walls and finishes. The money could be paid cash or in instalments.

The council is planning to build 90 houses of the 51/9 type in Naledi. These will cost R9 000 plus R6 000 for services.

A private developer is building houses in Dlamini which could cost R20 000 Another scheme in Pimville will have houses that could cost between R25 000 and R45 000.

NUM WAGE DISPUTE

Amazing omission

The Minister of Manpower's unexpected failure to appoint a conciliation board in the wage dispute between the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) and the Chamber of Mines means that the union is now entitled to call a legal strike But the union is considering very carefully its next move

NUM fulfilled its part of procedure by asking the minister to appoint a conciliation board. Expiry of the 30-day period provided for in the Labour Relations Act entitled the union to go on strike on August 7 — provided, of course, that NUM, which became a registered union earlier this year, first holds a strike ballot

Approached for comment on the minister's omission, Manpower Director General Piet van der Merwe told the *FM* "There are certain legal requirements that must be fulfilled, and there must be a reasonable chance that appointing a conciliation board will contribute to the solution of a particular dispute The minister has full discretion in the matter of conciliation boards and we never give reasons for his decisions"

But talk in mining circles this week was that the Manpower Department simply fluffed the issue, and failed to appreciate fully what the consequences of its inaction would be Bitter allegations were also made that the department botched the application earlier by classifying it as an unfair labour practice instead of a wage dispute



Minister Du Plessis . . . failure to appoint conciliation board

Nevertheless, NUM does not at present appear to be intent on rushing into strike action Says its press officer Marcel Golding "We obviously expected the board to be appointed Now we will have to convene appropriate structures in the union to decide upon our course of action"

The dispute was declared at the stage when NUM had dropped the wage component of its demand from 45% to 30%, and the chamber was offering to increase the minimum wage rates of workers in the lowest and highest job categories by 20% and by 15% respectively The union may well feel that it can squeeze more out of the mining houses If so, there would be little point in precipitating industrial action — especially as its right to strike means it would have a distinct advantage over employers if negotiations are re-opened ■

TOWNSHIP RENT BOYCOTTS

Councillors' arrears

In the wake of the official proposal to evict rent defaulters in black townships, it has come to light that all councillors in Soweto and the six townships in the Vaal Triangle have not paid rent either since the boycotts began

Paradoxically, the evictions, intended to break the rent boycotts in 30 townships, are co-ordinated by the black councils themselves

Sustained rent boycotts (see page 59), have cost the State at least R250m in lost rentals (*Current affairs* August 8)

The Bureau for Information has warned "Services and infrastructure for the benefit of the consumer can only be maintained if rents and service charges are paid by householders" Plans for eviction of rent defaulters have been formulated in many affected townships

Sebokeng's town clerk, Nicolaas Louw, tells the *FM* that of a total 1 800 eviction orders obtained, only 13 families — three at Zamdela, two at Sharpeville, and eight at Bophelong — were evicted on Monday

Asked how many of those evicted were councillors, Louw said "Councillors are not being evicted They're making arrangements to pay off their arrears Arrangements by any other person to pay arrears are welcome We are not saying residents should pay all they owe immediately They can pay off their arrears in instalments"

Asked what it was doing about councillors' arrears, Soweto housing director Del Kevin said "I don't want want to express an opinion on councillors After all, they are the elected representatives"

Kevin also explained that her office has drawn up notices warning residents to pay or face prosecution

Meanwhile, the Soweto Civic Association and other activist groups are jointly distributing a pamphlet, entitled *Asinamali* ("We have no money") It urges residents to remain steadfast in refusing to pay It states, among other things, that "an eviction of one is an eviction of all," and calls for boycott of businesses owned by councillors

It says "The people of Soweto took a life-and-death decision that we are no longer prepared to finance our own oppression We won't pay rent; we won't pay salaries of the puppet councils and their police" ■

STATE OF EMERGENCY — 2

Legal breakthrough?

The emergency regulations took yet another legal knock this week with the judgment of the Natal bench of the Supreme Court ordering the release from detention of United Democratic Front (UDF) publicity secretary, Lechesa Tsenoli

Legal representatives for Tsenoli successfully argued that his detention was unlawful as emergency regulations 3 (1) and 3 (3) conveyed too wide a power on the State President or his nominee and, as such, contradicted the Public Safety Act of 1953, under whose authority the regulations are drafted

Although the judgment specifically affects Tsenoli and is binding only in Natal, legal representatives for detainees countrywide are planning to flood the courts with release applications on their clients' behalf.

The Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) for example, was due to bring an application in the Natal Supreme Court on Wednesday for the release of 30 detainees on the grounds of the invalidity of those regulations

Meanwhile, the State has appealed against the Natal bench judgment, and is bunkering down to defend all similar applications The appeal is only expected to be heard in about three months, during which time the detainees will remain incarcerated unless their legal representatives can successfully plead on their behalf

Legal sources also speculated that the Natal judgment could have a bearing on an application by several newspaper publishing groups seeking to have an entire section of the emergency regulations declared *ultra vires* The publishers are seeking to have regulations seven to 12 declared void and of no force in law

Legal counsel for the applicants, Sydney Kentridge, SC, is similarly probing the wide nature of the State's powers under the regulations and the competency of the State President's nominees in interpreting and applying them correctly Inherent contradictions between the regulations and the Public Safety Act also form part of his argument

The applicants are SA Associated Newspapers (Saan — owners of the *FM*), the Argus Printing & Publishing, Natal Newspapers and the Natal Witness Argument on their behalf started before the full bench of the Natal Supreme Court in Pietermaritzburg earlier this week

After the Tsenoli judgment, counsel for the State asked that the hearing be postponed for them to assess the implications The judges ruled, however, that the matter was so "pressing" for the newspapers that Kentridge should be allowed to proceed with his argument

An adjournment would be granted at the conclusion of his delivery to enable the State to prepare its case Judgment is expected in several weeks ■

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co-ordinated opposition to apartheid, according to the Community Research Group (CRG) at Wits University. The group also considers the boycotts, which have been going on for 20 months in some areas, as a significant non-violent indication of the depth of black anger

Among the townships affected by the boycotts, called either by local civic associations or local residents' committees, are Soweto, Dobsonville in Roodepoort, Tembisa at Kempton Park and Mamelodi in Pretoria. In the Vaal Triangle townships of Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Boipatong, Bophelong, Zamdela and Refengkhotso, the boycott has been going on since September 1984 (which is when the current cycle of unrest began) by residents opposing rent increases

Demands

Some of the reasons given for the rent boycott are unemployment, in particular, and the recession and inflation generally; opposition to rent hikes; and demands that the aged be exempted from paying rent There are also demands for the release of political detainees, the lifting of the State of Emergency, and withdrawal of the army from townships

The emergency regulations make it virtually impossible for communities to either call off the boycotts or for authorities to negotiate their end as many community leaders are not available

In Soweto, where the boycott began last June, repeated calls by officials to families to post rent payments to the council instead of paying directly as they usually did at township administration offices, has had little success It is believed that certain black officials have passed on information about payments to radical groups.

According to Soweto Town Clerk Nico Malan, the township's income last month dropped from R9m to R2,6m largely as a result of the non-payment of rents Only 50% of the township's 50 000 tenants paid up in June, Malan said The Soweto Council this week threatened to evict defaulters in terms of the Housing Act, which allows for seven days' notice and no legal recourse ■

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TOWNSHIP RENT BOYCOTT

Eviction dilemma

The sustained rent boycott in 28 black townships, and subsequent eviction threats against defaulters, has placed residents in a terrible dilemma non-payment would mean eviction by the authorities, while resumption of payments could lead to those homes being petrol-bombed by militants for breaking the boycott

Explains a Soweto homeowner "Supposing I post my rent (for the sake of anonymity in view of intimidation), or I pay up at the (new alternative) rent offices in Johannesburg. How do I explain the situation when my neighbours are thrown out of their homes for failing to pay and my family remains housed; or if their electricity is cut and my house continues to be lit?" There is also fear that those taking over the homes of evicted families will be attacked by youths determined to make the townships "ungovernable"

The rent boycotts are the most sustained,

The no-rent eviction begin in Vaal

The first few Vaal rent-defaulters received eviction notices this week. Another 1 900 households could follow. SEFAKO NYAKA reports

UNEMPLOYED and widowed Maria Mphetheni has become one of the first victims of the Lekoa Council's tough stand against rent defaulters

Last weekend Mphetheni, her three schoolgoing children and nine other families in Boipatong township in the Vaal were thrown out of their houses by Lekoa town council police

According to town council clerk Nikolaas Louw, the council was granted court permission to serve 1 900 eviction notices, but only two families have been evicted in Sharpeville, three in Zamdela and eight in Bophelong

Further evictions will depend on the response of the rent defaulters "If they pay up, like they are doing at the moment, we will not evict," Louw said.

There is a "very positive response" and people are paying at the council offices, signing stop orders for the arrears to be deducted from their salaries or sending payment by postal order or cheque, Louw said

Mphetheni's electricity supply was cut a few weeks before she was thrown out of the house

Louw explained that in the past the council cut the supply by removing fuses from electricity supply boxes, but found residents could easily reverse the procedure

"We have now resorted to digging up the supply cable and cutting it, making reconnection impossible"

Louw said the evictions were on a selective basis "and with a feeling of pity for the less fortunate

"Those with fixed incomes will be evicted first"

Mphetheni might have difficulty believing him.

"If it had not been for the kindness of my neighbours, we would have spent the night on the dusty pavement," Mphetheni said

But her problems are far from over Her house has been locked and council police are guarding it

With no income and dependent on her late husband's young unmarried brother, there is no way she can pay the R2 207,32 the council says she owes

The summonses she received last November, which gave her three days within which to defend the action, were in Afrikaans — a language she barely understands

Even if she had understood the implications of the summonses, she didn't have the money to engage the services of an attorney

When she failed to defend the action, the council went ahead and obtained a court ruling that she be compelled to pay her rent The ruling also stipulated that she be evicted from her home

She was then issued with a Section 65 notice, also in Afrikaans, ordering that she appear before a magistrate to explain why she shouldn't be compelled to settle her debt

Mphetheni failed to appear at the hearing and a warrant for contempt of court was issued

This was before the State of Emergency was declared about two months ago

A number of Vaal residents were raided by the council police, the South African Police and the South African Defence Force

Notices of arrest stipulated those residents spend 30 days in jail — or settle the debt in full immediately, sign a stop order for the rent arrears to be deducted from their salaries or make a down payment of about R500 before they could be released

But shortly after the arrests the women in the Vaal organised a march to Development Board offices at Houtkop, demanding the release of those detained

Those arrested were released and in Sebokeng there were no further detentions

But in Tumahole, near Parys, the arrests and evictions continued

"We believe that after the State of Emergency the Development Board used Tumahole to test the reaction of residents to evictions and the attachment of furniture When they saw that it was working, they proceeded to other townships in the Vaal," a Johannesburg attorney said

He said the evicted residents have little legal recourse Even if they pay their arrears, it is doubtful they will get their houses back

"This will be entirely at the Board's discretion," the attorney said

The obvious remedy is to apply for rescission (withdrawal) of judgement, but this will be difficult because residents don't have the money to pay for such a type of action and also because "the courts are unlikely to grant a recision after such a long delay between the date of judgement and an application for a recision," the attorney said

Louw denied that any property of the evicted residents has been attached "The town council will in future apply for a warrant of execution to attach the movable property of the rent defaulters

"The property will then be sold at a public auction to recover the rent arrears and legal costs"

Louw said residents could arrange to pay their arrears over a period of five years

"We are very lenient indeed," he said, but added that more people will be evicted this weekend.

The United Democratic Front warned the government that the evictions will only "fuel the anger of our people

"They must take responsibility for any violence that may result."

The UDF said there are compelling economic and political reasons why so many people are refusing to pay rents

"About 4-million blacks in South Africa are unemployed Those who have jobs are experiencing a decline in real wages," said a UDF representative

In some townships the "parasitical" black local authorities have introduced rent increases which residents are unable to afford, he said, and rents are also used to pay the "exorbitant salaries of the corrupt and unpopular town councillors"

According to the Community Research Group, a monitoring group based at Wits University, rent boycotts are going on in about 30 townships nationwide and has already cost the state more than R250-million

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EVICTIONS GO INTO FULL SWING

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New orders to be served

EVICTION of rent boycotters will get into full swing in Soweto as from next week after new orders have been served on tenants.

By LANGA SKOSANA

According to Soweto Council housing director Mrs Del Kevin, hundreds of notices will be sent out today ordering people to pay up or vacate their homes.

She said the new orders, which were drafted by the council's lawyers a few days ago, were unlike the previous ones which were challenged in court by some residents.

Evictions

The new orders which give a tenant seven days notice before eviction are issued in terms of Section 65 of the Housing Act 4 of 1966.

The order says any payment made by the tenant after the expiry of seven days will be held by the council in trust for settling any damages which the council may sustain due to the tenant's failure to vacate the house as required by the notice.

Mrs Kevin said those people who have bought their properties under the 99-year leasehold scheme were "hurting" themselves by boycotting rent payment.

She said the interest on the loan was growing as arrears accumulate.

"They will find themselves paying interest on the interest," she said.

155 Soweto families to be evicted

EVICTION notices would be served on 155 rent-defaulting Soweto families, the town council's housing director, Dale Kevin, said yesterday.

He said the council would serve five eviction notices at a time in each of its 31 townships.

Kevin said "Our attorneys have already been instructed to formulate new eviction notices to be served on rent defaulters, starting with the worst payers."

Residents would be given seven days' notice before being evicted.

SOPHIE TEMA

Fears are growing in Tembisa that capital projects may have to be shelved if people do not start to pay their rents.

Town clerk P L Harmse said residents owe the council R2,9m for site rents, electricity, water and service charges.

Residents in Soweto and Tembisa stopped paying rent from June.

Pamphlets were distributed in Soweto yesterday calling on residents not to pay rent unless government met certain demands.

Soweto family is to lose its refuge

By Janine Simon

The Director of Housing in Soweto, Mrs Del Kevan, said yesterday that the family living in an electrical substation "will definitely be removed"

"It's not better than nothing — it's a health hazard," she said of the derelict substation in Orlando West which the Lethoko family moved to after fights between hostel dwellers and Meadowlands residents destroyed their old home.

Asked where the family would go, she said the Diepmeadow Municipality, which is in charge of Meadowlands, would have to take responsibility

The family took refuge in the substation two months ago after being unable to find other accommodation

This week its members were given blankets and clothing by the *The Star's* winter-warmth project, Snowball

The Star later approached Sowetan authorities to ask if water or sewerage facilities could be provided for the family

But Mrs Kevan said the Lethokos had to be removed because the substation was a health hazard and the authorities could not afford to provide facilities for families from other municipalities

"We have provided emergency facilities for Soweto's 2 017 squatters, but this costs R16 000 a month, and we cannot afford to do it for people coming from other municipalities"

SQUATTING

When told that the Lethokos used their neighbour's toilet and water supply, Mrs Kevan said this could not be allowed, and the family would have to go back to Diepmeadow

"It's a criminal offence to squat," she said

The Mayor of Diepmeadow, Mr Joseph Mahuhushi, said he had not known of the family's plight, but they should contact the Meadowlands Hostel Office about their problem

Mudimi Maivha writes that the Lekoa Town Council yesterday continued evicting families which had not been paid rent for about two years

Another 24 families were evicted in Boipatong, one of the six townships under the jurisdiction of the Lekoa Town Council

Other townships faced with similar action are Bophelong, Sebokeng, Sharpeville, Evaton and Zamdela

'New area is a white elephant'

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By MZIKAYISE EDOM

A proposed new posh area in Katlehong, Germiston, with 1 800 serviced sites is becoming a white elephant as no home seeker has ventured to buy any of the sites priced between R16 000 and R20 000.

The stands, measuring 400 to 900 square metres were advertised by the Katlehong Town Council two months ago The stands have been provided with infrastructure including water supply, electricity and tarred streets

The Mayor of Katlehong, Mr Thami Siluma, yesterday confirmed that the stands at the new posh area — Spruitview — were priced between R16 000 and R20 000

He said· "Spruitview is an elite township, that is why the sites are so expensive "

The cheapest sites in the area (400 square meters) are worth R16 000 and the most expensive (900 square metres) sell for R20 000

A check by the *Sowetan* yesterday revealed that normal serviced stands in most black township on the reef — measuring 470 square metres (to accommodate a three bedroomed house) — are priced between R5 100 and R6 000

A spokesman for the Urban Foundation, which is building houses in the black townships, Mr Allan Kitchen, yesterday said in Protea North, Soweto, people were paying R8 828 for a 345 square metres serviced site and R5 938 for a 232 square metre site He further said in most cases, individuals payed different prices in different areas because of the kind of land in that particular area

Mr Siluma said these stands were "so expensive" because the area was situated next to a white suburb Leondale," and was also near the Johannesburg — Durban highway

He added that the council has so far sold 1 400 sites to two private white developers who will erect new houses and sell them to individual families "So far not a single stand has been sold to an individual but we hope that people will come forward and buy the sites in the near future "

Mr Siluma said the two white developers will start erecting houses in the area within the next few weeks Homeless families yesterday condemned the prices "They are exhorbitant and outrageous," most of them said

A 400 square metre site can accommodate two ordinary four roomed houses, a survey conducted by the *Sowetan* has revealed



Mr Veli Mokoena . of Aiesec.

Another 18 families evicted from homes

EIGHTEEN families in Sharpeville and Boipatong were evicted from their homes by the Lekoa Town Council at the weekend.

Mr Ben Scott, the council's town secretary, confirmed yesterday that several families were thrown out of their houses He said a total of 31 families have so far been evicted in the townships of Zamdela, Sharpeville, Boipatong and Bophelong.

But according to our information

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

more than 60 families have been evicted

According to Mr Scott, three families have since re-occupied their homes after making arrangement to pay their arrears He said this weekend they would be moving into Sebokeng to evict defaulters

The *Sowetan* yesterday spoke to some of the nine families evicted in Sharpeville. Most said they were surprised by the raids because they were not warned.

They also claimed that the council policemen and employees had been rude in effecting the evictions Some also claimed that their furniture had been damaged in the process and in one instance, a resident alleged that R108 disappeared from where he had placed it.

Mrs Anna Ramokoma said she and her family of 11 — two are relatives squatting in her yard — have been sleeping in the open since Saturday. They had nowhere to go and did not know for how long they would have to face chilly nights

"A white council policeman told my son that we owe R1 200 since August 1984 When my husband asked him why he picked on us when other people were also not paying their rent, he replied this was only the start as more families would be evicted next Saturday," she said.

Mr Scott confirmed that in some cases, furniture was taken away. He said this was not part of the council's action, but the items were seized by the messenger of the court to defray costs. Residents, he said, could get back the items if they pay arrears before they are sold at a public auction.

Vacated

He added that new families would be moved into the vacated houses this weekend. He said they had a house-waiting list of 5 000 in the area and did not think the people will be harmed because "they had nothing to do with evictions".

• Meanwhile, a spokesman for a law firm acting for the families, said yesterday they are preparing papers to challenge a judgment to evict the Lekoa residents.

He said they hoped to file the affidavits in the Supreme Court today for the matter to be heard before the end of this week.

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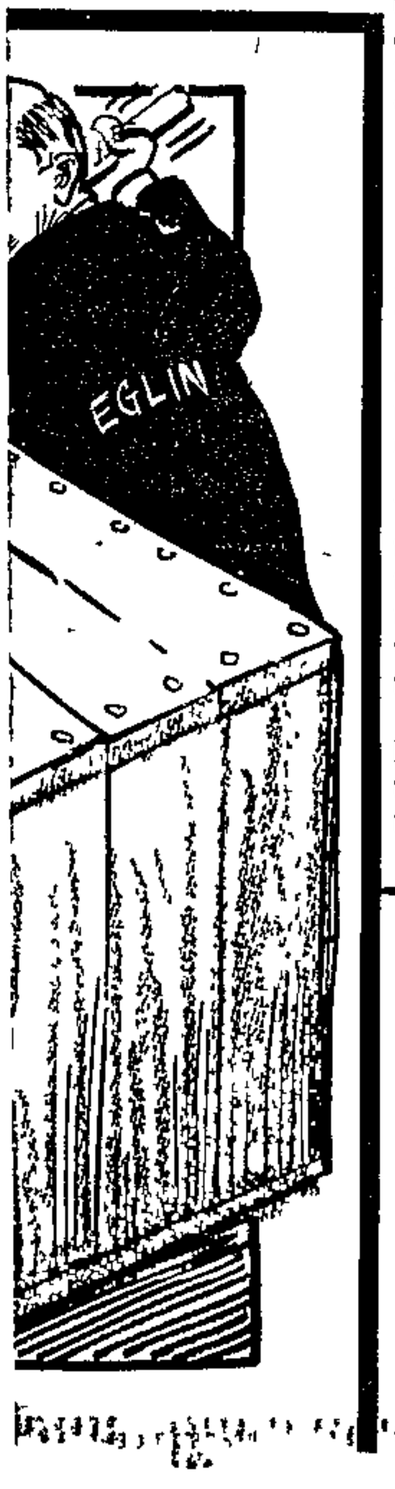
The pain of rent protests takes its toll

By THEMBA MOLEFE

people in the Vaal had "real grievances" which were aggravated by the lack of communication between local authorities and residents



Professor van der Walt said in an interview that what struck him most was the feeling of anger — "and if I were one of them I would have been angry too"

He identified problems in the area as

- The rent increases introduced by the town council on September 1 1984,
- The educational grievances of the pupils, particularly the age-limit regulations (which were later shelved by the Department of Education and Training), and
- The detention of residents by the police during the first three months of unrest then

Professor van der Walt said he discovered that people were willing to pay their rates but they wanted to know why they were paying them

"The people want to know what is happening to the money they give to the council

"By sending pamphlets, notices of letters to the residents the council is not communicating effectively with the residents," Professor van der Walt said

Professor van der Walt recommended to the Government to allow residents enough time to pay their arrears after finding that residents had no valid reasons to withhold payment He said rents in the Vaal compared favourably with that in other areas

Problems

However, residents still refused to pay up after the Deputy Minister of Co-operation and Development (now Development Aid), Mr Sam de Beer, said residents should pay arrears within 12 months, beginning in May 1985 or face legal action

The Lekoa Town Council also ran into problems when employers resisted its demand to withdraw rent money by stop-order off workers' pay

Rents were still not paid even after several residents were issued with court summonses for defaulting

Attempts to induce residents to pay up failed even after the council cut off electricity and water supply in Sharpeville and Sebokeng late last year, and at the beginning of 1986

The eviction move is the latest as the town council counts huge losses — estimated at millions of rands

The town clerk, Mr Nikolaas Louw has repeatedly declined to reveal the exact total losses incurred to the authorities because of non-payment

In an interview, Mr Louw said the evictions would yield results because residents feared being locked out of their homes

Meanwhile anxiety grips residents as they ponder who is next on the ejection list

Residents also find themselves helpless because the Vaal has been left virtually leaderless following the arrests of civic leaders who were detained in 1984 and during the present state of emergency

Lekoa town councillors, who have not met residents since the outbreak of the unrest in 1984, no longer communicate with residents Many of them do not live in the townships after their homes were gutted in the upheavals

Now the residents can only wait and hope as September 3, 1986 —the third year of resistance — approaches



PROFESSOR Tjaart van der Walt "real grievances"



Mr SAM de Beer warned of legal action

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Council suspends fifteen workers

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

FIFTEEN employees of the Vosloorus Town Council have been suspended from work for three months without pay for allegedly inciting people not to pay rent.

Their suspension which started last month will only be lifted on October 1.

The 15, who are clerks and cashiers, work in the council's rent department. They have been replaced with whites.

Mr Fanyana Lucky Mahlangu, the mayor of Vosloorus, yesterday confirmed the suspension. He said: "This is a matter concerning the council and its employees. The council is not prepared to talk to the Press."

He refused to elaborate on why the council had suspended the workers.

A source close to the council yesterday told the *Sowetan* that the 15 were suspended after being accused of turning away people at the council offices and inciting them not to pay rent.

The majority of residents in Vosloorus have not paid rent since May. It was only at the beginning of this month that some residents resumed paying their rents after the council had served them with notices threatening to evict them from their houses.

Our sources said the 15 were accused of collaborating with political activists in "forcing" residents not to pay rent until members of the council resigned from their posts.

Our sources said since the suspended workers have been replaced with the whites, there were fears that they may lose their jobs. Mr Mahlangu refused to comment on this allegation.

After the three months suspension period, our source said, the council will hold a special meeting to decide whether to lift the suspension or fire the workers.

"Each case will be treated on its merits," our source said.



MAYOR Mahlangu.

R1-m a day is lost in rent action

THE Government is losing at least R1-million daily as the rent action spreads to bantustans.

A survey by Wits University Community Research Group (CRG) says action is currently affecting 42 townships which have a combined population ranging between three and six million people.

Most of the townships are among South africa's largest situated in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging (PWV) and the Eastern Cape areas.

The action has spread to Mdantsane in the Ciskei homeland.

"The rent boycott is costing the State at least R30-million per month," the report says, adding "at least 300 000 households countrywide are not paying rent."

The report says in the PWV alone, the rent boycott has already cost the Government R188 million The State has lost approximately R150-million in the Vaal townships where the boycott has been going on since September 1984, and a further R38-million from rent boycotts which began this year in Soweto, Pretoria, Alexandra and Duduza/Tsakane

Losses incurred by the State from the non-payment of rent and service charges do not reflect the real losses. Built into the monthly payments is an amount that goes towards the repayment of loans that local authorities acquired from the Government to upgrade housing and services

WHY PICK ON MY FAMILY ASKS EVICTED DAD

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

MR JOHANNES Ramokoma of Sharpeville is a bitter man.

He is one of the nine families who were evicted by the Lekoa Town Council last Saturday for being in rent arrears since September 3, 1984

His bitterness stems from the fact that he cannot understand why the authorities picked on his family and a few others when hundreds of families were not paying rent

He and his family of 11 — including two relatives who squatted in his yard — have been sleeping in the yard of his former house

They have been doing so at a risk because the authorities have told them that they will be arrested if they are found on the premises

According to information reaching the *Sowetan*, there are other families sleeping in the open after being evicted this past weekend and the previous one

Other families have sought shelter with neighbours or relatives.

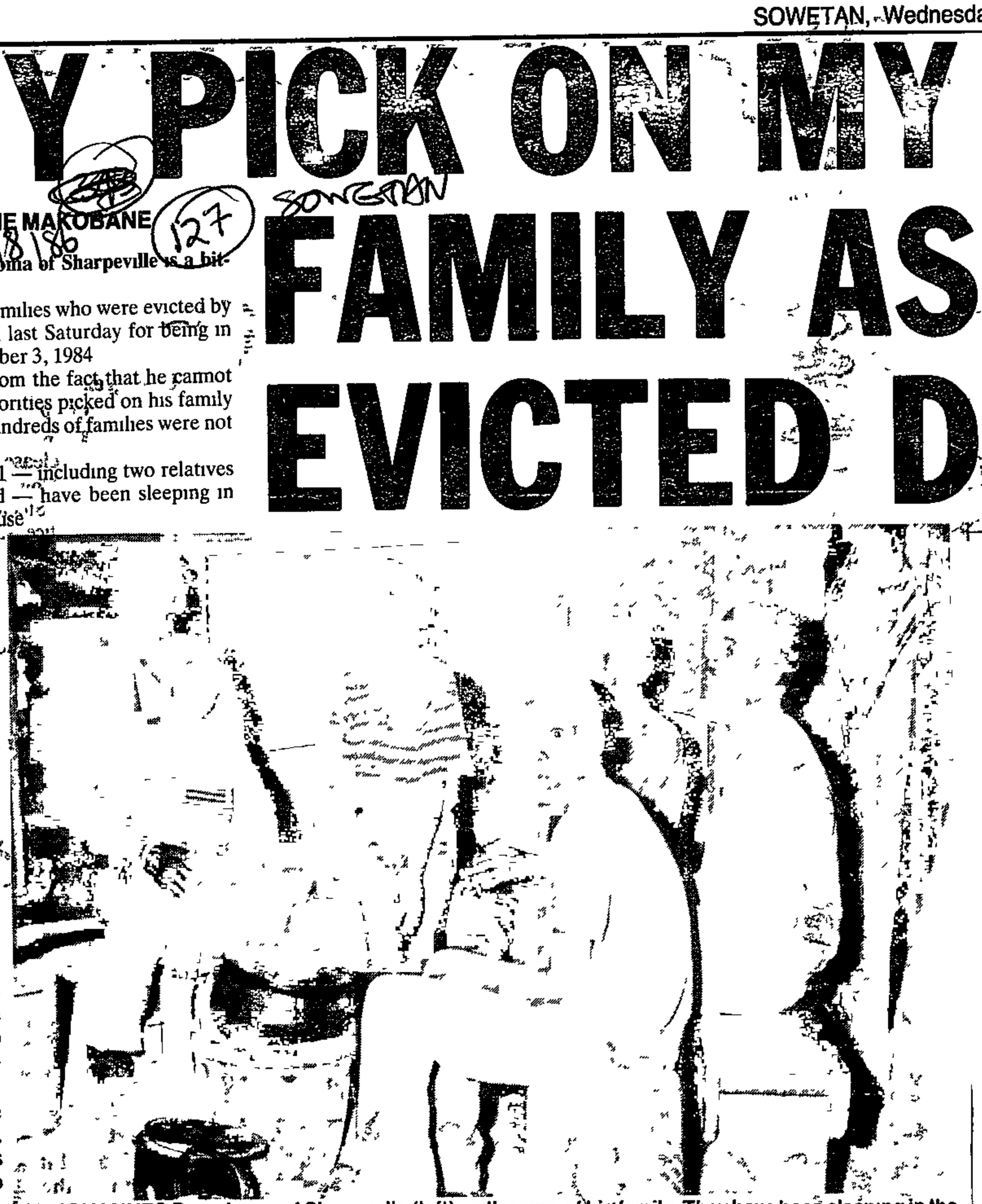
"I have been a law-abiding citizen throughout my life I cannot figure out why the authorities should be selective when the present set-up in the Vaal townships involves all the residents

"What has hurt me most is that my wife, Anna, is a tuberculosis patient and has got to spend chilly nights outside. To add salt to injury is that I have four grandchildren attending school, but because of the present uncertainty they will have to stay home", he said.

Meanwhile, lawyers acting for families that have been evicted in the Vaal townships told the *Sowetan* yesterday that some residents in the area were being forced to sign stop order documents and acknowledgment of debt of accumulated rent arrears.

A spokesman said they knew for a fact that this was happening in Evaton

"We appeal to people who have fallen victim to this to approach their attorneys as a matter of urgency to have their signatures set aside," he said



Mr JOHANNES Ramokoma of Sharpeville (left), with some of his family They have been sleeping in the yard of his former home after being evicted for rent arrears last Saturday

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BLACK TOWNSHIPS

Opportunity knocking

The huge black township proposed for a site near Midrand may be a hot *political* issue, but for developers it could well be opportunity knocking

The lack of suitable land for black housing has long been a problem for homebuilding companies with interests in the black market Private sector involvement to date has been aimed mainly at the mid- to upper-end of the scale.

The creation of an upmarket black township, creating less of a security risk, could also open the way for the development of shopping centres and other support facilities

Understandably, however, Norweto (as the scheme is being dubbed) has its critics — not least among them property owners on the peripheries The complaints are standard — unsaleable properties, fears of a ghetto on the doorsteps and concern that values generally will fall in the surrounding areas

Roodepoort town clerk Werner Zybrands disagrees. Because the new development borders his city, he has spent time previewing the proposals and concludes that the situation is not as bad as some make out

For one thing, he sees it becoming an upmarket development to which the more successful blacks will be attracted from Soweto As such, it is unlikely to become a slum

Another of the expressed fears is that the new township will become a smog generator which could render nearby Lanseria airport unusable Such concern, he believes, is unfounded

"My understanding," says Zybrands, "is that the new black township will be fully serviced with electricity That will obviate the problems experienced by residents near townships such as Alexandra and Soweto"

But the Lanseria problem continues to worry townplanner Fanie Haacke who was involved in the design and construction of the airport He frets that not only will the smog hinder air traffic, but the proximity of the township could provide a security risk

Pieter Rossouw, chairman of government's Guideplan Committee which recommended the site, tells the *FM* that his committee has made no recommendations on how the site should be developed It will be up to Constitutional Development and Planning Minister Chris Heunis to decide whether or not the land should be used for government housing or for development by the private sector.

The latter course, however, seems to be the odds-on favourite, particularly since Heunis has repeatedly tried to draw the private sector into greater involvement in the provision of black housing

However, the 60-day limit given the private sector to comment on the proposals is simply not sufficient, says SA Property Owners' Association (Sapoa) director Peter Erasmus After all, he points out, the government committee has been sitting on the proposals for years now

He also believes that the private sector should have been represented on the committee

He says the plans have been based on what appear to be 1982 statistics, which are already out of date

Sapoa also objects to the "rigidity" of the guideplans which will have statutory effect once they are accepted by government The plan, he says, should be more flexible and sketched in "broad strokes," rather than precise pencil lines

Furthermore, he reckons the plan should be a recommendation, rather than a hard and fast blueprint.

But options remain open Rossouw says that once the comments are in, it will be up to Heunis to decided whether or not to appoint an investigating committee to sift through them and make recommendations This was done in the case of Pretoria, but not Bloemfontein Then the Administrator of the Transvaal will have to add his comments before the proposals go to Heunis for a final decision

Should government opt for the involvement of the private sector, says Rossouw, it is likely that the land will be dealt with in much the same way as a normal (white) township application.

The whole process, he believes, could take up to a year ■

Council scheme 'white elephant'

THE KwaThema Town Council is pulling down 30 two-roomed houses it built 18 months ago after the scheme failed to appeal to homeless families in the township.

Now the council is erecting 700 four-roomed houses, fully electrified, to be sold at R8 300 each on the same sites.

The residents shunned the former scheme when the two-roomed houses, without electricity, were on sale at R5 600 each. The council planned to build about 200 of these houses.

Mr Sam Ngema, the mayor of KwaThema, yesterday confirmed that the council has decided to abandon this scheme after residents boycotted it.

"These houses, despite the long housing waiting list we presently have, have been standing empty for the past 18 months. Nobody wanted to buy them and the council decided to scrap the whole scheme as it has proved to be a failure," Mr Ngema said.

Mr Ngema said the first families will start occupying the four-roomed houses within the next two months.

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Council challenged over rent

A GROUP of Vaal businessmen has challenged the Lekoa Town Council to explain the high tariffs in an open meeting, as the mass eviction of rent defaulters continues in the area.

In a letter to the council, the spokesman for the group, Mr Phillip Phatang, said the evictions were unfair and would spark off anger and frustration among residents.

Mr Phatang, an old civic leader and businessman in the Vaal, said the businessmen had informed the council that residents were paying excessive rents and as a result were not in arrears.

The town clerk, Mr Nikolaas Louw, confirmed the council has received a letter from the group He said the matter would be discussed by the council

He was not sure whether the council would agree to meet the group

Mr Phatang said the move was an attempt to resolve the two-year-old crisis.



• PHILLIP Phatang

Demands

The businessmen's demands are:

- That rent be reduced to R30,
- That councillors call meetings where they will explain tariffs to residents,
- That evictions and ripping off electricity cables be stopped, and
- That the council should stop issuing summonses to defaulters.

A council legal adviser said hundreds of summonses have been sent to residents urging them to pay their arrears He would not disclose how much the council has lost. However, sources say the council has so far lost over R150 million

According to the Wits University Community Research Group losses in rents in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging (PWV) area alone are close to R200 million.

A spokesman for the group says more than 300 000 households are involved in the rent action, which has spread to so-called homelands

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TOWNSHIP UPGRADING

Nigel helps Duduza

In an apparent response to Duduza residents' long-standing grievances and demands, the Nigel Town Council has offered to help better conditions in the local black township On the cards are more houses and a comprehensive water and sewage system, at a cost of around R8m.

For years residents of Duduza, established 12 years ago when Charterston — which was closer to the town — was demolished, have complained of primitive conditions The community use communal water taps and the bucket system, for example In June last year, residents demonstrated their anger when, after a public meeting, they took night-soil buckets from their homesteads and emptied them at the door of the local offices of the East Rand Development Board

Now the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has announced a new plan to modernise the township Technical details of the scheme have been finalised by the National Housing Commission Tenders will be called and work on the scheme will probably commence within the next three months

In addition to the provision of the water and sewerage systems, approximately 650 houses are to be established on existing "buffer zones" adjacent to the township in an attempt to alleviate the housing shortage ■

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IN MY OPINION

MARK SWILLING

Behind the rent boycotts

Mark Swilling teaches political studies at the University of the Witwatersrand and is involved in the Community Research Group.

The rent boycott is currently the most widespread and sustained form of black opposition to apartheid Current estimates are that the State has lost in excess of R250m since the Vaal boycott began in September 1984 and since it subsequently spread to 31 townships countrywide This, however, seems a gross under-estimation The Soweto Council, for example, normally collects R9m each month from its 75 000 houses Since June — the beginning of the Soweto Civic Associations' rent boycott campaign — this has dropped to R3m per month This means that the Soweto council alone is losing R18m over a three-month period In some cases, the rent boycott has been going on for 20 months

No-one would disagree that every citizen has a duty to pay for the services provided by the State Water, electricity, roads and houses are necessary for daily life in the cities Why, then, are thousands of black township residents refusing to pay?

The answer lies in understanding the conflict between what urban services mean to the ordinary person and how they are used by the State to achieve certain policy goals Although it goes without saying that urban dwellers regard their houses and State-provided services as necessary for daily survival, the State has consciously used housing policy and township planning to implement apartheid Beginning in the Fifties, the State demolished the inner city slums and relocated people to cold sprawling townships on the urban peripheries Although they were promised 30-year leasehold if they moved, this was revoked in 1968 when the State decided to freeze housing construction for urban Africans

During the Seventies when the costs of providing services and construction escalated, urban Africans found themselves being forced to pay ever higher rentals and service charges This was frequently enforced by the Bantu Affairs Administration Boards, who promised that the money would be used for township upgrading This has never been done and in some townships, rent boycotters justify their actions by referring to the broken promises of local government officials

Today, State policies have resulted in a housing shortage of 600 000 units Those without houses have dared to break through the influx control barrier to erect shacks in the interstices or on the peripheries of the formal townships They tend to use the sewage and water services originally designed to cater for smaller populations In Katlehong, for example, where there are more shacks in backyards than formal houses, the sewage and water supply system repeatedly breaks down The consequence is that throughout the country, township residents experience a relative decline in their living conditions

The relative decline in living conditions is exacerbated by the recession which has eaten away at real wages Household budgets are carefully organised to meet absolutely basic needs However, when the rent is increased, the equilibrium in thousands of households is upset and a popular sense of injustice spreads like wildfire The State then becomes the focus of resistance because of the fact that apartheid urban policy reduced millions to the level of tenants and made the State the only landlord

Economic factors do not alone explain the boycott When the Black Local Authorities were introduced in 1983, the State transferred to them the responsibility for the cost and upgrading of the townships This placed the councils in a contradictory position They were largely dependent on rent and service charges, but increases were met with effective resistance from residents who either boycotted the rents if there was a strong community organisation to organise the boycott, or abandoned their houses and built shacks in the shack areas, or increased the number of people per house

Revenue could, therefore, only be generated by breaking the boycott by smashing the community organisations, controlling or taxing informal housing, and limiting the number of people in each house through lodgers permits All these means were used and not surprisingly eliminated what little legitimacy the councils may have had

There is a widespread view that people boycott rent payments because of intimidation This assertion seems difficult to sustain. It would require an army to force 50 000 Soweto households not to pay rent It is not the people who have the army, but the State Surely if intimidation worked, boycotts would be unheard of

In the final analysis, the moral majority who boycotted the 1983 elections for the councils, participated in the 1984 stayaways and supported the 1983 consumer boycotts, are now boycotting rent in response to both economic and political conditions The politicisation of economic grievances is most clearly summed up by a popular slogan in Soweto "We will only pay rent when Mandela tells us to"

The rent boycott will persist at least as long as the State of Emergency and the detention of civic leaders continue Nor will it be possible to implement a new urbanisation policy while the rent boycott persists. The solution is, therefore, obvious lift the State of Emergency, release all detainees, and commence negotiations with the true leaders so that an acceptable urban policy can be worked out that will not repeat the mistakes of the past

At the moment, it is only the State who refuses to heed this call

In the meantime, while all other avenues of protest are cut off, we can expect the rent boycott to spread

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Evictions - a call to Vaal bosses

VAAL organisations have called on employers to actively involve themselves in persuading the Lekoa Town Council to stop evictions of rent defaulters.

In a statement to the *Sowetan* at the weekend, the organisations, which include trade unions, community, political and church groups, said the council should stop evictions and negotiate with residents.

The council has temporarily stopped evictions after intervention by the Oranje-Vaal Relief Trust which has undertaken to persuade residents to pay rent.

This was confirmed by the town secretary, Mr Ben Scott.

He said the council will consider further action starting from today after he had received a report back from the Trust. The council will also discuss the matter at its monthly meeting tomorrow.

The council has evicted at least 31 people from their homes in Sharpeville, Zamdela, Boipatong, Bophelong, and was about to evict Sebokeng residents when the Trust intervened.

The town clerk, Mr Nikolaas Louw, has said that the council will evict people on Saturdays when everybody is at home. "We do not want to be seen to be acting irresponsibly," he said.

Meanwhile the newly-formed Vaal Stop Eviction Committee has pledged to fight evictions and to strive for the maintenance of freehold rights.

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City alert to desperate Soweto housing shortage

Municipal Reporter

Thousands of people have flowed into Greater Soweto every month since the lifting of influx control, and faced with a massive lack of housing, the position in the town is becoming desperate

This was disclosed during last night's city council debate by Johannesburg management committee chairman, Mr Francois Oberholzer

He said his council had met with Sowetan authorities last week to try and thrash out a solution

Anticipating problems from "uncatered-for urbanisation", the city had appointed a committee seven months ahead of the removal of influx control

Between 2 000 and 3 000 ha of land which the committee had identified for housing in the Syferfontein, Zuurbekom, area had proved to be unsuitable because of its proximity to water used for the city supply.

Other area were now being investigated where site and service could be offered to counter the danger of overspill from Soweto, Mr Oberholzer said.

While not overtaxing already heavily taxed ratepayers, Johannesburg had done more for the unemployed than any other local authority, he said

Certain capital-intensive items could be privatised, he said, but not labour intensive activities.

The first thing private enterprise did was to opt for efficiency, which meant one person doing the job of two The end result would be more unemployment

"As a public body we can spread the burden between more people When we reduced the labour force by 10 percent some years ago we were not proud of ourselves because somewhere in the homelands 2 000 families were affected"

He refused to consider putting councillors on a committee proposed by Mrs Molly Kopel to investigate urbanisation, saying "If one wants to bedevil urbanisation strategy then politicise it."

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An official's tough plan to end rent boycott

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SOWETO'S director of housing Mrs Del Kevan believes that the solution to the township's rent boycott, which has entered its 11th week, lies in evictions

Many residents have been in a dilemma: To pay or not to pay rent

The council has served eviction notices on residents who have not been paying rent The council has claimed that more and more people have started paying their rent.

This has been denied by the Soweto Civic Association

Mrs Kevan, who became director of housing in January, said in an interview that she was determined to get residents to pay rent.

Her attitude is that although she does not like evicting people, it was a "sad fact of life" that evictions would get the residents to pay rent

"I am afraid that there is nothing for nothing and very little for 10 cents," Mrs Kevan said

She said that her first response to solve the rent crisis was not to evict but to inform residents they could pay their rent by post and that an office had been opened in Albert Street in Johannesburg, where residents could pay their rent

"Some people had been in arrears with their rent even before the boycott started on June 1



Mrs DEL Kevan

QUOTE

'There is nothing for nothing and very little for 10 cents. I am going to evict the incorrigibles.'

Very bad

"These are the people I am now sending notices of eviction. These are the very bad ones

"I am going to evict the incorrigibles and having made other arrangements for the other people to pay, I think they will pay

"Since the office in Albert Street was opened, things are looking up Some people are taking advantage of the situation while others are trying," Mrs Kevan said

Before her new job, Mrs Kevan worked for the housing branch of

By NAT DISEKO

the Pretoria City Council for about 10 years and left as senior housing supervisor She later became housing manager in the Johannesburg City Council Then she served on the management committee of the Randburg Municipality

Said Mrs Kevan "This is the first time I have worked in black housing and must admit I have a lot to learn It is very different in many ways

"My first impression of Soweto was rubbish, I am sorry to say There was rubbish all over the place One of the reasons why there are rubbish dumps is the burning of refuse removal trucks

"There is an abnormal situation in Soweto The very people we are trying to help are damaging our means of helping them"

Mrs Kevan said what lay at the bottom of the problem was that it has become a political problem

"There are people who — very wrongly — believe they have a revolution and they are going to change the Government I don't think they are going to do that They are overly optimistic Instead, they are making life hell for the people of Soweto," Mrs Kevan said

Case

Asked if she thought people who complained that rents were too high had a case, Mrs Kevan said "I don't think they can really complain about high rents If you are talking about the little matchbox houses — to start with, those houses cost about R53 a month

"I can tell you that if you are going to buy a pair of shoes, you are going to spend R53 And many people in Soweto do exactly that If you were to say those houses were all occupied by the poor or pensioners, I would say there is a point

"We have a welfare section which helps people who are really in trouble Unemployment is there but it is different in Soweto because someone who is unemployed may have two or three lodgers paying quite a lot of money"

Mrs Kevan said Soweto and the white areas differed vastly in terms of attitudes She thought the reason for this was historical 'Black people have for so long been told they have to do this, they have to live there, they have to work there, they may not go there They expect a great deal more," Mrs Kevan said

In other areas, if someone earned above a certain amount, he had to get out of that area and go to more expensive accommodation provided by the council or to build their own houses, Mrs Kevan said

"Were we to do this, our problem with low-income people would be absolutely solved"

She said the housing problem would not be solved because some people thought they had a right to a house simply because their parents used to rent it

Blunder

"This is the sort of right that an owner has

"I am not blaming the people This has been a bigger historical blunder, how the people have been told where to live because it's been provided for them," Mrs Kevan said

She said that for an unemployed person or a pensioner, R53 was a lot of money "But even if you are earning R200 a month, R53 isn't all that much, especially if you have a lodger — and all of them have lodgers One way or another, there is a working child or both husband and wife are working," Mrs Kevan said

Careless

She said that people who complained of high electricity bills were probably careless with their electricity

"Either there's something wrong with the meter, in which case it must be checked — and I'm sorry about that — or they are being careless with their electricity," Mrs Kevan said

Mrs Kevan appealed to residents to co-operate "The motto of our country is that unity is strength Let us be one How can our children grow strong if they live in fear, in dirt and inadequacy? That's why I say pay the rents and let us work together

"Let's talk and communicate I still say that above evictions or anything, I believe communication is still the best way," she said



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R34-m budget for Vosloorus

The Vosloorus Town Council has budgeted R34 million for capital expenditure during the 1986-87 financial year SPMK 27/8/86 3883 127

The mayor, Mr Fanyana Mahlangu, said yesterday most of the budget money would be used to build houses in the townships

'He said there were more than 1 000 people on the waiting list for housing

He said from the R34 million about R1,6 million would be used to erect 200 houses for the lower income group and R6 million would be used for building 800 houses for the middle income group

LEKOA HOMES SALE

THE Lekoa Town Council will sell thousands of homes to their tenants in a desperate attempt to recover losses suffered in rent boycotts by residents.

The town clerk, Mr Ben Scott, said some residents have already responded positively to this move, although he would not disclose the exact number of people who had embarked on this project.

He explained that the residents have agreed to buy the homes and that their arrears will be paid when they paid their monthly instalments The council has lost millions of rands in the rent boycott, he added

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

The Vaal rent boycott, which started in 1984, has cost the council R150-million according to a Wits University Community Research.

The spokesman said about 42 townships in the country are affected by the rent boycott It has also spread to the homelands.

The State was losing approximatly R1-million a day as a result of the boycotts

Mr Scott said that various groups, including Vaal businessmen and the Oranje-Vaal Relief Trust, have approached the council with the aim of stopping the boycott

"We are prepared to have discussions with these people because residents have not paid their service charges for a long time," he said.

The council will continue to evict rent defaulters if the residents still refuse to pay their arrears. "We cannot tolerate this kind of thing for ever," he added.

Mr Scott said that already 31 families have been evicted in Sharpeville, Boipatong, Bophelong and Zamdela. "We were about to move to Sebokeng when the Trust promised that it will persuade residents to start paying their arrears."

Five families out as Soweto evictions start

SOPHIE TEMA

THE Soweto Town Council has started to evict people who are in arrears with their rent.

So far, five families said to be owing the council substantial amounts of money have lost their homes.

Four of the families were evicted from their homes in Zola and Jabulani this week.

The other family was evicted from its Chiawelo home last Friday.

The council's director of housing, D Kevin, confirmed the evictions yesterday and said: "The council has started evicting those who owe a lot of money

"I cannot disclose details about the families, but I can tell you that those who have been evicted so far have not paid their rents for almost three months and are owing the council a lot of money."

Commenting on the general payment of rent in Soweto, Kevin said "More people have started paying.

"There is a slight improvement on the number of people who have paid their rent but not enough to stop evictions."

In the Vaal, evictions have been suspended while negotiations are going on between officials and community organisations.

In Vosloorus, on the East Rand, eviction orders have been served on 14 families who are in arrears with their rent and they are to vacate their homes by today

A council spokesman said the families had not paid their rent for almost four months and owed substantial amounts of money

The spokesman said some families were evicted last Thursday.

The Mamelodi Town Council served letters on residents last week giving them until September 19 to pay their rent or face eviction

Residents in Mamelodi have not paid rent since November last year.

Council warns on rent arrears

VOSLOOSRUS residents owe R400 000 in rent arrears and the town council has threatened to take tough action.

This week, 14 families in the township were served with notices to vacate their homes by today

Mr Fanyana Lucky Mahlangu, the mayor of Vosloosrus, yesterday confirmed that the 14 families have been served with eviction orders because they owed rent

Mr George Prinsloo, the Vosloorus town clerk, said according to the regulations rent must be paid within seven days He said, "hundreds of families still owed rent in the township since residents started boycotting rent in May "



Mr FANYANA Mahlangu . mayor

Mr Prinsloo said so far residents owe the town council. R400 000 in rent arrears

"We have sent letters to the families requesting them to pay their rents and if they fail to do so we will have to evict them," Mr Prinsloo said.

Mr Prinsloo denied rumours that his council intends buying cars for all members of the council. Residents in Vosloorus suspect that councillors would get cars because the council was building garages at their homes

Mr Prinsloo said the council was putting up these structures to accommodate council police guarding councillors' families and their premises



ONE OF the barricaded streets in the strife-torn White City Jabavu, Soweto, township yesterday

EVICTIONS HALTED

By MANDLA NDLAZI

THE Soweto City Council yesterday said it would suspend evictions of rent defaulters to avoid further trouble.

This was said by Mrs Del Kevan, the council's housing director

"I think it will be provocative to carry out evictions when there is such trouble in the townships," she said

She admitted that Tuesday night's confrontation in White City Jabavu, Mofolo and Emdeni townships was related to the evictions of rent defaulters

Mrs Kevan said some families in White City Jabavu had been warned early in the day that they would be evicted

She said these families were not evicted but acted in fear when they clashed with the council police

Trouble

She also agreed that further evictions would cause more trouble between the residents and the council police.

"I am only an official and the council is in a position to decide on whether the evictions should be completely stopped," said Mrs Kevan



DEL Kevan . . . "It will be provocative to carry out evictions."

Council 'gags' Kevan

THE Soweto City Council's monthly meeting failed to materialise yesterday when the members did not form a quorum.

Meanwhile, housing director Mrs Del Kevan told newsmen yesterday that she had been gagged "I have been told I can no longer speak to the Press on issues involving the council," she said

Mrs Kevan has apparently been gagged for admitting that the unrest that started on Tuesday night was related to evictions while town clerk Mr Nico Malan denied this

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Soweto erupts over sensitive rent issue

By Montshiwa Moroke

Soweto, Johannesburg's black labour reservoir, erupted again this week — this time apparently because of the sensitive rent issue.

The sprawling township's inhabitants stopped paying rent from June after a call by the Soweto Civic Association (SCA) not to pay rent until certain demands were met by the Government.

These included the withdrawal of troops from the townships and from schools, the lifting of the state of emergency and the release of detainees.

A similar call was also made to residents in other parts of the Reef and the Vaal Triangle, where residents have not paid rent for almost two years.

None of the demands have been met by the Government.

The violence significantly started in White City Jabavu, generally regarded as the "gut" of Soweto. White City is a township of semi-detached houses.

INHABITANTS

It is a township inhabited by some of the poorest families. It is a township of the tough and the rough. It is physically dirty.

Residents said shooting started at about 8 pm and continued until 2 am the next day.

The violence rapidly spread to other parts of the township, up to the furthest areas of Naledi and Emndeni. At Emndeni, in an unrelated incident, a councillor was attacked by a gang and later died.

As people left for work at dawn on Wednesday, some roads were still blocked by barricades of trees, rocks, refuse bins and car wrecks.

The township was tense and volatile.

Deeper in White City, mothers sat next to the bodies of their children who lay in the open. It was a chilling sight.

The face of a Std 3 schoolboy, Abednigo Skhuthali Sibisi (13), who was shot in the head, lay in a pool of blood. His frail father sat nearby, shivering.

The township went into mourning. The people were seething with anger and bitterness. Many parents stayed home, the children too

Unrest due to evictions, say residents

By Mudini Maivha

Residents have blamed "strong-arm tactics by the Soweto Council" in dealing with rent boycotters on Tuesday for the Soweto violence

Residents said the violence was sparked by a council decision to evict rent defaulters

The evictions started last Friday when three families were evicted from their houses in Tshiawelo In Jabulani, four families were evicted Residents said people in White City were about to be evicted when the clash which led to the unrest occurred

Town clerk Mr Nico Malan said there was no connection between the evictions and the unrest because no evictions took place in Emdeni, Zola and Naledi where unrest started

"There were rumours that we were going to evict people at night. We do not evict people at night and there were no orders to do so in those areas This is why I do not see a connection between the unrest and the evictions There is an allegation that the trouble started in those areas because of a shooting incident"

Mr Malan said the council police did not use excessive force "We were trying to maintain order in as peaceful manner as possible. But our council police were being shot at One of them is in a serious condition in hospital after being shot at with a shotgun The council police had to protect themselves," he said.

But residents said that when some of them arrived home from work, they found that they had been locked out

Residents took to the streets Sources said parents tried to go to the council to talk to officials about the evictions Youths barricaded the streets with rocks, rubbish bins and burning cars.

Running battles followed in the streets

Mofolo, White City, Jabulani, Zola, Emdeni, Naledi and Mapetla were the areas where remnants of rioting were visible It is not clear how the violence spread to far-off places like Emdeni and Naledi

"We did not sleep a wink We were fighting the council police all night," said an Emdeni resident

Pay rent or stay out, court tells Soweto man

The Rand Supreme Court yesterday ordered a Soweto man to pay his arrear rentals in an urgent application sparked off by the current spate of evictions in the township

Mr Martin Maluleke challenged his eviction from his Soweto home He said in an affidavit that he had lived in a house belonging to the Soweto local authority in Chiawelo and fell into arrears with the rent for July and August His brother, his brother's wife and their child also shared the house

On August 22 he and his brother's family were evicted from the house

Mr Maluleke said due to the community-wide rent boycott he would be putting his life at risk if he were to go to the local authority's offices

Mr Justice G Gordon yesterday said if Mr Maluleke paid his arrear rentals of R243,35 he would be allowed to reoccupy the house

'Even councillors must pay rent'

By STAN MHLONGO

EVEN councillors have to pay their rents — otherwise they too will be evicted from their houses, Lekoa mayor Esau Mahlatsi said this week

At the council's monthly meeting this week, Mahlatsi said nobody would get preferential treatment when action was taken against rent defaulters

But some councillors claimed the pay-up demand seemed to be directed only at those councillors who were no longer living in the compound with Mahlatsi and not at "his favourites"

Councillor A Jokozela said some councillors lived in the compound rent-free and got council allowances and benefits

● Meanwhile, 20 Sharpeville residents appeared in the Vereeniging civil court this week on a charge of failing to pay rent and service charges. The case was postponed to September 17

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White staff out in Tembisa

By Abel Mabelane

Six Tembisa councillors who were appointed as administrators after the collapse of the town council say about 70 percent of Tembisa residents still owe rent, but will not be evicted

The appointment of the administrators was promulgated in the Government Gazette last Friday. They are Mr Solomon More (chairman), Mr S M Songo, Mr Charles Sithole, Mr Samuel Phatsoane, Mr France Nkoana and Phillip Mashabela.

Mr More said residents who were in arrears with their rent would not be evicted or have their electricity cut off but would be encouraged to pay their arrears in instalments.

From today white staff who had been township managers would be replaced by black staff The five white hostel managers would be replaced by blacks from October 1

'Scapegoat' PFP member resigns

JOHANNESBURG — Mrs Del Kevan, the former PFP city councillor who is at the centre of the Soweto eviction controversy, claims she is being made "a scapegoat" for last week's bloody violence which left 21 people dead

Mrs Kevan, who represented the PFP in the Randburg Town Council until December last year, resigned from the PFP on Friday, saying she appreciated she was putting the party "in an embarrassing position"

She is employed as Director of Housing by the Soweto Council and is responsible for issuing eviction notices

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'Scapegoat' PFP member resigns

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No decision on Bekkersdal homes

By SY MAKARINGE

THE fate of 19 Bekkersdal families who occupied newly-built houses without the consent of the council is still to be decided after the council failed to reach a decision at its monthly meeting.

A spokesman for the Bekkersdal Community Council said in an interview that the decision on whether to evict the families or grant them house permits would be made at a special meeting on Friday.

Meanwhile, the Bekkersdal Residents' Committee has pledged to fight the council should it decide to evict the families.

Mr Simon Ndaweni, a spokesman for the committee, said if the council decided to evict them, the decision would be declared null and void as the three remaining councillors did not form a quorum following the resignation of three councillors recently

Recently, the councillors made conflicting statements regarding the issue. Mayor Mr A C Mosidi and Councillor T M Matla said in a joint statement that the families would be evicted, while Councillor K D Modimoeng, who is backing the families, said an agreement had been reached not to evict them.

The families occupied the houses on June 13 when people who were said to be on the waiting list failed to arrive at a meeting called for the allocation of the houses



SHAPE of things to come . . (from left), Kgomotso Matlala, Winnie Masedi, Lebogang Pelton and Ntombi Thela who will contest the Miss Soweto 1986 were pictured at a preview of the pagent in Johannesburg recently

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Soweto is rent by strife over evictions

At least 30 Soweto residents died last week in street battles in a deadly mission to protect the township against the authorities and to protest against the eviction of rent defaulters. It looked as though one were about to witness the end of the world .

SOWETO virtually became a fight-by-night zone, Africa's own Vietnam, for nearly the whole of last week.

At least 30 people, mainly youths, lost their lives in fierce street battles with police

Armed with axes, pangas, knives, bricks and even firearms, residents came out in their thousands against rent evictions, taking to the streets in a deadly mission to protect the township against the authorities

Then the township was completely under siege It became a no-go area, a war zone, an area of blood, tears and death

Mofolo North, in north-western Soweto — known popularly known as S'Godiphola (valley of peace), a name it acquired during the 1950s because of its reputation as a relatively peaceful place — became a virtual operational area

Rocks and wrecks

On entering this part of Soweto at about 11pm on Thursday, the area resembled a ghost town It looked as though it had long been deserted

It was dark and frightening Not a single light was on, and streets were blocked with all sorts of barricades· old car wrecks, rocks and tree stubs.

There was no sign of life in the streets, no human being The silence was deafening It looked as though one were about to witness the end of the world

Driving through the barricades was a hair-raising experience. We did not dare remove a single one of them. Slowly, steadily and patiently we drove through until we reach my house

Getting out of the car to knock at the door was an effort. Somewhere in my mind I had a scary feeling My instinct told me something was about to happen — "But what?" I kept thinking

I stayed in the car, scared and reluctant to go out

My fellow passenger had to drive back to town. I pulled the door open Opening the door, the inside car-light went on and I realised that my colleague's hands, tightly gripping the steering-wheel, were shaking

I wanted to say farewell but words could not come out of my mouth I recall him mumbling something like. "How am I going to drive back to town? They are going to burn the car."

I pretended not to hear, slammed the door shut and proceeded into the yard of my home There was no sign of life I stood for a moment next to one of the windows, almost paralysed with fear As I was about to knock, I heard something like a heavy explosion.

The sound was followed by the sound of people ululating and whistling somewhere in the township not far from my home Then there was silence, followed by the sound of repeated gunfire

Being vigilant

I kept knocking, and my sister opened the door, a candle in her hand as we had been told to keep our lights off and be vigilant in case Soweto Council officials come to evict us

Youths, armed with an assortment of weapons, had marched down the streets, warning residents to keep their lights off and be vigilant as council police were about "to evict them for refusing to pay rent".

Others had been told to stand guard at the gates and street corners and drive away council officials or policemen.

"We will defend ourselves," the youths had said, marching and chanting political slogans

They were going to hunt and fight the police and kill the councillors, "collaborators" and all agents of the system.

My discussion with my sister was interrupted by more gun-fire, which continued even after I had gone to bed Shots could be heard every 45 minutes to an hour, making it impossible for me to sleep

Violence continued throughout the night, until after 8am

At 8 15am a youth, aged about 18, was shot by police a few metres away from my home

Although I was still drowsy, my nose for news sent me hurrying to the scene The boy, still alive, was lying in a pool of blood with two policemen standing over him.

Township residents came and surrounded the scene, some hurling insults at the policemen while others tried to identify the victim

"Weg is julle, weg is julle," one of the policemen shouted.

The boy tried to lift his head but one of the policemen violently pushed him down

I looked at the boy "He is in serious pain, he can die. Why? For refusing to pay rent," I thought as I moved slowly home

Row over sites settled

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

THE controversy over the allocation of 91 sites in Tsakane, Brakpan, has been settled.

Last month, the East Rand Builders Association claimed that it was offered the sites in April this year to put up low cost houses in the area. They were informed early last month by the East Rand Development Area, formerly called the East Rand Development Board, that the sites were no longer available to them

The acting chief director of the Erada, Mr J H Opperman, yesterday said the sites had been reallocated to the East Rand Builders Association. He said the sites, which were granted to Vista Homes, a white building construction company, will now be developed by the black contractors.

Mr Ditshaba Nkabinde, president of the association, yesterday confirmed that they had been reallocated the sites The association will start building within the next few weeks

'No evictions for arrears'

JOHANNESBURG — Six Tembisa councillors appointed as administrators after the collapse of the town council say about 70 percent of the township's residents still owe rent — but will not be evicted.

The administrators, who were appointed on August 18, remained on the council after other members including the mayor, Mr Lucas Mothiba, resigned and left it without a quorum.

The appointment of the administrators was promulgated in the Government Gazette on Friday.

One of the administrators, Mr Solomon More, said residents who were in arrears with their rent would not have their electricity cut off.

so, what was the reason for her dismissal?

†The MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND POPULATION DEVELOPMENT

(1) Yes

(2) No, because she was in the employ of a private welfare organisation, over which the government has no control

Alexandra: investigation

*20 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Law and Order

(1) Whether the investigation into the incidents which occurred in Alexandra Township on 22, 23 and 24 March 1986 has been completed, if not, why not, if so, (a) who conducted the investigation and (b) what were the findings,

(2) Whether any steps have been or are being taken pursuant to these findings, if so, what steps?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) No because of the comprehensiveness of the investigation, all the statements of witnesses could thusfar not be obtained

(a) and (b) Fall away

(2) Falls away

Alexandra: rental in arrear

*21 Mr D J DALLING asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) (a) How many householders in Alexandra Township are in arrear with rental payments, (b) what is the total amount of rent which is in arrear at present and (c) in respect of what date is this information furnished,

(2) whether any steps are being taken to rectify this situation, if so, what steps?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) (a) 1 300

(b) R1 004 418,77 as at 30 June 1986

(2) Yes, accounts are being sent to all tennants monthly since 1 July 1986 and further steps will be considered when the reaction to this is known

Bureau for Information: song

*22 Mr P G SOAL asked the Deputy Minister of Information

Whether the Bureau for Information has allocated a sum of money for the composing and recording of a song called "Together we will build a brighter future , if so (a) why, (b) what total amount has been allocated for the purpose, (c) for what purpose were these funds originally appropriated, (d) who took the decision to spend these funds in this manner, (e) what are the names of the persons involved in the composing and recording of the song and (f) what total amount will these persons be paid for their participation?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF INFORMATION

(22) Yes

(a) The production of a song is a part of a communication campaign which has as its purpose the promotion of better intergroup relations in South Africa and of the common commitment of the great majority of South Africans to a future based on cooperation and the peaceful resolution of problems The total campaign is also intended to improve communication on matters

of national and community importance

(b) the amount budgeted for the song is R1 566 847 I have invited an independent expert, with extensive experience in the advertising industry, to make an assessment of all aspects of the expenditure involved in this project The expert found that, given the scope and the scale of the production, the Bureau has received good value for its money and that the expenditure, everything taken into consideration, was reasonable

(c) the funds for the campaign referred to in paragraph (a) above have been approved by the Treasury and have been allocated to the Bureau for this purpose

(d) two approvals are involved

(1) the broader communication plan was approved by a Cabinet Committee and after consultation with the Treasury, the funds were approved by the Minister of Finance,

(2) the production of a song was approved on an interdepartmental basis at official level and was then allocated to the Bureau for execution

(e) I am aware of the fact that some of the names of the artists involved in the song have already been published in newspapers I do not, however, regard it as fair to release all the names of those involved Some of the artists involved have been subjected to threats because of their participation in this project Although the artists will be appearing publicly in the TV advertisements, the Bureau would not want to be seen facilitating the task of intimidators

(f) the total amount paid or to be paid to the 10 soloists and 41 members of the choir for the production of four 3-minute TV recordings in seven different South African languages and nine 1-minute radio-recordings in nine different South African languages is R794 160 When considering this amount due regard should be given to the fact that agreements have been concluded with all the artists involved to secure world-wide rights to the production, including television, radio, theatre, newspaper and periodicals and any form of open-air publicity In addition, the artists have renounced all royalty rights from the production

Mr P G SOAL Mr Chairman, arising from the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, could he tell us please who the members of the Cabinet Committee were who took the decision to proceed with this project and also whether he is aware of any artists or composers who are opposed to the scheme and what his reaction is to their objections?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman, firstly I should point out and emphasise that the Cabinet Committee approved a broader communications plan As I have just explained in my reply, this plan was approved by a Cabinet Committee, and after consultation with the Treasury the funds were approved by the hon the Minister of Finance I should like to make it quite clear that the production of the particular song was not approved by a Cabinet Committee [Interjections] Furthermore, the production of a song, as I have also stated, was approved on an interdepartmental basis at official level, and then allocated to the Bureau for execution

As far as the names of the members of the Cabinet Committee are concerned, I regret to have to tell hon members that it is not for me to reply to a question of that nature As

a matter of fact, I do not have the names available

The second part of the hon member's supplementary question was whether I, or the Bureau, had been approached—by any artists intimating they were opposed to this project Mr Chairman, we have not been approached by any artist who stated any such opposition to the project whatsoever The communications we have received are from artists who are very much in favour of a message of peace, goodwill and co-operation in South Africa [Interjections]

†Mnr F J LE ROUX Mr Chairman, further arising from the reply of the hon the Deputy Minister, has he ever thought of possibly using the services of either the hon the Minister of Foreign Affairs or the hon the Minister of Communication to act as cheer-leader at the presentation of that song? [Interjections]

Mr P G SOAL Mr Chairman, arising further from the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, I asked whether the hon the Deputy Minister had been approached by or was aware of people who were opposed to this project What is his reaction to that?

The DEPUTY MINISTER Mr Chairman I have only read newspaper reports in this regard and no approaches have been made to me in relation to this project I am not officially aware of any such opposition All I am aware of is what I have read in the newspapers What I am saying is that all reasonable South Africans, irrespective of colour or race, should support this project and should be able to identify themselves with the message contained in this project [Interjections]

Mr B W B PAGE Mr Chairman, further arising out of his reply, I wonder if the hon the Deputy Minister could tell this House whether or not, at the time of signing away this money, the hon the Minister of Finance had his hand over a portion of each page, or whether he signed in full sight of the document he was looking at I think we should get that clear at this stage

The DEPUTY MINISTER Bearing in mind that the hon member is not serious, Sir, I ask him to table the question

†Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Mr Chairman, further arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply, I want to ask him whether the State President approves of this money wasting project? [Interjections]

†The STATE PRESIDENT My reply is "yes" [Interjections]

†Mr J H VAN DER MERWE Oh, the State President replies "yes" So he is wasting the money and not the hon the Deputy Minister The State President is used to wasting [Interjections]

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order!

†Mr J H VAN DER MERWE He spends R6 million on Tuynhuis, a fortune on an aircraft [Interjections]

†The CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE Order! Supplementary questions on this question have now come to an end

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HANSARD

Conduct of members during unrest

*23 Mr S S VAN DER MERWE asked the Minister of Defence

(1) Whether any personnel of the South African Defence Force attached to the Eastern Cape Command have submitted a report to him or any member of his Department with regard to the conduct of members of the South African Police while on duty in Eastern Cape townships during unrest, if so, (a) when and (b) what are the contents of the report,

(2) whether any action has been taken as a result of this report, if not, why not, if so, what action?

†The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE

It has to be conceded that where two forces with different doctrines and training are involved in the handling of a situation,

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differences in the method of approach may occur I do not consider it in the public interest to make public particulars of departmental action with regard to such differences

Conduct of members during unrest

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

(1) Whether he or any member of the South African Police received a copy of a report drawn up by personnel attached to the Eastern Cape Command of the South African Defence Force regarding the conduct of members of the South African Police while on duty in Eastern Cape townships during unrest, if so, (a) when and (b) what are the contents of the report

(2) whether any action has been or will be taken as a result of this report, if not, why not, if so, (a) what action and (b) when?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) No

(a) and (b) Fall away

(2) Falls away

Conduct of members during unrest

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

Whether any personnel attached to the South African Police have been delegated to investigate allegations concerning the conduct of members of the South African Police while on duty in the Eastern Cape townships during unrest, if so, (a) what is the (i) rank of and (ii) position held by each member of the investigating team, (b) what matters were investigated and (c) what were the results of the investigation?

†The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

Yes, in all instances of accusations regarding conduct by members of the South African Police, also in those instances in the Eastern Cape Townships where members performed duties, personnel attached to the South African Police, are directed to investigate the accusations

(a) (i) and (ii) the investigations are normally directed to competent senior members irrespective of rank or the position individual members of an investigating team may hold

(b) All allegations which was reported to the South African Police in a responsible manner was investigated but considering the extent of the work attached to the compilation of this information I am not prepared to divulge such information in this way

(c) In addition to paragraph (b) I merely confirm in general that some of the instances were found to be false, in some the culprits could not be traced while in others members were criminally charged and some instances resulted in departmental steps being taken against members In other instances the investigations are still in progress

†Mr S S VAN DER MERWE Mr Chairman, arising out of the hon the Minister s reply I would just like to know whether any of these allegations that have been investigated, have been brought to the attention of his department by members of either the South African Defence Force or the Department of Defence

†The MINISTER Mr Chairman, as far as I know, the reply is "no ' I repeat As far as I know, the reply is "no" I think I am personally aware of most of these cases, but they have been reported to me by, amongst others, hon members of the Official Opposition, as well as other individuals I repeat, however, as far as I know, the reply is "no"

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(b) The fence was activated on 1 August 1986

(c) (i) and (ii) Along the Eastern border of the Republic of South Africa between Komatiepoort and the border of Kangwane

(d) 3,500 volt

(e) Eclair (Pty) Ltd

(f) RM 6,7, including the cost of the patrol road

(2) Yes (a) and (b) Fall away

(i) and (ii) Illustrated warning signs against the risk of loss of life, with the word "Danger" in English, Afrikaans Shangaan and Portuguese appear all along the barrier fence on both sides The warning signs are visible from both sides at intervals of 50 metres

(3) Yes

(a) Two

(b) During the night of 20/21 August 1986 and 27/28 August 1986

(c) Mocambican in both cases

Tearsmoke in enclosed spaces

1197 Mr L F STOFBERG asked the Minister of Law and Order †

(1) Whether there are directions for the use of tearsmoke in enclosed spaces by members of the South African Police, if so, what are the main provisions of these directions,

(2) whether these directions were complied with on the occasion of the National Party meeting held in Pietersburg on 22 May 1986, if not,

(3) whether an investigation has been held in this regard, if not, why not, if so, what were the findings?

The MINISTER OF LAW AND ORDER

(1) Yes, but it is, however, not deemed in the public interest to make known the directions

(2) and (3) All aspects which relate to the events in Pietersburg on 22 May 1986 were investigated and are incorporated in the police docket Pending the Attorney-General's decision, I am not prepared to make known further particulars and/or information

Own Affairs

Aid scheme for unemployed persons

90 Mr J H VISAGIE asked the Minister of Health Services and Welfare †

(1) What is the maximum amount per annum paid by his Department in terms of the aid scheme for unemployed persons in respect of (a) the husband (b) the wife and (c) each minor child in a family,

(2) whether persons wanting to qualify for financial assistance in terms of this scheme must provide proof that they are looking for employment, if so what are the requirements in this connection in respect of (a) men and (b) women

(3) (a) on what date was this scheme implemented and (b)(i) what total amount has been paid out in terms of the scheme to unemployed White persons and (ii) in respect of what date is this information furnished?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH SERVICES AND WELFARE

(1) (a) R1 968 per annum

(b) R1 968 per annum

(c) R588 per annum

(2) Yes

(a) Unemployed men must submit written proof from potential employers that they had applied for employment but that none is available

(b) The same evidence as in the case of men is required in respect of women

(3) (a) 1 September 1985

(b) (i) R3 240 463

(ii) 31 July 1986

WEDNESDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 1986

†Indicates translated version

For written reply

General Affairs

Sharpeville: Black population

1178 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) What was the (a) official and (b) estimated Black population of Sharpeville as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) Whether any (a) formal and (b) informal housing has been provided for Black persons in this town, if not, why not, if so, (i) how many housing units, and (ii) when, in each case,

(3) whether electricity has been provided in the Black residential area of Sharpeville, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) how many houses are supplied with electricity,

(4) whether there is a sewage disposal system in this Black area, if not, why not, if so, what is the nature of this system,

(5) whether any (a) sports and (b) library facilities are available to Black persons in this area, if not, why not, if so, (i) what specified facilities and (ii) where are they located in each case,

(6) whether any rental payments are outstanding in respect of any houses for Blacks in Sharpeville, if so, (a) what total amount, and (b) in respect of how many residents, for the latest specified period of three months for which information is available,

(7) whether the Black residential area of Sharpeville is to be upgraded, if so, (a) when, (b) what total amount has been set aside for this purpose and (c) what projects will be included in the upgrading of this area?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Sharpeville is situated within the area of jurisdiction of the Town Council of Lekoa and the reply to this question is therefore included in the reply to question No 1180

Sebokeng: Black population

1179 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) What was the (a) official and (b) estimated Black population of Sebokeng as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) whether any (a) formal and (b) informal housing has been provided for Black persons in this town, if not, why not, if so, (i) how many housing units, and (ii) when, in each case;

(3) whether electricity has been provided in the Black residential area of Sebokeng, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) how many houses are supplied with electricity,

(4) whether there is a sewage disposal system in this Black area, if not, why

not, if so, what is the nature of this system,

(5) whether any (a) sports and (b) library facilities are available to Black persons in this area, if not, why not, if so, (i) what specified facilities and (ii) where are they located in each case,

(6) whether any rental payments are outstanding in respect of any houses for Blacks in Sebokeng, if so, (a) what total amount, and (b) in respect of how many residents, for the latest specified period of three months for which information is available,

(7) whether the Black residential area of Sebokeng is to be upgraded, if so, (a) when, (b) what total amount has been set aside for this purpose and (c) what projects will be included in the upgrading of this area?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Sebokeng is situated within the area of jurisdiction of the Town Council of Lekoa and the reply to this question is therefore included in the reply to question No 1180

Lekoa: Black population

1180 Mr P G Soal asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) What was the (a) official and (b) estimated Black population of Lekoa as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) whether any (a) formal and (b) informal housing has been provided for Black persons in this town, if not, why not; if so, (i) how many housing units, and (ii) when, in each case,

(3) whether electricity has been provided in the Black residential area of Lekoa, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) how many houses are supplied with electricity,

(4) whether there is a sewage disposal system in this Black area, if not, why not, if so, what is the nature of this system,

(5) whether any (a) sports and (b) library facilities are available to Black persons in this area, if not, why not, if so, (i) what specified facilities and (ii) where are they located in each case,

(6) whether any rental payments are outstanding in respect of any houses for Blacks in Lekoa, if so, (a) what total amount, and (b) in respect of how many residents, for the latest specified period of three months for which information is available,

(7) whether the Black residential area of Lekoa is to be upgraded, if so, (a) when, (b) what total amount has been set aside for this purpose and (c) what projects will be included in the upgrading of this area?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Lekoa is a City Council which has jurisdiction over six towns namely—Sharpeville, Sebokeng, Boipatong, Bophelong, Zamdela and Retengkgotso

(1) (a) Total in respect of the Council s area of jurisdiction 296 253

(b) Total in respect of the Council's area of jurisdiction 400 000

As at 31 March 1986

(2) (a) Yes

	(i)	(ii)
Sebokeng	— 18 772	Since 1965
Biopatong	— 1 880	Since 1955
Sharpeville	— 5 466	Since 1942
Bophelong	— 1 406	Since 1955
Zamdela	— 578	Since 1976
Refengkgotso	— 128	Since 1976

(b) No, because the State does not provide informal housing

(i) and (ii) Fall away

(3) Yes

(a)			(b)
Sebokeng	—	Since 1965	7 500
Sharpeville	—	Since 1980	5 922
Boipatong	—	1981 up to 1983	1 882
Bophelong	—	Since 1955	1 406
Zamdela	—	Since 1976	1 692
Refengkgotso	—	No, residents cannot afford the installation of electricity in their homes (a) and (b) Fall away	

(4) Yes

Sebokeng	—	Waterborne sewerage
Sharpeville	—	Waterborne sewerage
Boipatong	—	Waterborne sewerage
Bophelong	—	Waterborne sewarage
Zamdela	—	Waterborne sewerage
Refengkgotso	—	Bucket system

(5) (a) Yes

(i)

Sebokeng	—	10 Tennis courts, 37 Soccer fields, 22 Netball courts, 1 Baseball field, 1 Golf course 2 Boxing rings, 2 Athletic tracks
Sharpeville	—	3 Tennis courts, 4 Soccer fields, 12 Netball courts 1 Baseball field 1 Boxing ring, 1 Athletic track, 1 Swimming pool
Zamdela	—	1 Tennis court, 2 Soccer fields, 1 Netball court, 1 Swimming pool
Refengkgotso	—	1 Soccer field
Bophelong	—	2 Tennis courts, 3 Soccer fields
Boipatong	—	2 Tennis courts 2 Soccer fields, 2 Netball courts

(ii) In Black townships

(b) Yes

(i)

Sebokeng	—	2 libraries
Sharpeville	—	1 library
Zamdela	—	1 library
Bophelong	—	1 library
Boipatong	—	1 Library

(ii) In Black townships
Refengkgotso—No, due to a lack of funds a library could not yet be provided
(i) and (ii) Fall away

(6) Yes

	(a) Accumulative Arrears	(b) Number of beds/ houses/businesses
Sebokeng hostels	R 90 529	± 6 035 beds
Zamdela/Refengkgotso hostels	R 50 168	± 3 344 beds
Sebokeng—Houses/businesses	R19 460 465	± 19 878
Zamdela—Houses/businesses	R 726 822	± 1 564
Refengkgotso—Houses/businesses	R 12 825	± 20
Sharpeville—Houses/businesses	R 7 565 704	± 6 080
Bophelong—Houses/businesses	R 1 848 041	± 1 412
Boipatong—Houses/businesses	R 2 709 735	± 2 086

As at 31 March 1986

Sebokeng—Hostels	R 64 982	± 4 330 beds
Zamdela/Refengkgotso—Hostels	R 46 244	± 3 082 beds
Sebokeng—Houses/businesses	R20 386 265	± 19 911
Zamdela—Houses/businesses	R 825 341	± 1 564
Retengkgotso—Houses/businesses	R 16 132	± 19
Sharpeville—Houses/businesses	R 7 949 843	± 6 083
Bophelong—Houses/businesses	R 1 945 210	± 1 416
Boipatong—Houses/businesses	R 2 859 766	± 2 086

As at 30 April 1986

Sebokeng—Hostels	R 72 329	± 4 821 beds
Zamdela/Refengkgotso—Hostels	R 20 041	± 1 336 beds
Sebokeng—Houses/businesses	R21 312 109	± 19 910
Zamdela—Houses/businesses	R 923 860	± 1 563
Refengkgotso—Houses/businesses	R 19 439	± 19
Sharpeville—Houses/businesses	R 8 333 982	± 6 073
Bophelong—Houses/businesses	R 2 042 379	± 1 413
Boipatong—Houses/businesses	R 3 009 797	± 2 082

As at 31 May 1986

(7) Yes

Sebokeng

(a) In process

(b) R2 418 500

(c) Installation of electricity
Provision of infrastructure to 60 sites
Upgrading of hostels
Cleaning of township

Other projects such as upgrading of roads, provision of highmast lighting, upgrading of stormwater drainage, installation of watermeters to an amount of R3,5 million will be undertaken as soon as funds become available

Sharpeville

(a) In process

(b) R52 000

(c) Cleaning of township

Other projects such as the provision of highmast lighting, upgrading of sewerage pumpstation and tarring of roads to an amount of R2 347 000 will be undertaken as soon as funds become available

Boipatong

(a) In process

(b) R445 000

(c) Cleaning of township
Upgrading of hostels

Other projects such as the provision of services to 500 stands and highmast lighting to an amount of R2 4 million will be undertaken as soon as funds become available

Bophelong

(a) In process

(b) R32 000

(c) Cleaning of township

Other projects will receive attention as soon as a decision has been taken regarding the continued existence of the township

Zamdela

(a) In process

(b) R4,620 million

(c) Provision of infrastructure to 900 stands
Upgrading of hostel
Cleaning of township

Other projects such as tarring of roads, highmast lighting, upgrading of gravel roads to an amount of R1 108 000 will be undertaken as soon as funds become available

Refengkgotso

(a) In process

(b) R88 200

(c) Cleaning of township
Upgrading of hostel

Other projects such as the provision of infrastructure to 50 stands to an amount of R40 000 will be undertaken as soon as funds become available

Evaton: Black population

1181 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) What was the (a) official and (b) estimated Black population of Evaton as at the latest specified date for which information is available

(2) whether any (a) formal and (b) informal housing has been provided for Black persons in this town if not, why not if so (i) how many housing units, and (ii) when, in each case,

(3) whether electricity has been provided in the Black residential area of Evaton if not why not if so (a) when and (b) how many houses are supplied with electricity

(4) whether there is a sewage disposal system in this Black area if not, why not, if so what is the nature of this system,

(5) whether any (a) sports and (b) library facilities are available to Black persons in this area if not, why not, if so, (i) what specified facilities and (ii) where are they located in each case,

(6) whether any rental payments are outstanding in respect of any houses for Blacks in Evaton, if so, (a) what total amount, and (b) in respect of how many residents, for the latest specified period of three months for which information is available,

(7) whether the Black residential area of Evaton is to be upgraded, if so, (a) when, (b) what total amount has been set aside for this purpose and (c) what projects will be included in the upgrading of this area?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) (a) 95 273

(b) 140 000 As at 31 March 1986

(2) (a) Yes

(i) 8 752

(ii) Since 1965

(b) No, because the State does not provide informal housing

(i) and (ii) Fall away

(3) Yes

(a) Since 1982

(b) 302

(4) Yes, a bucket, vacuum tank, and waterborne system are available

(5) (a) Yes

(i) 1 sport stadium, 1 golf course, 1 bowling green, 2 tennis courts

(ii) In Evaton

(b) Yes

(i) 1 Library

(ii) In Evaton

(6) Yes

	(a)	(b)
31 March 1986	R2 801 381	8 693
30 April 1986	R2 796 910	8 538
31 May 1986	R2 734 793	8 252

(7) Yes, the whole area is to be replanned and redeveloped The upgrading of the water-, sewerage and electricity network at a cost of R41 358 800 has been in progress since 1982 The completion date of the redevelopment process is dependend on the availability of funds

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away

Soweto: Black population

1182 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) What was the (a) official and (b) estimated Black population of Soweto as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) whether any (a) formal and (b) informal housing has been provided for Black persons in this town, if not, why not, if so, (i) how many housing units, and (ii) when, in each case,

(3) whether electricity has been provided in the Black residential area of Soweto, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) how many houses are supplied with electricity,

(4) whether there is a sewage disposal system in this Black area if not, why not if so, what is the nature of this system,

(5) whether any (a) sports and (b) library facilities are available to Black persons in this area, if not, why not, if so, (i) what specified facilities and (ii) where are they located in each case,

(6) whether any rental payments are outstanding in respect of any houses for Blacks in Soweto, if so, (a) what total amount, and (b) in respect of how many residents, for the latest specified period of three months for which information is available,

(7) whether the Black residential area of Soweto is to be upgraded, if so, (a) when, (b) what total amount has

been set aside for this purpose and (c) what projects will be included in the upgrading of this area?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) (a) 535 783

(b) 900 000

As at 31 March 1986

(2) (a) (i) 75 258

(ii) Up to 31 December 1985

(b) No, because the State does not provide informal housing

(i) and (ii) Fall away

(3) Yes

(a) Since the establishment

(b) 65 000

(4) Yes, a waterborne sewerage system

(5) (a) Yes

(i) 2 bowling greens, 1 golf course, 73 soccer fields, 1 cricket pitch, 3 soccer stadiums, 4 swimming pools, 2 athletic fields, 1 cycle track, 30 netball courts, 1 boxing club, 23 tennis courts, 1 amphitheatre

(ii) In Soweto

(b) Yes

(i) 3 libraries

(ii) In Soweto

(6) Yes

	(a)	(b)
31 March 1986	R2 021 669	22 000
30 April 1986	R2 075 464	23 000
31 May 1986	R2 470 811	27 000

(7) Yes, upgrading of houses, hostels, roads and infrastructure at an amount of R135 571 664 has been in progress since 1983 The completion date is depended on the availability of funds

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away

Dobsonville: Black population

1183 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) What was the (a) official and (b) estimated Black population of Dobsonville as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) whether any (a) formal and (b) informal housing has been provided for Black persons in this town, if not, why not, if so, (i) how many housing units, and (ii) when, in each case

(3) whether electricity has been provided in the Black residential area of Dobsonville, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) how many houses are supplied with electricity,

(4) whether there is a sewage disposal system in this Black area if not, why not, if so, what is the nature of this system,

(5) whether any (a) sports and (b) library facilities are available to Black persons in this area, if not, why not, if so, (i) what specified facilities and (ii) where are they located in each case,

(6) whether any rental payments are outstanding in respect of any houses for Blacks in Dobsonville, if so, (a) what total amount, and (b) in respect of how many residents, for the latest specified period of three months for which information is available,

(7) whether the Black residential area of Dobsonville is to be upgraded, if so, (a) when, (b) what total amount has been set aside for this purpose and (c) what projects will be included in the upgrading of this area?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) (a) 61 415

(b) 77 163

As at 31 March 1986

(2) (a) Yes

(i) 4 423

(ii) Since 1958

(b) No, because the State does not provide informal housing

(i) and (ii) Fall away

(3) Yes

(a) Since 1979

(b) 1 267

(4) Yes, a waterborne sewerage system

(5) (a) Yes

(i) 5 tennis courts 1 rugby field 1 swimming pool, 8 soccer fields, 4 netball courts, 1 sport stadium, 2 volley ball courts

(ii) Within the boundaries of Dobsonville

(b) Yes

(i) 1 Library

(ii) Within boundaries of Dobsonville

(6) Yes

(a) and (b) Total amount (service charges not included) outstanding in respect of ± 40% of tenants

31 March 1986	R100 231
30 April 1986	R326 069
31 May 1986	R348 731

(7) Yes, the upgrading of roads, the water reticulation and electricity network, as well as improvement of houses, hostels and parks at a cost of R7 185 000 has been in process since 1980

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away

Diepmeadow: Black population

1184 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) What was the (a) official and (b) estimated Black population of Diepmeadow as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) whether any (a) formal and (b) informal housing has been provided for Black persons in this town, if not, why not, if so, (i) how many housing units, and (ii) when, in each case,

(3) whether electricity has been provided in the Black residential area of Diepmeadow, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) how many houses are supplied with electricity,

(4) whether there is a sewage disposal system in this Black area, if not, why not, if so, what is the nature of this system,

(5) whether any (a) sports and (b) library facilities are available to Black persons in this area, if not, why not, if so, (i) what specified facilities and (ii) where are they located in each case,

(6) whether any rental payments are outstanding in respect of any houses for Blacks in Diepmeadow, if so, (a) what total amount, and (b) in respect of how many residents, for the latest specified period of three months for which information is available,

(7) whether the Black residential area of Diepmeadow is to be upgraded, if so, (a) when, (b) what total amount has been set aside for this purpose and

(c) what projects will be included in the upgrading of this area?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

(1) (a) 239 346

(b) 371 000

As at 30 June 1985

(2) (a) Yes

(i) 27 743

(ii) Since establishment up to 30 June 1985

(b) No, because the State does not provide informal housing

(i) and (ii) Fall away

(3) Yes

(a) Since 1974

(b) 22 084

(4) Yes, waterborne sewerage system

(5) (a) Yes

(i) 10 soccer fields, 10 tennis courts, 5 netball courts, 2 swimming pools

(ii) Within the boundaries of Diepmeadow

(b) Yes

(i) 2 Libraries

(ii) Within the boundaries of Diepmeadow

(6) Yes, as a result of administrative difficulties statistics are only available for the end of June 1986 and not for a three month period as requested

(a) R1 113 850

(b) 20 840

(7) Yes

(a) In process

(b) R1 830 380

(c) Cleaning of township
Upgrading of hostels
Upgrading of water and sewerage network
Upgrading of pavements
Upgrading of parks

Alexandra: Black population

1185 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) What was the (a) official and (b) estimated Black population of Alexandra as at the latest specified date for which information is available,

(2) whether any (a) formal and (b) informal housing has been provided for Black persons in this town, if not, why not, if so, (i) how many housing units, and (ii) when, in each case,

(3) whether electricity has been provided in the Black residential area of Alexandra, if not, why not, if so, (a) when and (b) how many houses are supplied with electricity,

(4) whether there is a sewage disposal system in this Black area, if not, why not, if so, what is the nature of this system,

(5) whether any (a) sports and (b) library facilities are available to Black persons in this area, if not, why not, if so, (i) what specified facilities and (ii) where are they located in each case,

(6) whether any rental payments are outstanding in respect of any houses for Blacks in Alexandra; if so, (a) what total amount, and (b) in respect of how many residents, for the latest specified period of three months for which information is available,

(7) whether the Black residential area of

Alexandra is to be upgraded; if so, (a) when, (b) what total amount has been set aside for this purpose and (c) what projects will be included in the upgrading of this area?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING.

(1) (a) 122 589

(b) 140 000

As at 31 March 1986

(2) (a) Yes

(i) 2 951 houses and 18 blocks of flats,

(ii) Since the establishment of Alexandra

(b) No, because the State does not provide informal housing.

(i) and (ii) Fall away

(3) Yes

(a) Since 1979,

(b) 465 houses and 18 blocks of flats

(4) Yes, a bucket system and waterborne sewerage

(5) (a) Yes

(i) 4 soccer fields, 2 basketball courts, 7 netball courts

(ii) In Alexandra

(b) Yes

(i) 1 Library

(ii) In Alexandra.

(6) Yes, as a result of administrative difficulties statistics are only available for the end of June 1986 and not for a three month period as requested:

(a) R1 004 418

(b) ± 1 300

(7) Yes, the whole area is being replanned and redeveloped Projects amounting to R29m have been approved by the National Housing Commission and will be undertaken soon

The completion date of the re-development process is dependent on the availability of funds and the acceptance by the residents of the new type of housing offered and the cost thereof It is estimated with reservation that the whole project should be completed within approximately eight years

(a), (b) and (c) Fall away

THURSDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 1986

†Indicates translated version.

For written reply
Q Car 2536 4/9/86
General Affairs HANSARD

Port Elizabeth, New Brighton: accommodation complex

1190 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Transport Affairs·

(1) (a) When was the South African Transport Services accommodation complex at New Brighton in Port Elizabeth built, (b) what was the cost of building this complex, (c) how many accommodation units are there in the complex and (d) what rentals were being charged for these units as at the latest specified date for which information is available;

(2) whether this complex is fully occupied, if not, (a) how many units were vacant as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (b) when was this complex last fully occupied,

(3) whether the South African Transport Services intend opening this complex to persons who are seeking accommodation but are not in their employ, if not, why not, if so, when,

(4) whether he or any member of the South African Transport Services has received any representations regarding the opening of this complex to persons not employed by the South African Transport Services, if so, (a) from whom, (b) when and (c) what was the (i) nature of the representations and (ii) response thereto?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS

(1) (a) The complex was completed during 1984

(b) R10,25 million

(c) 1 764 beds

(d) Tariffs are calculated on the following sliding scales with effect from 1 May 1986

Salary Scale	Tariff per month
Not exceeding R4 170 per annum	R48,00 per month (R1,60 per day)
R4 171 to R5 520 per annum	R53,40 per month (R1,78 per day)
R5 521 to R6 870 per annum	R56,40 per month (R1,88 per day)
R6 871 to R8 220 per annum	R65,40 per month (R2,18 per day)
more than R8 220 per annum	R72,00 per month (R2,40 per day)

(2) No

(a) 1 416 beds as at 20 August 1986

(b) As a result of measures to increase productivity, staff numbers have decreased and to date the complex has not as yet been fully occupied It is the intention to convert four of the seven residential blocks to flats for family housing which will accommodate 112 families of employees of Transport Services

(3) It is already the policy to accommodate employees of the Government and private sector on request by their employers

(4) Yes

(a) The Town Council of Ibhayi, Port Elizabeth

(b) 21 April 1986

(c) (i) Request to accommodate members of the Municipal Police Force

(ii) The request was agreed to

Bogie truck

1214 Mr W V RAW asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

(1) Whether the South African Transport Services entered into a contract with any person or company for a bogie truck to be attached to a daily passenger train from Johannesburg to Kimberley for courier loads, if so, (a) on what date and (b) what was the annual value of the contract,

(2) whether this contract is to be discontinued, if so, (a) why and (b) on what date will it cease to be operative?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS·

(1) No. (a), (b) and (2)(a) and (b) Fall away

Mahlatsi threatens to evict councillors

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

CHAIRMAN of the Lekoa Town Council Mr Esau Mahlatsi yesterday threatened to evict councillors who refuse to pay their rent and service charges.

In what he described as "a tough line of action," Mr Mahlatsi said councillors were no exceptions because thousands of residents also face the same threat if they continue to boycott rent

He was replying to criticism that councillors, living in exile at a camp outside Sebokeng township since the outbreak of violence on September 3, 1984, were not paying rent in homes which have been given to them by the now dissolved Oranje-Vaal Development Board.

Paying rent

It is now about two years that the Vaal councillors are staying at the camp called "Mahlatsi's Village" by residents in the Vaal Triangle townships

Mr Mahlatsi said councillors were paying rent for their "new homes", although he declined to give details of how much they were paying "That is a private matter between councillors and their landlords"

He refused to be dragged into further questions on councillors' rents and said "Everybody must pay there is nothing for (mahala) free "

To resign

Referring to the call for councillors to resign, Mr Mahlatsi said they would only do so once the people who elected them requested them to do so

"Those councillors who resigned did so out of their own free will It is regrettable that they did so," he said

However, opposition groups, including the Vaal Civic Association, have slammed the councillors and called them "cowards who ran away from the realities in the townships "

BLACK HOUSING

A time for accommodation

Nobody disputes the urgent need for more black housing. But it is highly debatable whether construction of the proposed new township of "Norweto" is the best way of addressing the problem

With all the talk of reform in the air, government should welcome new opportunities to signal the "dramatic" move forward of which Cabinet members so glibly speak.

But the evidence mounts daily that, despite the State President's view that apartheid is outmoded, there is precious little more that his government intends to do about it

If this is not so, why should government be preparing to force yet another exclusively black township on the PWV? We refer, of course, to the planned monolith for 250 000 souls north of Johannesburg, already known to headline writers as Norweto

The housing is needed, that is beyond

dispute What is in dispute is why it should be exclusively black, why it should be where it is, and why no environmental impact study was made before the plan was announced

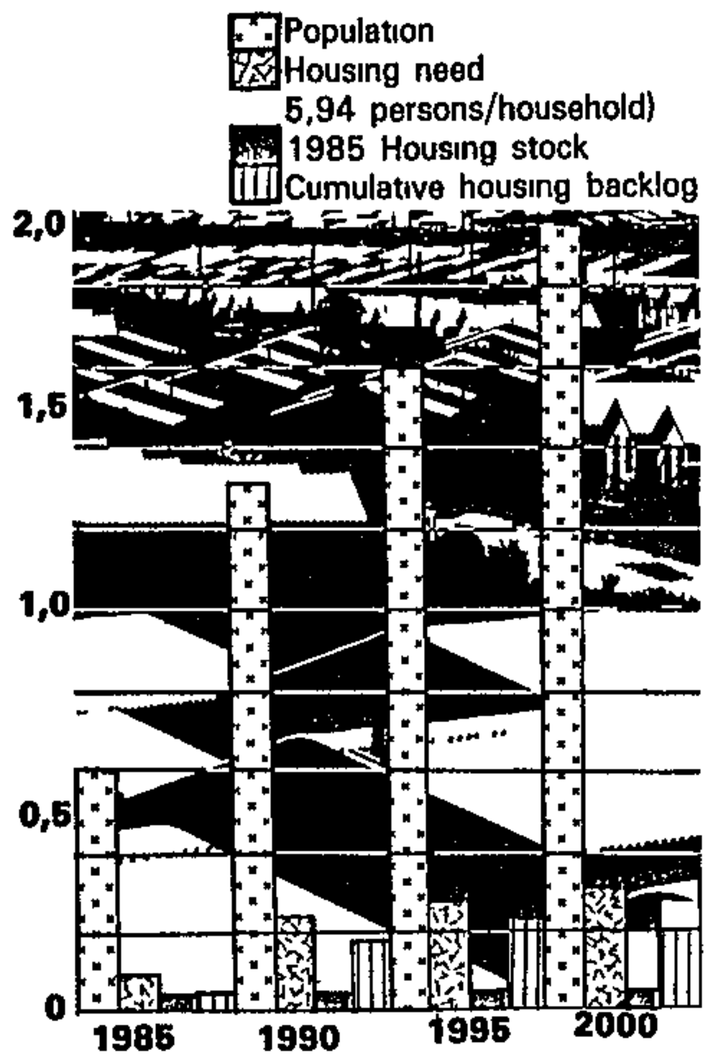
Just who will develop Norweto remains to be seen, but if government intends to do the job through its own agencies once again, we would also ask why private enterprise is not handed the task, lock, stock and barrel

If Norweto is to be the upmarket development promised, there are commercial developers just itching to get in on the act They, after all, are best equipped to develop the land, provide the services and handle the marketing.

But, like government, they will have a hard time of it trying to sell what in its present form is just another monument to the policy of segregation.

Government is reported to be looking at the idea of permitting "grey" residential areas in which all races would be free to own property Why not start with this scheme? No doubt most residents would be black anyway, but the mere creation of a new non-racial town would do much to get across the message, both at home and abroad, that SA is indeed serious about dismantling the fundamentals of discrimination

Black urban housing needs



Figures do not include TBVC

Such a move would also help pacify the putative township's white neighbours who, not unreasonably, are concerned about its effects on their own environment and investments

But as things stand, Norweto has all the hallmarks of a slum in the making To say that it will be an "upmarket" township is, frankly, humbug There are not 250 000 upmarket whites in SA, never mind blacks What is likely to happen is that families will crowd into dwellings to share costs much as they do in Soweto and elsewhere, the end result will be much the same — overcrowding and urban decay

The crucial issue underlying it all is the Group Areas Act Organised business has already said it will back government if it is bold enough to abolish it

We are not among those who believe that abolition will necessarily result in a Gadarene rush of black people into the cities The decision to move would be a rational one taken according to personal interests and circumstances, including the availability of jobs

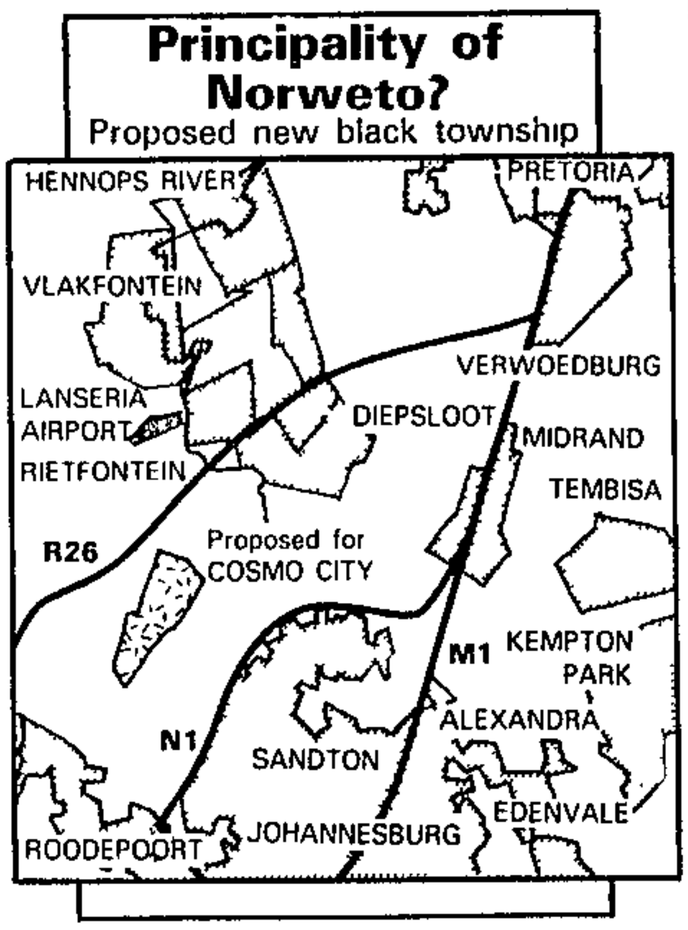
Which is not say there will not be difficulties Rapid urbanisation is a problem throughout the developing world, SA, rather than trying to keep the lid on it, should be planning intelligently for what is, like it or not, an inevitability

Extreme cases

Already laws against squatting are in place They could be used in extreme cases, but generally they should be applied sparingly and with compassion For the rest, the housing issue should be addressed with even greater energy New development is one way, but there are other options like additions to existing housing and site-and-service schemes which could be pursued more vigorously and with even greater involvement from the private sector The profit motive, as government seems reluctant to concede, can work wonders

There is a further dimension to the problem in SA today Consider the irony (and injustice) of the fact that there is a surplus of some 37 000 housing units in the white areas and a shortfall, variously estimated to be between 600 000 and 345 000, for blacks

As far as the Group Areas Act is concerned, market forces are already making nonsense of the law There are around 30 000 people of "other" race groups (mainly coloureds and Indians) living in Johannes-



burg's inner suburbs, including Hillbrow, Berea, Mayfair, Troyeville, and even Houghton

It's a de facto situation which should be legalised — and not only to save the law further embarrassment If selected white suburbs were singled out for a start, we suspect it will not be long before multiracial living is accepted with equanimity (Remember how the sale of "white" liquor to blacks was going to turn the country on its head?) Socially there is no danger of labourers setting up home next to company directors. economics do not work that way

Certainly, such moves will take political courage, black housing is, as Urban Foundation head Jan Steyn puts it, rather like a prison everyone is in favour of it in principle — but nobody wants it near him So there is no easy solution, but reform is not an easy business, as PW Botha and his colleagues will tell you

What should be borne in mind is that black urbanisation, as the Urban Foundation's Fred Stiglingh said recently, will be the single most important demographic, political, social and economic phenomenon over the coming decade

To meet it, the Group Areas Act must be scrapped It is in conflict with the principles of free association and, perhaps more to the point, a contradiction of everything free enterprise stands for No wonder so many blacks reject it

The gesture would not be lost on both our friends and critics overseas We do not believe it would divert the sanctioneers, things have gone too far for that But it would send a goodwill message to the people we need to communicate with most — our own black citizens It would also do much to expand and consolidate the black middle class which is so vital to future economic and social strategy

The fatal flaw of past attempts to co-opt blacks into the free enterprise system has been the race laws Get rid of those barriers and we could well be back in business ■

SA HOUSING NEEDS

(•1985 - 2000, excluding national states)

	No of units per year	No of units per 5-year period
1985-1990	259 041	1 295 204
1990-1995	84 949	424 747
1995-2000	87 374	436 869
Total		**2 156 820**
Average	143 788	718 940

• Excluding the 1985 backlog of 538 222 units

(Source CSS Nov 1985)

Consumer Corner

By SY MAKARINGE



Residents subsidise hostels: Ex-official

A FORMER senior official of the Soweto City Council this week entered the controversy surrounding rents and claimed that the council has been, for many years, charging township residents inflated tariffs to subsidise the four hostels in the area.

The claim comes in the wake of the continuing rent boycotts in the townships and the recent killing by Soweto municipal police of at least 20 White City Jabavu residents who were apparently preventing the police from evicting rent defaulters in the area

Mr Jeremiah Mokotong, former director of the council's cleansing department, said in an interview that he found the alleged discrepancy when he was drawing up his department's budget for the 1984/85 financial year

Mr Mokotong said he found that hostel dwellers in the four Soweto hostels — Nancefield, Dube, Merafe and Jabulani — had not been paying tariffs for refuse collection for many years, while township residents were paying R4 per bin a month.

"I investigated the matter and found that refuse collection in the hostels was being paid for by the township residents. This is one of the reasons why Soweto people are paying more than white people in the suburbs," Mr Mokotong said

He said he did not know whether the same applied to sewerage systems charges and other tariffs as these were not under his control

He said he then made a point that hostel inmates start making payments towards the service that was being provided to them

"But we still did not reduce refuse removal charges that the Soweto residents were already paying It was felt that people could become suspicious," Mr Mokotong said

Mr Nico Malan, the town clerk, ,confirmed that Mr Mokotong made a complaint in connection with garbage removal charges in the hostels.

He said it was not true that township residents were subsidising the hostels.

"It was only a technicality and it has since been corrected," Mr Malan said

Mr Malan said it was true that when one worked out hostel rentals, hostel inmates did not contribute towards certain services and yet enjoyed those services

These services, he said, included soccer fields, roads and health

"But the whole issue is debatable how many hostel people have got motor cars which travel on the Soweto roads? How many go to Orlando Stadium to watch a soccer game? If many of the hostel dwellers enjoy these services, then it would be correct to suggest that they are being subsidised by township residents," Mr Malan said.

A recent investigation by Consumer Corner also found that residents in Soweto were paying more for services than their affluent white counterparts in Johannesburg suburbs

Mr Mokotong also claimed in the interview that when he joined the Soweto Council, the cleansing department had a deficit of R1,2-million He said when he left the section to take up another position in the council, there was a surplus of R58 000

He also claimed that when he took over control of the transport department it was running at a deficit of R4,2-million When he left, Mr Mokotong said, the department had a surplus of R3,8-million

"It must be borne in mind that all supervision before I joined the cleansing department was under whites During my time Soweto was kept very clean and the transport service was perfect," he said



Mr JEREMIAH Mokotong discrepancy

EEK'S EVICTIONS ...

Boycotts in 48 townships

By JO-ANN BEKKER

RESIDENTS in at least 48 black townships are boycotting rent payments, according to the University of the Witwatersrand-based Community Research Group.

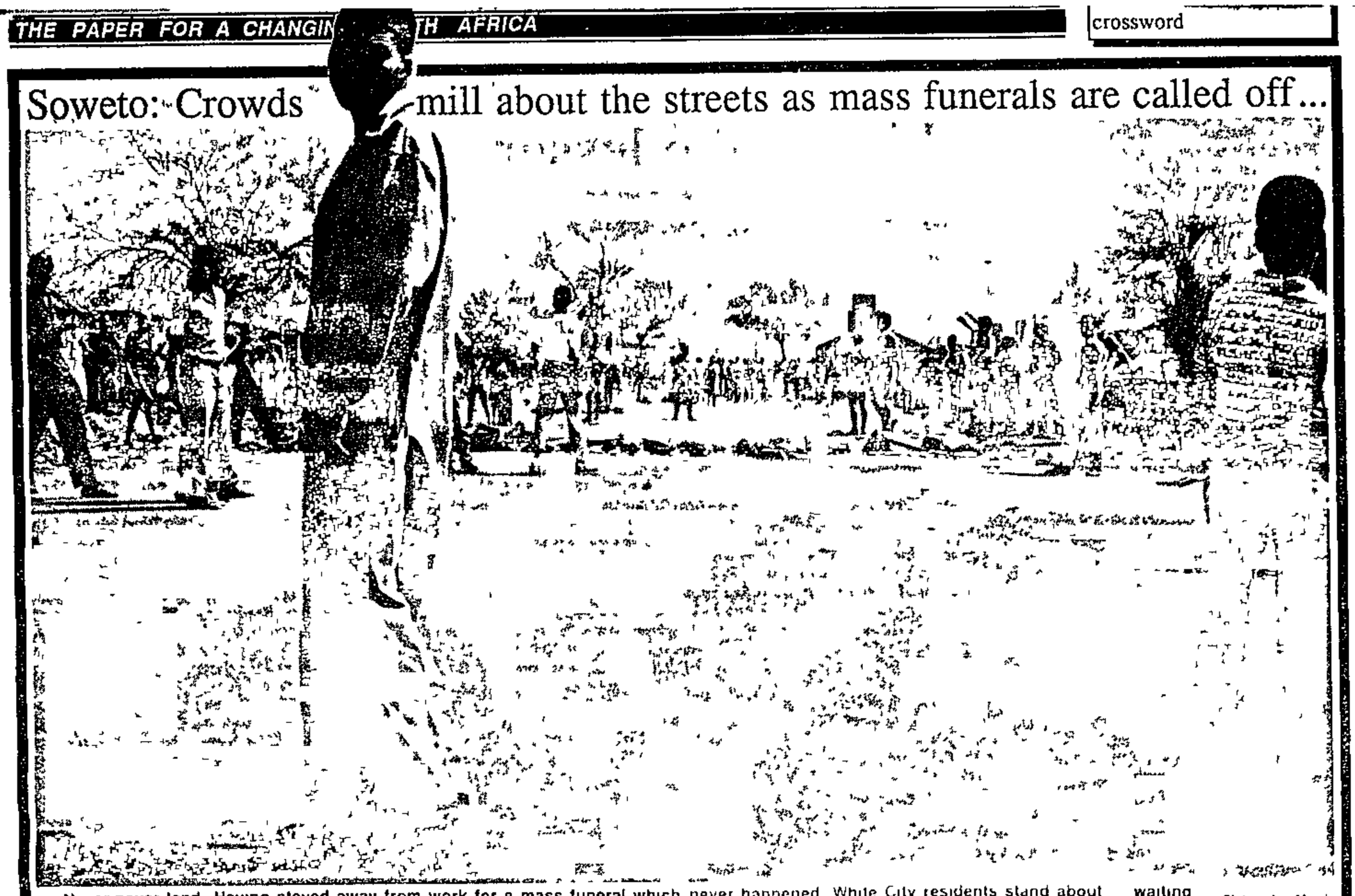
Most of the boycott-hit townships are in the Transvaal — a total of 22 The group gave the following breakdown for the other areas: Eastern Cape, 19 townships, Orange Free State, five, Northern Cape, one, Western Cape, one, and Natal, one

The Soweto Council's claim that intimidation was the primary cause of the rent boycott's success was undercut by events in Soweto last week, the CRG argued in its latest report.

"Were the rent boycott the result of intimidation it is likely that severe counter actions on the part of the authorities in the form of evictions or Security Force action would end the boycott," the report said

"Events in White City and other parts of Soweto last week revealed quite the opposite Press reports as well as independent information received by CRG point to the involvement of residents from all sections of the community in defensive action to prevent evictions"

Mass participation was more likely to be the result of underlying socio-economic and political grievances, the CRG said Surveys conducted by Wits academics in 1981 found 70 percent of White City's households were living below the breadline Since then the percentage of unemployed economically active blacks has risen from 21,1 to 25-30 percent



Never-never land Having stayed away from work for a mass funeral which never happened, White City residents stand about waiting Picture by Afrapix

Shooting victims buried in secret

By SEFAKO NYAKA

SECURITY Forces yesterday prevented the funerals of victims of last week's "battle of Soweto" from taking place — and then watched as at least four of the bodies were secretly buried

The families only heard of the burials when they were given the grave numbers of their relatives

The four were among an estimated 27 people killed by police in White City, Soweto, more than a week ago when residents resisted attempts by Soweto Council police to evict them

A planned mass funeral was banned on Wednesday in a Government Gazette

Although only four families could confirm this, it is believed more than 12 bodies were buried yesterday without the consent of relatives In at least two cases, the cemetery workers who lowered the coffins did not fill the graves

Although General Johan Coetzee prohibited the reporting of "security action" in a special gazette on Wednesday night, the Weekly Mail has been advised that this only applies to a limited category of Security Force actions, because of the narrow definition of "security action" in the new gazette We can accordingly give you an account of yesterday's events in Soweto including certain of the actions of Security Forces

The burials took place while clergymen and organisers of the mass funeral were engaged in delicate negotiations with the authorities over the possibility of holding a memorial service for the deceased after the funeral was banned outright

Earlier, police had served a gazette on the families telling them the funeral could not take place without written permission from the Divisional Commissioner of Police

The Mazibuko family in White City Jabavu only learnt about their son's burial when family friends presented them with Themba's grave number

"When we reached the Moroka Jabavu Stadium we were turned away by the Security Forces and the funeral undertaker told us that he was taking the body back to the mortuary and would await further instructions from us," Themba's mother, Gladys Mazibuko said

Late in the afternoon her daughter, in tears, burst into the house and asked her if she had been present when Themba was buried

Before I could answer, some family friends came in and gave me the grave number"

When the family raced to the Avalon cemetery, they were barred from entering by a heavy contingent of armed Security Force members — including mounted police

"We told them that all we wanted to do was to sprinkle soil on the grave as blacks traditionally do when burying their dead," the sobbing mother said

They were allowed in while three helicopters hovered above

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Biggest boycott in ten years

YESTERDAY'S stayaway in Soweto was the biggest in the township since 1976, according to the Labour Monitoring Group (LMG)

Their survey showed that about 78 percent of Soweto's workers did not report for duty

The retail industry was hardest hit with an 85 percent stayaway in Soweto and a 27 percent stayaway in Johannesburg generally

In the manufacturing industry, there was a 72 percent stayaway, and 38 percent in Johannesburg generally

Three evicted families can go home today

By Estelle Trengove

Three Soweto families evicted last week will be back home tonight after a first-round victory in legal action challenging their evictions

The families were victims of the spate of evictions which sparked last week's violence in Soweto, in which 24 people died

Lawyers for the families were poised to bring an urgent application for their reinstatement before the Rand Supreme Court yesterday when interim agreement was reached with the Soweto Council

The council will reinstate the families pending the outcome of the court application The families must pay part of their arrears rental into a trust account of the council's attorneys The money will be refunded if their court application succeeds.

The application was postponed to October 21

Mr Themba Mngomezulu, Mr Isaac Radebe and Mr Alfred Mphungwa and their families were ejected from their homes in Jabulani on August 26

"My family is homeless," said Mr Mngomezulu in an affidavit

On August 26 officers of the council arrived at his home and ordered everyone out of the house, said Mr Mngomezulu. The family's belongings were loaded onto a Council truck and the house door was locked.

"I had to hand over my house key," said Mr Mngomezulu. "I was not given a receipt for our belongings I do not know where they were taken or where they are now."

Their possessions included a TV, beds and other furniture, crockery, cutlery, groceries and clothes

Kevan's still a PFP member

By SHAUN JOHNSON

DEL KEVAN, the beleaguered Soweto City Council housing director, is still a member of the Progressive Federal Party — and that's official

It was recently revealed that Kevan, who first faced a storm of criticism and then a bomb at her home over her perceived role in the White City Jabavu tragedy, resigned from the PFP when she became the object of public attack

According to PFP regional director Gary Cooney, who received her resignation verbally, "I spoke to her on the telephone at the height of the White City issue — I didn't ask her for her resignation — but she told me she wanted to resign and I could pass it on to the press, which I did She said she was going to put it in writing"

Cooney then left for East London on business, during which time Kevan changed her mind

Cooney says she contacted the local PFP executive and said she'd decided there was no reason for her to resign, "and that she'd like to stay on as an ordinary member of the party"

Because no written resignation had been received, the executive accepted this position

According to Cooney there was no talk of expelling Kevan — but the executive retains the right, as a matter of course, to launch an inquiry if complaints are received from party members

Kevan was unavailable for comment last night

Tears from housing director

By Winnie Graham

The director of housing in Soweto, Mrs Del Kevan, does not weep easily But when she talks about the official toll of 21 deaths following the evictions of seven families at Jabulani and Tshiawelo she has tears in her eyes

"I was instructed to evict residents who had not paid their rent since April," she said this week "They were the incorrigibles — people who had not paid for months, not the rent boycotters who stopped paying in June But I never thought for a moment anyone would die"

Ironically, the bloodshed did not take place in Tshiawelo and Jabulani where the seven families had been evicted The 21 died in White City

Since then Mrs Kevan has been called a "racist" and blamed for the bloodshed She has received a number of death threats and has to be escorted to work in Soweto

But she will not give up the job she has been doing since January

She took it because she believed her 24 years experience in housing with both the Johannesburg and Pretoria City Councils would be of use in Soweto

She resigned her seat on the Randburg Town Council where, as a member of the Progressive Federal Party, she had served for a while as chairman of the management committee

She is known in the town as an unspoken critic of the National Party and its policies

'I never judge people by the colour of their skin," she says

"That is why initially I had no difficulty with evictions There is no housing authority in the world who will not evict tenants who do not pay rent

"I guess the situation is different here I certainly don't believe an eviction is worth a single death"

Soweto to pay up or else

Council is on brink of bankruptcy

By Winnie Graham

The Soweto Council, owed R22 million in unpaid rent and service charges, is on the brink of bankruptcy

Since the rent boycott started in June, it has collected little more than R1 million a month But its expenses come to R7 million a month, and without an income it cannot function adequately Money is needed to pay for water, electricity and sewerage charges — and the wages of 5 000 employees

Town Clerk Mr Nico Malan said yesterday that since the rent boycott started the council's income had dropped dramatically In June, less than R1 million was collected; in July R1,6 million, and R1,3 million in August

The evictions which sparked off street fighting in which 21 people died had been a decision by the "whole management team"

"We don't kick people out of their homes for the sake of it," he said "They are given plenty of warning that they will be evicted if they don't pay, and if they still don't, we give them seven days' notice of eviction Even if they pay the rental at the last minute, eviction can be avoided"

He emphasised that the director of housing in Soweto, Ms Del Kevan, was not responsible for the eviction decision, but had been instructed by the council to go ahead

POWER CHARGES

Soweto, he said, usually collected R7 million a month from the 75 000 householders in the township Of this, only R250 000 was rent The rest was service charges. "We buy water from the Rand Water Board, power from Escom and sewerage services from Johannesburg If we don't pay, services will be cut off"

He said he was aware people were not paying rent because they were afraid to do so For this reason the Soweto Council was setting up central offices and providing facilities for those who wished to pay by cheque or postal order No unauthorised person would have access to the receipt books, and payments would be treated in the strictest confidence

"There have been allegations that our black staff leaked information on 'rent payers' to the 'comrades'," he said "I don't believe this, but to stop the rumours we are providing a central office where people can pay rent without fear of intimidation"

He said his council was aware that economic conditions and unemployment had made rentals a major issue To help people experiencing financial hardship, a special office had been set up at the beginning of the year to discuss problems with residents and to reduce or even cut rentals entirely

Mr Malan said there were 22 000 people on the council's waiting list for houses. Many came to the Soweto offices saying. "If the others won't pay the rent, I will Here is the money"

Soweto killings: 'No warning'

Staff Reporter

THE latest edition of the independent Weekly Mail carries the first eye-witness account of last week's killing of 20 people in White City, Soweto, and the report alleges that Soweto council police fired without warning on a crowd, some of whom were chanting "We are not fighting"

Reporter Sefako Nyaka's account differs from the official version put out by the Bureau for Information, and contradicts the bureau's report that security forces first opened fire after a hand-grenade was thrown at a police patrol, wounding four men

His report said that before the battles, residents had been at meetings on every street to discuss action against rent evictions

Mr Nyaka said he was standing near a crowd when a Soweto Council police van sped up and "the occupants of the van fired at the fleeing crowd".

"The crowd reassembled and a hasty decision was taken to march to the rent offices to inquire why police were shooting at them

"Police vans appeared from the opposite direction A few people in the front of the crowd started chanting 'We are not fighting' and at the same time making the peace sign

"Suddenly all the front lights in the street went out and police started firing on the crowd without warning I could hear groans and screams from people who had been hit by birdshot, fired apparently at random by council police"

Mr Nyaka then heard a loud blast, which he said he presumed was the explosion of the hand-grenade reported by the Bureau for Information, then saw a group of youths advancing and providing cover for a man — "a trained guerilla, I suspect, probably using an AK47" — firing on the council police

Police Casspirs arrived and as shots were fired, he saw a youth run into a yard "Figures appeared from the back yard and opened fire The youth tried to run back into the street The youth was later found dead in the yard"

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By DERRICK LUTHAYI and Mono Badela

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But from Soweto: A deafening silence

CP Reporters

TWELVE victims of the "White City War" were buried at Soweto's Avalon cemetery yesterday – despite a blanket police ban on mass funerals in the township.

The massive township ground to a halt yesterday with hundreds of thousands of workers answering the call for a one-day stayaway to mourn the 27 people killed in White City during last week's rent protests

Thousands of residents flocked to the stadium for the funeral which was originally planned for 27 people

Police banned the mass funeral on Tuesday and told relatives that only one person was to be buried at a time from today

But much of the activity in Soweto went unrecorded following a Wednesday ban by police commissioner Johan Coetzee on reporting of security action – a ban which outlaws the presence of journalists within sight of any unrest restricted gathering or security action

Early yesterday the Labour Monitoring Group estimated that at least 66% of Soweto residents yesterday stayed away from work – but said the real figure was probably higher A statement from Putco that their buses were running with just 20% of their normal load backed this up LMG reports that nine out of ten of the companies contacted in their survey indicated they would not "victimise' workers who stayed away yesterday

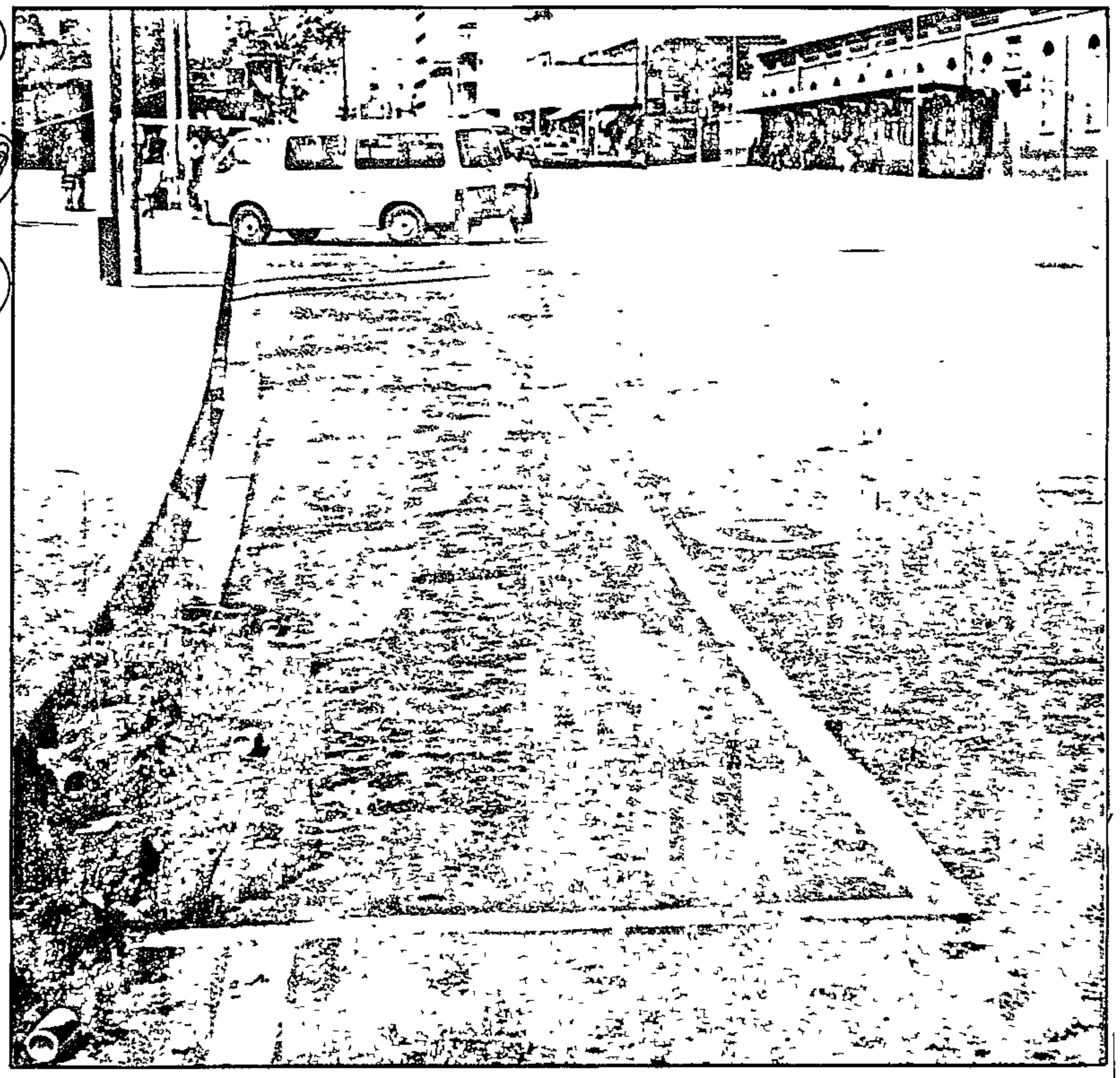
In one incident when police fired teargas the coffin of a 13-year-old Abednigo Sibisi went missing.

● No deaths or injuries had been reported due to the unrest in Soweto yesterday the Bureau for Information said in Pretoria.

There had been a number of illegal gatherings however which had been broken up by police using teargas

In one incident 300 youths were dispersed when police fired teargas

Many Soweto streets were barricaded with an assortment of materials including drums and large stones apparently to prevent police vehicles from driving around



● But while police used their emergency powers to stop Press coverage on events in Soweto yesterday a full bench of the Natal Supreme Court threw out four sections of the government s emergency regulations They ruled invalid the section – 10(b) – allowing Law and Order Minister Louis le Grange to seize and ban publications which he feels contain subversive statements"

In a judgment on an application brought by Argus SA Associated Newspapers and Natal Newspapers handed down yesterday by Judge Van Heerden Judges Leon, Kumleben and Nienaber found regulations 10(b) 11 and 12 to be void and without force and effect in law These sections cover the right of security forces to seize and suspend publications which in the opinion of the Minister contain "subversive' statements.

They retained section 7(1)(c) which grants the police commissioner the right to ban reporting on security force activity, but threw out regulation 7 (1)(d), which allows the commissioner of police to make orders prohibiting anything which in his opinion is necessary to maintain public order or terminate the state of emergency

● The silent city· Johannesburg's usually busy taxi ranks were deserted yesterday morning There were no passengers – as thousands of Soweto residents had observed the call for a stayaway

Pic MIKE MZILENI

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Rent revolt: More refuse to pay

By MUDINI MAIVHA

THE revolt against high rent is growing by the day in townships around Johannesburg.

Residents in Phase 1 in Alexandra, Tshiawelo Extension 3 and neighbouring flats and Jabulani Flats are refusing to pay rent.

In other areas, councils have shelved imminent increases in rent, water and electricity tariffs.

Alexandra residents have not paid rent for the past 12 months.

Tshiawelo residents resolved at a weekend meeting to stop paying rent, water and electricity bills and service charges from this month. Those who have bought houses will not pay site rent.

It was also decided that residents in arrears – 60% of 800 houses – should settle their rentals up to February.

"And nobody is going to occupy the house where a resident may be evicted as a result of this action," said angry residents.

Residents also decided to cancel stop orders for paying rent. If the council meets their demands, they say, they'll start paying rent again.

About 104 Phase 1 residents have signed a petition responding to the council's charge that they were in arrears. In letters to residents, the council demanded payment of arrears between R700 and R1 600.

This demand came despite an assurance residents claim mayor Sam Buti gave them about three months ago that the arrears were cancelled.

Residents are demanding that rent be reduced to R40 a month for a four-roomed house, and R50 for a six-roomed house.

"We will not pay the arrears, as we don't owe them. You continue to ignore our wishes in this matter of rent, and therefore we now declare that we will no longer pay rent at all until our demand for affordable rent has been met," said residents in their petition.

Both Tshiawelo 3 and Jabulani flat dwellers have made several represenations to the council about rent reductions.

Norweto objections flow in

OBJECTIONS to the proposed black township north of Johannesburg — Norweto — were being received on a daily basis, a Department of Constitutional Development and Planning spokesman said yesterday

The force behind the anti-township campaign — the Greenbelt Action Group — has held public meetings, lobbied for the dispatch of hundreds of protest letters to the department, and obtained about 40 000 signatures for its petitions A group spokesman said more than R40 000 had been raised.

LINDA ENSOR

If government did not respond appropriately, the group was prepared to seek an interdict in the supreme court.

An alternative being proposed was for a series of small, sub-economic villages to be established, rather than one large township.

The spokesman said the villages should be situated close to employment in industrial areas in Pretoria, Midrand and Randburg

Families in Vaal evicted

Sowetan 19/9/86

LEKOA council policemen and officials yesterday evicted 10 families from their homes in Boipatong, Vanderbijlpark.

There was tension after the chairman of the Boipatong Civic Association, Mr Marcos Mathlare, was evicted from his home

Mr Mathlare, a school principal, said the authorities were provoking residents by evicting them without seeking solutions to the rent problem which started in 1984.

The secretary of the Lekoa Town Council, Mr Ben Scott, said yesterday that evictions would continue today in Sharpeville and tomorrow in Sebokeng

The council had obtained court orders to evict more than 1 800 families.

Others have received summonses to appear in court for not paying rent since September 3, 1984

Bus Day.

18 Vaal families go as eviction campaign hots up

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EVICTIONS are being carried out daily in the Vaal, particularly in cases where people owe the council about R1 200 on rent

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Lekoa town clerk N P Louw yesterday confirmed the evictions and said "The council has obtained court orders to evict more than 1 800 families who have not been paying their rent since September 1984

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Among the families believed to have been evicted from their homes in Boipatong is chairman of the township's civic association and school principal Marcos Matlhare

Ratepayers face massive bills for new township

Norweto will need roads for workers



Norweto will include a 7-km stretch of the Jukskei River, which flows into the Hartbeespoort Dam. The Greenbelt Action Group fears pollution will put an end to idyllic scenes such as this ● Pictures by John Hogg.

Randburg, Sandton, Verwoerdburg and Midrand ratepayers will have to foot the bill for upgrading the roads which will feed the massive flow of traffic from Norweto to employment areas, a town planner has warned

Mr Brian Johnson told a Press conference organised by the Greenbelt Action Committee (GAG) yesterday that the Fourways and Olivedale intersections would be worst hit by traffic from Norweto.

Illustrating the logistics of siting the black township only 35 km away from the towns north of Johannesburg, he said the total bill to South African taxpayers for the development was about R3 750 million — about R14 500 to settle each unwilling person in his new home.

75 000 jobs

If the Government went ahead with its plans for the town for 250 000 people, nearly 75 000 jobs would have to be created to supply work for only one breadwinner in each family.

He slammed the geophysical suitability of the 3 500 ha identified for the scheme, saying only 2 900 ha could be developed for low-cost housing

A further 2 500 ha needed to support leisure activities nearly doubled the planned size of the site

Town planner Mr Fanie Haacke estimated that property prices in a 15 km radius of Norweto had plunged by R1 000 a hectare

If the Government went ahead, the R50 million investment in Lanseria Airport could be rendered useless because of air pollution during the morning and afternoon peak periods, he said

Artist, actor and author Gordon Vorster, who has lived for 25 years on the confluence of the Jukskei and Crocodile rivers — a stone's throw from Norweto — said the Government had sought the least-suitable spot closest to the most elite part of Johannesburg

"Let's be selfish for a change and ask why the entrepreneurs of Sandton should not be allowed to live in a select suburb instead of an area polluted by a township that nobody wants or needs."



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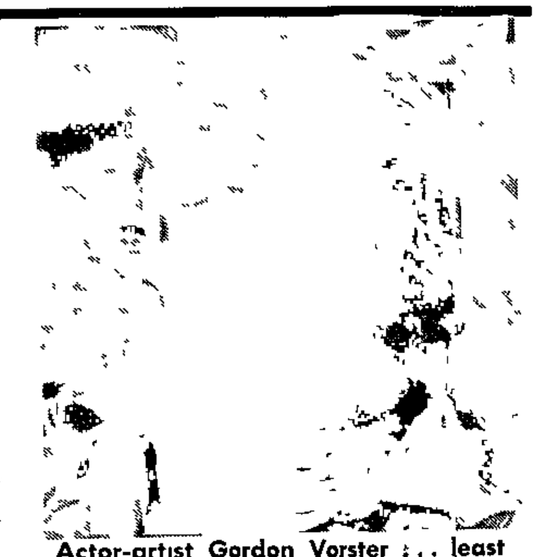
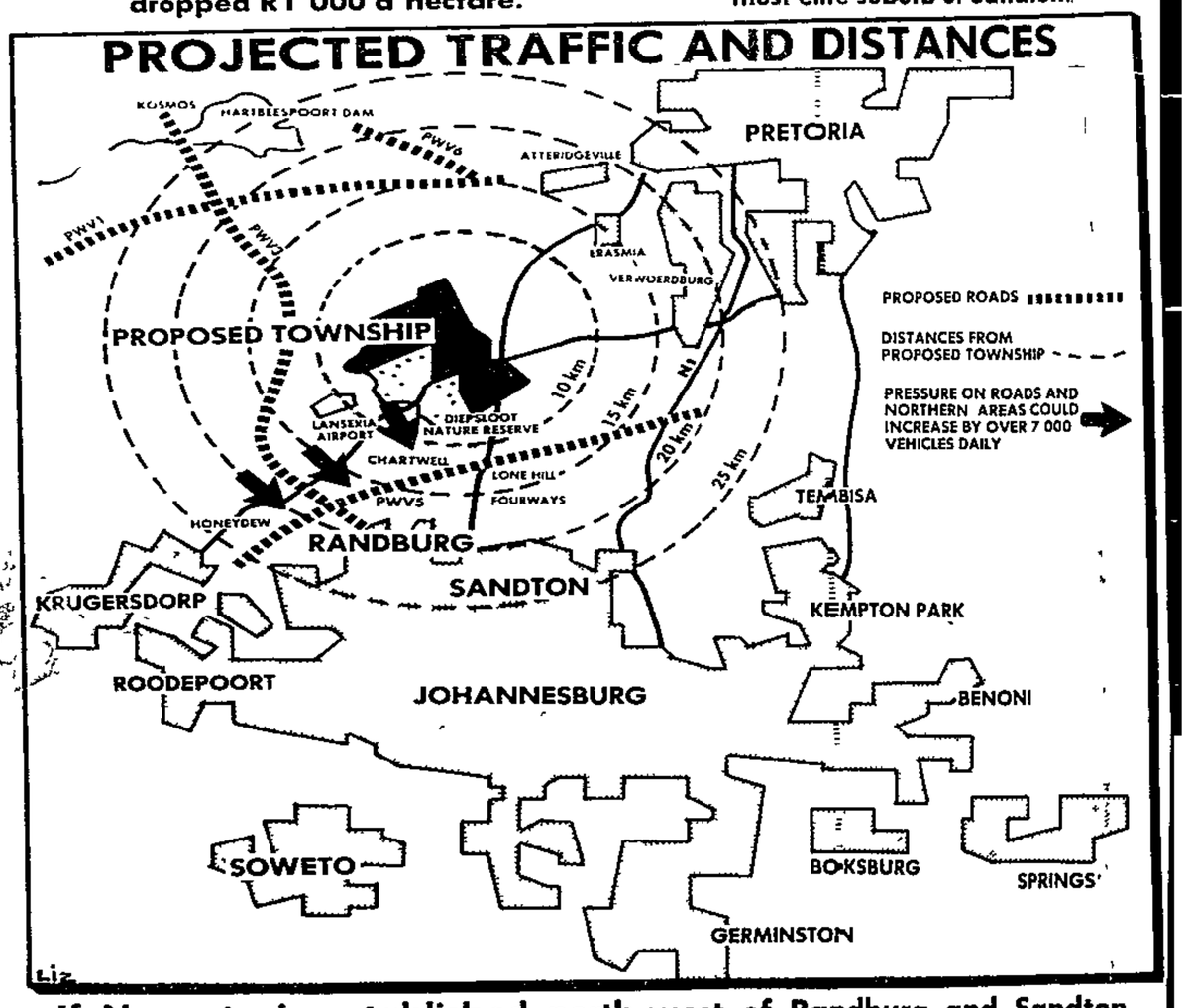


Actor-artist Gordon Vorster ... least suitable site has been chosen near most elite suburb of Sandton.



If Norweto is established north-west of Randburg and Sandton, these towns will have to cope with a massive influx of more than 7 000 vehicles daily, a town planner has estimated. This graphic shows the distances of neighbouring towns from Norweto, the proposed roads and the direction that the main thrust of south-bound traffic is likely to take.

Housing plan aids shack-dwellers

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LINDA ENSOR

THE 400 units in the self-help housing scheme in the East Rand black township of Tokoza — officially launched yesterday by the Urban Foundation's Family Housing Association (FHA) — is a small start to meeting the housing needs of the area's 60 000 shack-dwellers.

Currently the FHA, operating only in the Transvaal, is servicing or planning to service 8 550 stands, and is committed to assist or has assisted 4 000 families on a self-help basis

FHA GM Matthew Nell said the Tokoza stands would be serviced by waterborne sewage, running water, stormwater drainage and graded roads.

The FHA would provide the owner-builder with access to house plans, a 100% building society loan, bulk-purchased materials and technical advice during construction

Prices will range from R9 500 for a two-roomed starter house to R19 500 for a three-bedroomed house with 80m² of floor space — about 50% of the cost of an equivalent house built by the formal sector.

Tokoza had been chosen, Nell said, because of the willingness of the town council to be involved in the scheme.

Nell said on average Tokoza shack-dwellers were paying between R50-R80 a month while the monthly entry cost of a starter-house was R86.

Surveys revealed a significant proportion of shack-dwellers in the PWV area were established urban residents who had lived in their rudimentary homes for about 20 years, and had consistently worked in the formal sector for an average of five years.

They formed a highly mobile community, Nell said, staying in one shack an average three to six months because of the highly tense and exploitative landlord/tenant relationship The average shack household consisted of between eight to 12 people

"Their key ambition in life is to own their own home," Nell emphasised

Rent evictions daily in Vaal

Dispatch Correspondent

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Vaal indaba on rents

THE Lekoa Town Council, will hold a public meeting on Sunday at Mphatlatsane hall.

The meeting will start at 7am

Councillor Stephen Ntsoereng, who obtained permission from the local authorities to hold the meeting, said the purpose was to stop the massive eviction campaign which started last month.

Mr Ntsoereng said "We want to get a mandate from the residents to fight this evil campaign which has left many families homeless without accommodation"

The secretary of the council, Mr Ben Scott, has confirmed that Mr Ntsoereng has been given permission to hold the meeting — the first since the rent boycott started in six Vaal townships "

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Iscor boss: Development drive has cut costs

Big capex injection for steel

MICK COLLINS

TO KEEP pace with increasing technological demands and minimise production costs, primary-steel producers had committed R760m to capital expenditure, Iscor chairman Floris Kotzee said yesterday.

Opening the SA Institute of Steel Construction conference in Johannesburg, he said it had been possible, through the development campaign, to limit price increases to a level well below increases in the average producer-price index.

"The two major steel producers, Iscor and Highveld, operated at 83% of capacity last year, in spite of a lagging economy They have a combined capacity of 7,1-million tons a year, and excess capacity is utilised to export value-added products to 78 countries"

"At present Iscor is devoting considerable efforts to promote the use of steel in housing and schools"

Addressing the problem of the minimal use of structural steel in high-rise buildings, Kotzee said the industry would launch a drive to persuade developers to move away from reinforced concrete

"Why, when structural steel is used so extensively in the industrial building sector, is it so seldom used as the medium of construction for multi-storey buildings in SA?

"It is possible that the professionals responsible for the construction of multi-storey buildings today generally do not have the expertise to produce cost-effective steel-framed buildings," he said

Transport a victim of Govt brake

CHRIS CAIRNCROSS

AN IMPORTANT victim of this year's aborted second session of Parliament is the deregulatory package promised by government for public transport

A White Paper response to the wide-ranging National Transport Policy Study (NTPS) investigation, whose report and recommendations were submitted to government earlier this year, was originally scheduled for release during the session

Its publication has now been delayed with Transport Department officials confirming that government's views will now be aired only after Parliament reconvenes in January

This delay puts paid to promises made by Transport Minister Hendrik Schoeman that the deregulatory process would gather momentum this year with the definite phasing out of the road permit system

The further stalling over making fundamental decisions concerning the future of a vitally important sector of the economy has aroused the ire of the private sector, particularly private road hauliers, who will probably be affected most by any of the changes that may be proposed

It has also caused some of government's critics to declare it represents just another example of the way administration in this country has come to a standstill

Government continues delaying important decisions to the economy's detriment The fact that on this issue it has allowed momentum to fade also engenders concern that many NTPS proposals will be stillborn

"The longer it takes this administration to announce its game plan, the longer it will take to effect any form of implementation. Impetus set up by the NTPS has been lost," said a member of the private sector's transport consultative committee.

18 Vaal families go as eviction campaign hots up

11/9/86 SOPHIE TEMA

EVICTIONS are being carried out daily in the Vaal, particularly in cases where people owe the council about R1 200 on rent

Between Tuesday and yesterday 18 families were evicted from their homes in the area

Eight families were evicted in Sharpeville yesterday while 10 others were thrown out in Boipatong on Tuesday The evictions were carried out under the supervision of Lekoa Council policemen and officials.

A month ago several other families were evicted in Sharpeville, Boipatong, Zamdela and Bophelong

Lekoa town clerk N P Louw yesterday confirmed the evictions and said "The council has obtained court orders to evict more than 1 800 families who have not been paying their rent since September 1984

"We will evict people who are in arrears with their rent on a daily basis, if there is a need to do so

"Several other people have received summonses to appear in court for non-payment of rent"

Among the families believed to have been evicted from their homes in Boipatong is chairman of the township's civic association and school principal Marcos Matlhare

Major new housing plan for Lenasia announced

By Bruce Cameron, Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — Planning is under way for a new housing extension (Extension Four) at Lenasia, south-east of Johannesburg

This was announced today by Indian Minister of Housing Mr Baldeo Dookie, as part of his plan to overcome the shortage of 40 000 Indian homes.

The Johannesburg city council and his department will start work on almost 2 000 homes in the new year.

Negotiations between his department, the Johannesburg city council and the Transvaal Peri-Urban Board were being finalised to bring Lenasia under one authority

Major extensions to Laudium outside Pretoria were being finalised, Mr Dookie said, with a block of more than 300 flats being planned for the new year More sites should become available shortly

Mr Dookie also revealed there were plans for a giant new Indian town near Durban

The site of the town has still to be identified and will either be north or south of the city.

The town will be similar to the model Mitchells Plain town for Coloured people

The town would be built on the basis of a number of new housing policy decisions taken recently and would have proper infrastructure provided as the township developed

The town is being developed to overcome the huge housing shortage for Indians, particularly in the Durban area.

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Council cops evict families

KATLEHONG council policemen yesterday evicted families owing rent.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

The first family to be evicted was the Mkhuhlane's of Nhlapo section They owed R639 in rent arrears.

The deputy mayor of Katlehong, Mr Solly "Ntshebe" Lukhele, yesterday confirmed that 16 families in the township were served with eviction notices, on Monday

He said the families owed the council between R400 and R1 750 in rent arrears.

Mr Lukhele said all 16 families were due to be evicted from their homes by last night

He said only those families who approached the council and come to an agreement on how they will repay the money would not be evicted

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Govt-backed housing report 'irresponsible'

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By James Clarke

The white housing surplus in the Central Witwatersrand alone may be 108 000 units, according to the recently released draft guide plan for the region

Only two weeks ago, a government-sponsored report by the Housing Research Information Centre said the surplus was 37 000 — for the entire country

The black housing shortage in the Central Witwatersrand is unknown, but the guide plan indicates that blacks are 200 000 short in the whole PWV region

If ratified, the draft guide plan will allow the Government to curb the natural economic and population growth of greater Johannesburg and to enforce the removal of blacks once their population reaches a certain number

Apart from infilling existing townships and creating a new township near Lanseria for 250 000 people, no more areas will be made available for black accommodation if the plan is approved

A town and regional planner, Miss Pauline Morris of TWS in Johannesburg, who discovered the anomalies in the report's housing statistics, describes the report at "riddled with contradictions" and statistically "irresponsible"

She says that 58 percent of the region's population is black, according to the report, but only 10 percent of the area is being allocated to accommodate them

Miss Morris will be leading a workshop on the report at next month's big conference on the metropolitan area's future — "Johannesburg, the Second Century" on October 16 and 17 at RAU

The draft plan, says Miss Morris, gives the region's 1980 population as 1,4 million and Soweto's as 986 000 although it admits the figures might be considered "conservative"

Miss Morris says "Most researchers and even officials" accept that the existing population of Soweto is well over 1 million and may be approaching 2 million

Soweto rent protest: 3 die in clashes

JOHANNESBURG — At least three people died in overnight clashes in Soweto as Sharpeville residents stayed away from work in protests against rent evictions

The Bureau for Information yesterday said three people died and 11 were wounded in Soweto during street fights that raged from Sunday night until 6 30am yesterday

Residents said they saw at least four bodies after seven hours of fighting between men living in the Mzimhlope Hostel and residents of Zone 1, Meadowlands

A police spokesman for Soweto, Major F Zwane, said that police could not confirm earlier reports that 14 people were killed, but were investigating

The residents said Zulu-speaking hostel dwellers armed with guns, spears and knobbed fighting sticks attacked youths having a party about 11pm on Sunday

A 67-year-old woman was shot and wounded in the head One youth was shot and killed and another was stabbed to death with spears Others were wounded, they said

The residents said some 50 youths, saying they were "comrades", launched a counter-attack about 6 30am yesterday, killing at least two of the migrants

The bureau report said the three men were killed when a house in Meadowlands, in which the comrades were meeting, was attacked on Sunday night It added that 11 people were injured and the house was set alight

Six other incidents of unrest were reported in Soweto by the bureau Among these were four incidents of stone-throwing

In Sharpeville, police fired teargas

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3 die in Soweto

to disperse residents who threw stones and petrol-bombs and tried to stage an illegal protest march

Residents said no buses entered the townships yesterday morning and there was no traffic on the main streets. Buses operated up to the outskirts of the township. There was no estimate of the percentage of residents who responded to the stayaway call

All pupils in the township stayed away from school

● The bureau also reports that fewer than 20 other incidents of unrest were reported in the rest of the country between 6am on Sunday and 6am yesterday

"Natal, the East Rand and the Eastern Province each reported one incident of stone-throwing with damage amounting to R200, R126 and R30 respectively," the bureau report added — Sapa, UPI and Own Correspondent

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Five evicted families now live in tents

Five of the 147 Dobsonville, Soweto, families evicted two months ago from houses they occupied illegally were accommodated in tents yesterday.

The tents were erected in the school grounds of the St Angeles Primary School in Dobsonville.

About 80 of the evicted families were living in the Roman Catholic Church next to the school. The others have been living temporarily with other families.

The erection of the tents was a joint venture by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Johannesburg and the South African Council of Churches.

The Reverend Cecil Begbie, President of the Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC), said a formal request had been made to the Dobsonville Town Council to accommodate the families.

He said the council replied that the matter would be dealt with after the trial of councillors charged with corruption. The trial is scheduled for the end of October.

"There is no immediate hope in sight for the families, as the trial could go on for a long time. The church took it upon itself to provide emergency accommodation," he said.

He appealed for help to accommodate the families. People can contact the Reverend Begbie at 27-1159 or 27-1132.

Plan to upgrade East Rand townships

By Sol Makgabutlane

The East Rand Development Area (formerly the Development Board) is planning a multimillion-rand project to extend and upgrade the three East Rand townships of Tsakane, Duduza and kwaThema

When the project is completed, the three townships could have a combined population of more than half a million

Mr J H Opperman, East Rand Development Area (Erada) chief director, said the plan was drawn up 30 years ago by the Metz Commission, but was not implemented because the Government then regarded blacks as temporary workers in "white" South Africa

"The three towns will grow together, but they will still be administered by three separate municipalities," he said

He pointed out, however, that plans for kwaThema were still not final as the township had its own town council which had the right to come up with its own proposals. The councils of Tsakane and Duduza have collapsed following the resignation of councillors last year

"In the case of Tsakane and Duduza, they both have no councils and we are only there to support the communities until such time that there are elections for new councillors"

CONSOLIDATION

Mr Opperman said 28 000 new stands could be created in the envisaged consolidation plan for the three areas kwaThema presently had 10 000 stands, Tsakane 8 500 and Duduza 4 000, he said

Mr Opperman said work would begin on October 16 to instal water and sewerage facilities in every household in Duduza The township presently uses the bucket system and residents have to collect water supplies from street taps

"We are going to spend R9 million in this project in Duduza"

He also announced that 272 houses commissioned by Erada for Tsakane have been completed and occupied

"We promised these families that they would be properly accommodated, and now our promise has been carried out"

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WCC to buy tents for homeless

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Dispatch Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The Witwatersrand Council of Churches (WCC) is to raise R70 000 to buy tents to house 147 homeless families

The families — men women and children — have been sleeping in a church hall for almost two months since they were evicted from houses they had illegally occupied in Dobsonville

Although the Dobsonville Town Council claimed the families had occupied the houses illegally most of them claimed they had applied for houses and have been on the housing waiting list for more than 10 years

Yesterday the vice-chairman of the WCC, the Reverend Cecil Begbie, pitched the first five tents in a churchyard to house some of the families

The families had been given until yesterday to move out of the church hall

Mr Begbie said "I invited the council to meet some of the homeless residents, and the churches to try and resolve the problem

"I only got a response this week from the council which indicated that it was impossible to meet and discuss the matter as some of the councillors were facing a court case involving criminal charges"

"The churches had hoped to meet the council members to work out means and ways of providing alternative accommodation for the families

"The churches have taken the first step but we need to provide each family with a tent"

"We still need 142 tents which will cost the churches no less than R70 000"

Battle of Meadowlands



THE face of Mzimhlophe Hostel, scene of this week's bloodshed.
PIC MOFFAT ZUNGU

RESIDENTS HOLD THEIR BREATH . . .

AN UNEASY calm hangs over the Meadowlands Hostel area, the scene of this week's bloody clashes between hostel inmates and residents of neighbouring Zone 1 Meadowlands.

The fighting left a trail of destruction, injury and death At least three people died and 12 were admitted to hospital with bullet wounds

As one moves through the area, the smashed window panes, the bombed-out houses and others with windows boarded up with planks or pieces of corrugated iron stand in mute testimony to the terror that gripped the area from last weekend till early this week

A patch of open ground separates the township from the hostel

On the edge of the hostel and the open ground stands a cluster of dwellings, mostly one-roomed that are occupied by families who were flooded out of their shacks in Kliptown about 10 years ago

By NAT DISEKO

These people are caught in a cross-fire between the warring sides

It is on this piece of veld that pitched battles have been fought

Today, as another weekend starts, people are holding their breath

The area is gripped by fear and some residents have even fled their homes in anticipation of more violence

Baffled

Many people, including the residents and many of the hostel dwellers themselves, are baffled about the cause of the violence, which seems to feed on itself.

It is very difficult to ing an attack by hostel dwellers

In one instance a widow, still in mourning, lost two sons in one day

This resulted in a running battle between the feuding factions

Eventually, the township residents vied for peace although the hostel inmates were out for a fight to the death

The violence subsided after councillors, Soweto's mayor Mr Edward Kunene, KwaZulu representatives and M

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But looking at the layout of the area, where a hostel for single rural migrant workers has been placed on the doorstep of a township inhabited by urban families, friction is unavoidable.

It is a potent sociological mix.

What further complicated the situation was the action of the authorities of housing the homeless Kliptown families in a section of the men's hostel.

They were put into dormitory-like structures, which were then cut into smaller units, mostly one-roomed.

This was supposed to be a temporary measure but up to now, 10 years after, the Kliptown people are still in the Meadowlands Hostel

The wind was sown in 1976 when hostel inmates attacked residents after youths in the township had tried to prevent the hostel dwellers from getting to work during a work stayaway

Peace was later restored but it has always been a fragile peace.

Things came to a head last year, when many residents were shot during Chris Mogatusi (for Zone 1 residents) met.

An accord was reached after a lot of bloodshed and death. The cause of the fighting could not be established

The warring factions had been brought together through the efforts of Mr John Sithole, a leading member of the Ndlamu Dance Cultural Society

This week, he has been working towards working out a halt to the hostilities by bringing together members of the Soweto Civic Association and hostel leaders.

He said that one big problem was that there was no line of communication between the hostel leaders and the residents

He said there was a *tsotsi* element which had come into the hostel and which had taken advantage of the situation

The comments of the mayor of Diepmeadow, Mr J C Mahuhushi on TV recently did not help matters much

He said he would recruit "amabutho" to quell the violence

This is an emotive word which some of the township youth construed as referring to the hostel dwellers.

Township bosses scrap house rent

RESIDENTS of Tembisa township on the East Rand will no longer pay house rent as from next Wednesday, the newly appointed administrators in the area announced yesterday.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Mr Solomon More, the chairman of the six administrators in the township, yesterday said the rent money paid monthly by the families will now be used to help them buy the four-roomed house they are presently renting.

The houses are selling for R1 815 each Mr More said a minimum deposit of R181 is required before the ownership of a house is transferred to a family.

He said most of the houses in the townships were old and delapidated. "We have already informed the Government about the proposed scheme and we have been given permission to implement it", Mr More said.

He said the administrators felt that the families could no longer keep on paying high rents for houses they did not own "We are doing away with the rent system and each family, rich or poor, will now have the opportunity of buying its own home"

Mr More said in future families will only pay for site rent, electricity (those who have it), water and services which include the removal of refuse and night soil in some areas.

Mr More said the families will continue paying their usual monthly house rent but this money will be credited into their "house buying scheme" He said "as soon as a family has paid off the house it will stop paying the house rent

In this way we hope that within the next five years all families in Tembisa will be owning their four-roomed houses", Mr More said

Hostel clash woman dies

ANOTHER person has died from wounds sustained in Sunday night's battle between Meadowlands residents and those of Soweto's Mzimhlophe hostel transit camp, bringing the number of dead to four.

Mrs Flora Molelemane — who was attacked with her four children and visitors at her Zone 1 house - died in Baragwanath Hospital on Wednesday, a relative said Two of her children are still in hospital

Another man who died at Mrs Molelemane's house on Sunday was Mr Phineas Letsoalo, 29

The attack was a result of a simmering three-month feud between transit camp residents and "comrades" from Zone 1. — Sapa

Blast at housing official's home

JOHANNESBURG — A bomb exploded at the Craighall Park home of Mrs Del Kevan, the Soweto Director of Housing and former PFP Randburg City Councillor, early today.

Nobody was injured Damage was estimated at R10 000

A spokesman for the Bureau for Information said the blast, which also damaged surrounding houses, was caused by a Soviet limpet mine

Mrs Kevan said the bomb was either thrown through a window or planted outside in the garden

"The blast woke me up at about 3 30 The lights went out and the burglar alarm went off. I looked for my torch and switched off the alarm.

"My neighbours were there very quickly and called the police," she said.

Mrs Kevan said windows were broken, a wall was cracked and part of the roof gone

Two windows in a neighbouring house, belonging to Mr Peter Wodrich, were blown out.

Mrs Kevan lives alone and was not injured.

It was the first sabotage attack on a home in a white suburb since the current wave of unrest in the country began two years ago.

Mrs Kevan has been strongly criticised by Soweto residents and the black Press for her tough policy towards rent defaulters.

"I have not had a chance to think about my position and cannot at this stage say what I will do or if I will carry on with the job. There's glass everywhere and I have had no chance to touch sides," she said.

"The police are still here and they're still investigating I don't exactly know what happened

Mrs Kevan has worked for the housing branch of the Pretoria City Council and later became housing manager in the Johannesburg City Council

She also served on the management committee of the Randburg Town Council as a PFP councillor

Feelings against her have been running high since evictions of seven families at Jabulani and Chiawelo.

Some Soweto residents blame her for the deaths of at least 20 people in White City, Jabavu, last month when residents clashed with security forces after alleged threatened rent evictions.

She was labelled a "racist" and after receiving death threats had to be escorted to work in Soweto. — Sapa

Mamelodi residents told to pay up

By MONK NKOMO

THE Mamelodi Town Council has issued notices threatening to evict about 600 rent defaulters in the township.

The notices warn residents in rent arrears to make arrangements with the council on how to pay money owed within 30 days, failing which legal action, which included eviction could be taken.

The local mayor, Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, recently announced that residents were now paying rent after a boycott of about three months. He also released monthly figures of the amounts paid, proving that the boycott was fading. The boycott was sparked off by the killing of about 12 people, mostly elderly persons, during a demonstration march against "high rents" in the area in November last year.

The Mamelodi Civic Association (MCA) in a statement released this week, accused the mayor of contradicting himself. "He made Press reports recently and also appeared on TV saying that people were paying rent. Now which people are they threatening to evict?"

A spokesman for the MCA told the *Sowetan* yesterday that there was a court case pending against the council which has been challenged on the increases they implemented in 1984. The matter is scheduled to be heard in the local Supreme Court soon, the spokesman added.

The MCA said they would not pay rent until their demands were met.

Alex families get rent notices

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

THE Alexandra Town Council this week issued rent arrears statements to all permit holders in the township in a move described by the Alexandra Action Committee members as aimed at breaking the five months rent boycott.

The statements were delivered to residents with letters urging them to pay up their rentals or explain their problems to council officials. The issueing of statements coincided with the cut-off in water supply to all sections of Alexandra. Residents had to draw water from the neighbouring industrial areas of Kew and Marlboro East.

Residents interviewed yesterday, who declined to be named, said they blamed the council for the water shortage. ×We feel the council closed the water to force us to pay rent," said a mother of five who was with a group of youngsters who had gone to draw water at Marlboro East.

More than 20 000 families or permit holders are involved in the rent boycott in Alexandra which started in March The Alexandra administrator, Mr Steve Burger, was not available for comment yesterday

Three senior council officials asked to comment said the water had been cut off in order to repair a "burst in the main pipe" supplying the township. However, none of the officials could establish where the pipe "burst" had occured in the township Efforts by the *Sowetan* to find the burst pipe proved fruitless after an hour's drive through the 2 km² township

Meanwhile, about eight floodlights erected last month in Alexandra were switched on for the first time on Tuesday evening

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The violence at daybreak, the peace at midday

At daybreak, a boycott began. By 7 30, twelve people had been shot. By noon, toddlers were playing peacefully outside. JO-ANN BEKKER reports on one more violent day at Sharpeville

AGAINST the backdrop of smoke stacks spewing their contribution to the already polluted sky, two toddlers packed a small suitcase with treasures scavenged from a heap of rubbish, older children played on rusty swings, and cows grazed on the grassy verges of dirt roads

That was the scene in Sharpeville at noon on Monday Hours earlier, however, the Vaal Triangle township had been rocked by events which encapsulated present and past political tensions

Rent protests, which sparked the bloody Vaal uprising in September 1984, triggering two years of unprecedented civil conflict which has left more than 2 200 people dead, were also the impetus behind Monday's clashes

Activists planned a stayaway and a march on the rent offices on Monday to protest recent evictions of rent defaulters Sharpeville residents, like others in the Vaal, have not paid rent since the 1984 protests During the past fortnight, residents said, over a dozen families had been evicted Local officials had dumped furniture and possessions outside the houses and locked the doors

News of the planned stayaway was spread by word of mouth Some learned of it on Sunday night, others only when they walked to the bus and taxi ranks and found no transport running

Before 5am on Monday, youths were out enforcing the boycott, and scattered boulders on the tarred main road bore evidence to barricades erected previously

At 7 30am, Red Cross worker Albert Botha, 25, set off for work as usual His brother, Stanford, said Albert had barely passed a few houses when municipal police opened fire on people in the street

Botha was shot in the head, stomach and foot, and was admitted to Soweto's Baragwanath hospital

Stanford Botha said about 12 residents were injured in the same shooting incident The planned march never took place

According to the Bureau for Information, the Security Forces had been "forced to retaliate" and had fired birdshot at a group of about 300, injuring at least seven

At 8am, youths petrol-bombed the home owned by Lekoa Town Council policeman Peter Moeketsi, apparently in retaliation for the shootings

Moeketsi, like the other council police, lives in a police camp at Sebokeng His 64-year-old mother, Sarah Moeketsi, sister Emily, 22, and her son Solomon, 4, who stay in his home, escaped injury by rushing outside when the house was pelted with rocks and later reduced to a blackened shell

But Solomon took ill after police sprayed tearsmoke to disperse the crowd once the fire was already out of control He was taken to a clinic suffering from the after-effects of the tearsmoke

At midday, the soiled furniture and clothes the family had managed to retrieve were stacked outside, guarded by municipal policemen carrying rifles, with cartridge belts strapped to their waists A charred scrap of lace curtain fluttered from a window

Among the relatives gathered outside was Moeketsi's elder brother Jacob, who was torn by a mixture of exasperation and pity for his brother

"It happened because he refused to listen to the pressure on him to resign," he said "There is no question about it He must resign, for the safety of the family

"But I can't force him to," he added "The youngster was out of a job."

The petrol bombing of the Moeketsi home was a small incident in itself, but it drew together strands of the history which has given Sharpeville a pivotal place in the country's saga of rebellion and repression

Peter Moeketsi's house borders on a vacant plot which was once the site of the home of Jacob Dhlamini, the deputy mayor of Sharpeville Dhlamini was murdered after his home and car were razed to the ground when hundreds of youths took to the streets in September 1984 to protest the council's rent hikes.

And Jacob Moeketsi said he was among the crowd which marched to the Sharpeville police station dur the 1960 pass protest, in which people were shot dead

"I was young then," he said. "S many people I knew were kille have already forgotten th surnames. That is why I'm scare when there's trouble like today"



An armed municipal policeman shepherds bystanders from the street after the shooting incident Picture REUTER

SQUATTERS LEFT OUT IN THE COLD

Allocation of housing sites

HOPES that all the Fred Clark Squatter Camp families will soon be housed were dashed when an estate agent revealed yesterday that more than half of the 601 sites at Nancefield earmarked for the families were sold out — and those left were being allegedly allocated to other people.

By MOJALEFA MOSEKI

Mr Hope Hulana, the agent, said he had a heated argument with a council official on Friday when he had gone to fetch the list of 263 sites sold to "some Fred Clark families who want to buy" at the council chambers

He claimed he was given a document detailing the division of 338 sites at Fred Clark among the councillors who were allocated 13 each. The councillors have allegedly allocated the sites to people in their wards in Soweto who wanted accommodation

Mr Hulana said when he asked for the list of the 263 sites, the official told him to "keep out of the Fred Clark sites as I am the only person who would allocate the sites".

Bonds

Mr Hulana said he wanted the list so that the site-clerk at Fred Clark could allocate the sites to all those who wanted houses.

"My agency wanted to help even the lowest income family at Fred Clark to own a house. A building society has also pledged to help in the granting of bonds to the Fred Clark families, but officials have sold most of the sites and those left are to be sold to only those who can afford," said Mr Hulana.

He was backed by a Fred Clark committee member who said councillors had told them recently that those who did not have money to buy houses would remain at the camp.

Sites

The council official could not be reached for comment and council town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, was not at his home when the *Sowetan* contacted him for comment.

The 601 sites were earmarked for the Nancefield families This was said at a monthly council meeting held on January 30 at the Soweto Chambers in Jabulani

Bomb blasts Rand home of Soweto housing director

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JOHANNESBURG — A limpet mine blast blew out the windows and parts of the roof of the Craighall Park house of Mrs Del Kevan, Soweto's director of housing, early today

The windows of about 10 neighbouring houses were broken, including that of a bedroom where 13-year-old girl was sleeping

In Mrs Kevan's house window frames were twisted, the chimney and roof were wrecked, and walls were charred

Roof tiles and shards of glass littered the garden

NEW WINDOWS

Workmen are now repairing damage at the homes of Mrs Kevan and neighbours

Mrs Kevan said the mine appeared to have been planted in her garden

"The blast awakened me at 3 30 The lights went out and the burglar alarm went off

"I looked for my torch and switched off the alarm. My neighbours were there very quickly and called the police," she said

Mrs Kevan lives alone and was not injured She appeared calm as she supervised men cleaning up her property.

She told reporters she was sure the attack was connected to her position as director of housing in Soweto

Previously she had received death threats

Several cameramen were present, but she refused to let them on to her property Her house was guarded

Since taking up the position of director in January Mrs Kevan has been labelled a "racist" and has been escorted to work in Soweto

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However, she refused to give up the job, saying she took it because she believed her 24 years' experience in housing would be of use

She resigned her seat on the Randburg Town Council, where she served for a while as chairman of the management committee

She is known in the town as an outspoken critic of the National Party and its policies and a tireless worker for black rights

"LIKE THUNDER"

Mrs H Sloan, a neighbour, said "It sounded like a crash of thunder then there was a smash of glass"

About five windows in her home were damaged by the explosion

"My 13-year-old daughter was lucky she was not injured as her bed was right underneath one of the smashed windows

"I feel sorry for Mrs Kevan I believe her life has been threatened by callers who have mentioned bombs, and tyres" — Sapa

Norweto to loom large

LINDA ENSOR

POLITICAL parties gearing up for a general election have joined battle over the Norweto issue.

Attention is focused on the proposed township for 250 000 blacks, north of Sandton in the Transvaal, because the North Rand seat has fallen vacant with the death of Hans Schoeman.

A Progressive Federal Party statement yesterday rejected government plans. The Conservative Party also said it opposed the development.

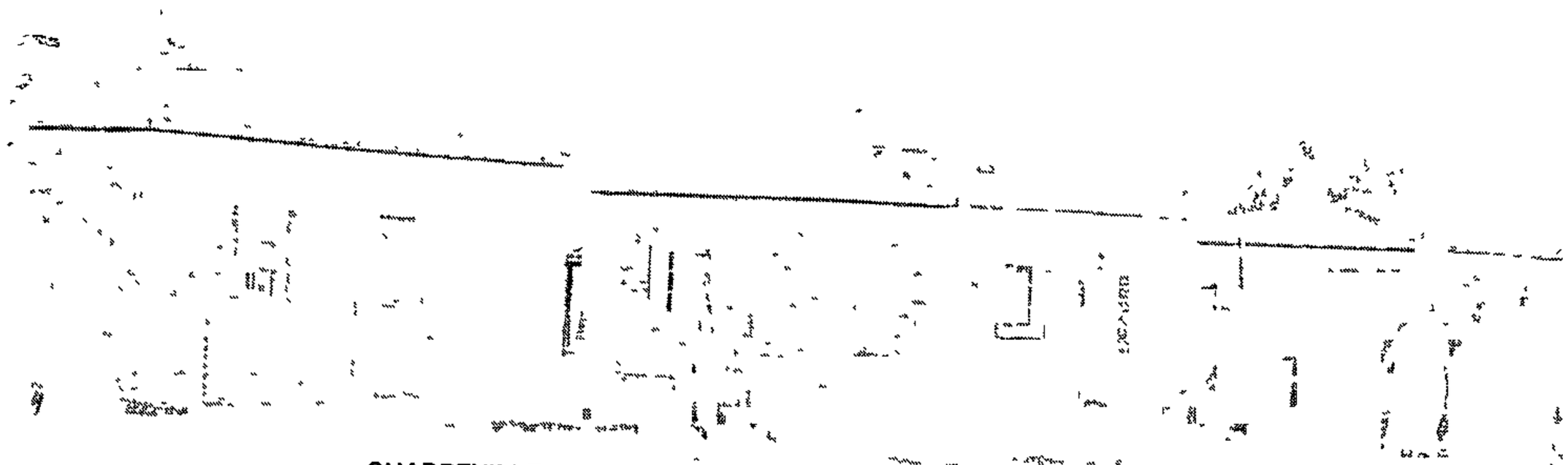
The National Party avoided taking a definite position.

A spokesman for the Greenbelt Action Group said yesterday the organisation would "insist candidates put themselves on the line and declare where they stand".

The PFP is optimistic about its chances of winning what now seems marginal seat from the NP.

It became vacant last week by the death of Schoeman who was elected in 1981 on an NP ticket but crossed the floor to join the CP.

THE TRAGEDY OF SHARPEVILLE



SHARPEVILLE . The old houses falling apart after 42 years

SHARPEVILLE in the Vaal Triangle, is one of the townships in a rent boycott. Residents are being evicted by the authorities; suffering seems to be piled upon suffering, from the traumatic day of March 21, 1960, when 69 people were shot dead while protesting against the pass laws. *Sowetan* features writer THEMBA MOLEFE visited the township this week . . .

SHARPVILLE is a township waiting for a miracle.

And yet Sharpeville, one of the six black townships in the Vaal Triangle, is also distinguished by a community solidarity that might have been caused by two decades of resistance against apartheid

Older residents carry the physical and spiritual wounds of the past Many still remember March 21, 1960, when 69 people were killed by police bullets in a pass demonstration organised by the Pan Africanist Congress

Today many young people are either on the run from the police or in detention They are the casualties of September 3, 1984 when a rent boycott erupted into another explosion that made this date the second milestone in the history of this turbulent township

And yet, today, on the surface things seem to be quiet Children play in the streets Women hang their washing in the yards

Trauma

The people of Sharpeville may not show it, but they have gone through the trauma of not paying rent for two years

Mr Adam Malefane was 26 years when he was shot and lost a leg in 1960 Three bullets out of nine which were pumped into his remaining leg are still lodged in it He walks on crutches

A father of five, Mr Malefane does not seem daunted by his affliction He says those people who died fighting the pass system saw themselves as engaged in legitimate protest "Those who died and those who were crippled did not suffer in vain," he says

The unity of the people in 1960 was repeated in 1984. That, he believes is what is keeping them united

This unity was shown when hundreds of residents marched on the administration offices in 1984

They stayed away from work and were intent on seeing the release of a priest and community leader Some of the old and young people interviewed by the *Sowetan* this week did not even know the priest

March

Two weeks ago the entire township repeated what has become an almost inevitable act by the residents of Sharpeville. The entire township stayed away from work and some marched on the town council offices when people were being evicted for not paying rent Transport came to a halt as buses and taxis stopped their operation It was like 1960 all over again

Mr Reggie Mahabane is another old Sharpeville resident who speaks with pride of the unity in his home

The 53-year-old father of eight says the people of Sharpeville are angry He says very little has been done to improve the quality of life in the township since it was established in 1944

"The poor state of these four-roomed houses is one of the major causes of anger, especially among our children who believe their parents have done nothing to fight exploitation

"Now these children are saying they will not allow the authorities to demand rent while streets are not tarred, while the houses are falling apart," says Mr Mahabane

Father Ben Photolo is an Anglican minister who was active in the 60s and played a role in

"What has unite[illegible] Sharpeville community is the harassment from the authorities The deaths in 1984 brought the people even closer. Even those who normally are uninvolved in politics are bitter. Some of them remember the promises made by the previous administration that they would own their homes after 30 years occupancy They thus do not believe they should be paying rent," Father Photolo said

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VICTIM . . . Mr Adam Malefane was 26 years old when he was shot in the legs. Three bullets are still — lodged in his right limb.

PIC: ROBERT MAGWAZA

Blocked pipes: council acts

THE frequent blockage, sewerage pipies in Katlehong, near Germiston, would be solved within the next two months, the Katlehong Town Council announced yesterday.

The deputy mayor of Katlehong, Mr Solly "Ntshebe" Lukhele yesterday said his council has applied from the government for a loan to upgrade the sewerage network in the township

"The Government has promised us funds and we hope to start on the project within the next two months," he said

Mr Lukhele said they were expecting the loan from the Government "any day from today".

The council would first upgrade the sewerage system in Phooka Phake, Ramokonopi, and Mofokeng sections, which are the worst affected areas in the township

He said the council will also embark on the following projects

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

- Repair the water reservoir which is presently out of order,
- Improve the water pressure and distribution of water in the township,
- Upgrade roads,
- Improve stormwater drainage,
- Complete the long awaited electricity masterplan, and
- Negotiate for the purchase of additional land for the future expansion of the township

Mr Lukhele said money for the electrification of the whole township was available and the council was hoping that every house in Katlehong will be electrified by the end of 1989

He also announced that they had approached the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, for additional land in the township to build more houses

He said "Presently we do not have more land in Katlehong to put up more houses".

Deadline for Norweto proposals is extended

Pretoria Bureau

Objectors to the proposed Norweto township north of Johannesburg have another 60 days to make representations to the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning

Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, said in Pretoria this week that the period within which representations regarding the Draft Guide Plan for the Central Witwatersrand may be made, had been extended by 60 days

Representations may now be submitted until December 5 1986 instead of the original date of October 6

"I wish to appeal to everyone with an interest in the development of this guide plan to submit comments and proposals, taking into account the urban housing needs of the black population in particular," Mr Heunis said

ACTION COMMITTEE

He emphasised that the proposals contained in the Draft Guide Plan "did not, at this stage, represent the Government's point of view".

The proposed establishment of Norweto caused a storm of protest from residents living in areas surrounding the planned site An action committee was set up and hundreds of people attended the public meetings held by the committee

Black community leaders also objected to the idea saying the establishment of yet another black township was unacceptable at this time

Norweto is planned for the area east and north of the Diepsloot Nature Reserve and is close to the white areas of Sandton and Randburg

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Official says rent boycott is slipping in some areas

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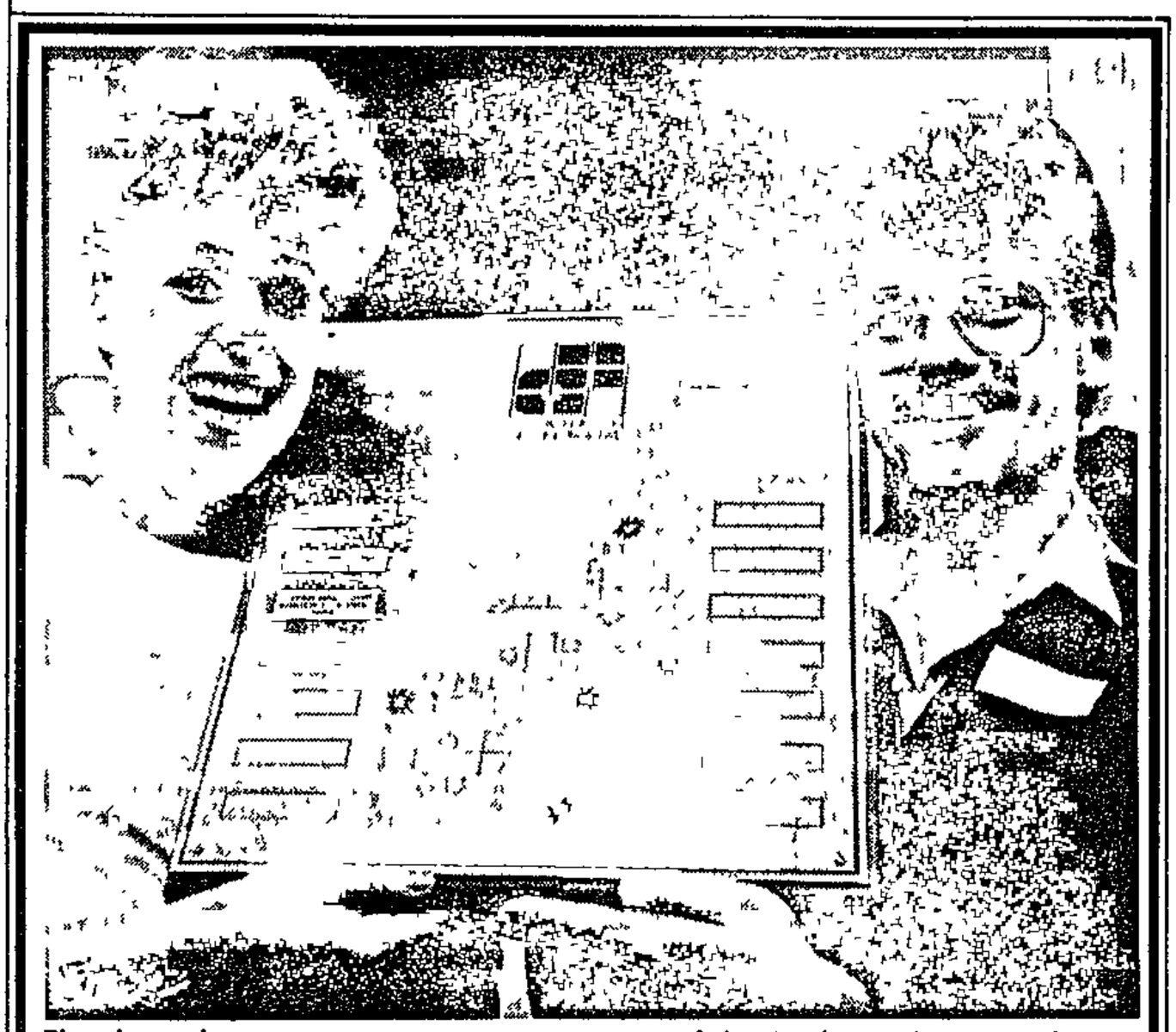

They have designs on your interior . . . winners of the Anglo Dutch interior design competition Miss Joyan Bait of the Technikon Witwatersrand and Mr Jurgen Loy of the Pretoria Technikon with one of the winning designs at the prize-giving function in Johannesburg yesterday. Each won sophisticated furniture and cash prizes for their designs of a bank and the Sage Life building in the city.

● Picture by Johnny Hogg.

Vereeniging Bureau

Steps taken to have rent boycotters evicted from their homes in Vaal Triangle townships recently appear to be paying off

Large amounts of money are pouring into the empty coffers of the Lekoa Town Council which has suffered heavy losses, said to total several million rands during the two-year boycott action

Mr Klasie Louw, town clerk of Lekoa, said yesterday the boycott was waning after legal steps were taken against about 2 000 of the 30 000 tenants who have failed to settle their long overdue debts

He added, however, that to date it had only been necessary to evict 51 families from their homes These evictions were being enforced by the new municipal police force in conjunction with a messenger of the court

Although Mr Louw was reluctant to disclose the exact amount of money still outstanding on rentals, he did not contradict rumours that the figure had already passed the R4 million mark

He did say, however, that his town council was extremely pleased that the sudden rush to pay up has been achieved with the minimum of drastic steps

According to Mr Louw the payment of rent and service charges has almost doubled to 80 percent of the normal level in certain areas, such as Zamdela, during the last few weeks

In Sebokeng, the largest of the six townships which fall under Lekoa's jurisdiction, there are also signs of rapid normalisation

But residents of Sharpeville and Boipatong still seem reluctant to settle their debts, he said

He said more houses were being bought in the various townships An average of three houses a month were sold up until July, but now residents are buying houses at the rate of 10 a day

Mr Louw said the outstanding rent, water and electricity bills which in general amount to R1 600 a family over the last two years, are added to the average selling price of R4 000. This total of R5 600 is deducted by stop-order from the buyer's salary over a period of five or 10 years

Govt will not act on rent boycott

Although the rent boycott had spread to about 46 townships, the Government had no programme to give attention to the issue, a spokesman for the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning said in Pretoria this week

The spokesman also said that the Government was not running any programme to evict rent defaulters

It was the prerogative of the 235 black local authorities "to take steps to collect dues", the spokesman said.

The department was unable to say how many township dwellers were in arrears with their rent.

But the spokesman said: "The failure of residents to pay their dues is causing concern to the local authorities and the Government.

"These local authorities are urged to take steps to collect the outstanding amounts."

The spokesman said the majority of residents wanted to pay their rent but were subjected to intimidation and prevented from paying.

Academics monitoring the boycott estimated that revenue of about R40 million a year was being lost.

Church cash row plot thickens

CAPE TOWN — Anonymous calls and threats are plaguing two men who have clashed with leading NG Sendingkerk officials in their fight to trace R16 000 in missing church funds

The Huguenot congregation in Paarl is R30 000 in the red, according to members Mr David Cupido and Mr Mervyn Erasmus They claim R1 6000 of this is unaccounted for.

Matters came to a head on Sunday when allegations of embezzlement were made from the pulpit and a member was named

When Mr Cupido and Mr Erasmus disputed the allegations, the service degenerated into a brawl Now they have become the target of a hate campaign

"We've received threatening phone calls and letters, but they won't scare us We want to know what happened to the money," said Mr Cupido, a former member of the church's finance committee

He said the issue was being tabled before the Sendingkerk's legal commission today This body has been meeting since yesterday and will make recommendations to the general synod, which begins tomorrow

According to Mr Cupido, senior members of the church said they were angry that the row had been made public "But we explained that matters were taken out of our hands by the announcement during the service on Sunday"

Strained ties between the Dutch Reformed churches will top the agenda at the general synod tomorrow

More than 500 delegates will meet until October 8 against a background of turmoil, mostly relating to apartheid, within the NG churches

Nelspruit gets automatic dial

Lowveld Bureau

NELSPRUIT — Nelspruit, the lowveld's fastest growing town, yesterday extended its telephone service with a 2 700 line automatic exchange

After years of waiting for telephones, residents suddenly found themselves in contact with friends and relatives by simply dialling a number

Although the new service, in the Westacres suburb, started without a hitch, more than a thousand subscribers' numbers changed overnight

One of them was the Rob Ferreira Hospital, which falls within the radius of the new exchange

BUSDAY 25/9/86

Blast linked to job — Kevan

SOPHIE TEMA

AFTER weeks of receiving death threats and being called a racist, Soweto's housing director Del Kevan believes the limpet mine blast at her Craighall Park home yesterday was linked to her job.

Asked if she would continue working for the Soweto Town Council, Kevan said "I have not had a chance to think about my work."

Nobody was hurt in the blast, which caused about R10 000 damage.

Some of Kevan's colleagues said they suspected the blast was linked to the recent Soweto evictions.

Kevan became unpopular after the killing of 21 people in Soweto's White City Jabavu — a result of seven families being evicted from Jabulani and Tshiawelo.

She was called a "racist" after saying she was determined to crack down on people who refused to pay their rent. And that led to her being gagged by the council.

As well, she received several death threats and had to be escorted to and from work.

Kevan said the mine could have been planted in her garden, because she heard a loud blast close to her bedroom window

The former Randburg Progressive Federal Party councillor said she was convinced the attack was connected to her Soweto job and the death threats she had received.

Several windows in front and on the side of the Kevan house were blown out, as well as five windows in a neighbouring house

Kevan said "I got a terrible fright when the blast woke me because I did not know what it was.

"I got out of bed and noticed that the lights had gone out and the burglar alarm had also gone off.

"I looked for my torch and by the time I got outside some of my neighbours were already on the scene and called the police.

"I went into the front rooms and saw glass everywhere."

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House blasted after threats

From SOPHIE TEMA

JOHANNESBURG — After weeks of receiving death threats and being called a racist, Soweto's director of housing, Mrs Del Kevan, believes that the limpet mine attack on her Craighall Park home was linked to her job

Asked if she would continue working for the Soweto Council Mrs Kevan said "I have not had a chance to think about my work and position and cannot at this stage say what I will do and whether I intend carrying on with the job"

Yesterday a limpet mine of Soviet origin exploded at her home causing considerable damage

Nobody was injured in the blast but damage to the house has been estimated at about R10 000

Some of her colleagues at the Soweto Town Council yesterday said they suspected the attack on Mrs Kevan was linked to the recent Soweto evictions

She was blamed by some for the death of 21 people in Soweto's White City Jabavu following the evictions of seven families from Jabulani and Tshiawelo

The former Progressive Federal Party Randburg town councillor has also been called a "racist" for remarks that she was determined to crack down on people who refused to pay their rent

The blast about 3am was heard several kilometres from the Craighall Park home

Several windows in front and on the side of the Kevan house were blown out as were five in a neighbouring house Her 13-year-old daughter, who was sleeping under one of the windows, escaped injury

Yesterday afternoon Mrs Kevan's house was guarded and friends would not allow photographers to enter

The Bureau for Information in Pretoria confirmed that damage to Mrs Kevan's house was caused by a limpet mine of Soviet origin

In the only other incident of unrest reported yesterday, a security force vehicle was stoned by a group of approximately 600 people when they went to rescue a man being attacked in Soweto on Tuesday morning One shot of buckshot was fired and the crowd dispersed The man was admitted to hospital with serious stab wounds

"A few other incidents, mainly stone-throwing, were reported," the report added

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I AM SCAPEGOAT says a shocked Mrs Del Kevan

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Heat on blackjacks — P17

By MANDLA NDLAZI

THE home of Mrs Del Kevan, the Soweto City Council's housing director, was extensively damaged by an explosion yesterday after a "death squad" had earlier called her "white vermin venom" to be removed from the face of the earth."

A Bureau for information spokesman confirmed the incident and said the blast was caused by a Soviet limpet mine that was planted near the chimney outside the house

It exploded early yesterday morning

The spokesman said several windows, including those of nearby houses were blown out Nobody was injured and the police were investigating

The attack on the house in Wendy Avenue, Craighall Park, Randburg has been linked to the Soweto rent evictions

Mrs Kevan told the *Sowetan* yesterday "I have been made a scapegoat for something I had no control over"

Resistance

Mrs Kevan said had she known that such a great number of people would die as a result of resistance to rent evictions, she would have done all in her powers to stop it

She was referring to the more than 25 people who were shot dead in White City Jabacvu recently

Mrs Kevan said she received death threats from a 'death squad" soon after evictions in Jabulani and Tshiawelo She said the squad told her they knew where she lived and they would "remove" her from the face of the earth because she was "white vermin"

She said like other white officials of the council, she was occasionally escorted to work by the council's police She did not know whether she would continue with her job after yesterday's attack

'I have worked tirelessly for the rights of black people and to me they are not black people but just people That is why it hurts me now that I have been made a scapegoat for something I had no control over", said Mrs Kevan



MRS DEL KEVAN death threats

75 on hunger strike — PAGE 22

Unrest stories

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Blast at home of housing director

JOHANNESBURG —Extensive damage was caused when a limpet mine of Soviet origin exploded at the Craighall home of Soweto's director of housing, Mrs Del Kevan, at about 3 30 am yesterday

The windows of about 10 neighbouring houses were broken — and the 13-year-old daughter of a neighbour narrowly escape injury when her bedroom window shattered in the blast Nobody was injured

The bomb was apparently either thrown through a window, or planted outside the window of Mrs Kevan's home

The window frames of her home were twisted, the chimney and roof were wrecked and the walls were charred Roof tiles and shards of glass littered the garden

Damage has been estimated at R10 000

Mrs Kevan's rent policies were widely criticised after the deaths last month of at least 20 Soweto residents who clashed with security police when they resisted eviction. — Sapa

Bomb blast woman quits

JOHANNESBURG — Soweto's Director of Housing, Mrs Del Kevan, today resigned her position and immediately left on an extended holiday.

She handed her resignation to Soweto's Town Clerk, Mr Nico Malan

On Wednesday a limpet mine blasted her home here

"I believe I had a part to play in Soweto, but I cannot throw down the gauntlet by staying on when I am dealing with faceless terror," she said.

"I can fight my own fears, I can talk and listen to other people's fears, but I have no answer for people who will not come out into the open and prefer to use terror" — Sapa

Council losing R2-m a day, but won't evict tenants

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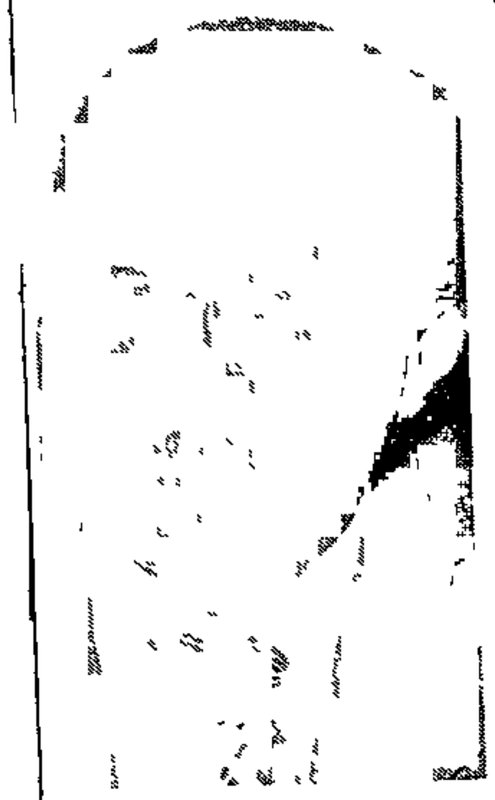

MR SOLOMON More

THE Tembisa Town Council is losing about R2,2 m — a month since the boycott started in the township in June.

The monthly meeting of the administrators held this week was told that the council was losing about R72 000 a day

The town treasurer, Mr S de Klerk said money collected for rent each day only amounted to about R6 000 instead of the R80 000 which was collected before the boycott started

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

Residents stopped paying rent to show solidarity with council employees dismissed for striking for salary increased and demanding the recognition of their trade union

The workers were reinstated by the new administrators early this month

The town clerk, Mr Piet Harmse, suggested that all the families owing rent should be evicted from their house He also suggested that the council should resort to the old method of using "blackjacks" to pick up members of the families owing rent and bring them to the administration offices for a "lecture" on how to pay rent

Both these suggestions were rejected by the administrators

Mr Solomon More, the chairman of the administrators said "We have never investigated the cause of the rent boycott and without doing so we will never be able to solve this problem "

It was decided at the meeting that

Cause

- Families owing rent should **not** be evicted,
- Electricity supply should not be cut off for those families in rent arrears,
- The cause of the rent boycott should be investigated,
- All families owing rent should be called into the administration office to talk to them and to discuss their problems, and
- Arrangements should be made for residents to pay their arrears in instalments.

victed families go back



JUBILANT Sharpeville residents on their way back to their homes after winning a court case against the council

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12 000 MUST QUIT

Hostel inmates must make way for homeless families

MORE than 12 000 hostel dwellers in Tembisa near Kempton Park, will be evicted from the four-roomed houses they are presently occupying as temporary hostels to make way for homeless families.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

The 12 090 men — mostly migrant labourers — will have to find their own accommodation This decision was taken by the Tembisa administrators at a meeting held in the township this week

The men will have to vacate the 1 209 houses in Temong, Ethafeni, Vusimuzi and Ehlanzeni sections within the next four weeks This ruling became effective as from yesterday

Mr V D van Staden, a spokesman for the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, yesterday confirmed that he was aware of the administrators decision



Solomon More

He said "This is a very sensitive and delicate issue At the moment I am busy preparing a report which I will submit to the director of local authorities, Mr J Hitge, who will make a final decision concerning the future of the hostel dwellers"

Mr Goba Ndlovu, chairman of the Tembisa Civic Association, yesterday condemned the administrators decision of evicting the inmates "This is inhuman The administrators cannot evict so many people within such a short period without providing them with alternative accommodation," he said

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Destitute

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In an interview with the *Sowetan,* Mr Solomon More, the chairman of the administrators, said the men were served with notices to vacate the houses within the next four weeks If they failed to do this, the "council will have no alternative but to evict them"

Mr More said these houses will be given to destitute families There were more than 10 000 families on the housing waiting list while houses were being used as hostels

Bread price goes up — PAGE 14



Evicted families get homes back

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

AT Least 10 of the Sharpeville families who were evicted three weeks ago went back into their houses this week after winning a court case against the Lekoa Town Council.

A jubilant Mrs Betty Lenka said she was happy to be back in her house and hoped that the council stopped evicting people for being in arrears with their rents

"This is a major breakthrough for the residents This case will set a precedent for most residents who have to fight against evictions by the council", another resident, Mr David Mtimkulu said.

The residents were evicted following the council's decision to take steps against people who have not paid rents for the past two years

At least 51 families were evicted by the council for being in arrears with their tariffs in Six Vaal Triangle Townships since August this year

Another rent case involving Sharpeville residents will be heard in the rand Supreme Court on Tuesday

A spokesman for the Sharpeville Civic Association said the meeting was "victory for the residents"

He advised residents to consult the association on rent issues

Boycott continues to spread

The rent boycott has spread to 54 townships and could be costing local authorities R40 million a month, or R1,3 million a day, the academic Community Research Group (CRG) based at Wits University said yesterday

The State could lose R480 million a year if the boycotts in these areas continued for a year.

In its latest report the group said its figures were based on research that showed at least 4 million people, or 650 000 households, were not paying rent in the 54 townships.

"There is evidence that the boycott is spreading through many of the small OFS townships. Furthermore, the numbers of people not paying rent in some of the Port Elizabeth townships has also increased," the report said

It noted the apparent spread of the boycott coincided with the Minister of Finance, Mr Barend du Plessis' announcement in July that R750 million had been allocated for low-cost housing development over the next two years.

Del Kevan gives up Soweto post

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Soweto's director of housing, Mrs Del Kevan, resigned her position this morning and immediately left Johannesburg on an extended holiday

She said she had handed her resignation to the town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, who offered her the opportunity of reconsidering it

"By staying on in the job I would be endangering my neighbours who face the risk of another bomb attack being launched against me," she said

Mrs Kevan has lived with threats of death hanging over her head ever since January On Wednesday morning a limpet mine blasted her home in Craighall Park

ARGUS 26/9/86

Bombed Del Kevan quits — 'faceless terror'



Mrs Del Kevan

Argus Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Soweto's director of housing, Mrs Del Kevan, resigned today and immediately left on an extended holiday

Her move comes in the wake of a limpet mine attack on her Craighall Park home early on Wednesday

She said she handed her resignation to the Town Clerk, Mr Nico Malan He asked her to reconsider, but her decision was final

"By staying on I would be endangering my neighbours, who face the risk of another bomb attack against my home

"A neighbour's child narrowly missed injury from flying glass after the explosion smashed windows in nearby homes this week," she said

Mrs Kevan said she was resigning "with the deepest regret" with effect from next month

"I believe I had a part to play in Soweto but I cannot throw down the gauntlet by staying on when I am dealing with faceless terror," she said

"I can fight my own fears and I can talk and listen to other people's fears — but I have no answer to people who will not come out into the open and prefer to use terror tactics"

Mrs Kevan became head of the black city's housing department in January and has lived with death threats since

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COUNCIL BEEFS UP SECURITY

SOWETO council police have tightened security for council officials following Wednesday's attack on the home of the council's housing director, Mrs Del Kevan.

By LANGA SKOSANA

Head of the Soweto council police, Major H Meintjies said security had been stepped up in several areas but would not disclose details

ers entry into the area They said no one was allowed into the encamped flats

On Wednesday the home of Mrs Kevan was bombed and damage estimated at R10 000 was caused



Mrs KEVAN . . . home bombed.

Surprise

"It is confidential but I can assure you we will surprise them", he said referring to the attackers

The *Sowetan* visited the Fordsburg hide-out of some councillors and found six municipal policemen at the gate

They refused report-

Target of bomb attack resigns post

JOHANNESBURG—Soweto's director of housing, Mrs Del Kevan, yesterday resigned her position and immediately left here on an extended holiday

Mrs Kevan took over the position as head of the black city's housing department in January

Early on Wednesday morning a limpet mine blasted her home in Craighall Park.

She said she had handed her resignation to Soweto's Town Clerk, Mr Nico Malan, who had offered her the opportunity of reconsidering the matter, but her decision was final

'By staying on in the job I would be endangering my neighbours, who face the risk of another bomb attack being launched against me,' she said.

She said she was resigning from October 'with the deepest regret' — (Sapa)

ate clearance can be arranged

Why bomb victim Del did her 'deadly' job

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Weekend Argus
Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — Mrs Del Kevan, target of the first terrorist bomb attack on a white northern suburbs home in Johannesburg, has faced death threats for the past eight months

The Soweto housing director also has been stoned twice and escaped a 'necklace" death when the black councillor accompanying her routed the culprits with his firearm

Until her resignation yesterday, she lived with death threats and after 23 people were shot by the police in the recent alleged rent evictions in Soweto, faced alienation from the political party she once led in the Randburg Town Council

"I went to Soweto to talk" said Mrs Kevan

"From the first day I walked into my office my door was open to everyone And, they came in an endless stream — but I cannot find solutions with people who come to plant bombs in the dark"

It is common knowledge thatcouncil decisions on matters such as evictions are taken by all the black Soweto councillors as well as department heads.

What has not been publicised is one fact she refuses to acknowledge — that hers was one of the voices that refused to support evictions unless they had been legally handled by the courts

She is bitter that she has been wrongly accused of having blood on her hands

"Had I known of the events taking place on the night of the deaths, I would have moved heaven and earth to save innocent people I believe the dead were pawns in a power game, just as I have been made the scapegoat for the problems in Soweto"



Mrs Kevan

"Political rent boycotters were never part of the evictions, only those people who failed to pay up for months before the political resistance got off the ground These people whom I referred to as the "incorrigibles" Were singled out just as they would be anywhere in the world," she said

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Del Kevan's worries didn't end with a limpet mine

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By DERRICK LUTHAYI

SOWETO housing director Del Kevan – still rattled by the limpet mine attack on her house earlier this week – nearly jumped out of her skin yesterday morning when a shot rang out in her yard

But she need not have worried – the shot came from the rifle of a nervous blackjack (Greenjack) guarding her Craighall Park property The policeman had pulled the trigger accidentally

Two neighbours came running out of their homes and strongly reprimanded the shivering policeman – who said the rifle went off accidentally and apologised for the incident

The incident took place while I was inside Kevan's home interviewing her about the explosion which blasted her house early on Wednesday morning

At about the same time as the cracking shot, a mystery caller phoned and asked her what she had said to the Press – and then put down the phone

A shaken Kevan said she was not certain about her future in the council

"I have been made a scapegoat because I, as an official, am part of the management team – and all I did was to warn and advise people to pay rent to avoid evictions

"I did not mean the people who had stopped paying rents because of the rent boycott, because they were intimidated into not paying I meant the incorrigible people – those incapable of being corrected or reformed and who have not been paying for a long time, before the rent boycott started in June," she said

Kevan said the damage done to her house was far higher than the R10 000 damages first estimated The force of the explosion – which sounded like "a crash of thunder" – shattered windows of about ten neighbouring houses

One neighbour's 13-year-old daughter was lucky to escape injury when the window next to her bed shattered

Kevan said that since the rent issue had became a "such a controversy" she had been a victim of threatening telephone calls at work and at home

All I did was carry out the council's instructions, she said

The Bureau for Information said police had established that the explosive device which rocked the Craighall Park home at about 3 30am on Wednesday was of Soviet origin

The explosion at Kevan's house is the first of its kind to be directed at a white council official

Kevan has been criticised strongly by Soweto people for her tough policy towards rent defaulters

When she took over as housing director from JJ Jacobs, she announced her determination to crack down on rent defaulters

Kevan is a former member of the Progressive Federal Party – she resigned from the party after the August 26 shootings at White City Jabavu At least 24 people were killed when security forces opened fire on crowds of residents demonstrating against the evictions of rent defaulters



Del Kevan outside her home yesterday – still tense.

Rent payments: a council's dilemma

By Winnie Graham

The Soweto Council is on the horns of a dilemma

To function effectively, it needs R7 million a month to pay for services such as sewage removal, electricity and water, as well as wages for its predominantly black staff But, since the rent boycott started in June, it has collected only about R1 million a month

If it evicts residents in an attempt to force payment, the chances are it will precipitate further bloodshed — and no one wants a repeat of the street fighting which killed 24 following evictions at the end of August On the other hand, if it does nothing, how will the council settle its debts?

It is for this reason, perhaps, that the Town Clerk of Soweto, Mr Nico Malan, is making no promises not to evict rent defaulters

He, however, points out people are not being "kicked out for the sake of it" They are given every opportunity to pay

The council, in fact, wants them to pay and stay but those who quite obviously refuse to meet their commitments could be given seven days' notice of eviction Even then, says Mr Malan, they will not be evicted if they pay at the 11th hour

Soweto is owed R22 million in arrear rentals and service charges

It has been argued that the rentals are too high, that the people who live in Soweto have paid for the houses over and over again Could not the rentals be cut?

Mr Malan says householders of "matchboxes" (the colloquial name for the small houses), pay R52 a month, only R4 of which is actual rent

The rest covers water, electricity and sewage removal Services are bought from the Rand Water Board, Escom and the Johannesburg City Council who, if the charges are not paid, will eventually be obliged to cut services

"Soweto supplies householders with services at the same price it pays," Mr Malan says "We do not make a profit on resale"

In new flats at Jabulani and Tshiawelo, he said, tenants paying R300 a month for a comfortable three-bedroom flat had complained rents were too high Though the rental had been determined on a non-profit basis, the council took another look to see what could be done

It decided to capitalise part of the interest and lowered rentals to R150 a month

Mr Malan added "We are trying to find ways of reducing rentals and have submitted certain proposals to Government."

He said he was well aware unemployment had caused considerable hardship in the township The Soweto council had no intention of causing further suffering by evicting people in trouble

Instead, it had set up a social welfare office where people could go if they were genuinely unable to pay Often the council was able to help by cutting their rent or scrapping it entirely until they were back on their feet

Provision

Mr Malan said the council had made special provision for its 75 000 householders to pay their accounts either by cheque or postal order or at a central office because it believed people in the township were afraid to be seen paying

Rumours were rife that the council's black staff leaked information to the "comrades", as the township's radical youth have become known

If this was so (and Mr Malan does not believe it was) the householders were understandably afraid they ran the risk of being "necklaced" or having their homes burnt down for having "collaborated" with the government-approved council

The director of housing in Soweto, Mrs Del Kevan, is emphatic that it is impossible for anyone to leak information from the receipt books She said these books were locked in safes and the black staff was not being asked to issue receipts because of the obvious dangers to both themselves and the rent-payers All payments, in fact, were being treated in the strictest confidence

Mr Malan said he wanted to reassure Soweto residents the council would not carry out evictions after dark Rumours had been spread that officials were working after hours to put people out of their homes

"This simply isn't true," he said "We, too, like to go home after a long day at the office. We do not evict anyone without first serving an eviction notice on them They will know we are coming and we will come in the mornings so that people will have an opportunity of finding alternative accommodation during the hours of daylight.

"Also, white officials have the unpleasant task of evicting people we would not expose our black staff to such a risk Soweto householders should be aware of this so that bogus 'evictors' do not convince them they represent the council They do not"

Must evictions continue in the sensitive political climate of the moment?

Mr Malan, obviously, wants residents to pay and so avoid confrontation If they don't, evictions could well continue.

He said there were 22 000 people on the council's housing waiting list, many of whom were coming to the civic centre and offering to take over houses of rent defaulters

He said "They come with money in their hands and offer to take over a house where people aren't paying"

To date only one of the seven families evicted by the council at Jabulani and Tshiawelo has had a final court ruling on an eviction Mr Malan said the court had ruled in favour of the council The tenant has since paid his rent and been reinstated

Three other Soweto families have been reinstated by the council pending the outcome of a court application postponed till October 21

IN MY JUDGMENT

The Stars Ombudsman **JAMES McCLURG** discusses readers' complaints



If you have a complaint about editorial matter in *The Star* write to the Ombudsman. Address your letters to the Ombudsman, c/o The Editor's Secretary, Box 1014, Johannesburg 2000. Remember, he deals only with matters relating to editorial copy and policy.

● Mr McClurg is on leave and his column dealing with readers' complaints will be resumed in October.

Pay increases of 12,6% predicted for coming year

JOHANNESBURG — The average rise in pay packets over the next 12 months will be about 12,6%, the heftiest rise in five years for many workers, according to a business survey released today

There will be wide variations depending on the business sector and race group, and the bulk of wage and salary increases may still lag behind inflation, meaning a sustained squeeze on living standards

P-E Corporate Services also warned that pay rises would depend on the economic revival

The average pay increase forecast of 12,6% compared with 11,1% between mid-1985 and mid-1986

Employers predict that the average pay rises for white workers, which have trailed behind the surge in the consumer price index for five years on the trot, may be no better than 11,2%.

The average increases for black workers, which soared to nearly 25% in the 1981/82 boom and steadily shrank to 11,3% over the past 12 months should swing back upwards to 13,9%.

"Analysts may at first sense a closing of the wage gap, but in fact the gap is widening. A 10% increase on R2 000 is R200. A 10% increase on R500 is R50," said the survey which indicates average increases of 12,1% for coloured workers and 11,7% for Asian employees. — Sapa

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Zone unsuitable for quarrying, say experts

'Govt creating Norweto buffer'

By Jo-Anne Richards

The Government is creating a buffer around the planned Norweto township by zoning an "entirely unsuitable" area for quarrying building materials.

A local consulting engineer, Mr D M Fletcher, has condemned as "ill-founded and poorly motivated" the Government's proposed zoning of 5 000 ha of farming land south of Norweto for quarrying.

"The only reason the Government can have for zoning the area in this way is to create a large buffer zone between Norweto and Johannesburg, without having to say so openly

"As this would entrench old-style apartheid policies, I hardly think it is compatible with the Government's talk of reform. Rather, it shows apartheid is alive and well,"he said

If genuinely intended to provide the sand, clay, soil gravel and stone needed for construction, the proposal was reached without detailed investigation and without adequate advice on the value and nature of the natural materials in the area, Mr Fletcher added

Contained in this year's Draft Guide Plan, which includes the plan for Norweto, the proposal is motivated only by a general statement about the need for construction materials and the desirability of protecting reserves.

"No one can argue with this statement. But the fact is that the area the Government proposes zoning for this purpose cannot provide the materials they mention."

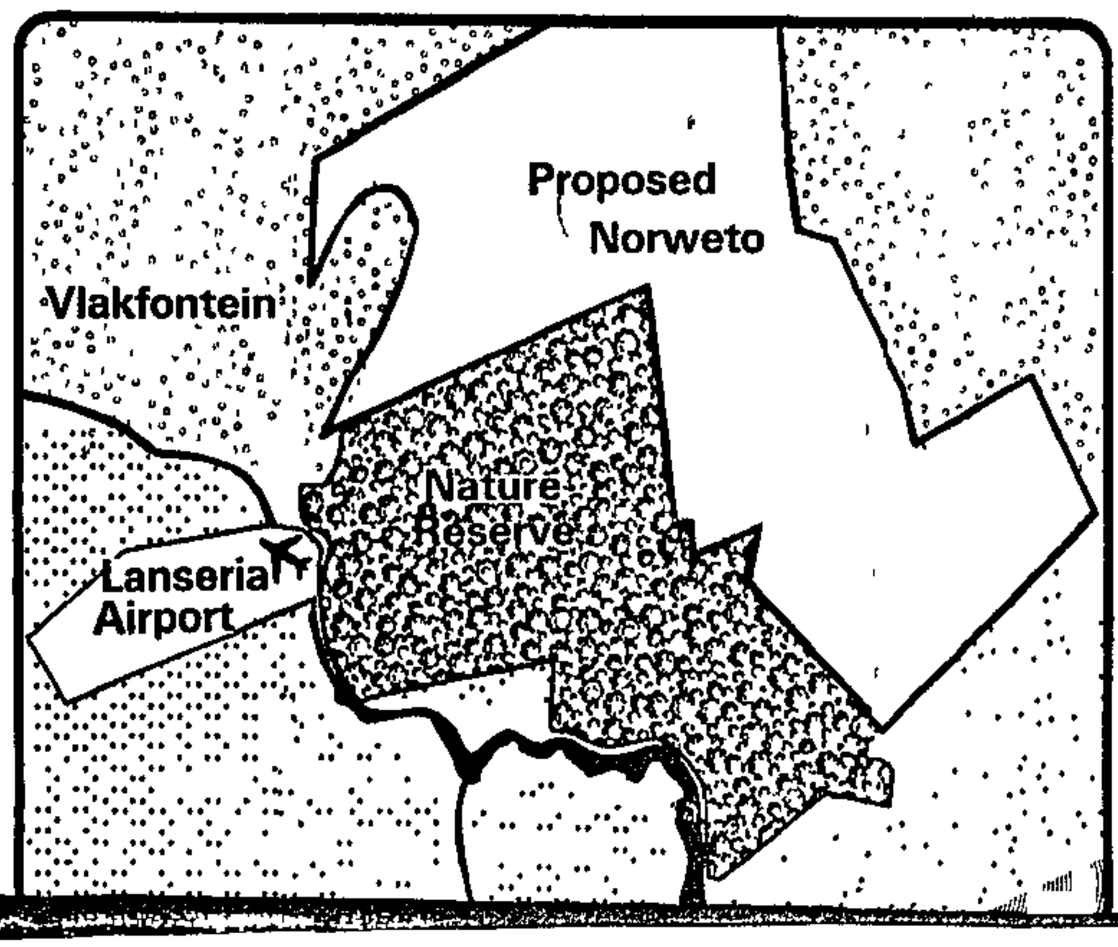
In a detailed report on the area, Mr Fletcher said the area had only isolated pockets of easily obtainable sand And all the sand in the area was contaminated with minerals — making it entirely unsuitable for quality-controlled concrete for casting or making cement blocks

The area's sand could conceivably only be used for laying bricks and plastering walls.

Badly weathered

No significant clay deposits were to be found. "So its zoning for this purpose is fatuous," he said.

In addition, the rock in the area was a granitic dome which was not suitable for stone-crushing and quarrying. "The rock is badly weathered and fissured and contaminated by mineralisation."



The area was earmarked in the 1975 Draft Guide Plan as a green belt

"What will now happen", says town planner and lecturer at Wits University, Mrs Sally Baikie, "is that the area will be subject to urban decay

"It will no longer be zoned for residential use, so people will be unable to sell their properties, spend capital on improving them, or raise loans

"Owners will then allow fast operators to remove the easily reached pockets of sand and to sell their topsoil.

"We'll be left with is a vast lunar landscape where nothing will grow. The environmental impact will be disastrous"

Govt rethink

Development proposals for the Central Witwatersrand

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Was the guide plan hijacked?

To MIKE GARDNER, the proposed Norweto seems totally inconsistent with Government pronouncements on individual rights, the possibilities of the removal of the Group Areas Act on a selective basis, the need to preserve the environment, etc. The proposal of another black township along the lines of Soweto — putting the clock back 30 years — seems a very cruel way of dealing with the present chronic crisis of black housing. Was there another motive at work? This article takes a detailed look at the relevant sections of the Draft Guide Plan for the Central Witwatersrand and draws some alarming conclusions.

The Draft Guide Plan for the Central Witwatersrand has been rightly condemned not only for its proposal to dump about a quarter of a million black people in the middle of nowhere, but also for its inconsistencies

Concern is expressed throughout the report for individual rights, the environment, open spaces, nature conservancy and water resources, and yet with cynical indifference it proposes a black township of the 1950s model which totally cuts across these considerations

Closer examination of the actual report brings to light some curious facts

● For instance, the report makes no mention of the black township of 3 000 ha that is the proposed Norweto If it were not for the loose-leaf map at the back of the Guide Plan, Norweto would have no legal standing at all

Curious

● The communities of Laezonia, Doornrandje, Diepsloot and Rietfontein in the north-east corner of the Guide Plan may as well not exist Only one small reference is made to them Is this not curious? After all, it is not every day you set up a township for a quarter of a million people, which would result in a total dislocation of a settled community

● Indeed it was the accompanying Press release to the report that spelt out the proposed Norweto in full Heaven forbid that we have come to legislation by Press release

Even more curious are the two sub-paragraphs in the report supporting the establishment of Norweto In paragraph 3 3 14 the Guide Plan is dealing with the south-east corner and the proposed growing together of Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus

Suddenly in mid-paragraph — totally breaking the flow of the report at that point — it switches back to the north-east corner and states the need for a black township in the area This is in spite of the fact that two paragraphs previously the same ground has been reserved for lower density residential white housing

If one removes the offending sub-paragraphs an amazing transformation comes over the Guide Plan

● Gone are all the inconsistencies in relation to individual rights, the environment, open spaces, etc mentioned above

● The only specific mention to the provision of land for black township development is in the Katlehong, Tokoza and Vosloorus area

● Back in full force is the recommendation that provision for black township development should be made outside the boundaries of the Guide Plan area because there is not sufficient suitable land available

Could some individual or group have hijacked the Guide Plan? Let us see what the plan can tell us In the first of the offending sub-paragraphs, it talks about the large increase in work opportunities (especially in the tertiary sector) in the Randburg/Sandton/Midrand area

Compare this with the table of existing and estimated work opportunities in the report Randburg in 1981 had 2,5 percent of the total work opportunities and Sandton 3,8 percent of the work opportunities

From 1981 to the year 2000, the overall work opportunities in the central Witwatersrand area are expected to increase from 1 328 184 to 2 343 230 jobs, an increase of 83 percent Randburg in the same period is expected to show an increase of 19 245 jobs (up by about 59 percent), and Sandton 21 300 jobs (about 42 percent) — a total of only about 40 500 extra jobs by the year 2000

Unemployment

Is this one of the key arguments supporting the immediate institution of a township for 250 000 people, which will include sub-economic housing and even greater unemployment than exists in the area at the moment?

Are these the people likely to be able to fill the vacancies in the tertiary commerce and finance sector in business areas where office space currently stands empty? Or is there another motive behind the establishment of a Norweto?

The announcement of the Guide Plan was met by euphoric comment from the chairmen of the management committees and town clerks of various municipalities

Among these was Randburg, where it is no secret that right from the beginning of the establishment of the municipality, no provision was made for the accommodation of blacks and whose black municipal workers still commute daily from Soweto

Randburg seems to have accepted the proposals of the Guide Plan as a fait accompli. This is illustrated by the recent advertisement for two of the industrial sites in the Trevallyn area " recently been granted industrial rights by the Draft Guide Plan ideally situated for management ex-Sandton and Randburg, as well as a labour force from the new proposed 3 000 ha township north of Sandton. "

The sale by public tender closes four days before the closing date of objections to the Guide Plan Note also the recent SABC-TV news broadcast of the neighbouring Kya Sands industrial area

Could it be Randburg which is seeking to extend its municipal boundaries north to the Magaliesberg? Why are the farms of Zandspruit, Nooitgedaght and Elandsdrift to the north of Randburg left empty but are the focus of six new roads?

What is the explanation of the several veiled references to township development in the north-western corner in the Guide Plan? Why does the "buffer zone" of the Diepsloot nature reserve and the sand, gravel and clay quarries for Norweto have its greatest depth towards Randburg?

A mega Randburg — perhaps vying for city status — with a heavy industrial site to the north of it with its attendant black township safely tucked behind its buffer zone does seem to have an awful logic behind it

Worrying

In conclusion there are many worrying aspects that the proposal for Norweto had totally ignored

● The fate of the black and white residents both inside and outside of the proposed area

● The total ecological impact of water pollution on the Jukskei, Hartbeestpoort Dam and the waters north to the Limpopo

● The pollution impact on Lanseria Airport — one of the busiest light aircraft dromes on the continent, as well as on north Johannesburg and the East Rand

● The impact on the road systems running in and out of Johannesburg area

● Finally the longer term prospect of having a township with no natural borders to the west or east but only to the north with the Magaliesberg range, an area which could eventually take three cities the size of Soweto

Sadly all this smacks of the narrow municipal mind concerned only with its own municipal problems, its voters and ratepayers. Let's hope that sanity will finally prevail in this issue

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THE tents are pitched up again.

Tent families shiver

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IT was one of the coldest weekends for the 147 families who were evicted by the Dobsonville Town Council about two months ago.

They had to sleep in a small hall at the Dobsonville Roman Catholic Church because the tents they have been occupying were of little help from the cold and drizzle of the past weekend.

Yesterday the families were re-pitching some of the tents which were uprooted by the strong wind on Saturday night. The tents were provided by the Witwatersrand Council of Churches.

Mrs Lulama Mathe, one of the residents, said: "This was one of the coldest weekends we have ever experienced since our stay in the tents. We were all worried about our babies. It is really tough Egoli."

Weeping

Another resident, Mrs Agnes Centani, said: "It will take a long time to forget what happened with us during the past weekend. The cold was intolerable in those tents. My two-year-old baby — despite being draped in two blankets — was shivering. I felt like weeping."

The families are occupying a portion of the yard of a primary school in the area.

Rev Cecil Begbie, president of the WCC, said the decision to pitch tents for the families was taken jointly with the South African Council of Churches after it became apparent that there was no immediate prospect of accommodating the families.

Some of the families have been on the waiting list for more than 10 years.

6 000 will get homes

THE Soweto City Council is to house more than 6 000 homeless Soweto families by July next year and more than half of them will be from the low-income group.

This was said by the chairman of the housing committee in the council, Mr Julius Mdlalose, during an interview after the handing over of a showhouse by executives of a building construction company The ceremony was held at the council chambers

"We will be allocating serviced sites to about 600 families at Fred Clark, 333 serviced sites at the Zola buffer strip to families from the squatter camps in Soweto, more than 400 sites at Emdeni South to families on the waiting list and another 4 000 families will be offered sites in existing Soweto townships They will be helped to develop the sites by the private sector," said Mr Mdlalose.

Sites

He said the showhouse type of dwelling will be first offered to the Zola buffer strip families. More than 400 families, mostly from the Mshenguville Village, which the council aimed at dismantling, have been allocated sites in the area

The showhouse is a four-roomed structure costing R9 863. During the handing over the deputy mayor, Mr Glen Jwara, said the council intends selling the houses to families The provision of accommodation in Soweto is expected to top the agenda at the next end-of-month council meeting, according to Mr Mdlalose.

Anti-Norweto move rejected

Pretoria Correspondent

A motion condemning the controversial Norweto plan was ruled out of order yesterday at the Pretoria City Council's monthly meeting

Herstigte Nasionale Party city councillor Mr Joseph Chiole urged the council to object to the proposal to build the giant town to the west of Verwoerdburg, because, he said, Pretoria would be trapped by thousands of blacks concentrated around the city

With the scrapping of influx control and a poor economy, unemployed blacks would converge on the white suburbs and the city centre, he said

The mayor, Mr Steyn van der Spuy, rejected the motion

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VCA to challenge evictions

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

THE Vaal Civic Association's application to stop the Lekoa Town Council from evicting thousands of rent defaulters will be heard in the Rand Supreme Court on October 21.

A spokesman for the association said they would challenge a previous judgment against the residents

He challenged the council was afraid to evict all rent defaulters, and was adopting a "pick and choose" stance

Many residents, he added did not understand the summonses demanding payment of rent and had not appeared in court to defend themselves

Default judgment was then applied for and granted against the residents.

The judgment meant that thousands of residents could legally be evicted The council was, however, afraid to evict because "the response would be massive," the spokesman said

He said the VCA intended to bring the application in the Rand Supreme Court on October 21 He advised all those residents who have received summonses to consult the association

The council's town clerk, Mr Nikolaas Louw, said that they would continue with evictions next week.

The council had a shortage of manpower and was unable to carry out evictions in the past weeks

He has denied that the council had "picked on a few individuals" when evicting residents

He said many people had already started to pay their arrears, but declined to give details of the exact number

Family shelter at Bara after attack on Kliptown shack

By Mudini Maivha

A Meadowlands transit camp father and his 11-year-old son are in a serious condition at Baragwanath Hospital following an attack on their shack on Wednesday night

Seven other family members, treated for bullet and burn wounds and dicharged, were given refuge at the hospital because they had nowhere to go

Their Kliptown shack, to which they fled during fighting between Meadowlands Zone 1 residents and Mzimhlophe hostel dwellers in May, was razed

Mr Peter Mathiza (62) was shot in the lung and neck and his son, John, was shot in the head

Mrs Julia Mathiza (41) and her children, Sibongile (15), Moses (18), Esther (8) and Aaron (20), a paraplegic, were allowed to stay in the hospital until they found accommodation. Yesterday a family member offered to take them in

The family said it would appeal to hospital authorities to take security precautions for Mr Mathiza and John They feared their attackers could strike in the hospital

Mr Aaron Mathiza said they were woken up by a blaze of fire at midnight on Wednesday. His mother tried to force out a sheet of corrugated iron so they could escape, but was shot in the hand.

He said "Bullets whizzed past me in my bed I fell to the ground and crawled out At the same time I tried to pull Sibongile and Esther out"

His father, shot in the lung, told them to leave him to die in the blazing shack, but they pulled him out

"Once outside, the attackers continued to fire at us We lay still and they believed we were dead and left," said Aaron

Aaron was a Std 10 student at Ibhongo High School when he was shot in the back on his way to May Day celebrations at Orlando Stadium this year He lost his wheelchair in the fire

His mother said "I was the first to get out I dragged my children out I was not aware I had been shot until I felt blood"

The family suspect the "Snow" gang from the transit camp carried out the attack

They believe their house at the camp was burnt in May by hostel residents They then fled to Kliptown but were told hostel dwellers would hunt his family

Vaal rents case postponed

By STAN MHLONGO

A TEST case by two Sharpeville residents – which can set a precedent for residents boycotting rents in 54 townships – was indefinitely postponed in the Rand Supreme Court this week.

Residents' lawyer Richard Spoor said Solomon Tsoari and Jacob Mothibedi challenged their evictions.

The postponement of the case comes after a challenge by the Vaal Civic Association to the Lekoa council "to evict more residents"

The challenge follows last week's court order that 10 Sharpeville residents be given back their homes after being evicted by the council.

● Lekoa town clerk MP Louw said "only lack of manpower was making the council go slow in evicting rent defaulters in the Vaal".

Political comment in this issue and newsbills by Percy Qoboza, and headlines and sub-editing by Chris Vick – both of 204 Eloff St Ext, Johannesburg

NEWS PLUS

★ SIDNEY Poitier will play the part of Nelson Mandela in a TV mini-series which will be broadcast on the US ABC television network next year.

The as-yet-untitled drama will star Marlon Brando - possibly as President PW Botha – and Jane Fonda as the late Molly Blackburn, singer and civil rights activist Harry Belafonte said.

This is the third documentary on the life and times of Mandela currently in the works. Filming will take place in Africa next year.

★ GLADYS Msimgango of Hlongwane section, Katlehong, has been refused leave to appeal against her sentence of four years imprisonment for public violence in Katlehong on October 3, 1984.

Msimgango was convicted in the Germiston Regional Court and sentenced to six years in jail.

On appeal to the Transvaal Supreme Court two years of her sentence was conditionally suspended.

★ A TRANSITIONAL government not answerable to an electorate could suspend the constitution, declare martial law and open negotiations with the ANC and other black leaders in a move to create a new non-racial South Africa, former Irish diplomat Dr Conor Cruise O'Brien said.

O'Brien said a transitional government – which had to be formed "soon" – was vital.

★ FRONTLINE state leaders will not go to Washington to meet US President Ronald Reagan because he turned down an invitation to visit the region, Zambia's President Kenneth Kaunda said.

Kaunda – who is chairman of the six-member frontline states – said the frontline states would feel "greatly betrayed" if Congress reversed its stand on sanctions. – Sapa.

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FAMILIES TO SUE FOR R5-m

White City shootings

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

SOME families of the victims who were shot in White City Jabavu, Soweto, recently, are to sue the authorities for more than R5-million.

A spokesman for a firm of Johannesburg lawyers acting on behalf of the families said so far 40 families have come forward and the biggest single claim was estimated at R200 000

Some families met the lawyers at Ipelegeng Community Centre yesterday to work out details of their claims.

At least 27 people were killed and about 100 wounded when council police opened fire on residents resisting eviction

The spokesman said they heard distressing accounts from relatives about how they have been left destitute by the death or wounding of breadwinners.

He said in one instance the sole breadwinner of a family of six was killed, leaving his wife and children without income

Some of the claims, the spokesman added, were for teenage victims.

A spokesman for the Jabavu Civic Association, Mr Moses Kuthama, has appealed to all those who were affected to come forward

He said families should consult executives of the association or the chairman of their street committee

SOWETAN, Monday, October 6, 1986

Council cops 'charged'

SEBOKENG families say municipal police impounded goods valued at more than R17 000 from residents in a bid to force people in arrears with their rent to pay up.

This happened during the on-going evictions ordered by the Lekoa Town Council.

But, the council town clerk, Mr Nikolaas Louw, said he was not aware of the confiscation of property The council was continuing with evictions of rent defaulters, he added, and may confiscate goods in lieu of rent arrears.

Some residents had laid charges of housebreaking and theft against the municipal police who removed their property when they were at work

A spokesman for the Sebokeng police confirmed that residents have laid charges and that they were investigating

Irate Vaal residents have resolved to form street committees to oppose evictions of rent defaulters by the council.

The residents have challenged councillors to come out of hiding and to address them on several issues, including the massive eviction campaign launched by the council since August

Mr Israel Mokoena said he was not at home when municipal police removed furniture and clothing from his house. He claims he lost R1 500 in cash.

Mr Mokoena said he later laid charges of housebreaking and theft against the police

Three residents — Mr Andries Teletsane, Mrs Margarett Nkwanyama and Mrs Albertina Ndobo — claimed some of their property was thrown out of their homes and the bulk confiscated by police after their homes were burgled

The police had ordered the families to pay their rent arrears or face eviction.

The Star

HOMES SHOW

Fourways Gardens

Villages celebrate removal reprieve

By Sol Makgabutlane

The Transvaal communities of Driefontein and kwaNgema have organised a feast tomorrow to celebrate their victory over forced removal

The Government had been planning since the 1960s to relocate the communities in kwaZulu and kaNgwane This aroused opposition and culminated in the death of community leader Mr Saul Mkhize, who was shot dead by a policeman

Last August Deputy Minister of Land Affairs Mr Ben Wilkens announced that the Government would not resettle the communities

Instead, when the rising waters of the new Heyshope Dam covered parts of their land, the communities would be compensated in cash and given adjacent land that was previously white-owned

Youths remove house numbers

Youths in Central Western Jabavu, Soweto, are removing house numbers from the doors and walls in an apparent attempt to thwart town council officials from evicting residents

Residents have not been paying rent since June this year

Street names have also been removed in a campaign which one resident said was launched two weeks ago

Youths used paint to blot out the numbers They pulled off those pasted on the doors or walls and gave them back to the occupants to keep

The removal of the numbers will, however, also pose problems for the postman

A township manager at the rent and administration office of the area said they were not allowed to comment on issues related to the town council

Town council officials were not available for comment

Masire to visit Aussie

The Star's Africa News Service

GABORONE — President Quett Masire of Botswana leaves this weekend for an official visit to New Zealand and Australia

He will go to New York, where, it is believed, he will address the United Nations General Assembly

President Masire will be accompanied by his wife and the Foreign Minister, Dr Gaositwe Chiepe

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Soweto man burnt to death

By Montshiwa Moroke

A young Meadowlands, Soweto, man was burnt to death and a number of others wounded this week during running battles between Meadowlands and Mzimhlophe transit camp/hostel residents.

The dead man was Mr Patrick Seasebo (24) of Zone 1, Meadowlands, an only child.

Mr Seasebo was doused with petrol and set alight at the transit camp after he was shot and wounded by youths.

His grandfather, Mr Hendrik Seasebo, said the deceased left home after 6 pm while the fighting was taking place in an open veld between the townships

"We were later told that Patrick had been shot and wounded.

"We tried to rush to the scene of the fighting but were repelled by the shooting as the youths exchanged gunfire.

"In that state of shock, I was shown a fire at the transit camp and told that it was apparently the body of my grandson burning I thought the best thing to do was to go to the police.

"I reported the matter at the Meadowlands police station where I was accompanied back to the transit camp by police. My grandson had already been burnt to death, Mr Seasebo said.

Mr Seasebo said that the youth had apparently been shot and then dragged to where he was finally put to death.

Injured on the same day, according to residents, was Mr Eric Seitshiro (19), who was shot in the buttock

Others wounded on the previous day were identified by residents as Mr Daniel Thekiso (22) and Solomon Mabena (15). Both were wounded in the legs

Mr Thekiso was admitted to Baragwanath Hospital with a bullet wound. He was discharged on Thursday.

FHA provides serviced sites for Mamelodi

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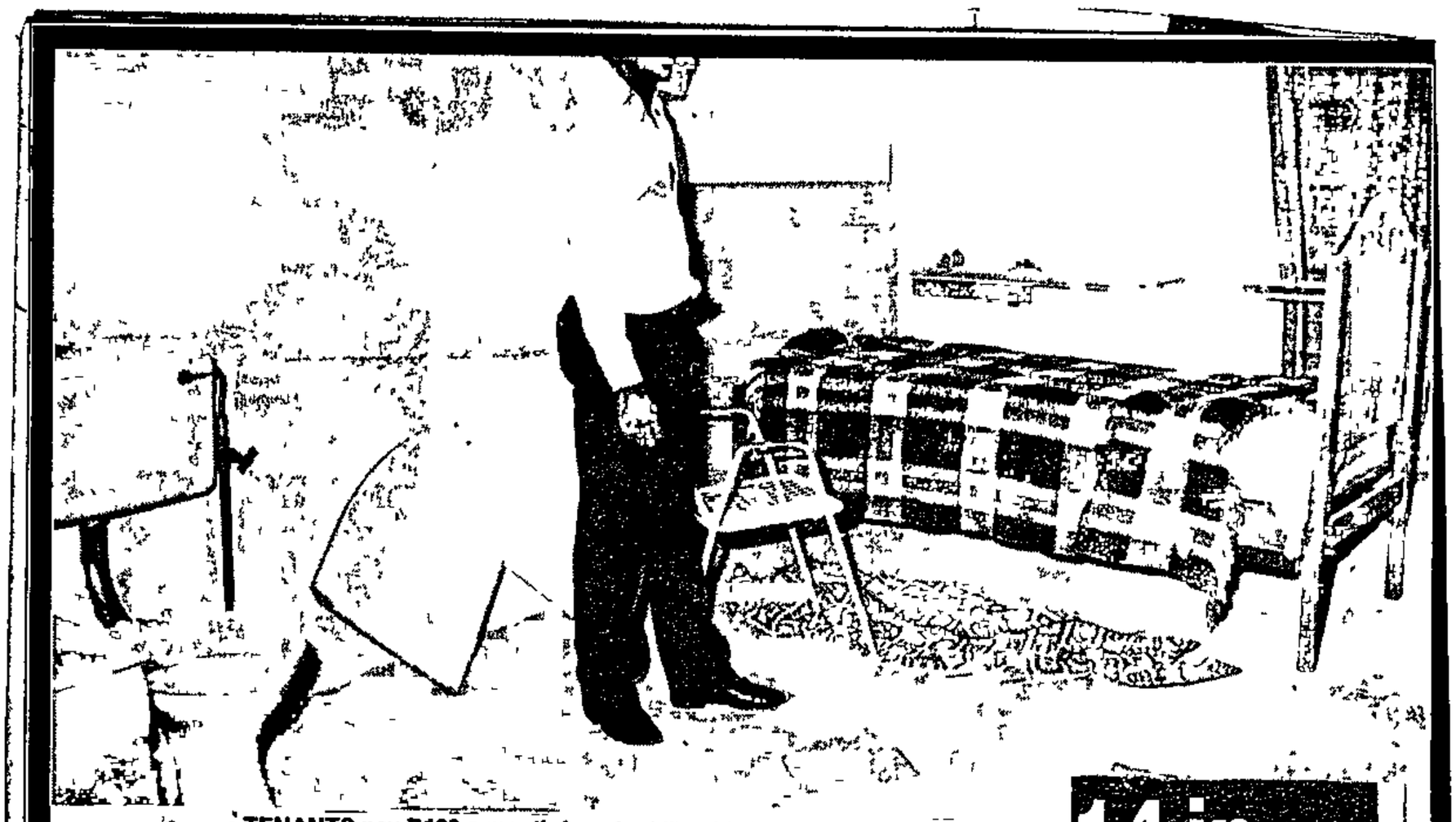
THE Family Housing Association last week announced that 1 150 sites have been put on sale in Mamelodi to provide housing for the low-income group.

Speaking at the soil turning ceremony, Mr J Nkosi, land services co-ordinator for FHA, said his organisation's self help scheme will enable families earning as little as R350 a month to build their own houses.

Mr Nkosi told reporters that stands were "serviced to affordable standards" with waterborne sewerage, water, domestic lighting and graded roads. In addition, the association also offers hundred percent building society loans, access to bulk purchase of building material, a choice of approved building plans and technical advise and back-up service during construction.

Residents are expected to pay a R400 deposit to the FHA as a sign of interest in the project A two roomed "starter house" will cost R10 000 and a three x 1 bedroomed house with 80m² floor space will cost R20 000.



TENANTS pay R100 a month for a bed like this in the suburb of Rand

RENT FOR BEDS

R100 a month

By MANDLA NDLAZI

A LANDLORD in the posh northern suburb of Randburg is renting out beds for R100 a month to stranded black families and workers.

The tenants live in poor conditions where men and women share a single room

Some of the rooms have toilet buckets that are exposed and are not enclosed for privacy

The people come from various townships in and around Johannesburg, and have been living there since the beginning of the year

Some of them are homeless workers and the others are employees and cannot get safely to the townships after working hours

Those who spoke to

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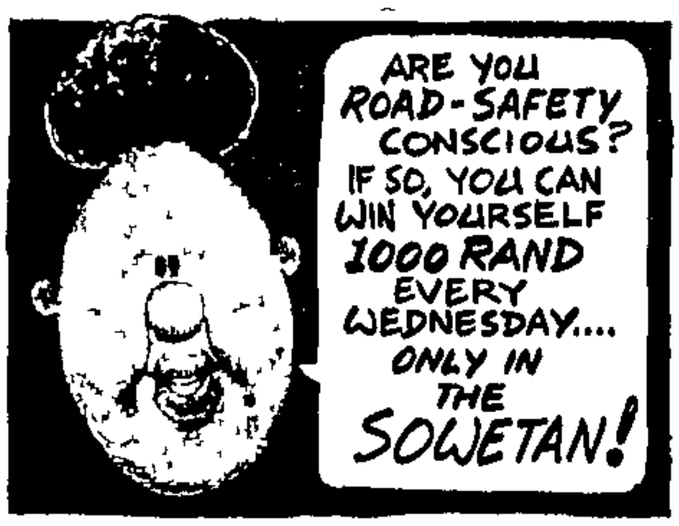

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14 in a room

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the *Sowetan* did not wish to be identified for fear that the landlord would throw them out

They complained yesterday that they were overcharged by the landlord who made them pay R100 a month to rent a bed

They use candles because there is no electricity, and pressure stoves for cooking their meals

They wash in taps outside the rooms

One of the tenants said he chose to live there because he could not return safely to his place in Meadowlands after working hours.

"My employer stopped transporting me back home after working hours because the company vehicles were burnt in Soweto," said one tenant

He said he chose to stay there to be nearer his place of employment

At the beginning of the year, 14 people shared a room and some of the inmates opened shebeens

Some of the people were thrown out after inspectors visited the place

"Our landlord has warned us not to say we pay rent," said the man from Meadowlands Attempts to reach the landlord failed yesterday

Rent boycott — 300 lose jobs

By JOSHUA RABOROKO

MORE than 300 Soweto Council black employees are to be retrenched because of the township rent boycott.

This has been revealed to the *Sowetan* by workers who claimed that the council's town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, informed them at a meeting that the council was having financial problems following the rent boycott

The workers said Mr Malan warned them that the council had no alternative but to retrench some of them because the rent boycott was having serious effects on the council's financial position

The deputy mayor of Soweto, Mr Glen Jwara, yesterday confirmed that some workers will have to be retrenched because of the rent boycott

Mr Malan's secretary told the *Sowetan* that he was unavailable to talk to the Press

The University of the Witwatersrand's Community Research Group (CRG) has also announced that rent boycotts in the Pretoria-Witwatersrand-Vereeniging (PWV) and other areas, including bantustans, were costing the government at least R1-million a day

To make matters worse, the council has had to spend R16 000 on temporary toilets for the 1 000 shacks that have now popped up on the Soweto golf course — popularly known as "Mshenguville"

The Soweto rent boycott has also had devastating results when at least 30 people were shot dead near White City, Jabavu during confrontation between residents and council police who were attempting to evict rent defaulters

Sowetan
ETAN, Thursday, October 16, 1986

Daveyton spends R46-m

THE Daveyton Town Council hopes to overcome the acute shortage of housing in the area within the next five years, Mr Tom Boya, the mayor, announced yesterday.

Speaking at a Press conference in Johannesburg, Mr Boya said the council has spent R46-m in the past five years to provide 6 000 houses in the area

Some of the money came from the private sector and the rest from the council, he said.

The private sector also provided an extra R15-m for the provision of among other things a technical college, a clinic and a creche

He said this also happened within the past five years.

"Presently there are about 6 000 families on the housing waiting list and we hope to provide everybody in the township with accommodation within the next five years."

Mr Boya said his council intended buying additional land to erect more houses

"At the moment we have been able to provide building sites for everybody in the township including the low income group

"We hope that by introducing the Etwatwa Site and Service Scheme in Holfontein Farm whereby 2 000 families have already been allocated sites and some are already occupying them, everybody in Daveyton will be provided with accommodation "

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D-Day for inmates

IT is home in the open veld or the homelands for the more than 12 000 hostel dwellers in Tembisa, Kempton Park.

They will have to move out of their present accommodation by next Wednesday (October 22), to make way for homeless families

The eviction of the men follows a decision taken by the Tembisa administrators on September 24 that the 12 090 men — mostly migrant labourers – be ordered to leave the 1 209 four-roomed houses they are presently occupying as temporary "hostels"

The houses are in the township's Temong, Ethafeni, Vusimuzi and Ehlanzeni sections

A number of inmates interviewed by the *Sowetan* this week said they did not have alternative accommodation They said the open veld was their only "alternative accommodation" and others said they would have no alternative but to return to the homelands — losing their jobs.

Mr Lawrence Pokela, the public relations officer for Tembisa (Council/administrators) yesterday said not a single inmate has been evicted.

"We have informed the Department of Constitutional, Development and Planning about the administrators decision The department has promised to respond before next Wednesday," Mr Pokela said.

Sapa-AP

Soweto to fire 300

JOHANNESBURG. — The Soweto council confirmed that more than 300 of its workers would soon be retrenched because the council was "near-bankruptcy" because of the rent boycott.

Reports by staff reporter, own correspondent, political staff and Sapa-AP

R5-m for hostel improvements

The Soweto City Council is to spend about R5 million on the upgrading of the township's five single hostels.

This was disclosed at the council's monthly meeting held yesterday, after previously being postponed The meeting was chaired by the deputy mayor, Mr Glen Jwara, and was attended by 19 councillors

The hostels comprise 166 bungalows, and an estimated R30 000 is to be spent on each dormitory which accommodates 16 inmates

The Soweto Council has already spent more than R2 million trying to improve the dwellings

The meeting was also told that replies were received this week concerning applications for the acquisition of bottle stores in the township All bottle stores in Soweto are to be privatised

Councillors owe R47 000 for rent

SEVEN members of the KwaThema Town Council, including the mayor Mr Sam Ngema, owe the council more than R47 000 in rent arrears.

The chairman of the council's executive committee, Mr H H Ngakane and the former mayor of KwaThema, the Rev Joe Mzamane, are among the councillors owing rent for their houses and business premises.

The total amount owed by the councillors is R47 143,22.

According to our sources, some of the councillors have been owing rent for more than two years now.

Mr Ngema yesterday confirmed that he and members of the council owed rent.

"For various reasons councillors have been unable to pay their rent They are human like other residents in the township who owe rent.

"The council will hold a special meeting to discuss this issue and a statement will be issued," he said

According to figures, the only woman member in the council, Mrs Muntu Matildah Mothlaping, owes the council R25 363 for three houses and four business premises she owns

She is followed by Mr Ngakane who owes R10 065,73 for a business stand and R842,15 for his house

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COUNCILLOR Mothlaping owes R25 000



MR SAM Ngema mayor of KwaThema.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

R47 000 is owed

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The other councillors are

- Mr Kenneth Mthembu — R6 052,53 for three business premises
- Mr Ngema — R2 196 04 for house rent
- Mr A M Khumalo — R331,92 for his house and another R541,18 for his business premises
- Mr Luthi — R1 162,86 for house rent, and,
- Reverend Mzamane — R587,08 for house rent

Mr Ngema said he had some problems but was going to pay the money before the end of this month He also said all the councillors owing rent will have to pay the money

"There is no truth that councillors do not pay rent in the township as most people believe," Mr Ngema added

One of the councillors interviewed by the *Sowetan* yesterday, Mrs Mothlaping, said she was going to pay the money she was owing for rent

"After the death of my husband early last year I had a problem negotiating for the businesses and the houses to be transferred to my name I have partly solved the problem and I have informed the council that I will pay the money I owe them in the near future "

'Let private sector build grey townships'

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By Winnie Graham

Johannesburg Consolidated Investments, the mining house and largest developer of residential property in the PWV, has called on the Government to allow private enterprise to develop multiracial residential townships

The general manager of JCI's property division, Mr Ian McPherson, said all township development should be privatised and the market itself left to "sort out who lives next door to whom"

He said it was ludicrous to develop low-cost housing — presmumably mainly black — in expensive areas such as Fourways and Midrand There was cheaper and more suitable land south and southeast of Johannesburg with the infrastructure available from sanitation to transport

If the Government insisted on buying land for township development, he said, it should be released to private developers, who had a better idea of how to develop and market housing in "a consumer-friendly manner"

The private sector was more anxious to please the buyer and hence more successful in providing what was wanted at the price he could afford

Mr McPherson questioned the need to expropriate expensive real estate at taxpayers' expense

"We would rather see market-related prices paid for stands and housing packages Let the free market dominate sales.

"People of a similar salary structure are more likely to get on with one another than, say, putting all blacks indiscriminately together "

He was adamant the market should dictate where low income groups wished to move

Mr McPherson said if better homes were built, the black professional and middle classes would aspire towards better accommodation.

They would move into pleasant family homes, alleviating the pressure on low cost housing by vacating it for those in need of subsidised homes

Applications pour in for Soweto council job

Many applications have been made for the vacant post of housing director of the Soweto City Council

A council spokesman told *The Star* today that the town clerk, Mr Nico Malan, was still sifting through the applications for a "short list"

The post carries an annual salary of R43 446 Other perks include a company car, 100 percent housing loan, subsidised education scheme and "generous" vacation and sick leave privileges.

The advertisement for the post first appeared in the *Sowetan* earlier this month inviting people with a bachelor's degree and experience in local government to apply.

Closing date for applications was October 24.

The post became vacant after the sudden resignation of Mrs Del Kevan.

She quit her job after her Craighall Park home was bombed with a Soviet-made limpet mine following the confrontation between security forces and residents in White City, Soweto, in which more than 20 people were shot dead.

Mrs Kevan was not hurt in the bomb attack.

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Mr Peter Soal will take Soweto hostel conditions to Parliament next year.

Soal to follow up on hostels

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By Sol Makgabutlane

The Progressive Federal Party MP for Johannesburg North, Mr Peter Soal, says he will raise the issue of Soweto migrant workers' hostels when Parliament resumes next year.

He visited Nancefield hostel earlier this month with British Liberal Party leader David Steel and inspected sleeping quarters and an ablution block.

Mr Steel expressed displeasure at the hostel's conditions, provoking a storm of protest from readers who wrote letters to *The Saturday Star* criticising Mr Steel and Mr Soal's visit

'DISGUSTING'

Mr Soal said "We found the condition of the ablution block at Nancefield to be digusting and disgraceful. a great deal of filth was lying around the building with a dead dog lying on top of the heap".

He was subjected to a great deal of negative criticism as if he was personally responsible for the conditions, he said.

"It might have been an expression of my critics' own guilt in the knowledge that the people who live in the hostels work in our homes, factories and shops and that nothing had been done to improve their living conditions"

After the visit, Mr Soal said he got in touch with Soweto town clerk Mr Nico Malan

"He advised that a programme is to be implemented to upgrade the hostels"

Mr Soal said that while rejecting the Government policy which created the need for single-sex hostels, he welcomed the intention to improve the conditions

'We'll pay rent – but the council refuses it'

By DERRICK LUTHULI

BEKKERSDAL'S "people's housing" beneficiaries are living rent-free – while the "home-owners" whose houses they took over are still paying the rent

While living in (rented) shacks, the council-recognised homeowners are paying R74,59 rent a month for their occupied houses – hoping the occupants will be evicted

Town clerk FJ Knott this week said they were going to sue the "hijackers"

But the Bekkersdal Residents' Committee has already hired a lawyer to fight the threatened evictions

A BCR spokesman said if the council decided to evict occupants, the decision would not be valid – because the three councillors remaining after three others resigned don't form a quorum

He said it was not their fault that the council-recognised owners of the houses were paying rent for houses they were not occupying "We tried on several occasion to pay rent for the houses and to get permits – but it was all rejected by the council," he said

Soweto householders owe council R29-m

Soweto residents owe R29 million in unpaid water and electricity accounts and if they are not paid supplies will be cut off, says Soweto Council Town Clerk Mr Nico Malan.

He told a Press conference at the council offices in Jabulani last week that the council had been subsidising the debt from its reserves, but these were running out.

He said the stage was soon going to be reached when the council would not be able to pay the Rand Water Board and Escom, and residents' water and electricity supplies would be directly affected.

Mr Malan said a distinction should be made between rent payments and service charge payments.

"The rent boycott called in June affects the payment of rent. Service charges are something else.

"Electricity and water are trading services. If you use it, you should pay for it."

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Row over hostel plan

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG. — A row is looming in the Soweto Council over plans for a R5-million upgrade that will turn single men's hostels into family housing and render present hostel dwellers homeless

Five hostels are to become 166 bungalows

Mayor Mr Ephraim "E T" Tshabalala has predicted it could cause physical clashes between hostel dwellers and new residents

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Stop Norweto, says Treurnicht

DURBAN — The boundaries of Soweto should be frozen and plans for the so-called Norweto township should be stopped, the leader of the Conservative Party, Dr Andries Treurnicht, said here

Responding to debate at the CP's general congress, he said the party was often asked about the overflow in townships which stemmed from natural population growth

"Surely its not a black's right that we must make room if the place where he is born is full

"If a residential area is full, then it is full," Dr Treurnicht said

"This is our people's (volk) country — we will decide about the extension and allocation of land"

If the state had so much money for urbanisation, it should ensure urbanisation took place in black states

"And that means there simply cannot be a Norweto We must stop them taking a final decision," Dr Treurnicht said.

It was a sensitive area and one should consider what effects it was going to have on the environment, Haartebeespoort Dam and tobacco farmers

Answering a question from the floor on detribalised blacks and their position in the party's policy, Dr Treurnicht said there were not many such blacks

There were those who had lost ties with their smaller tribal connections, but had not done so in terms of their broader ethnic group

The party's deputy leader, Dr Ferdie Hartzenberg, also responded by asking "Have you ever met a black man who does not know what tribe he is from? I have never met such a man This is the one great face being employed to advocate integration" — Sapa

Tembisa people tackle the authorities – by planning their own 'suburbs'

HOUSING THE HOMELESS

By MONO BADELA

A SERIOUS situation is developing on the East Rand – thousands of Tembisa residents geared themselves this week to confront authorities on the issue of housing.

Some 3 000 homeless people in Tembisa decided at a meeting this week to go ahead with their plan to erect shanty homes for themselves in an open space near a railway station – despite having being refused permission

Last Saturday the same people converged on empty land in the middle of Tembisa to erect shacks

They were responding to the massive housing shortage and the failure of the authorities to construct houses for the homeless

With the help of the Tembisa Working Committee – a local United Democratic Front affiliate – they arrived on the open space at 6 30am and started to mark out sites, which were then allocated to each family

At noon, however, they were ordered to disperse within five minutes

On Tuesday, at a meeting held in a Metal and Allied Workers' Union hall, they reaffirmed their decision to go ahead with their plans.

The Wits University-based Community Research Group stated in a report that the actions of the Tembisa squatters, whose only demand was the right to occupy unused land to build shelter for the homeless, was one of many similar struggles around the country.

The report said that since the abolition of passes in June, black communities were now trying to "resist what the government calls orderly urbanisation by taking matters into their own hands".

In Uitenhage, Cape Town, Brits, Soweto and now in Tembisa, squatter movements had emerged to directly challenge the authorities to determine where they should live

According to CRG's report, Tembisa has an unofficial population of at least 220 000 people – 40 000 more than the township was originally designed to cater for

The authorities have consistently refused to build additional houses in Tembisa

According to a TWC spokesperson, councillors and officials of the East Rand Development Board told residents there was no money for housing construction when they applied for houses

"People went to the council to ask for houses, but were given waiting lists instead.

"They were promised houses – but some have waited for years for a house."

Residents also complained that the income derived by ERDB from their monthly rentals was spent on the construction of outlying "model townships" like Ekangala on the far East Rand – not on houses for the people of Tembisa.

Consequently, the community decided to launch a rent boycott.

The conflict over housing and the subsequent rent boycott led to the collapse of the Tembisa council in August

Mayor Lucas Mothiba and four other councillors resigned in August.

Since then the council has been run by newly-appointed administrators under the leadership of Solomon More

The CRG report says the decision by Tembisa's squatters to occupy empty land follows an intensification of the housing struggle in the area.

A few months ago the authorities decided to house migrant workers and members of the "community guards" in four-roomed houses that had been built for families.

Families decided to occupy some 100 houses without authority – but were repeatedly arrested and fined.

HAPPINESS!



Lawyer Frank Berman hands back residents' keys

Tumahole dances in the rain

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● **Happy days are here again! Dozens of Tumahole residents pour out of the church to celebrate their victory.**

CP Correspondent

TUMAHOLE went crazy in the pouring rain on Tuesday

The occasion? Thirty families, locked out of their houses five months ago for not paying their rent, got their keys back – and moved back into their houses

They also got back their furniture, which had been put up for auction by the Orange-Vaal Development Board

The sale of their possessions was stopped within 12 hours of them being auctioned

Those affected included three invalid people and several pensioners – the oldest of whom was 95

As the word spread in Tumahole and residents received their keys from their attorneys, hundreds of people – many of them screaming "Amandla" – followed a taxi with the lawyers and some householders

This week's victory for the residents came after 400 summonses for non-payment of rents had been issued

Now, another 700 summonses have been suspended pending the outcome of an application against default judgment against 30 thrown out of their homes

Five months ago the development board started locking the doors to 30 families – with all their possessions inside the houses – and refused to unlock them until the arrear rentals had been paid

The board decided to auction the possessions of some of those whose houses had been locked up, as well as others who owed rent

Many of the people from the 30 homes who had taken refuge with other families in the township faced the prospect of losing all their possessions as well as their homes.

Among the goods advertised for sale were the houses, which many of the people had built themselves, and their beds and stoves

The Tumahole Civic Association made a last minute bid to stop this, and consulted a new firm of attorneys

The attorneys, Tony Richard and Frank Berman, rushed through an urgent application to have the default judgments rescinded

However, an agreement was eventually concluded with the Orange-Vaal Development Board, in which the board agreed to return the keys to the householders and to cancel the sale of their possessions, pending the outcome of the application

Berman said the board also agreed not to jail pensioners in future, as it had done in the past The oldest jailed pensioner was 75 years old

On Tuesday afternoon the keys were handed to the attorneys in Tumahole

And, as each house's front door was opened, there was wild cheering and screams of "Amandla"

Inside, the stuffy homes were as they had been left five months ago

Dirty dishes were still in the scullery, but soon everyone was helping to clean the homes and opened windows to let in the fresh air

Plea to reduce rents

SOWETAN 3/11/86

A STRONGLY-motivated memorandum is to be submitted to the Soweto City Council demanding that rents in Orlando East — the oldest township in Soweto — be reduced by at least 50 percent as a matter of urgency.

This was decided at a residents' meeting held at the Orlando East Communal Hall yesterday

Mr Nelson Botile, a councillor who called the meeting, said the memorandum would also demand that Orlando East pensioners pay only one-third of their pensions for rent

Angry speakers from the floor told the meeting the condition of the houses in Orlando East had been left to deteriorate while residents were forced to pay exorbitant amounts towards rent

They said the amount of money that was used to build the township had already been paid up and that there was no reason why residents must continue paying inflated rentals.

Raising big stink



SOME of the 45 hired toilets to be removed by the council.
Pic MOFFAT ZUNGU

Threat on toilets

THE Soweto City Council will remove the hired toilets serving the 2 000 shacks in Mofolo township, Soweto, because the shack-dwellers have not paid rent.

Mr Nico Malan, the council's town clerk, yesterday said his council decided at a meeting in September to terminate the contract for the hired toilets

The reason, he said, was that the squatters had not paid rent to the council

Mr Malan said the contract would be terminated on November 7 Mr Sam Matona, owner of the company that has hired out the toilets, said he had not been notified by the council

Mr Matona said the council paid his company R25 000 for the 45 hired toilets that are serviced three times a week

He said the toilets were hired by the council in May this year and their removal would cause a health hazard

Mr Matona said to avoid the hazard, the heads of the 2 000 families would have to pay R12,65 a month each for the use of the toilets

"In this way," said Mr Matona, "my company will not remove the toilets "

Mr Malan said the council had erected four permanent "ablution blocks" and laid down taps for fresh water supply for 485 squatting families

He said when the number of squatting families increased, the council hired toilets, but the service would now be terminated because these families had not paid rent to the council

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Reducing backlog

THE Soweto City Council is optimistic that it will get more funds in the new year to reduce the huge housing backlog, Mr Letsatsi Radebe, chairman of the council's management committee said in a statement.

He said he was "happy to announce that the council has successfully applied to the National Housing Commission for a further allocation of R3½ million to fund the installation of services at Emdeni Extension"

Mr Radebe said the council was now calling for tenders for the installation of civil and electrical services to 704 sites in Emdeni

Work would start early in the new year This development, he said, will enable the council to assist a further 704 families on the housing waiting list to build their own houses on fully serviced land

Mr Radebe said the involvement of the private sector to assist with the construction of modern and affordable houses will be encouraged

Funds

Several more applications for funds to the National Housing Commission have been made by the council He listed the council's successful housing projects over the past two years, and said this had reduced the housing backlog

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Eviction rumours lead to four deaths



Mr VINCENT Kganticoe ... dead.



Mr NCEBA Mbundu ... dead.

AT least four people were killed and about 20 injured when Orlando West residents clashed with police from about 9pm on Wednesday to dawn yesterday over rumours of rent evictions.

The Bureau for Information said about 50 people threw stones at a security force vehicle and the security forces retaliated with birdshot killing one person

It said in another incident in Soweto about 100 people attacked a security force vehicle with petrol bombs

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE and LANGA SKOSANA

The security forces warded off the attack with birdshot, slightly injuring two men who were later arrested

Residents say trouble started when they were called out of their homes at about 9pm on Wednesday when rumours spread in the township that there were families who were being evicted from their homes for non-payment of rent

Youths barricaded the streets with stones and rocks and prevented police vehicles, which arrived on the scene from moving freely.

Members of Street Committees blew whistles and residents came out to assist those who were being evicted.

According to Soweto's town clerk, Mr Nico Malan the events were started by a rumour that residents who had not paid rent were to be evicted from their homes

Mr Malan said the rumours were untrue and unfounded

His council, he said, did not evict people by word of mouth but served eviction notices to anyone whom it wanted to evict.

No such evicton notices had been sent to anyone in the Orlando West area, Mr Malan said

Two of the dead people are Mr Nceba Mbundu (25), a Soweto Council employee and Mr Vincent Kganticoe (29), who died soon after admission at Baragwanath Hospital

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Planted bombs at police stations

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Residents said two other bodies were removed by police before they were identified

Those taken to Baragwanath Hospital by ambulance are, Mr Stephen Khumalo of Dube Village, Mr Godfrey Mdlalose and Mr Michael Mabone, both of Orlando West

Others who were shot and have been admitted at hospital are Mr Jabulani Mdakane, Mr Siphiwe Twala (18) and Mr Ezekiel Msimango (19), all also of Orlando West

Injured

Other injured residents were taken to private doctors for treatment

The widow of Mr Mbundu, Mrs Sandra Mbundu (21), was overwhelmed by grief and could not speak to the *Sowetan* when it visited her home

Soweto family faces eviction

A SOWETO family was yesterday served with summons by the Soweto City Council to pay arrears of more than R600 or face eviction.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

According to the summonses, the family of Mrs Adelaide Biyela of 2012 Jabulani has been given three days to settle R608,93 for outstanding rent, municipal charges and electricity.

The papers, dated October 23, say should Mrs Biyela fail to pay the amount within the said period or deliver a notice of intention to defend, she will be held to have admitted the claim and judgment may be given in her absence.

The Soweto City Council asks the court to make an order to eject Mrs Biyela and her dependants from her house, pay R608,93 and cost of suit.

The Soweto Civic Association said yesterday it believed the deaths and injuries sustained by Orlando West residents were a direct result of a call made by Mr Letsatsi Radebe, chairman of the Soweto Council's management committee.

Meanwhile, two people who were killed during the Orlando West shootings are to be buried on Saturday

They were Mr Jacob Dirane (40), of 8095 Orlando West and Mr Vincent Kganticoe (Ngwebelele), (29), of Orlando West 7937. Mr Dirane will be buried at Avalon Cemetery at 11am and the cortege will leave from his home. Mr Kganticoe will be buried at Doornkop Cemetery at 12 noon and the cortege will leave from Holy Cross Anglican Church (near Uncle Tom's Hall) after a two-hour funeral service starting at 10am.

The other person killed, Mr Sipho Manzini Mkhize (37), will be buried at his hometown on Saturday

Books required for Jo'burg's hostel dwellers

Municipal Reporter

An appeal has been made for secondhand books, magazines, comics and paperbacks for distribution to Johannesburg's 12 000 black hostel dwellers

Launching a scheme to provide the council workers housed in some 17 hostels south of the city with reading matter, CBD councillor Mrs Molly Kopel said "These men are often lonely and bored as they have nothing to occupy them after work.

"The need for literature becomes greater around the end of the year when they have more free time

"We are not looking for literary works, but the kind of thing that can be handed round and eventually thrown away Even children's books are welcome," said Mrs Kopel

A central collecting point has been set up at the City Hall where books can be dropped off during office hours at the office of the caretaker, Mr J Hattingh, using the President Street entrance

Progressive Federal Party councillors would also accept books to be delivered to the Selby depot which the Housing Department had approved as a collection depot for the men, said Mrs Kopel

had picked up ... See page 27

More roofs over Katlehong heads

By Abel Mabelane

The second phase of a R4,5 million self-help housing scheme was launched in Katlehong yesterday.

Mr Jan Breytenbach, director of technical services in the Katlehong Town Council, said the project was a joint venture of the council and the East Rand Development Area

"The backlog of houses in Katlehong was a big headache," he said "We are happy to say that in the first phase of this scheme, which started last year, we have resettled 675 families."

Katlehong's mayor Mr Thami Siluma said that originally 1 500 sites had been allocated for the scheme This has been cut to 1 200 because of geological problems

He said 120 sites would be allocated to applicants within a few weeks Another 450 would be allocated to a private developer who would build better quality houses at a reasonable and affordable price

Mr Siluma said· "There are 30 000 shacks in Katlehong, and 1 200 sites are not enough to cater for the number of people on the waiting list for housing The problem is that Katlehong, like other Reef cities, suffers a shortage of land"

SOWETAN, Wednesday, November 12, 1986

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Residents get rent notices

SCORES of Soweto residents have been served with summonses by the Soweto City Council to pay their rent and service charges arrears or face evictions.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

The issuing of the summonses partly contradicts a statement issued by the council to the *Sowetan* yesterday

Mr Nico Malan, the council's town clerk, said in a statement that the council had investigated the rumours that led to the incident in Orlando West last week where a number of residents were killed and others wounded

"The council found that no notices of eviction of rent defaulters were served and that it was not the intention of the council to do so"

The *Sowetan* is in possession of some of summonses they were issued from last Thursday

They include that of a pensioner, Mrs Florence Tshabalala (62), of 1723 Jabulani.

The amounts which vary from about R300 are said to be for outstanding rent, municipal charges and electricity The defaulters have been given three days from the date the summonses are served, to pay the amount owed or deliver a notice of intention to defend

They are warned that should they fail to settle the arrears within the said period, they will be held to have admitted the claim and judgment may be given in court in their absence

A spokesman for a legal firm in Johannesburg said yesterday it was important that those served with such notices should take them to their lawyers He said residents had only three court days, from the day the notices are served, to oppose the matter before judgment is given against them

Failure to respond to the summonses, he said, may result in those affected being evicted He added that there was a reasonable chance of defending these notices.

Mr Isaac Mogase, an executive member of the Soweto Civic Association, yesterday condemned the latest action of the council He said the council having failed to evict people "physically", has now seen it fit to threaten them with court action to force them to pay rent

"We are not going to leave the matter lying low We ask those with summonses to take them to our offices at Room 5, Ipelegeng Centre in White City Jabavu, so that we can take them to our lawyers We will help the people to fight the matter in court," he said

Meanwhile, Mr Malan has also denied that the council policeman were involved in Orlando West shootings

Hong Kong where he play[illegible]

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Uncertainty hits house prices

JOHANNESBURG — White emigration and lack of confidence in South Africa's future has sent house prices plummeting, a leading building society reports

"The downward trend in house prices continued and even accelerated during the third quarter of 1986," the United Building Society said in a housing review

The average price of a medium-sized house dropped by four percent from the second quarter of the year to about R69 000

After adjusting for inflation, house prices had fallen by about 31 percent from their peak in 1983, the society said

Some whites, concerned at escalating violence in black townships, had sold their houses either to emigrate or to make it easier to move overseas

With the economy improving, house prices should be bottoming out, the United said But it did not foresee a sharp rise in prices next year

While there were enough houses in white residential areas, hundreds of thousands of homes were required to meet a shortage in black townships

Lack of accommodation had been cited as one reason for the political unrest of the past two years — Sapa

More white areas are becoming grey

Attorney-General won't prosecute

A QUARTER of the people living in Johannesburg's most densely populated white residential areas — Hillbrow, Berea and Joubert Park — are black, while the white population in the formerly predominantly white suburb of Mayfair is 6 321 and blacks now number 6 500.

These are the findings of a pilot study by two Rand Afrikaans University researchers, Mr Johan Fick and Mr Christo de Coning, who interviewed 156 random households in the "grey areas".

The white population of these suburbs is estimated to be 65 000 and the black population, including Indians, coloureds and blacks, is about 20 000

While 54,6 percent of whites interviewed were unperturbed by integrated areas only 37,4 percent supported the repeal of the Group Areas Act — protection against "swamping"

A Johannesburg newspaper reports the police have not been enforcing the Group Areas Act and the Attorney General of the Transvaal has publicly stated he would not prosecute offenders

17/11/86.
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Building still not begun 127 11 months after deposit received

By Martin Matse

A Soweto woman has complained of an 11-month delay in the construction of extensions to her home in Moroka by a building firm.

The woman, who prefers to be known only as Mrs Ngwane, said she paid R2 000 and was told construction would be completed by June

But Africa Homes blame "red tape" and say the building will be done, possibly before the end of the year.

Job to be completed 'by June'

Mrs Ngwane said she asked Africa Homes in December last year to build two rooms and a garage. She paid a deposit of R2 000 and was told construction would be completed by June.

Mrs Ngwane, a divorced mother-of-two, said she obtained all the documentation requested by the company but was still waiting for the construction to begin. "I am desperate. I really don't know what to do," she said this week.

"I have tried to get my money back but it seem that my pleas fall on deaf ears."

Delay was due to 'red tape', says proprietor

The proprietor of Africa Homes, Mr Dennis Duigan, said Mrs Ngwane had signed an agreement and could not renege on this.

He said the 11-month delay was due to "red tape".

He said there had been two major hurdles in the way of building operations. Firstly, Mrs Ngwane was required to provide an "Annexure C" that rent payments on her property were up to date before a bond for further alterations could be granted.

"Mrs Ngwane obtained this but it was out of date and the building society was forced to withdraw its bond," Mr Duigan said.

But, he said, Mrs Ngwane could not receive an up-to-date annexure until the survey plans had been approved. "I have been promised they will be finished in six weeks' time," he said.

It's a blueprint for disaster, says Mandy

Draft guide plan attacked

By Shirley Woodgate, Municipal Reporter

Top planners yesterday attacked the the Draft Guide Plan for the Central Witwatersrand.

They will ask the Government to shelve it and review the entire plan in the light of present circumstances.

The plan was debated at a conference organised by the Institution of Civil Engineers. Industrialists, engineers, architects and planners are to draw up a strongly worded paper to be delivered to the relevant authorities before the December 5 deadline for objections.

The draft guide plan also came under fire from top men in the business and planning sectors at yesterday's seminar at the Carlton Centre.

Mr Nigel Mandy, on behalf of the Central Business District Association (CBDA) and the Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce, said "Attempts to confine blacks by law to relatively small segregated areas will continue to fail

"We must plan for more than double the present population — with the greatest part of the increase being black — by the year 2 000

"The history of the black townships demonstrates the failure of past policies which have vastly complicated current attempts at improvement Segregated townships have given lawless elements greater scope for intimidation and disorder"

RESTRICTIVE

He labelled the draft guide plan as "a restrictive and negative document which lacks proposals for development"

It lacked economic and environmental analysis, Mr Mandy said, and he questioned the stated extent of vacant industrial land

The document's suggested water supply measures also came under fire Among its solutions to the water problem is the relocation of industries, a plan that was slammed by Mr Mandy who said it was more practical to import water than to relocate industry

Speaking at the ICE conference on behalf of commerce and industry Mr Cliff Macmillan said his workshop found the plan unacceptable because it was incompatible with realities, was based on inaccurate, insufficient and suspect data and was contrary to sound economic principles

It also ignored current attitudes of the private sector and the Government's stated intentions based on the White Paper on Urbanisation

The workshop members rejected the concept of decentralisation of industry away from the Witwatersrand and called instead for greater industrial development of the area.

It was argued that the plan was based on control and interference, and would be ineffective unless linked to an implementation and economic plan.

A spokesman for the population and housing sector, Mr L J Oakenfell, said the plan did not focus on the essential elements necessary for planned urban development.

Changing of guards?

TWO hundred and twenty five workers are applying to the Rand Supreme Court to have their rooms at the CMR hostel restored after they were evicted because of a stayway from Security Systems where they were employed as security guards, *Sapa* reports

A spokesman for the General and Allied Workers' Union that represents the workers, S Poloto, told *Sapa* the workers – mainly migrants from Venda – were dismissed on Monday after failing to report for duty on that day

They were protesting over the retrenchment of 38 of their co-workers last Friday

Meanwhile, **Martin Ntsoelengoe** reports that the workers are in the meantime holed up at the Methodist Church in Coronationville

When *City Press* visited the church this week, some of the men were washing their clothes

A spokesman for Gawu said they had information that management was recruiting new workers

He added that management had taken steps against the workers because they have joined the union which management refuses to recognise

The workers refused to return to work after management refused to listen to the shop stewards The workers were all thrown out of their hostel

The spokesman said they may take supreme court action to have the workers restoredto the hostels



On strike ... Now the 225 guards employed by Security Systems have been kicked out of their hostel.

Nobody owes rent, Sofasonke meeting is told

CLOSE to 3 000 people were told at a meeting in Eyethu Cinema in Mofolo yesterday that nobody owed house rent and that the R5 rent suggested by the mayor Mr Ephraim Tshabalala will be paid at the beginning of the new year.

This was said by Mr I S Nxumalo, one of the supporters of the Sofasonke Party He said the Government would have to freeze the rent arrears and accept Mr Tshabalala's suggestion of the reduced rents

Mr Tshabalala was given a standing ovation when he repeated a suggestion he had made at previous meetings that house rent should be reduced to R5.

At yesterday's meeting he explained that this would be rent for 5-roomed houses He said rent for the 4-roomed houses would be reduced to R4 and that residents should pay R2 for the 2-roomed houses in White City Jabavu.

Mr Tshabalala said he was not in favour of the consumer boycott and suggested that the people behind it should go back to the drawing board to see who it would hurt in the end.

Mr Oupa Motlana told the meeting that a committee appointed by the Mofolo shack dwellers spoke to the President, Mr P W Botha on Friday

He said the committee flew to Cape Town and Mr Botha told them among other things that land to build the squatters houses on would be found and the government would subsidise the infra-structure.

Mr Motlana said top companies have been approached and they have promised to assist the squatters financially in the building of houses



SOWETO mayor Ephraim Tshabalala.

Hostel inmates 'happy'

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ATTERIDGEVILLE hostel inmates are happy about the conditions under which they live, a local council's monthly meeting heard yesterday.

The claim appeared in a report compiled after a survey was conducted by the council recently. A director for community services, Mr J J Pienaar, and town clerk, Mr Solly Rammala, signed the report and recommended that it be noted for information at the meeting.

HOSTEL MEN GET REPRIEVE



wane Pooe and Phindilwe Pete were among the many happy kids e Central Western Jabavu creche at the weekend.

THE Tembisa administrators have shelved their plans to evict more than 12 000 hostel inmates presently staying in four-roomed houses.

The men had been ordered to vacate the temporary hostels to make way for homeless families.

The 12 090 men — mostly migrant labourers — staying in 1 209 houses in Temong, Ethafeni, Vusimuzi and Ehlanzeni sections were given four weeks to vacate the houses and look for their own alternative accommodation

Officials change mind

The decision to evict the men was taken by the township's six administrators at a meeting held two months ago.

They were to have moved out of the houses last month.

Mr Solomon Boas More, the chairman of the administrators, told the *Sowetan* that they had decided to shelve the plan indefinitely.

He said: "We have decided on raising fund to build proper hostels in the township to accommodate the men. We felt it was inhuman to evict the men without giving them alternative accommodation".

Mr More said if all goes according to plan the hostels would be ready by the end of 1987.

Residents jailed for not paying rent...

FOCUS

By THEMBA MOLEFE

Thirty minutes after midnight on October 8 Mrs Margaret Rabotapı and her daughter are awakened by loud knocks They are told to get dressed because they are being arrested

"I have never been arrested before," Mrs Rabotapı says ın an affidavıt she made to a Johannesburg attorney

She and 86 other Evaton residents are claiming compensation of R2 500 each from the town council for unlawful arrest

In her statement Mrs Rabotapı says the police arrived at her house at 12 30 on the night of October 8 They kicked and banged at her door before ordering her and her daughter, Elizabeth, to get dressed because they were being arrested

Mrs Rabotapı says that at the council's offices she was locked ınside a small dressingroom with four other women and 10 men

Her statement reads "The floor of the room was unswept The women sat on blankets and the men stood because the room was small — about two metres by three

"The police were playing cards ın the next room It was cold and uncomfortable "

She says at about 8am the "prisoners" were escorted to another office where they were called individually to explain to a black official the reasons for not paying rent

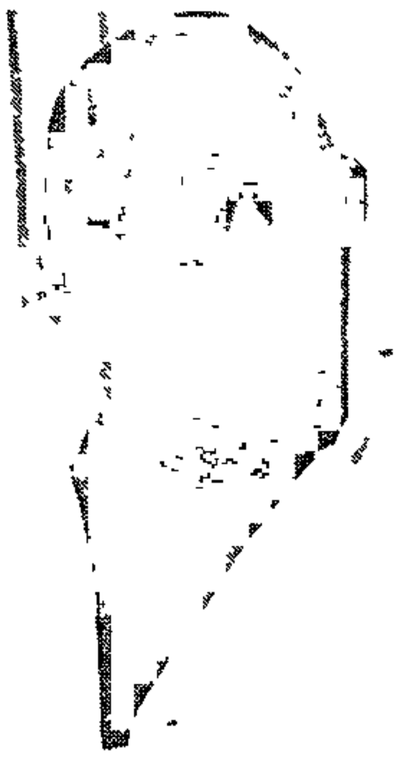
"I explained that the rent office had been burnt down and that I was scared to pay The official asked if I was working, how much I earned and made me sign a form pledging payment"

She was told to pay monthly instalments of R46 to cover arrears dating back to 1984

Mrs Rabotapı is one of the thousands of residents ın six Vaal townships who have not been paying rent since September 1984 in protest against rent increases

She is also among the recent victims of the authorities' latest measures against defaulters

Meanwhile, as the rent boycott spreads to more townships around the country, the authorities resort to stringent methods to break it



Mr ROYMAN Motsemme (74)... weekend in jail.

Owes

In Tumahole, Parys, where residents also started a boycott in 1984, 30 residents, mostly pensioners, have already spent weekends in prison for not paying rent

One is Mr Royman Motsemme, a 74-year-old semi-blind pensioner He has been sentenced to 800 hours' imprisonment, an equivalent of about 34 days, by a Parys magistrate

Mr Motsemme, who says he does not know how much he owes the Tumahole Village Council, served one weekend at the Parys Prison in September

Mr Motsemme says he decided not to pay because all Tumahole residents were not doing so

The 30 Tumahole residents say they have not returned to the prison and have consulted lawyers No action has been taken against them by the authorities

Meanwhile, lawyers are questioning the legality of action taken by local authorities against boycotting residents

A Johannesburg attorney says "The Lekoa Town Council has ordered the arrest and eviction of thousands of residents in the Vaal"

He points out that so far 35 families in the Vaal have been evicted Eight of these families were reinstated in their homes by a decision of the Rand Supreme Court following litigation

All 30 families evicted in Tumahole have been reinstated in their houses by a Supreme Court decision says the lawyer

Court

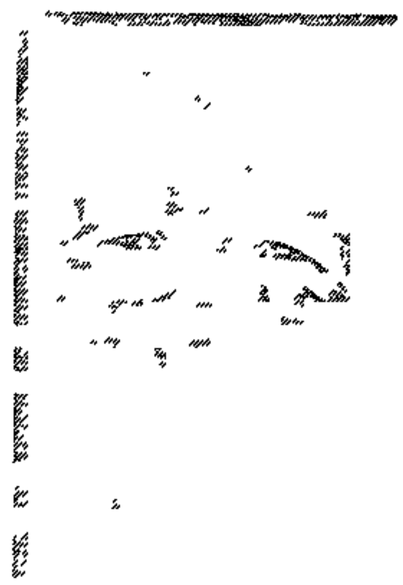
Cases of the remaining evicted residents in the Vaal will be heard in the Rand Supreme Court on Thursday

The Lekoa Town Council is opposing the residents' action and will also be represented at the hearing

Among the seven families evicted by the council on September 9 in Boipatong is that of Mr Marcus Matlhare, chairman of the Vaal Civic Association

He lives with his wife in a shack in his yard His children stay with relatives and neighbours

Mr Matlhare says he is now used to living in unpleasant conditions and will endure the inconvenience until his case and those of the



Mr MARCUS Matlhare . evicted

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other families have been heard

The attorney says that apart from examining the strategies used by the authorities to pressurise residents to pay, the courts will also rule on whether it is legal that residents should pay rent.

He says that a number of families have been put back in their houses because of decisions of the Rand Supreme Court and the Bloemfontein Supreme Court

The Lekoa Town Council, which earlier during the boycott got employers to deduct rent money by stop order from workers' pay, was stopped by court action

A LAWYER WARNS

25/11/82

AN attorney says that evictions, the cutting of the electricity supply, arrests and summonses to court are strategies that the authorities use to force residents to pay The authorities themselves are aware that these strategies fail but they apply them regardlessly

"For example, the authorities know that they cannot evict all residents but they eject a few families in an effort to test the response of the community

"These evictions are carried out in terms of Section 65 of the Housing Act which provides for eviction without the need for a court order," says the lawyer

He says four families in Jabulani, Soweto, have challenged this action in court The Rand Supreme Court still has to decide on the matter and that decision will determine residents' rights

He also expressed fear that from next year residents might feel the might of the authorities, who could render legal in[illegible] invalid. This is because lawyers are expecting new legislation to replace or change the Housing Act

"If this law is changed the rent issue might affect lawyers and residents' rights to seek court intervention "

He says that residents do want to pay rent but want to know why they are forking out high amounts every month

He says blacks are paying higher rent than whites despite poor services in the townships Whites get better services because they are being subsidised by rates and taxes levied on business property

He argues that for the last 50 years revenue in white areas has been generated by blacks

"There is no revenue base in black areas and for a long time no new industries have been developed "

The lawyer suggests that to resolve the rent issue authorities should stop levying rents and should hand over houses to residents who have occupied them for at least 10 years

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Services

"These residents should then be charged only for essential services like water and electricity Otherwise the authorities are trying to squeeze blood from a stone if they expect residents to pay arrears amounting to about R2 000 a family, in the case of the Vaal," the lawyer says.



TWO-YEAR-OLD Mandlenkosi Sithole could not hold back his tears yesterday after the Soweto City Council policemen had pulled down his parents' shack.
Pic MBUZENI ZULU

SHACKS RAZED

Mshenguville squatter camp flattened

MORE than 100 tin shacks built a week ago at the controversial Mshenguville squatter camp in Mofolo Central were yesterday demolished by the Soweto City Council.

By NKOPANE MAKOBANE

The demolition was carried out by scores of armed municipal police assisted by members of the South African Police and the South African Defence Force

Mr Julius Mdlalose, chairman of the council's housing committee, said yesterday he was not aware that shacks had been demolished

He said, however, that officials had been given power by the council to pull down any new structures going up in the township

"There is no need for people to erect shacks at unauthorised places We have installed services in Tladi and Dlamini where people can put up "emergency camps" while waiting for permanent houses We appeal to people to come to us and stop

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creating hardship for themselves," he said

Mr Nico Malan, the council's town clerk, could yesterday not be reached for comment But last Thursday, Mr Malan warned people erecting shacks at the camp to stop immediately He also warned those who had already put up new shacks to pull them down

Mr Malan said at the time "We cannot allow people to do as they please and take the law into their own hands Shacks are creating a health hazard in the area to the detriment of the permanent residents There are no water and toilet facilities for these people at the camp and this has led to complaints from residents in the vicinity "

During the demolition operation, youths in the area had clashes with the police The youths threw petrol bombs and other missiles at police vehicles and police fired tearsmoke canisters to disperse them. Some people were arrested in the process

The Bureau for Information yesterday confirmed that incidents took place in Mofolo The bureau added, at the time of going to press, that no other details were available due to security forces still being on the scene and not yet being able to send through reports

Father-of-four, councillor dispute rights to house

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By Mudini Maivha

A Soweto father of four says he was released from prison in October to find his house sold to a councillor's girlfriend and his children evicted

Mr Nathaniel Mokoena (42) says he has now been told by the councillor he must buy the house for R20 000.

The house, No 310, Moroka North, was taken over by councillor Mr Z H Madikane's friend, Miss Miss Joyce Hlongwa.

Mr Madikane confirmed he transferred the house, but said this was after he found that three families were occupying it illegally and that Mr Mokoena'a children were not staying there

Soweto Town Clerk Mr Nico Malan said the transfer was made by the Housing Committee



Mr Mokoena and his four children are desperate to get their house back From left, they are Theodora, Maureen, Cynthia and Portia

When he was sentenced for possession of stolen property in 1982, he arranged with the township manager that his children would stay with a guardian, because their mother had died. Rent would be paid

The National Institute for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of Offenders (Nicro) handled his affairs and no rent was owed

"On my release I found Mr Madikane and his Miss Hlongwa occupying my house My children and caretaker had been ejected, and the house was registered in Miss Hlongwa's name," said Mr Mokoena

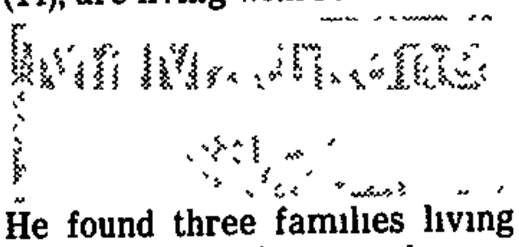
He appealed to the Soweto City Council on October 22 for the house to be returned

It was agreed between Mr Mokoena, Miss Hlongwa, Mr Madikane and the council that Mr Mokoena be given the house if he refunded Miss Hlongwa for renovations Mr Madikane would provide proof of expenditure on October 29, when arrangements for payment would be made and Mr Mokoena would be given the keys On this day Mr Madikane could not show proof of expenditure.

Mr Mokoena said there was disagreement among councillors over whether the house had been bought or was rented.

When Mr Mokoena again went to collect the keys on October 30, he was introduced to an estate agent who demanded R33 000 for the purchase of the house Mr Madikane reduced this to R20 000 Mr Mokoena said he would negotiate with a bank and consult his lawyer

He approached the Soweto Civic Association and the Legal Resources Centre on the matter In the meantime, he and his children, Cynthia (18), Maureen (17), Portia (15) and Theodora (14), are living with relatives



He found three families living illegally in the house and quarrelling among each other

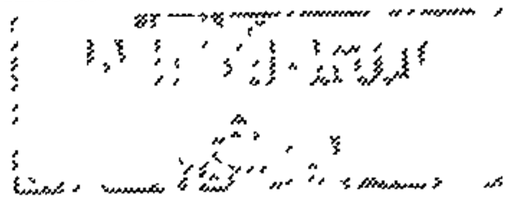
"Mokoena's children were not in the house They were staying somewhere in Diepkloof I first saw two of them when a social worker came to me after I had ejected the three families and asked me why had I ejected the children," said Mr Madikane

After evicting the families, he applied section 74 of the Township Regulations which states that if a house is vacant for 30 days, it can be allocated to another family

"I transferred the tenancy to Joyce Mokoena should understand we are being sympathetic towards him by giving him first preference in the sale of the house There are people prepared to pay more money for that house He has agreed to pay R20 000, which he himself offered, and we are still waiting on him," said Mr Madikane

The council had "absolved" itself from the matter after agreement had been reached over payment for improvements

It had been agreed the council would evaluate the improvements



According to information in the council's file on the house, the Housing Committee allocated the house to Miss Hlangwa according to procedures laid down by the council Mr Madikane is not a member of the committee

Mr Malan said he could not argue on the merits of the allocation

Asked how it was possible for a resident with a house, and who had a relationship with a councillor, to be given preference to thousands of others on the waiting list, Mr Malan said "The Housing Committee considers a number of factors in allocating a vacant house" Among these were

- How long an applicant had been on the waiting list
- Whether the applicant was a registered tenant If he was and had a big family in a small dwelling, he could be allocated a larger house

Mr Mokoena's home had been occupied by "illegals" while Mr Mokoena's children were staying at house No 6428 A, Zone 4, Diepkloof The house became vacant on April 9 1985, and this was confirmed by an inspection conducted by the council.

Miss Hlongwa applied for the house on April 10, and was allocated it She bought it on August 1 1986

"Miss Hlongwa apparently wanted to buy the house when she applied for it because the one she was occupying in Jabavu was semi-detached When the Appeals Committee agreed that she be paid by Mr Mokoena for improvements, it apppears that at this stage the committee was not aware Miss Hlongwa had bought the house," said Mr Malan

He emphasised that Mr Madikane had no power to allocate the house, and according to the information he had, Mr Madikane had taken no part in the allocation He could not say how Miss Hlongwa became aware the house was vacant a day after the tenant was said to have absconded

SOWETAN, Friday, November 28, 1986

FOUNDATION AND COUNCIL CLASH

A ROW is looming between the Thokoza Town Council and the Family Housing Association over the provision of houses for 400 low-income group families in the area.

By MZIKAYISE EDOM

While the council is insisting that the FHA, a subsidiary of the Urban Foundation, should build the houses for the families, the association says the families will have to build their own houses

The families paid between R9 500 and R19 500 for sites to build houses ranging from two to six rooms

There are 200 families who are occupying the sites The families are paying between R86 to R182 per month for the sites

Most of the families interviewed by the *Sowetan* said because of the acute shortage of houses in black townships they had no alternative but to buy the sites despite the "exorbitant prices"

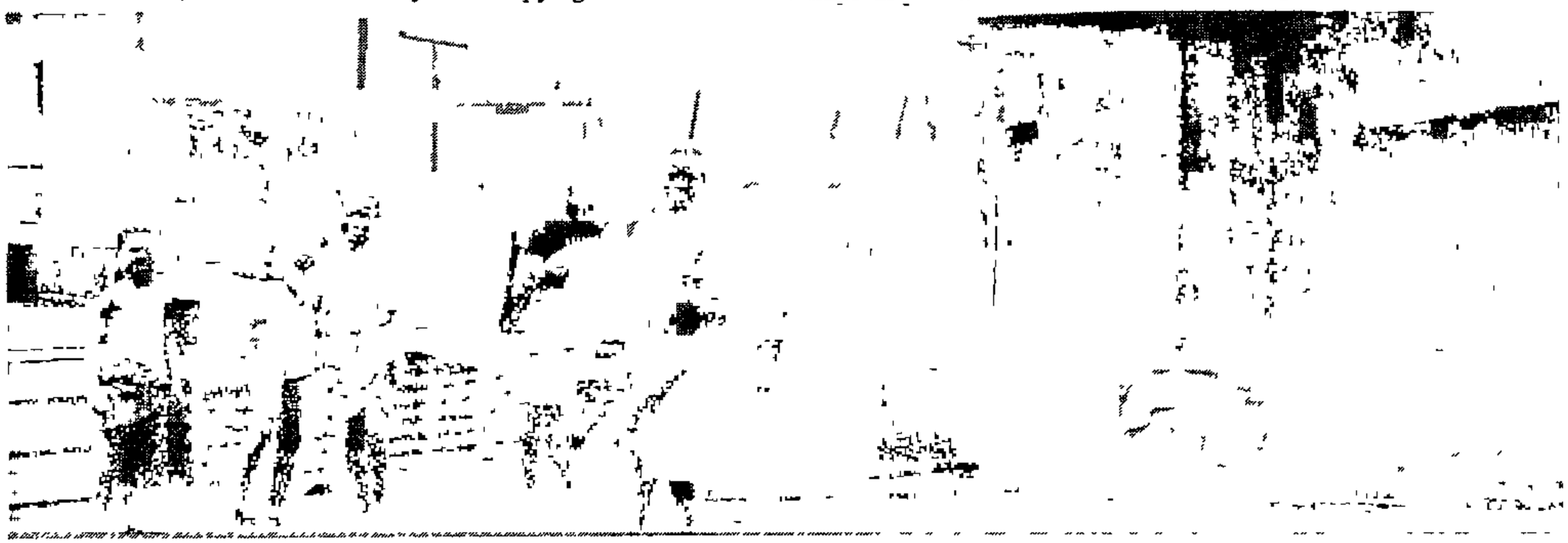
Mr Matthew Nell, the general manager of FHA said according to their agreement with the families the association only provides serviced sites and material to build the houses and that each family will have to build its own house

But Doris Thinane, the Thokoza town clerk, said "We cannot allow a squatter camp in the township

The association is supposed to provide the families with houses and not give them sites whereby the families have to erect shacks while waiting for the association to provide them with material to build the houses "

Mrs Thinane said she was unhappy about the FHA's scheme that the families should build their own houses "How can they pay so much money and be expected to build their own houses? These people are in the low-income group and they cannot afford so many expenses", said Mrs Thinane.

Mr Nell said "This is a self-help housing scheme We provide the families with infra-structure which includes domestic water supply, waterborne sewerage, graded roads and storm-water drainage We also organise loans and provide building material for the families "



SOME of the shacks of the families at the controversial self-help housing scheme area in Thokoza.

Pretoria rejects plan to build Norweto township

PRETORIA — The Pretoria City Council has rejected the proposed construction of a new black township, Norweto, to the south-west of the city

This followed after the council was told at its monthly meeting yesterday that Pretorians were to pay the most for services in the controversial black township

The council decided to inform the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning it "objected in the strongest terms" to the siting of the township

It resolved to ask the department to reconsider the proposed guide plan for the Central Witwatersrand — which includes Norweto — and to include representatives from neighbouring guide plan areas in its deliberations

The council's resolution, which was unanimously approved, came after the Verwoerdburg town council, which will be nearest the proposed township, agreed to the proposals on Tuesday.

The Verwoerdburg council said it recognised the desperate need for black housing and therefore could not oppose the proposed new township

In a report to the city council here, Pretoria's director of town planning and architecture, Mr Fritz Kraehmer, pointed out Norweto would be situated within the Pretoria magisterial district and within the boundaries of the proposed regional services council for the Pretoria area

Norweto would be 26 km from Church Square here, measured along existing roads — and 36 km from the Johannesburg station

The city engineer, Mr Charl Durand, and the city electrical engineer, Mr Charles Anderson, said the regional services council may ask Pretoria — as the core city in its area —to provide bulk services to Norweto

The Progressive Federal Party leader in the council, Mr Tertius Spies, said the PFP supported the council's resolution, as the party was opposed to the creation of further black townships

True freedom of association should be allowed, with people living where they wished, he said, — Sapa

A light at the end of the tunnel for Soweto builders

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THE year 1986 has been like "a light at the end of the tunnel" for the struggling Soweto Building Contractors Association (SBCA).

An economic light that gave the SBCA R300 000 as bridging finance to encourage the members and stimulate the building of urgently needed houses

MANDLA NDLAZI

The money came from the ABM SA Projects fund, which started a revolving loan scheme, that is administered by the African Bank. The scheme enables entrepreneurs with building skills to borrow up to R16 000 over three months at an interest rate of 1 percent per month.

Project

The light became even stronger when the Small Business Development Corporation made available R20 000 for each member to start a project. After this amount, the "sky is the limit", as each member is entitled to R100 000

The SBCA chairman, Mr Victor Selane, said the financial battles of the past years made the residents and authorities look down upon the association's members as second rate and untrustworthy builders

"With the type of finance now available to us," said Mr Selane, "we are able to buy the necessary building material and complete our projects in the stipulated time"

He said the SBCA started negotiating seriously for funds with the big companies and in February, the association began to see the light for the first time when they received a total of R300 000 as bridging finance from the IBM SA Projects Fund.

The association's members are now able to borrow up to R16 000 over three months at an interest rate of 1 percent per month.

The SBCA has since March, been able to grant loans to its members.

Nine such loans have already been fully settled and nine others partly

Mr Selane said from these loans, six houses have been built and nine alterations and extentions have been effected

"Some builders have even taken their second or third loans, proof that the scheme was revolving well," said Mr Selane adding, "the quicker the repayments are made, the easier it is for others to obtain loans."

Mr Selane says it seemed the days when the black builder was faced with difficulty of establishing credit facilities are fast fading away

Financial institutions require borrowers to prove satisfactory collateral before they lend money, and all too often black builders were unable to furnish suitable security, said Mr Selane

Mr Selane said the SBCA has seemingly broken free from the financial chains that had to some greater extent slowed down their progress.

But his association was still faced with the "red tape" difficulties in getting sites to develop He alleged that the local authorities like the Soweto City Council still favoured white building contractors in this case

He said his association was now in a position to match the white building contractors, if given a chance. "Now that we have the finance, we have the very labour, our brothers that are hired by the white contractors," said Mr Selane.

Mr Selane said his association had the skilled bricklayers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians," you name it, these are people we have who have been starved in the past."

Building

He said that in conjunction with the Perm Building Society, his association was building houses in Naledi Extension 2 This was another breakthrough for his association, he said

He said his association was formed in 1982 and it was like a giant trying to break free from the economic, social and political chains

"We have 70 different contractors, each employing a minimum of seven people who could not work effectively because of red tape politics and the maladministration of the townships by the present councils," said Mr Selane. "Now this is changing," he said

NORWETO

City-state in the making?

The fight to scuttle Norweto is far from over As prime mover of the new north-rand city for 250 000 which nobody seems to want, the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has already felt the wrath of residents and conservationists who feel it is ill-conceived and badly planned

But now the department is to be confronted with a new and professionally motivated report which could well kill the Norweto plan once and for all There are fears, however, that Pretoria has more in mind than just another black residential development Sources close to government believe it is slated to become the city-state for detribalised blacks of which the State President has spoken

The bulky new document has been prepared by the Greenbelt Action Group, a body of angry landowners who bought in the area because they were assured there would be no more urbanisation

They learnt of Comdev's proposal to establish Norweto when the Draft Guide Plan for the Central Witwatersrand was published some months ago

Input for the new study has come from several disciplines, perhaps the most incisive by town planner Fanie Haacke of Haacke Belling Mostert

Haacke claims there has been a 30%-50% drop in property values in the general area north of Sandton since publication of the plan which, he adds, is shot through with discrepancies and oversights For example

☐ Over 12 years, government has consistently given reasons why the area should not be urbanised but retained as a greenbelt and as a catchment for the Hartbeespoort Dam This official view has been published in *Proposals for a Guide Plan for the PWV Complex 1974, Aangepaste Voorstelle vir 'n Gidsplan vir die PWV Kompleks 1975, A Spatial Development Strategy for the PWV Complex 1981, The Greater Pretoria Guide Plan 1984*, and the White Paper on Urbanisation 1986 Comdev ignored all this when it compiled the draft guide plan,

☐ The guide plan identifies the Diepkloof Nature Reserve as "an important future recreation area" around which Norweto will be planned But the "nature reserve" is actually the Johannesburg north-western sewage site used for waste disposal, intensive irrigation and cattle farming In no way can it serve as a recreational area,

☐ The existing transport system is totally inadequate and new roads will have to be built at great cost Sats will not be able to provide a rail service because of the nature of the terrain,

☐ There will be virtually no work for the residents of the new city because government is persisting with its policy of restricting industrial development on the Witwatersrand As it is, jobs for blacks on the central Witwatersrand and in Midrand are already filled from other residential areas,



Greenbelt's Haacke ... putting the needle into Norweto

☐ Being on higher ground, Norweto poses a security risk to Lanseria Airport,

☐ Mysteriously, 5 000 ha has been set aside for supplying building materials for the new undertaking — 100 times the amount needed,

☐ The guide plan, while dealing comprehensively with the rest of the central Witwatersrand, omits the whole of the Jukskei, Hennops, and Crocodile River drainage area (where Comdev intends to build Norweto), in its sections on regional open spaces, urbanisation and recreational areas on the Witwatersrand This, according to the Haacke report, blatantly ignores instructions, and

☐ The Norweto plan does not tie in with the Pretoria guide plan which is contiguous

The upshot, according to the Haacke report, is that government has gone back on its stated plans for the area This, he says, will create total distrust of similar government development planning in future and "brings the integrity and value of all guide plans into question"

In an interview, Haacke stresses that the opposition to Norweto is founded on fact not racialism He says there are many more suitable sites between Brits and Bronkhorstspruit for a black city There are other alternatives which should be examined in the light of the possible scrapping of the Group Areas Act ■

MARITZBURG MALL

Treading softly

Despite the undoubted success of pedestrian malls in South African retailing, there is still no shortage of knockers prepared to badmouth them

Maritzburg is expecting similar criticism now that its longstanding plans to pedestrianise portions of Church and Longmarket streets have resurfaced

Even though the proposals, drawn up as part of a long-range strategic plan for the

HAPPY HARVEST

There is no shortage of pundits ready to knock the property potential of Port Elizabeth With justification, it seems labour problems, consumer boycotts and the exodus of major motor manufacturers have done little to engender outside confidence in the one-time "Detroit of southern Africa"

Yet amid all the gloom and doom, developer Rapp & Maister (R & M) has found little to complain about at its part-owned Greenacres shopping and office complex, the largest of its kind in the PE area

In fact, says R & M, the property arm of Liberty Life, the Greenacres story shows that, whatever the climate, the right product will attract tenants

For example, its 2 200 m² Greenacres Office Tower, which was completed recently, is already fully let Built for R2,25m above the fully let Greenacres shopping centre, it is already proving a good investment

SAA has taken the last 382 m² to fill the office tower Other office tenants include Colonial Mutual, computer company IDEC, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Water Affairs

David Golembo, R & M's leasing executive director, tells the *FM* that space in the office tower went at about R12/m² and at R25/m²-R30/m² in the retail element

He says the shopping centre is a draw because it is performing The average turnover of shops in the centre is significantly up on the national average In the second quarter of this year turnover was about 20% ahead of the equivalent quarter last year

central area, have the broad support of most private sector interest groups, CBD Association chairman Rupert King expects them to be controversial

"Traders," he observes, "are afraid of change," and adds that it is likely to take a "major educational programme" before they are won over

Still, those who persist in seeing pedestrian malls as inimical to their interests have no immediate cause to feel threatened The proposals have yet to go before the council And, even if they are approved, traders themselves are expected to be fully consulted

Centenary plan

Initially the plan was to pedestrianise only a tiny portion of Church and Longmarket streets and have the changes in place in time for Maritzburg's 150th anniversary in 1988.

However, city engineer Graham Atkinson says the scale of the latest proposals means that "nothing much can be expected to happen before 1988 " The revised plan calls for malls running between Chapel Street and Commercial Road — virtually the full length of the CBD's two main trading precincts

Among the other proposals made in the guide plan were that Maritzburg's inner-city lane system, already well developed with Church Square as its focus, should be extended to link the city with nearby Alexander Park

And, in what amounted to the kiss of death for decentralised shopping centres, the planners took the decision actively to discourage the development of out-of-town centres and concentrate commercial activity at the core

"The Maritzburg market," the planners argued, "is largely captive Therefore it is necessary to attract people from further afield to increase the volume of trade and ensure the viability of the central area "

The powerful group charged with defining Maritzburg's long-term development policy seems to hold the whip hand Not only are there few large commercial-zoned sites on the periphery, but any application for rezoning would have to go through council and the province ■

DURBAN

Office outlook bright

Durban will lead the office market recovery by becoming the first major South African city to obtain balance in supply and demand That was part of the message from Anglo American Property Services (Ampros) MD Gerald Leissner to the *FM* investment conference in Johannesburg last week

Here's how he sees the national picture

The Durban office vacancy factor at present is about 11% and the annual take-up rate is 20 000 m²-30 000 m² Only small amounts of new space are expected to come on stream, and equilibrium should be reached in 1988 Rent levels, however, will remain low at R10/m²-R12/m² net

Cape Town is in the worst position The vacancy factor is 14% (120 000 m² vacant) and net rentals for fine buildings in the city are at R8/m²-R10/m² Although very little new accommodation will come on stream, rent levels are expected to increase only by 1990-1991 unless there is a sharp rise in economic activity

New developments

The vacancy factor in Johannesburg is 6%, but because of the higher number of new developments planned, supply-demand is expected to reach balance only in 1989-1990 In Johannesburg over the past three years, decentralised rent levels at R13/m²-R15/m² net have been higher than CBD rents of R12/m²-R13/m²

Government will come to the aid of Pretoria (yet again) and is expected to take up the 10% or 130 000 m² of vacant space in the next two to three years Current rent levels for new accommodation are R10/m²-R12/m² net

☐ Leissner's full investment conference speech appears with the others in a special survey in the *FM* this week ■

DURBAN CBD

Catching the bus

Today there's probably more truth than ever in the old saying that you could fire a cannon down Durban's main street without hitting anyone What it means is that the Durban CBD, though among the last to feel the effects, is suffering growing discomfort from the retail competition in the suburbs

The pain could be short lived, however, if a far-sighted city council plan to bring people back to the city by establishing a major downtown bus terminus comes to fruition.

Such a terminus near the old station site in Soldiers' Way has been talked about as an element in replanning the Centrum site for years But now planners, who are actively punting the scheme, see it becoming a reality some time towards the end of next year

Most obvious beneficiaries will be the traders who would enjoy the benefit of thousands of commuters filtering directly into the CBD from the bus ranks each day

But though the throng of new consumers could provide a welcome boost to struggling CBD retailers' turnovers, Durban's chief town planner Garth Williamson says this was not the prime motivation

Traditionally, Durban's mainly black and Asiatic bus commuters have alighted at termini in Warwick Avenue, Victoria Street and Lorne Street to the west of the city centre, whence they had to make their way to work Once the Soldiers' Way facility is open there will be major termini both to the west

GUIDELINES

Sanlam Properties (SP) has breathed some life into the Port Elizabeth industrial market with the purchase of a factory-cum-office block for R2,6m

This acquisition, negotiated by Dan Meyer of Landkor, pushes the value of Sanlam's property portfolio in PE to more than R18m.

The 14 029 m² Korsten site, on the corner of Kay and Dudley streets, was bought from P & P Properties (Pty) and boasts a 7 700 m² factory and a modern, air-conditioned 700 m² office block

SP will take over Kohler's current 10-year lease which runs until 1995

DCF's Rose Michaels has leased two properties at 44 Richard Street, Selby, to government The capitalised value is estimated at more than R600 000

Both leases are for five years and escalate at 9% a year with five-year renewal options in both cases The first lease, for 364 m², is at R8/m² and the second, 740 m², is at R8,20/m²

The Board of Executors (BOE) has bought a prime Maritzburg property — Nedbank Plaza in Durban Road — on behalf of a property syndicate made up of clients Price paid for the 12-storey building with 78 flats, single-level retail mall and parking for 310 cars was R6,6m.

Apart from Nedbank, tenants include Checkers, two building societies, a service station and a number of chains Initial yield is estimated at 12,5% with good annual appreciation anticipated The sale was negotiated by Acutts, C G Peet & Co who retain the management of the building

Pace Property Group's Cecil Bass and Eddie Davidson have clinched two interrelated deals They sold the Exactachem property in Bowling Avenue, Kramerville, to Jasco for R770 000 Jasco will use it to house subsidiary Pasco Greenpar

Bass and Davidson also negotiated a lease over the 3 500 m² of offices and warehousing in the old Field Industries Building in Spartan Crescent, Eastgate Extension 3, to Exactachem for six years and four months at R4/m², escalating at 9% a year

Accountancy firm Coopers and Lybrand (C & L), which already occupies five floors in Annuity House, Rissik Street, Johannesburg, has leased another 1 245 m² in the same building in a deal negotiated by Richard Ellis' Stanley Arenson

Arenson won't disclose rental, but the market sets the figure at around R12,50/m². Word is that C & L — which already occupies 75% of the building — will seek naming rights.

Soweto housing post: no formal appointment yet

By Shirley Woodgate,
Municipal Reporter

Soweto's new diretor of housing, Free State-born Miss Estelle Bester, considers herself a "magogo", which she translates as a woman who has reached maturity and who could already have grandchildren

She is the new incumbent of the Soweto hotspot vacated by Mrs Del Kevan after her home was blasted by a limpet mine in September

But although Miss Bester has been given the R43 446 job, by this morning she had not received formal notice of the appointment from her new employers, the Soweto Town Council

Today she was up to her eyes in work as special assistant to Mr Japie Kitshoff, chairman of the Johannesburg City Council Staff Board, and she was reluctant to talk to The Star until everything had gone through the correct channels

But she admitted that she was aware of the full implications of the new post, and said "Nobody forced me to apply for the position, that speaks for itself"

She said she had acquired an imtimate knowledge of the culture and development of the black people, spoke South Sotho, and had a working knowledge of the other Sotho language and Zulu.

Her career goes back some 26 years to when she left the University of Pretoria with an MA in social science Since then she has worked for the Johannesburg City Council.

According to the minutes of the Soweto council meeting last month, she is expected to start her new job in January

New Mamelodi housing scheme

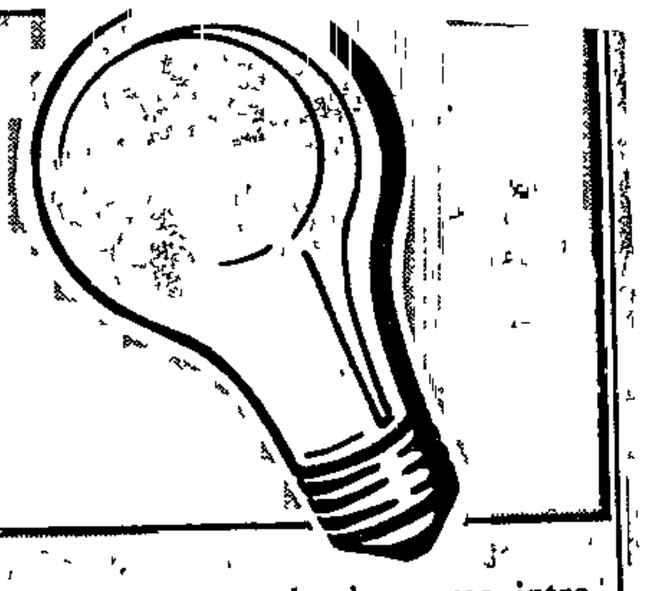
A R25-m project to ease the housing shortage in Mamelodi was announced this week.

The project was announced by Mr Zikhali Ndlazi, a local mayor, at a Press conference He said the project was to establish the new Moretele River View as part of what could be achieved through co-operation with the private sector

"With the country facing a shortage of about 500 000 houses for blacks, the situation will worsen if the Government does not get involved in projects aimed at eliminating the backlog in black housing," said Mr Ndlazi

He announced that 978 houses are to be built and construction work would start during March next year The erection of houses in the area is expected to last for 12 months The houses are for middle and low income groups

Big switch off



By SELLO SERIPE

THE Katlehong Residents' Committee this week snubbed the local town council – saying that the mayor did not consult residents when he acquired the R52-million loan to electrify the township and "we want to know who is going to foot this massive bill"

Mayor Thami Siluma said earlier during the week that the money, borrowed from the government and which is interest-free, would be used to electrify the houses and "after receiving these long awaited facilities, residents would be expected to pay them".

The KRC also demanded that the council scrap the R7,50 Electricity Master Plan Levy introduced in 1980 because the council had promised residents that the levy would be paid for a year.

"When the levy was introduced, the then Advisory Board, replaced by the present town council, promised that the R1 levy would be paid for a year to accumulate funds to electrify our houses

"Instead, the amount increased yearly until it reached R7,50 but still we are without electricity.

"We therefore demand that the levy be scrapped and the money accumulated during that six-year period be used to electrify our houses," said the KRC spokesman.

The spokesman said that since the levy was introduced, very little has been done to improve the township and residents view the continual paying of the levy as an act of betrayal because they were told the levy would last for a year

"Lastly, we would like Siluma to tell us what happened to our hard-earned money we paid as levy since 1980"

Siluma was at a meeting when *City Press* tried to contact him The following day he was said to have left for Ciskei.

The town clerk said that he was not aware that the community was not consulted when the loan was acquired and said it was the duty of the councillors to inform the public of whatever steps were undertaken that would bind the community

COUNCIL TO CUT POWER

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By LANGA SKOSANA

THE Soweto Council has evicted four residents in Jabulani township for failure to pay rent and is cutting the electricity supply to many homes where tenants are in arrears with their payments.

This was confirmed yesterday by the council's town clerk, Mr Nico Malan

He said his council cut power from many homes in Dlamini and Senaoane Townships last month and only restored it after residents had paid up

Because of these cuts and the inconvenience they caused, some residents have come to realise that they could not continue using a service they were not paying for, said Mr Malan.

He warned that if the Rand Water Board, which sells water to Soweto, decided to withold supplying the area, residents would experience similar cuts

Comparing rent payment and electricity and water tariff payments, Mr Malan said most people were paying their water and electricity bills, and the rent turnover for November was 50 percent better than the previous month.

The continuing rent boycott, he said, had forced the council to evict four people in Jabulani township and serve 93 summonses on others who were not paying up

He said 17 Jabulani residents decided to oppose the council's summonses in court and their cases were pending

The four families that were evicted, he said were in arrears with amounts ranging between R300 and R500 and the council had acted responsibly in ejecting them

Before the council evicts anyone, he said, it took into account a person's personal circumstances and the threats and intimidations from people enforcing the rent boycott

"We can't ignore threats or intimidation because we realise that a lot of people are prepared to pay," he said

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Final decision on Soweto rent soon

BUSDAY

SOPHIE TEMA

A FINAL decision on the rent issue and the sale of houses in Soweto will be taken by the township's City Council in January.

Newly-elected mayor Nelson Botile said the decision will be taken at the council's first monthly meeting then.

He said "A memorandum drawn up by Orlando East's Ward One residents has prompted the decision to be taken, and will affect the entire Soweto"

The memorandum asks the Soweto City Council to reduce rents of Orlando East residents by 50% and also asks that pensioners not pay more than one third of their pension.

The memorandum further states that

☐ Residents in Orlando East — one of the first townships built in Soweto in 1932 have paid off their housing loans;

☐ Because Orlando East houses are old and not maintained by the council, they should be sold at R300 for three-roomed dwellings and R200 for two-roomed homes;

☐ All streets be tarred and paved,

☐ All yards be fenced,☐ Residents in Orlando East be exempted from paying availability charges as their houses were wired long before the upgrading of electricity in Soweto;

☐ The feeder road from Diepkloof passing through Orlando East to the Klipriver freeway be expanded

Government recently announced that draft legislation on ways to expedite the collection of rent and service charges in the face of widespread rent boycotts will be presented to a standing committee of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning early next year.

Homeless police families move into new quarters

JOHANNESBURG — The Minister of Law and Order, Mr Adriaan Vlok, said today South Africa should be proud of its black policemen.

Because of the unrest, thay had been "driven out of their houses by the country's enemies and had to settle elsewhere"

Mr Vlok was speaking at Diepkloof in Soweto where black policemen and their families who lost their houses in the unrest had moved into the new 26 married quarters.

He opened a similar complex of 86 units at Leeukop near Johannesburg and single quarters at George Goch

The policemen's families have been living in tents since their houses were destroyed in unrest

The 86 families, orginally from Soweto and Alexandra, were visited by the Minister at the new sites situated outside the townships.

Mr Vlok said the police were welcome in the townships and were there to protect residents.

However, the standard of housing in Alexandra needed to be upgraded and police would move back into the township once this had been accomplished.

Mr Vlok thanked the families for their patience during their stay in tents

The cost of the new homes was met by the government — Sapa.

Seven days grace for Soweto rent boycotters

THE Soweto Council has extended the deadline for evictions over rent boycotts by another seven days after a fierce confrontation this week with residents of Naledi Extension Two.

And yesterday, in a decision described by the Soweto Civic Association as a victory, a Rand Supreme Court judge granted a final order restraining the Soweto Council from entering upon and taking possession of the house of Orlando

By SEFAKO NYAKA

East resident Paulina Mathibela.

The order was granted by consent after the Council's lawyers unexpectedly withdrew from contesting Mathibela's position that her eviction notice did not comply with the Housing Act.

Lawyers acting for the Soweto Civic Association said the case should be seen as a victory for thousands of residents who have been issued with similar eviction notices by the Soweto Council.

Early on Wednesday, fighting broke out between residents, youths and Soweto Council police after early morning house-to-house raids by council police on rent defaulters in Naledi Extension Two.

Residents then banded together and marched on the council chambers in Jabulani, about five km away.

At the council offices, councillors who tried to address the marchers were booed down, but one councillor was overheard saying the eviction order did not come from the council.

The Bureau of Information said: "Soweto Council Police visited residents in arrears with their rents and warned them they risked eviction if they failed to pay their rent."

The bureau said Security Forces, after warnings were issued, dispersed about 500 people in Soweto with teargas because they were holding an "illegal gathering aimed at intimidating people not to pay rent".

The Tembisa and Dobsonville councils have also taken a firm stand.

Tembisa town clerk, PL Harmse, said: "The Tembisa Council will not tolerate non-payment of rent and will do all in its power to see that this is paid, even if it means getting the whole SA Defence Force to Tembisa."