SWEETMAKING INDUSTRY, CAPE

Parties — Employer Organisation: The Western Cape Sweet Manufacturers' Association
Trade Union: The Western Province Sweet Workers' Union.

Area — Magisterial Districts of The Cape, Wynberg, Goodwood, Bellville, Stellenbosch*, Kuils River* and Somerset West*.

Footnotes Sweetmaking Industry - Cape

1. Assistant Foreman, Foreman, General Worker Wages differentiated on basis of sex until March 1979 amendment.
2. Boiler Attd Until 1974 Agreement wage differentiated according to type of Boiler.
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4. General Worker Originally this category was called Grade III 1974 agreement changed title to Labourer. 1979 amendment divide this category into general worker and grade III employee.
5. Grade I Qualification period reduced from 18 months to 9 months from March 1979 amendment.
6. Grade II Qualification period reduced from 18 months to 9 months from March 1979 amendment.
7. Long Service Allowance this agreement has a long service allowance based on after 5, 10 and 15 years continuous service with the same employer.
8. Sweetmaker Qualification period 5 years.

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'Subsidize water' call

Municipal Reporter

ATLANTIS residents have responded with anger to the news that the Divisional Council intends reducing the water supply to 330 families in the area to a trickle over the next fortnight.

The chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association, Mr Noel Williams said yesterday the reduction of the water supply to people who were not able to pay their bills plus the recently-announced breac price increase meant fewer residents wouic be abie to survive.

He called for the council to subsidize the price of water to the commur ity instead of making profit from the service.

"The council made profit of R487 000 iron water over the past f nancial year" he saic

Mr Williams said tna because of massive u employment and threat of retrenchment or shor time people could no afford to pay for basi necessities.

"The people's anger is heightened by such ghastly acts against them by the Divisiona' Cour cil and the State.

"Both these author ties will have to ca the responsibility o their actions he said

LP leader hits out at Group Areas Act

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Post Reporter

PEOPLE had a right to live where they chose the Leader of the Labour Party, the Rev Allan Hendrickse, told a large crowd yesterday

Mr Hendrickse, who is chairman of the Ministers Council and a member of the Cabinet was speaking at a Labour Party rally in the Allanridge Community Centre, Uitenhage

Mr Hendrickse said the Group Areas Act a narrow chanelling of people, "must go to hell"

More than 80 000 coloured families had been uprooted because of the Act

If there was one group of the South African population that should be bitter about the whole question of uprooting he said, it should be this section

Mr Hendrickse said while the party did not want to spend its time lamenting about the dispossessions of the past "we want to say that while we can forgive we cannot forget"

Mr Hendricks referred to the removal of coloured families from South End, Port Elizabeth, and District Six in Cape Town

"We either learn to live together or we perish as fools," he said

Mr Hendrickse urged the people not to heed the call to stay away from work on Wednesday

The stayaway he said had been called by people who would not be personally affected

He also criticised the Progressive Federal Party

"The PFP can do nothing for you," he said

"The Labour Party has had members of all South Africans since its inception

Mr Hendrickse said the future lay in 'one man one vote'

The Labour Party he said was dedictated to the whole question of non-violent change in South Africa

Some people would accuse those in the Labour Party of being "sell-outs" But the Labour Party would remain steadfast in the struggle for freedom for all South Africans he said

Louw: Provco and City 'at crossroads'

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Municipal Reporter

THE Administrator, Mr Gene Louw has warned that the relationship between his administration and the City Council is "now at the crossroads" as a result of the council's handling of the removal of the State President's portrait

In a statement released yesterday, Mr Louw also attacked city councillor Mr Arthur J Wienburg for his reply to Mr Louw's initial statement on the matter last week.

Mr Louw said in his latest statement that according to newspaper reports Mr Wienburg "dictated to the Mayor the exact time and date for the removal of the State President's picture"

'Insulting'

Mr Louw said Mr Wienburg's conduct created the impression that the purpose of his presence on the council was "leftist political gain"

"The council must now once and for all decide whether or not Councillor Wienburg is to be their spokesman

"The council must also realize that it cannot dissociate itself from insulting statements issued by councillors in their official capacity

'Leaked'

"After six years of relatively pleasant co-operation with the City Council, often in very difficult circumstances, during which time mutual relations have to my mind greatly improved, my Executive Committee and the City Council are now at the crossroads

"The future will be a different matter Only the City Council will be able to restore their harmed image"

Mr Louw also sent a letter to the Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, in which he said Mr Wienburg had "insulted the State President as a result of the 'portrait motion' and the way in which the matter was debated, dealt with and leaked out to the press"

As a result of this, his position and that of his Executive Committee in their "good mutual relations" with the council had become "untenable"

● Mr Markovitz said yesterday that he had received the letter and the statement and would be consulting with the Executive Committee of Council

Apology

● Mr Wienburg last night described Mr Louw's attack as "in general hysterical, in parts inaccurate and typical of a bully"

"It is untrue and an insult to the Mayor to suggest that he allowed himself to be dictated to by any councillor, including myself

"Mr Louw owes our Mayor an apology If he sees the removal of a photograph as a leftist political gain he is childish and outdated

"Neither council nor I have ever claimed that I am a spokesman on its behalf Neither that Councillor Chris Joubert spoke on behalf of council when he spoke of black citizens as 'klonkies'

"Council neither associates nor dissociates itself from statements made by councillors — Mr Louw clearly does not understand the workings of a democratic institution"

Home industries: Major changes approved in city

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Municipal Reporter

FAR-REACHING changes to local ordinances to permit home industries in Cape Town residential areas have been approved by the City Council's town planning committee

The committee has endorsed a major report by the city engineer's department which recommends that professionals, artists and some traders be permitted to operate from their homes

In terms of a draft amendment to the town-planning scheme, the following occupations will be sanctioned in private homes:

Tailor, dressmaker, knitter, home-baker, typist, computer operator, photographer, manicurist, chiropractor, chiropodist, masseur, hairdresser, beautician, shoemaker, bookbinder, printer, photocopier, signwriter, upholsterer, curtain-maker, duplicator, engraver, etcher, leather worker, milliner, silk-screener, cane-worker and potter

Potentially "more problematic" activities like spray-painting, panel-beating and woodwork will require neighbours' consent and home industries in flats — where neighbours are "more vulnerable" to noise and other disturbances — will be permitted only by special consent

"The principle underlying the operation of home-industry occupations should be that a reasonable neighbour, under normal circumstances, will be relatively unaware of their existence other than for a permitted sign," the report says

"VITALLY IMPORTANT"

One of the motivating factors for the recommendations is escalating unemployment which "one of the most serious problems facing the people of Cape Town", according to the report It says the informal sector, of which home industries is a part, can help to provide some of the 77 new jobs which are needed each working day in greater Cape Town to prevent unemployment from escalating

The chairman of the town planning committee, Mr Clive Keegan, called the report "a vitally important document'

"It is the first step in the city's commitment to rolling back the restrictive shutters of regulation, control and bureaucratic interference in the market place," he said

The recommendations must still be approved by Exco, the full council and the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw

Unrest strains City's services

By ROGER WILLIAMS
Chief Reporter

AMBULANCE fire-brigade public transport cleansing and other essential services in the Cape Peninsula are under severe strain with resources "stretched to the limit" by continuing unrest in the area

Vehicles operated by these services are, with those of commercial and other undertakings targets for gangs of stone-throwers in and around the townships and their crews are in danger whenever they venture into trouble-spots

Mr Basil Warner, Chief Officer Ambulance Services, said there had been deliberate attacks on ambulances by stone-throwers and in one such incident, at Mitchells Plain, the driver had been hit on the head by a stone and his assistant had injured his back when thrown off balance as the ambulance started weaving

Glass splinters

Two patients in the back of the ambulance had escaped injury and they and the crew of the vehicle had had to be taken to Woodstock Hospital by another ambulance

Another ambulance driver had received glass splinters in his eyes when stones shattered the windscreen of his vehicle, at Elsie's River

Mr Warner said although the ambulance service was operating under severe strain, it had at no time refused to convey a patient He paid tribute to his staff's "unswerving devotion to duty, in difficult conditions"

Mr J W Hamel Cape Town's Chief Fire Officer, said fire-engines called out in emergencies had been stoned and damaged on a number of occasions, 'and we are definitely being harassed in our duties

"For this reason we will not go into unrest areas without a police escort and in responding to calls priority is given to life and to property"

Mr Hamel said calls on municipal fire services had risen about 50 percent from an average 300 calls a month in normal times to about 500 at present. Most of the calls were about incidents such as burning cars tyres and other objects in street barricades

Mr P Dodd Assistant Traffic Manager said while the department's staff had not been unduly hampered in their work in unrest areas which was mostly confined to the perimeters of trouble spots, practically all traffic lights at Mitchells Plain, along Prince George Drive and in other trouble spots had been shattered

'These cannot be replaced till the situation has calmed down" he added

Mr Bob Krause, spokesman for City Tramways said damage estimated at R1 5 million had been inflicted on the company's vehicles and that "a very substantial' number of buses had now been fitted with steel guards to protect the drivers

The company was, in difficult circumstances doing its best to operate "as normal a service as possible', he added

Mr Leon Els, a spokesman for SA Transport Services, said that while there had been incidents of stone-throwing at suburban trains in the Peninsula with resultant smashing of some carriage windows there had so far been no curtailment of train services

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PFP man gets top Divco job

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Municipal Reporter

IN A surprise move yesterday, the chairman of the Progressive Federal Party's Cape Western Region, Mr Jasper Walsh, was elected deputy chairman of the largely conservative Cape Divisional Council

The new chairman of the council is the Mayor of Goodwood, Mr Louwtjie Rothman

Both Mr Rothman and Mr Walsh, who is former chairman of the council's finance committee, were elected unopposed

Mr Rothman succeeds Mr G M Basson to the top council post and Mr Walsh replaces Mr P J Grobbelaar as deputy

Mr Walsh said yesterday the council was entering one of its most difficult years with increasing unrest in its area of jurisdiction and the prospect of the new Regional Services Councils stripping the local authority of most of its powers

He believed his election showed that the council realized the need to address racial prejudice and racial inequalities in the division

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Squatter huts: Bid to halt demolition fails

Staff Reporter

AN attempt to stop the Divisional Council of Cape Town demolishing unauthorised squatter housing for a month while a comprehensive report on the problem was being drawn up, was rejected by the council today

Mr Neil Ross suggested that the council not depart from its policy of opposition to uncontrolled squatting but, because 184 illegal homes had been demolished in the past three months, an in-depth report and investigation of possible alternative housing was necessary.

He proposed that all demolitions should cease while this was being done

OPPOSED

The new chairman of council, Mr L J Rothman, who is also the Mayor of Goodwood, opposed the suggestion, saying it was a departure from the council's policy

The council accepted, however, that the investigation was necessary and this was referred to the housing committee as a matter of urgency.

● The council agreed in principle at its meeting last month that all facilities in the Cape of Good Hope Nature Reserve be open to all races

This was subject to an investigation by the various committees into the problem of overcrowding

To combat overcrowding the council decided today that any vehicle with more than 10 passengers should be restricted to the main road and circular drive in the reserve from December 1 to January 15 and during the Easter holidays

'Little sense' in RSC tax plan

Cape Times 29/10/85

Municipal Reporter

THE government's new Regional Services Council (RSC) system for local government should be financed by a "visible" surcharge on GST, according to the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce

The chamber has rejected the government s plan to fund the new system by imposing two new taxes on businesses — a regional services levy or payroll tax, and a regional establishment levy or turnover tax

An editorial in the chamber's latest Weekly Bulletin says that in the current economic climate, "any form of additional taxation of the business community must be avoided at all costs"

Taxing a company on its wage bill 'would exacerbate an already severe unemployment problem" and "made little sense at a time when the government was having to raise emergency funds to create jobs

The chamber objects to the turnover tax, which is calculated on GST collected by traders and on floor-space occupied by non-traders because of the difficulty in ensuring that both classes of businessmen will make an equal contribution

The application of the taxes to all levels of production and distribution would have a "cascade effect", with tax being payed on tax

The collection of taxes at a local level would result in a "proliferation of taxing authorities", which would increase the cost of collecting the taxes

The "best solution" to financing the new system "would be to broaden the base of the GST", the chamber says

City says 'enough of bitter harvest'

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By HILARY VENABLES

IN AN attempt to restore peace to the Peninsula, the City Council yesterday undertook to summon an urgent peace conference "to draw up a manifesto for non-racial, democratic, local government" in the Cape Town metropolitan area.

A motion by Mr Clive Keegan — calling on the council to invite leaders of all sections of the community to meet "with a view to seeking solutions to our crises" — was adopted, with only one vote against.

Mr Keegan said that in the space of a few months Cape Town had "reaped the bitter harvest of years of apartheid and totalitarianism".

This had destroyed its "proud liberal tradition" and "reduced the City to a restless cauldron of distrust, fear and near-war".

Mr Keegan said it was time for Capetonians to cry "enough".

"It is time for the government of the Mother City to say 'we have had enough of the offical interference in our affairs' and the official contempt for the cry of people desperate for change'.

"We must invite representatives from commerce, industry, education, ratepayers' associations, civic associations, churches and other groups to come together to construct a charter for our future."

Mr Norman Osburn said a "de facto state of civil war reigns at present" in Cape Town.

There was a deep divide between the people and officialdom, represented by the security forces, and it was up to councillors to demonstrate again their commitment to non-racial, democratic government.

Mr John Sonnenburg said "just about every citizen in Cape Town has the impression that this town is being ruled by a military junta".

"If something is not done, the future of the City will be whipped away, stoned away, burned away," he warned.

Mr Tom Walters supported the motion and condemned the action of police in Cape Town.

'Thugs'

He described an incident he witnessed when police tried to disperse a crowd watching a picket at the gutted Corporation Chambers building, as "an unnecessary demonstration of police brutality and stupidity".

A "bully-boy of a major" had driven up in a white police vehicle "with what I can only describe as eight thugs in the back", he said.

Mr Walters toned down his anecdote when asked by the Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, to moderate his language.

Mr Keegan's motion was carried by 27 votes to one.

Mrs Bronnie Harding left the chamber when a division was called which required everyone to vote individually and verbally.

Former mayor Mr Kosie van Zyl was the only

'Nazi tactics'

Meanwhile the Leader of the Opposition in the Cape Provincial Council, Mr Herbert Hirsch, said yesterday the government's continued use of "nazi tactics" to suppress opposition was a cause for very serious concern.

In a statement, he called on the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, to use his influence to persuade the government "to withdraw all the security forces from the 'black' areas and leave it to the regular police to deal with criminal elements".

The administrator should also persuade the government to lift the emergency, release all detainees and postpone exams, Mr Hirsch said.

Toast to State President ditched

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council has decided to scrap the toast to the State President at official civic functions and to use instead the toast "to the Republic of South Africa — our country".

A statement was issued during the council's monthly meeting yesterday, saying the council considered this the "most appropriate loyal toast for use on civic occasions".

This follows a motion put to the council last month by Mr Arthur J Wienburg, calling for the toast to be drunk to South Africa instead of the President "as this post has been politicized by the government".

Mr Wienburg called for the removal of Mr P W Botha's portrait from the Mayor's office for the same reason The removal of the portrait caused an outcry in government circles, but was defended in yesterday's official statement.

"Concerning the photograph of the State President, the council again records that the act of removing this from the Mayor's parlour was not intended to be a slight upon, or discourteous to, the office of State President or the person of the present incumbent

"The council considers that no further action should be taken in this matter and that it should now be regarded as closed," the statement said

City seeks 'some kind of truce'

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Municipal Reporter

THE City Council hopes to get a broad cross-section of organizations in Cape Town to call 'some kind of truce' before proceeding with its peace conference to formulate a non-racial, democratic system of government for the City

A member of the council's constitutional committee which is organizing the conference Mr Clive Keegan said the committee would approach organizations separately at first "to call for a cessation of the violence and the creation of a climate of trust' before setting a date for the talks

"Given the sensitive nature of the project and the existing divisions within the society it is important to practise what the Americans call 'proximity diplomacy' before we can even think of getting all these organizations together around one table"

The committee has decided to set up a full-time secretariat for the conference, to be staffed by people with expertise in crisis management

The committee which met to discuss the conference for the first time on Thursday night also considered the financial implications of the talks which will involve "an enormous amount of research and survey work , Mr Keegan said

Mr Keegan said people "must not expect the council to call a conference within a fortnight

"It is a process rather than an event' he said but stressed that the committee had already begun approaching possible participants and suitable people to staff the secretariat

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Crisis-town residents to flock to Divco meeting

Tygerberg Bureau

ATLANTIS residents who face a rents-and-unemployment crisis, will use every form of transport they can rent or borrow to travel to a Divisional Council meeting in Cape Town on Thursday.

This was decided yesterday by about 800 people at a report-back meeting by Atlantis Residents Association (ARA) chairman Mr Noel Williams on failed talks with the council last week.

Withdrew

Mr Williams criticised the "heavy presence" of police when the nine-person delegation arrived at the council's offices in Wale Street last Wednesday.

ARA delegates withdrew when they found members of the Atlantis Management Committee at the meeting.

Yesterday the audience asked Mr Williams to try to organise another meeting with the council but said it should not go ahead if members of the Management Committee attended.

Four Progressive Federal Party members of the Divisional Council — Mr Neil Ross, Mr Stuart Collins, Mr Jasper Walsh and Mr Paul Andrew — met the ARA yesterday and said they "believe that the ARA is more representative than the Management Committee".

Ill-mannered

The four councillors plan to ask for a special council meeting this week to discuss the town's problems and will also raise complaints by residents that some council officials are ill-mannered.

Some residents have said their offers to pay off arrears in small amounts have been refused by officials who threatened them with eviction unless they paid more and officials allegedly told some unemployed men to "steal the money" and some women to "work the docks".

Residents yesterday supported a call to help move furniture back into the houses of evicted families and to reconnect electricity and water supplies themselves if cut off by the council.

Mr Williams told the audience that he and his family had been threatened at the weekend that his home would be burnt down and that he had been visited by men who threatened him after saying that he was "causing big trouble".

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Atlantis: Divco backs mancom

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

ANY chance of talks between the Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA) and the Divisional Council about the crisis in the town faded yesterday when the council decided at a special meeting that the Atlantis Management Committee should be present at any such talks

The ARA, acting on a mandate from two mass meetings in the town last week, have refused to talk to the council in the presence of the mancom

Roadblock

Meanwhile, a bus carrying about 80 residents from Atlantis to the meeting in Cape Town yesterday afternoon was stopped and turned back at a police roadblock in Table View

According to one of the passengers, police said the bus could not continue to Cape Town, but a delegation of seven would be given police transport to the meeting

"We refused to be divided and turned back to Atlantis," the passenger said

"We were all very angry and frustrated and on the way back, someone threw two loose bus seats out of an open window

"The police stopped us again and arrested him"

A police spokesman last night confirmed that the bus had been stopped by police because it was believed the passengers were going to convene an illegal gathering in Cape Town "because of the crisis in Atlantis".

After deciding to go back to Atlantis "they nearly broke the inside of the bus in pieces and two seats were thrown from the window", the spokesman said

"The bus was stopped and two people were arrested and charged with malicious injury to property"

During the Divco meeting, which took place under tight security, Mr Len Pothier said the ARA enjoyed widespread support in Atlantis precisely because, unlike the management committee, it was not seen as part of the government system

He urged the council to deal with the ARA and other civic associations in preference to the management committees which had been rejected by the community

"If we are to follow democratic procedures, we must listen to what the community says, not to a body in which people have no confidence"

Mr Jasper Walsh said he was "convinced that the ARA was established to help people" and that it had a bigger following than the mancom

He said the council would not be able to alleviate the problems in Atlantis if "we adopt the stance that we won't talk to members of the ARA except through the mancom system which they have rejected"

Mr Gideon Basson said he was sure people as hard-pressed as the residents of Atlantis would "not mind" if the council discussed their problems with the mancom

He blamed the low polls in mancom elections on the media which had "discouraged" people from voting

'Agitation'

A candidate in a recent by-election in the town was elected on a 1,05 percent poll

Mr P J Grobbelaar said a mancom was a "platform" for coloured people to bring their problems to the attention of central government "and they must use it".

He said people did not vote in mancom elections because of "agitation, incitement and intimidation"

The motion calling for the mancom to be present at all meetings between the council and the ARA was carried by eight votes to five

Atlantis talks dilemma over DWCO's demand

Staff Reporters

DISCUSSIONS on the economic crisis in Atlantis could be jeopardised by the Divisional Council's decision to meet the Atlantis Residents Association (ARA) only in joint meetings with the town's Management Committee

The decision, at a special council meeting yesterday was carried by eight votes to five It will be relayed to the ARA today by the chairman of the council, Mr Louwtjie Rothman.

The council rejected a motion by councillor Mr Neil Ross that it should disregard the Atlantis Management Committee and negotiate with the ARA

The council referred a number of proposals on how to deal with the rents and unemployment crisis in Atlantis to Tuesday's council meeting

Many in arrears

Mr Ross said that 1 638 families were in arrears with rent, owing a total of R143 468, 428 home-owners owed R567 502 in arrear payments and R48 000 was outstanding on water accounts

Before the vote Mr Len Poinie said the people of Atlantis wanted a rect representation

He urged the council to conduct its normal business with the civic and ratepayers' associations

They enjoy widespread support and are not part of the Government system This council must recognise this"

But Mr C J Langley said "This council is constituted in terms of an Act If the next level is the management committee then we have no right to say we are going to push that body aside

"I'd be upset"

"I would be upset if this council went to the ratepayers in my ward because that is what ignoring the management committee and working with the ARA means

● Earlier a bus carrying Atlantis residents to the meeting was turned back by police, who arrested two men

The passengers were told that under emergency regulations their presence was an illegal gathering

Police offered to take a delegation of seven to the meeting but the residents refused to be split up They were told to turn back to Atlantis

As they drove off one man in "pure frustration threw a seat out of a window Mrs McKinna said

The bus was again stopped and two men were arrested

● A police liaison officer Lieutenant Attie Laubscher, today confirmed the incident

Cape Times, Monday, November 25,

Divco out of touch with Atlantis

By Hilary Venables

THE Divisional Council's decision last week not to meet the Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA) without the local management committee in attendance, has driven an even deeper wedge between the people of Atlantis and this local authority

Two recent public meetings in Atlantis gave the ARA a unanimous mandate not to talk to Divco if the mancom was present

But the council chose to ignore this in favour of a body which, in a by-election last year, drew only 1,05 percent of registered voters to the polls

Arguments in favour of the mancom at Wednesday's meeting highlighted the widening rift between Divco and the people of Atlantis

"I have grown up with coloured people and I know them," said Mr Gideon Basson, the immediate past chairman of the council.

"I'm sure people as hard-pressed as the people of Atlantis won't mind us discussing their problems with the management committee

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Mr Basson said the media had discouraged people from voting in mancom elections by saying people who voted "would get into trouble"

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Mr H Langley said the Divisional Council had been established in terms of government legislation and had certain defined powers

"The council has no right to say 'we'll push this body aside and deal with that one'.

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They say they have never been allowed to make their own decisions about their lives, and that the people who have made these decisions for them have, without fail, dragged them deeper into the mire of poverty and helplessness

Until the Divisional Council admits this failure, and realizes that no matter how down-trodden the people of Atlantis are, they will not rest until they have gained control over their own lives, the crisis cannot be resolved.

As one "desperate, hard-pressed" student said at a mass meeting recently: "We are on the move We will govern Atlantis"

Judging from the audience's response, the idea was not an unpopular one.

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Council condemns demo ban

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council yesterday condemned "in the strongest possible terms" the banning earlier this month of a mass protest meeting against the state of emergency

It also resolved to "convey its views to the South African Police, the Minister of Law and Order and the Minister of Justice"

The meeting, which was to have been held in the City Hall, was called by 23 organizations, including the Black Sash, various church groups, the South African Institute of Race Relations and the End Conscription Campaign

Mrs Eulalie Stott said that if the meeting had been allowed to take place, the cause of the current unrest could have been brought to the attention of the authorities

"The meeting would have pointed out that the state of emergency was the result of unjust laws which prevented people from using the ballot box to express their views," she said

Mr Jan van Eck said that by forcing people underground and preventing them from speaking, the police were reducing the number of people ready to solve problems in a peaceful, democratic way

Mrs Esme Chiat opposed the motion, saying the Western Cape was one of the targets of the "onslaught by internal and external forces" whose aim was to "violently disrupt" the State and make the country ungovernable

"The bannings on meetings are done with the prime objective of trying to stabilize the situation," she said

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City calls in experts in bid for peace talks

Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council has enlisted the help of prominent political scientists in its efforts to convene a Cape metropolitan peace conference

But councillors have warned that protracted behind-the-scenes negotiations will be necessary before the conference becomes a reality

At a meeting on October 31 the council noted the "escalating violence and alarming deterioration of race relations in the Peninsula" It gave overwhelming approval to a motion calling on an ad hoc constitutional committee to convene a peace conference to draw up a manifesto for non-racial, democratic local government

Prof H W van der Merwe

In secret

The committee reported back to the council last week Although its report was discussed in secret, a copy was given to the Press

The committee reported that it had interviewed Professor H W van der Merwe of the Centre for Intergroup Studies and Professor H Giliomee of the department of political studies at UCT

After the discussions the committee reported that the major obstacle to a conference would be the question of "disparate sides coming together" and this would mean "a great deal of careful preparation"

It would also be important not to have an agenda befoe the committee when the people concerned were interviewed as the discussions should be "as completely open as possible"

"The building up of a relationship of mutual trust is an essential prerequisite to the actual conference the council should try to carry on irrespective of the violence and endeavour to arrange meetings to bring people together to find a solution to the problem

"The greater the violence, the more the need for the initiative," the report said

Secretariat

The council gave approval for the committee to

- Invite Professor Lawrence Schlemmer of the department of political science at the University of Natal, for an interview
- Establish a secretariat to the peace initiative, with the Executive Committee providing bridging finance
- Expand its membership by appointing additional councillors and co-opting specialist advisers
- Investigate ways of raising funds to finance the initiative

"We are talking about a fairly lengthy process of negotiation and gentle diplomacy," said the vice-chairman of the committee, Mr Clive Keegan, afterwards

Atlantis leaders held at roadblock, then freed

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Tygerberg Bureau

FOUR executive members of the Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA), including the chairman, Mr Noel Williams, were detained at a roadblock in Table View while on their way to a special Divisional Council meeting in Cape Town today.

Police said they were allowed to go on after being questioned

ON AGENDA

Mr Williams, his brother, who was not named, Mr Yusuf Manuel and Mr Maxwell Moss were travelling on the coastal road from Atlantis to attend the meeting in the council's offices in Wale Street

The economic and unemployment crisis in Atlantis was on the council agenda this morning

Mrs Sybil McKinna, who runs the ARA advice office in Atlantis, said she was travelling behind Mr Williams's car and saw him being taken away with his three companions

Mrs McKinna said she was allowed to continue when she told police at the roadblock she was going shopping in Cape Town

Police ban ECC meeting

Staff Reporter

POLICE have used emergency regulations to ban a meeting planned for tonight by the End Conscription Campaign (ECC)

The police divisional commissioner for the Western Cape, Brigadier C A Swart, issued the banning order today

The meeting was scheduled for 8pm in the Congregational Church Hall, Belmont Road, Rondebosch, and was to have taken the form of a panel discussion on conscription

A police spokesman said no reasons were given in the banning order

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Ross joins resign call to mancom

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

DIVISIONAL councillor Mr Neil Ross has joined the call for the Atlantis management committee to resign

At the end of the council's special meeting yesterday on the crisis in the town, Mr Ross said the management committee should accept the call to resign issued by a meeting of 1 200 Atlantis residents on Monday night

"I should like to see them accept the challenge and find out what the people really think."

The Atlantis Residents' Association (ARA) has branded the management committee "part of the apartheid system" and claims it has done nothing to help the community during the current economic crisis

According to a report tabled at yesterday's meeting, the economic recession has hit Atlantis harder than any of the council's other housing estates

Writing off

By the end of October, tenants in Atlantis owed the council a total of R156 854 in rent — double the figure for January 1985

The chairman of the council, Mr Louwtjie Rothman, told the meeting that the council had asked the government to consider writing off the rental arrears of all those who qualified for relief

Council has also recommended that home owners who are unable to pay instalments on their houses should have their debts capitalized and their housing loans "renegotiated"

The current six-month relief measures granted to both tenants and home owners suffering hardship should be extended "indefinitely".

The council is to call an urgent meeting with the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, and the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, to discuss these proposals and various other relief measures suggested by councillors at the meeting

The council's staff committee is to investigate complaints from residents that council staff are "rude and uncooperative" when approached for help

● A car carrying four executive members of the ARA to the meeting was stopped at a roadblock and searched in Tableview yesterday morning, according to the ARA chairperson, Mr Noel Williams

Eight ARA members attended the meeting

Rejected

Mr Williams last night welcomed the council's attempts to offer relief to Atlantis residents but said the problems in the area could not be solved until the council agreed to talk to the ARA on its own terms

● The Atlantis management committee has rejected claims by the ARA that it does not represent the people of Atlantis

In a press statement released yesterday, the management committee claims it received 7 000 votes in the last general election in 1983 and that this "clearly represents a mandate".

According to newspaper files, only 813 votes were cast in the election The poll was 6,88 percent.

Beach: De Lange wants signs back

10/12/85 DISPATCH

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — City councillors differed last night during discussion on opening the Eastern Beach to all races

Mr De Lange (snr) said he backed the move for the beach apartheid signs to be put back as an open beach could lead to some confrontation which would cause more harm than good

"With due respect, everybody would like to have everything We find that among all people, there are some who are going to abuse the facilities I have also monitored the situation We find that all the seats are taken up by people of other races —— not that we mind

"But there are also people swimming in panties and bras, to put it bluntly You are going to get these people who abuse the facilities We must talk to the hoteliers and other people with interests in the issue We cannot just say we are going to throw open everything I believe in evolution not revolution

"There is only 150 yards of beach there and can you imagine another 5 000 to 6 000 people using the facilities?"

Mr Card replied that any transgression of laws was a matter for the police

He asked how, if the status quo remained, they were going to ask the police to remove 5 000 people from the beach

"All these problems being raised are trivial in comparison with what we are doing here This goodwill will really set off Christmas in East London

Mr Kay said that while he shared Mr Card's sentiments on opening the beach, he had to caution on it being done in a hurry as there was a logistical problem about providing sufficient lifeguards

Mr Card said there were many beaches which were not even patrolled by lifeguards so that should not be a problem

Mr Snell said council should accept it as inevitable that there would be blacks on Eastern Beach

"We are not going to stop it so we must be realistic and accept it," he said and was supported by Mr Spring and Mr Zulman

Mr Neville Randall wanted to know whether the owner of the caravan park had been consulted and whether the owner would not find that opening the beach was to his disadvantage

He said Mr Card was on record as saying the beaches should not be open until proper control could be ensured and Mr Card replied that the matter could not be delayed as had happened in all the previous years

"Let us go ahead now and see what the problems are and then we can rectify them for next year," Mr Card said and suggested that people at the caravan park who did not like non-racialism at Eastern Beach could go to Nahoon or the Orient Beach which would still be for whites only

● Four more Durban beaches, the Rachel Finlayson Pool and the beachfront paddling pools, will be officially thrown open to all races on Thursday after Natal's Executive Committee yesterday approved a Durban City Council decision to amend its by-laws

Lawyers body: decision justified

PIETERMARITZBURG — Commenting on the state's decision to withdraw charges against the 12 of the 16 UDF leaders accused of treason, Mr Mike Cowling, for the Lawyers for Human Rights, said the acquital had "vindicated the court's decision to intervene and overrule the Attorney General's decision

"The government has been increasingly using its battery of security legislations to suppress legitimate political opposition

"Despite the fact these laws are so broadly framed that virtually any criticism against the government could be regarded as a criminal offence, the state has none the less failed to even prove a basic

Atlantis mancom defended

CIVIC DIARY

By Hilary Venables

THE chairman of the Atlantis Management Committee, Mr Freddie Brandreth, last week declined an invitation to address the people of Atlantis at a public meeting unless he was guaranteed "protection"

He decided instead to defend the mancom in a press statement

In the typed statement, Mr Brandreth attacks the press, the Atlantis Residents' Association and certain divisional councillors for projecting a "negative" image of his committee

He denies that the management committee has no mandate from the people of the town, claiming that 7 000 votes were cast in the last election in 1983

According to press reports at the time, only 813 votes were cast.

As each voter was entitled to cast four votes, the actual number of voters was considerably less than this The poll was 6,88 percent of registered voters

Mr Brandreth accuses the press of inflating the number of people attending ARA meetings, saying press reports have claimed attendances of up to 2 000 people "in a hall which can only seat 500".

Cape Times press reports on ARA meetings have recorded audiences of between 300 at February's ARA launch in the tiny Avondale Civic Centre and 1 200 at a packed meeting in the larger Saxonsea Civic Centre last week.

Many of the people present were standing

"The fact that the Atlantis management committee is not holding any public meetings can be blamed on disruptions caused by people with ulterior motives," the statement continues

The mancom also attributes the relief measures granted to unemployed people in Atlantis to its own efforts Most of the relief measures were, however, initiated only after pressure from the ARA

Mr Brandreth says he and his mancom believe "that we have an important role to play in promoting the interests and welfare of the inhabitants of Atlantis

"We believe that our goals and objectives where the interest of the people is concerned, are the same and appeal to all to put aside personal differences and join forces," he says

ARA chairperson Mr Noel Williams has repeatedly identified the differences between his organization and the mancom as political

He has also stated that the interests of the people cannot be served by relief measures alone, but by people being given the democratic right to decide their own destinies

As divisional councillor Mr Neil Ross said last week, if the mancom believes it truly represents the people of Atlantis, it should accept the challenge to resign, hold another election and see how many turn up at the polls

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FORMER Table View Ratepayers' Association chair and newly-appointed town councillor, Mrs June Gee, has been informed by her Mayor, Dr B H Reich, that she is not welcome in his parlour

Mrs Gee, who was the driving force behind the successful campaign for more councillors for the fast-growing Table View suburb, has obviously driven Dr Reich to distraction by her stand on democracy.

She has clashed with the council on numerous occasions, particularly when far-reaching and controversial decisions are taken at secret meetings instead of in open council.

Dr Reich, who considers his parlour an extension of his home rather than the office of a public representative who is answerable to both his constituents and his council, says it would be hypocritical of him to invite Mrs Gee through its portals because she has damaged the council's "internal harmony"

During her term of office, Mrs Gee is bound to disagree strongly with the council on a number of issues

As the representative of the ratepayers in her area, she has a duty to attend to their interests.

Whether or not she disrupts the harmony of the council in doing so, is irrelevant

Mrs Gee, however, is not intimidated easily and her constituents can rest assured that even the prospect of tea with the Mayor is unlikely to tempt her to stray from her course

Fish Hoek bathing mixed

CAPE TOWN — The Fish Hoek town council has decided in principle to open Fish Hoek beach to all races

However, various control measures would be investigated by the town clerk, Mr Eric Fry before the new system was implemented according to a statement by the council

These include a "pay" system, crowd control and special considerations for local residents

Commenting on the decision, the mayor of Fish Hoek, Mr W H Wood, said opening the town s prime amenity was in keeping with various changes taking place in South African society

He emphasised this would happen only once ' mechanisms for orderly change" had been finalised

In Durban, mixed beaches will mean a boost to tourism, says the director of the Durban Publicity Association, Mr Frank Vincent

He said that mixed beaches meant that Durban could now offer all people, regardless of race, all available facilities

He pointed out that there were still racially segregated beaches for people who wanted to make use of them.

Mr Alan Gooderson of the Durban branch of Fedhasa said that his organisation welcomed mixed beaches as long as adequate facilities were available

Durban's Snake Park, Dairy, Bay of Plenty and Battery One beaches will go non-racial from Thursday

The whites-only signs at the affected beaches are expected to be taken down by today — Sapa

Beaches must wait — MP

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The final authority to allocate the usage of beaches lay with the provincial administration the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, said yesterday

He was reacting to the city council's proposal to ask the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, to open the Eastern Beach to all race groups

Mr De Pontes said the Administrator would only make a decision after the matter had been thoroughly investigated and consideration had been given to factors such as the physical aspects of a particular beach and the nature of adjoining areas

"With this in mind, the Administrator can't just 'open Eastern Beach' before the end of the year

"It has become a predictable annual event that, just before the busiest holiday period, a few city councillors will start clamouring for the opening of our beaches

"They know well it is a sensitive matter that cannot be dealt with in an arbitrary and haphazard fashion One can't help but get the impression these moves are expedient, rather than aimed at finding a solution

"The present situation with respect to the use of beaches is certainly not satisfactory, racial allocation of beaches is not the answer The racial connotation should be removed entirely and a more satisfactory and equitable solution found

"Simply throwing open the beaches to all is also not the answer Other areas have tried it and they have had unending problems Some have had to employ extra municipal police to try and regulate the chaos that sometimes arises especially during peak times At some places fences have been erected and admission charged

"Most beaches have a physical limit to the number of people that can safely be accommodated This is the chief consideration Friction that can result from overcrowding and different ways of usage are also important factors These should be taken into account in arriving at a sensible way of ensuring safety and good order without spoiling the enjoyment beaches offer to us all

"I sincerely hope the committee appointed by the city council will give proper consideration to all these aspects and come up with a realistic and workable answer This then can be presented to the Administrator

"It is in the interest of our city that this matter be settled once and for all In the meantime, all parties must remember the present allocations are still in force. Anyone who knowingly breaks the law will have only himself to blame should action be taken"

"There is no need for this If we approach the whole issue sensibly there is no reason why an equitable solution can't be found soon"

The NRP MP for King William's Town, Mr Pat Rogers, said the Eastern Beach appeared to in an ideal position to be opened to all races because there was "no problem with residential areas bordering it

"There is no question of whether beaches should be opened, but rather how this can be brought about"

He said all local communities would have to jointly plan the use of amenities and how to raise funds to finance them

The future of the orderly use of beaches would be based on the availability of adequate amenities "People will have to get together to duscuss their requirements"

The tourist industry would also have to realise that blacks would make up a sizeable proportion of tourists in the future "One can't have a top class hotel near a beach and blacks are not allowed onto it"

"The manner in which beaches were opened would largely determine how amenities were used

"It is important that we don't have unilateral planning We will have to get people to talk about their needs"

The Border regional chairman of the PFP, Mr Sandy Stretton, said his party regarded beaches as "God-given facilities and not the property of any individual or group

"Beaches should therefore be open for the enjoyment of all The city council's decision is therefore a commendable start"

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Atlantis families still being evicted

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Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council is continuing to evict families from their homes in Atlantis despite promises of relief for tenants and homeowners unable to pay their rents and repayments

The council has confirmed that eviction notices are being served on tenants "on an ongoing basis'

"Physical evictions are only resorted to as a last measure when all avenues open to council had been fully explored," the council said

The council would continue to grant relief to tenants who qualified for the relief measures and who made arrangements to settle their arrear rentals in instalments

'No tenants qualifying for concessions have been evicted for arrear rentals"

The council said it was "not possible to forecast if and how many evictions of defaulting tenants will in future take place"

Project leaders: schools plan separate issue

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The National Party MP for East London City, Mr Peetie de Pontes, reacted with surprise last night to the withdrawal of the Duncan Village Residents' Association from upgrading negotiations

Mr De Pontes and the chairman of the education sub-committees on the Border Chamber of Industries and the Greater East London Planning Committee, Mr Alistair Lightbody, issued a joint statement

Both men have been intimately involved in discussions with the residents' association

Mr De Pontes and Mr Lightbody said they had been approached by the DVRA to assist them in providing temporary accommodation for about 5 000 pupils next year.

"Agreement was reached with them on all aspects of the proposed development of 160 units which would, subsequent to the construction of permanent schools, be converted to residential units for the people of Duncan Village The community council is not involved

"The development is to be carried out by an independent incorporated association not for gain, the Duncan Village Corporation"

The statement said they were still waiting for the DVRA to supply them with the names of their two board members for the corporation as well as the names of two student representatives, "whom they claimed to represent"

"They also undertook to act as liaison in appointing people from the community to help with the construction Plans are to employ up to 2 000 Duncan Village residents and the contracts with the government in this regard have already been signed and the money, R1,94 million, obtained"

The statement also said a further agreement for financing the training of the people involved had also been concluded and funds made available

"The management team have been appointed and are already hard at work Construction will, in fact, start early next week The DVRA were party to all this, our last meeting being a works meeting on Wednesday where they undertook to do their part

"The DVRA have to date failed to supply us with the names of the four board members, or to appoint people for the construction

"We further agreed at the start of our discussions not to talk to one another through the press, but only directly This is therefore a complete surprise to us and we have no further comment till they clarify their position," the statement said.

Mr De Pontes added that he had spoken to the DVRA chairman, Mr Donald Ntilintili, earlier yesterday, and that he "made no reference to this whatsoever, but in fact, was to see me during the course of the day He failed to keep his appointment"

DV councillors are defended

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Community councillors were the only truly elected leaders of the people of Duncan Village, Miss Mabel Mdaka said here yesterday

In a statement, Miss Mdaka, a former deputy chairman of the Duncan Village Community Council, and Mrs F T Mangala, a fellow councillor, lashed out at the denigration of community councillors and said radical elements were trying to take over administration of the area

She said it was "shocking" for the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, to say that "the people of Duncan Village must know their true representatives"

Miss Mdaka was referring to a statement by Mr Yazbek earlier this month on the upgrading of Duncan Village

Miss Mdaka and Mrs Mangala said they felt certain statements which had appeared in the Daily Dispatch concerning Duncan Village should not be allowed to go unchallenged since it would appear they had provoked a feeling of animosity and anger in the people of Duncan Village

"It will be recalled that the East Cape Administration Board came into being and subsequently took over the functions formally exercised by the East London City Council, which in those days were exercised in an advisory capacity

"With the advent of the boards, community councils inevitably came into existence in 1979 It will be further recalled that when the ECAB took over, together with the community council, people from Duncan Village were in the process of being removed to Mdantsane by the city council," the statement said

"As we understand the plight of the people those days, the whole question of removal was despicable and the community council had to take up the question of the removals with the government as the matter became so pathetic and particularly painful and was directly affecting the residents of Duncan Village

"It must be borne in mind that these community councillors were elected by the people in a democratic manner Candidates were nominated by residents and dates set for elections with voting taking place on the appointed date and time

"Nobody opposed the move for community councillors and to say anything against community councillors would be tantamount to indulging in an exercise of fultility," the statement said

"It is shocking to find in the Daily Dispatch such statements purposefully uttered by an honourable and illustrious man like the mayor of East London that the people of Duncan Village must know their true representatives

"We are aware of our many trials, vicissitudes and the numerous occasions we had to make representations to the government for Duncan Village to be retained hand in glove with Mr Yazbek

"We are worried now that so much of what we have done, including the retention of the whole of Duncan Village, is dissipitating at a time when things are beginning to shape up

"We are aware so much havoc has been perpetrated following the escalation of violence and so many people have since been left homeless and lost their valuable commodities in the ghastly onslaught reverberating around the entire country

"In the process the community councillors are discredited and irresponsible radical elements want to take over the administration of Duncan Village," the statement continued

"We deeply deplore and mourn the death of our loved ones and all those homes that have been affected by the violence and unless we find a solution jointly to the problems facing this part of our world, violence will go on forever unabated

"It must also be borne in mind that the community councillors are the only true elected leaders and the only link between the residents and the government Had the state of affairs not precipitated into this catastrophic violence, the necessary infrastructure and upgrading of Duncan Village would have been way ahead

"It would be in the interests of the people of Duncan Village to ensure that essential services are maintained and the necessary infrastructure as well as the upgrading of Duncan Village go on unimpeded

"Under these circumstances we call upon responsible residents of Duncan Village to co-operate wholeheartedly with the government in the development of the essential services to ensure better living standards for everyone," the statement ended

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Water cut to 'trickle'

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Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council will reduce the water supply to 330 families in Atlantis to a "trickle" over the next two weeks.

According to a council press release, the families affected are in arrears with water accounts and have failed to respond to a request that they pay outstanding amounts on an instalment basis.

"Council recently, after rendering accounts and final demands, despatched a registered letter of warning to approximately 437 consumers in Atlantis whose water accounts have been in arrears for some considerable time."

Only 107 consumers responded by making arrangements to pay.

Consumers affected by the measure will still have to pay for water consumed, but the trickle system "will ensure that arrears do not escalate to a level beyond the consumers' ability to pay".

The council decided to implement the system after a public outcry following complete disconnection of water to households who were unable to pay accounts because of massive retrenchments in Atlantis.

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Injury: Ambulanceman speaks over dismissals

Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH. — An ambulanceman told Port Elizabeth Regional Court he had been dismissed from the Dias Divisional Council on the day he was cross-examined at the Kannemeyer Commission of inquiry

Mr Joseph Berry gave evidence yesterday in the case against Mr Nigel William Anderson, 41, secretary of the Dias Divisional Council

Mr Anderson is charged with anticipating the finding of the commission, alternatively of prejudicing or influencing the proceedings of the commission

He has pleaded not guilty to both counts

"Give back uniform"

Mr Berry told the court he was dismissed on April 22, the day he had been cross-examined at the inquiry

The deputy-chief of the council's ambulance and rescue service Mr Des Heuer, had told him: "Mr Anderson said to inform you your services have been terminated Your last working day was yesterday and I want your uniform back by 2pm."

On the Thursday he had been offered alternative employment in the council but had turned it down Mr Anderson told him he would have to fire him

Mr Berry admitted he had been given a final warning by Mr Anderson at work, relating to other incidents

He denied that six other ambulancemen had left the service because of the way he behaved at work He said he begun working for the council at the start of 1981

Earlier Mr Dennis Barlow, a council driver, said he had been dismissed as an ambulanceman but reinstated in another job, and had not asked why he had been transferred

Asked whether he would have testified again at the commission after being transferred Mr Barlow said "Yes, it would have been my duty to do so but I can't say I would have been happy"

"Baby in sluice room"

Mr Barlow said evidence he gave at the Kannemeyer Commission differed from evidence he gave in a statement to the police because the police had not asked him for all the details

Evidence he did not mention in his police report was that a constable standing next to him after the Langa shootings had said 'Ja julle kaffirs, sien, julle wil nie hoor nie'

He also gave evidence to the commission about a baby he had seen in a sluice room at a hospital

(Proceeding)

Mr D Els and the deputy Attorney-General, Mr Piet Strauss appear for the State Mr G Steyn was on the Bench Mr C Jansen and Mr R Charsley appear for the defence.

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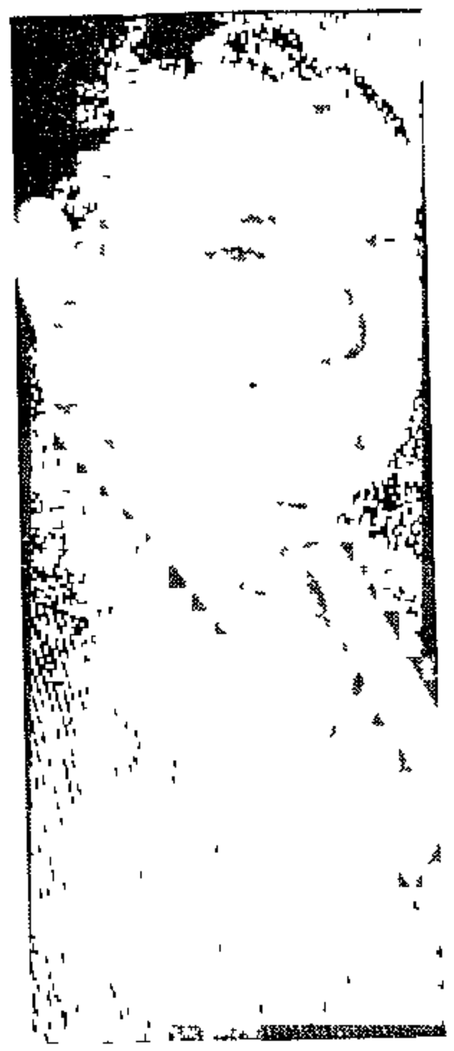
'Administrator' appointments raise question of credibility



Mr BARRY ERASMUS ... Kwanobuhle

Mr JOHNNY LANDMANN ... Ilingelihle

Report by KIN BENTLEY

THE credibility of the system of black local authorities — on which the Government's African policy rests and which opponents of apartheid argue has been the cause of much resentment — has again come into question with the appointment of an "administrator" in Cradock's Ilingelihle Township

This follows the resignation earlier this year of the entire black Town Council there.

Another administrator, Mr Barry Erasmus, was also recently appointed after the resignation of Uitenhage's Kwanobuhle Town Council.

In virtually every town and city in the Eastern Cape "residents' associations" or "civic organisations" have sprung up over the past two years in opposition to the town council system and apartheid in general.

They have formed the basis of black "resistance" to apartheid structures and have increasingly come under Government pressure

Many of their leaders have been detained. Several have died mysteriously, including four Cradock UDF leaders. Others are in hiding or have disappeared

. These organistions have repeatedly called for the integration of municipalities and the scrapping of the Black Local Authorities Act, which gave rise to the councils. This the Government has refused to do

This conflict of interests between the Government and anti-apartheid groups has seen the situation deteriorate in many parts of the country, with consumer boycotts and often violence resulting.

The Government has interpreted this resistance to its apartheid structures as an attempt to make areas "ungovernable".

Opposition spokesman, on the other hand, argue that "popular leaders" who reject apartheid structures have been removed from their communities, leaving the townships leaderless.

They say that by not heeding their calls for the scrapping of apartheid structures and instead removing articulate, adult leaders from the townships, the Government itself has contributed to making some areas "ungovernable"

The new administrator of Ilingelihle, Mr Johnny Landman, who is also the Town Clerk of Cradock, said this week he hoped his appointment would "help facilitate better communications between the municipality and the black community"

But the president of the Cradock Residents' Association (Cradora), Mr Monwabifi Makaula, said little headway could be made before the lifting of the state of emergency and of a ban on meetings in the location until December 31 and until the release of about 15 Cradock detainees

Mr Landman said he had only been active in his new role for the past two weeks and had not had sufficient time to gauge the community's attitude to his appointment

He said his appointment, by the Minister of Constitutional Development, Mr Chris Heunis, meant he would carry out the functions of the disbanded Ilingelihle Town Council

One of his objectives would be to organise the election of a new local authority "in time to come" Asked if he thought a new council would not also be rejected, he said: "One has to abide by present regulations and laws."

He said before 1972 Ilingelihle was under the jurisdiction of the white local authority It was then taken over by the East Cape Development Board, until gaining autonomy as a "Town Council".

He had no connections with the ECDB and was only responsible to the Minister, he said

The chief director of the ECDB, Mr Louis Koch, said the board's role in the township ceased with the establishment of a local authority there.

They implemented influx control in the township and had to "deal with unauthorised people"

This would now be the task of the administrator and his staff

He said the board's role was purely one of running a labour bureau there and dealing with labour placements.

This contention was rejected by Mr Makaula, who said both the council and the development board, through the labour bureau, had been responsible for implementing influx control and granting housing permits.

He said the murdered Cradock leader, Mr Matthew Goniwe, had continually been refused permission to get a house, despite being born and bred in Cradock.

He said the community councils "had no communication with the people" and were "found to be useless"

Mr Makaula said since 1983, when Cradora was formed, they had campaigned for Cradock to be under one municipality and they still wanted that for the future

However, he said, their initial demand had been neglected and had been overtaken by other priorities

He said in discussions Cradora had with the Cradock Employers' Federation, a group of concerned white Cradock residents affected by the trade boycott there, he got the impression they also felt "distanced" from the Ilingelihle community, under the present system

Mr Makaula said the community had not been informed of Mr Landman's appointment and had only heard about it through the media The same approach of keeping the community uninformed had been used when the community council was first introduced about seven years ago. It had been voted in by a handful of residents "if there were any at all".

He said before he could comment on Mr Landman's appointment, he would have to receive a mandate from the community, which was impossible due to the ban on public meetings.

The MP for Walmer, Mr Andrew Savage, said it was absolutely essential that the Government release black leaders nationwide so that "proper negotiations can take place"

Mr Savage said such negotiations should be between recognised black leaders and the Department of Constitutional Development on a "new dispensation, new structures".

"Blacks repudiate the structures of local government created for them, without any input from blacks themselves," he said.

"Its not just open beaches, housing, transport — these are merely symptoms. Black people are discriminated against in the constitution of the country They are legislated into powerlessness by the constitution "

The MP for Algoa, Mr James Kleynhans, defended the system of local government established by the Government and rejected the idea of single city councils for all races, saying this would lead to "a black majority".

"One group should not be dominated by another," he said

Mr Kleynhans added that the percentage poll in the last New Brighton council elections had been higher than for the recent white municipal elections in PE

He said the UDF was an arm of the ANC and rejected the Government's reform moves because it was only interested in taking power — "they want it for themselves — they want all or nothing".

The Government had "shown its hand" with the creation of Regional Services Councils, which were to be "inter-racial bodies" He saw this as "a step — you can't say whats going to happen in the next 10 to 15 years You can't do it overnight. We must do the things that suit the people".

The administrator of Kwanobuhle, Mr Erasmus, was reported this week as saying most residents of Uitenhage would be prepared to share power, provided no one group dominated another

Council to hold mixed sports talks

DISPATCH 24/10/85

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A request for the city council to approach the administrator on opening residential areas here to all races was rejected a second time last night.

The motion was first submitted by the Indian Management Committee to the city council's action committee last week, and rejected

However, a motion calling for the opening of only business areas to all race groups was reaffirmed at a city council meeting last night

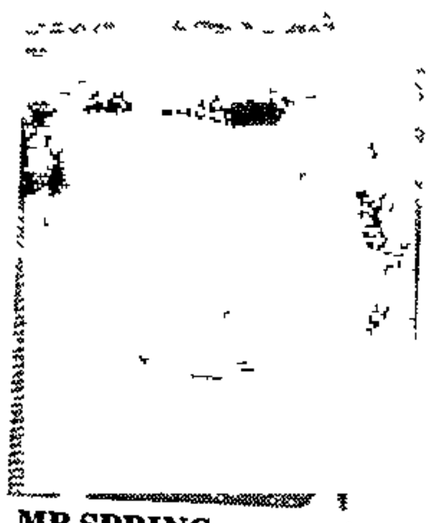
After some consideration and discussion the council went on to vote on the motion for opening residential areas

The motion was rejected by 10 votes to six

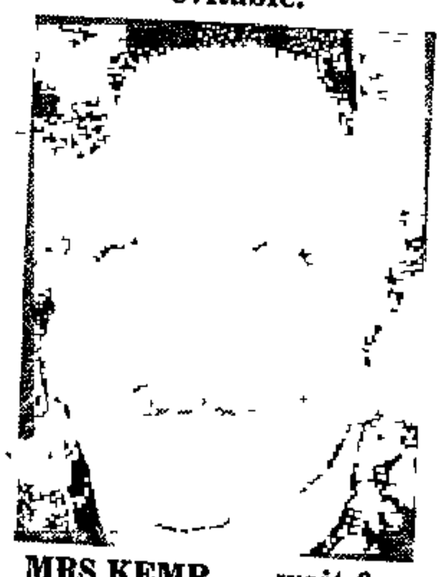
Those who voted in favour were the mayor, Mr J. A. Yazbek, Mr A E. Spring, Mr I S. Zulman, Mr F W Botha, Mr B T Snell and Mr D. J Card

Those against were Mr J H Bezuidenhout, Mr R L de Lange (snr), Mr W J Morris, Mrs M E Kemp, Mr E R Whitaker, Mr R L de Lange (jr), Mr P Kay, Mr L Cooper, Mr P M Rohtbart and Mr N W E Randall

Mr Spring, who resubmitted the motion for consideration, said an editorial in the Daily Dispatch of October 24, in which the councillors were said to have a politically racist attitude and were insensitive to people's needs after rejecting the motion last week, was unfairly being cast upon the whole council



MR SPRING .. opening of residential areas inevitable.



MRS KEMP .. wait for President's Council report.

Mr Spring said merit, and not the colour of a person's skin, should decide where East London's people lived and worked.

He said the opening of the residential areas was inevitable, and urged the council to "be bold" in calling for its opening to all races

Mr Card, who seconded Mr Spring's motion, said the longer it took to make a decision the more ill-feeling and problems would be bred

He said that in the present situation of separate development there were five white families to one hectare of land, 10 Indian families to one hectare, 14 coloured families to one hectare and between 126 and 190 black families to one hectare

He said it was no longer a political issue, but an issue in dealing with each person living in East London

Mr Whitaker argued that the council had no right to make decisions which influenced the lives of Indians, coloureds and blacks without consultation with each group

He also believed that opening all residential areas to all races would cause certain sections of the community to "be inundated by the majority group and life would become intolerable for a section of East London's population"

It would be irresponsible to open the residential areas, amenities and beaches, Mrs Kemp said, when the council knew it would be against government policy

She added that "everyone knows there will be some changes in future, but the council should wait for the President's Council report next year."

The report would be an in-depth survey into the Group Areas Act

Mr De Lange (snr) said: "We are here to be fair to all people, and we should await the official report from the President's Council next year."

Mr Zulman said time was of the essence, and by voting in favour of the motion, the council's policy would be made known to the government

Mr Kay said he believed all men were equal, but added that he could not force this belief on to a neighbour who did not feel the same way "We should meet with the people and ask them what they want."

Mr Spring said he wanted the request to be conveyed to the government "in principle", that the council would accept the scrapping of the Group Areas Act

Mr Yazbek said in doing so the council would be exercising its "right to speak".

He said it was a moral duty of the council to convey its feelings on the issue

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ARGUS 21/2/84 (263)

Powers for management committees?

Municipal Reporter

SWEEPING decision-making powers for management committees are believed to be under consideration by provincial authorities and new legislation may be introduced in three months

This follows a request by the Athlone and District Managment Committee to the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, for powers of final decision over a wide range of affairs

These include the appointment and dismissal of staff, allocation of houses and eviction of tenants, approval and planning of new housing schemes, leasing, alienation and use of immovable property, approval of tenders for projects, allocation of bursaries, amendments to the town-planning scheme, construction and provision of roads and pavements, and public transport, taxis and traffic

"Something concrete"

Secretary Mr W A Jacobs said these powers were being discussed with the Province and the financial implications were being examined

The committee hoped to have "something concrete" within the next 11 weeks

The Athlone committee asked for the powers "in an endeavour to effect meaningful representation" at local government level as a temporary measure while direct representation was being negotiated

On a local level the relationship between Cape Town City Council — committed to a universal franchise within the municipal area — and the four Peninsula management committees, including Athlone, has been stormy at times but it improved towards the end of last year

However, the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, has been taking a strong line in favour of the committees in recent months

In a letter replying to the Athlone committee's request for the assignment of final decision-making authority, Mr Louw wrote

"I am fully aware of the problems confronting the management committees in the Cape Town municipal area and my administration will do everything in its power to address them"

Soon afterwards he singled out Cape Town City Council as one of the "very few" local authorities which had not at all times treated management committees "satisfactorily", and he threatened to "take steps".

Then during his opening speech to the Provincial Council on Tuesday Mr Louw said the council would consider legislation giving the Administrator the power to discipline local authorities which refused to co-operate with management committees

East Cape local boards have collapsed

- **R16-m in the red**
- **Unable to collect R12-m in rent arrears**
- **Councils *asking* to be phased out**

CITY P 23/2/86

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By MONO BADELA

BLACK local government in the Eastern Cape has collapsed – the townships have become "ungovernable" and there is a deficit of R12-million on rent and service charges.

And this week political analysts warned that the Government will have to think twice before implementing its proposed regional services councils

Wits University politics lecturer Mark Swilling told *City Press* the proposed regional services councils had all the ingredients of a disaster

Swilling spent two weeks last month collecting information on street committees and the pending Langa removals in nine Eastern Cape towns, including Port Elizabeth, Uitenhage, East London, Queenstown and Grahamstown

"The Government has no support for the regional services councils and if it goes ahead with its plans, it will have to do this coercively and repeat all the mistakes it made when it went ahead with community councils, black local councils, administration and development boards and even white municipalities," Swilling said

Meanwhile, Progressive Federal Party MP for Walmer Andrew Savage – a close friend of the late Molly Blackburn – attended a specially convened meeting in Port Elizabeth recently where East Cape Development Board officials claimed some other startling facts

- Rent and service charges are about R12 million in arrears,
- There was no effective machinery for rent collection in the present circumstances It was not the job of the police to collect such monies. There is no mechanism for processing tens of thousands of such cases, nor for the evictions of so many tenants
- Accumulated debt stood at R16,5 million in 1985 and is likely to be increased to R19,7 million in 1986
- The black staff of the development board and the black local authorities have been effectively neutralised It is impossible for them to go about their daily duties in the townships.
- White staff have consequently been carrying an immense workload for some time now They have to and are trying to keep the show on the road in very difficult conditions
- The development boards have discussed their situation and came to the conclusion that they can't perform a satisfactory function in the face of current circumstances They have asked the Government that they be phased out over a short period – in less than a year, if possible
- Only 17 of a total of 45 community councils are still functioning effectively
- There are vacancies in 173 of the 284 wards.
- Of the four black local authorities, two have ceased to function completely and the Ibhayi Town Council has had to get two additional nominated members by the Minister of Development Aid to enable them to get a quorum

Swilling said it was clear that "the apartheid state" had collapsed in the Eastern Cape

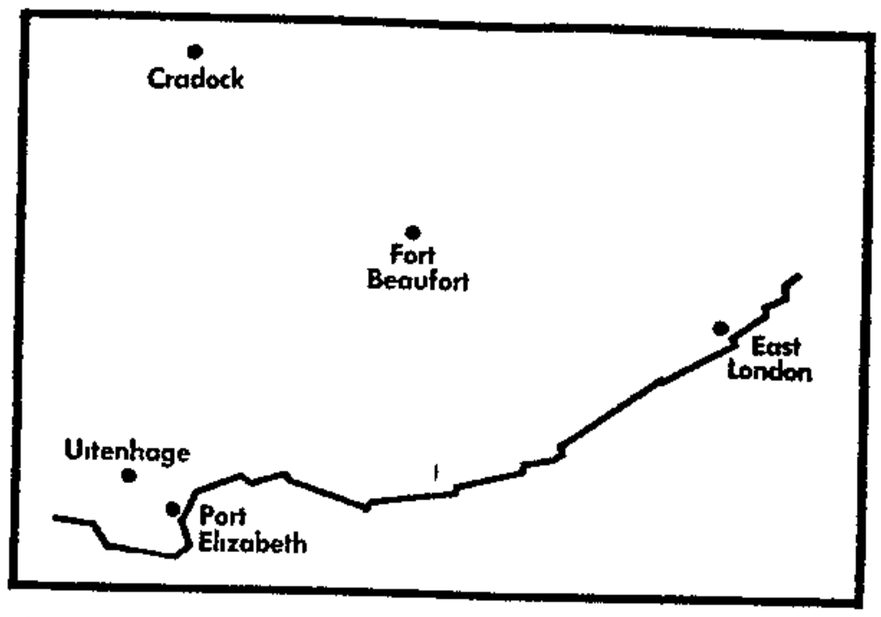
The collapse of State control in the Eastern Cape has left a vacuum that can only be filled by organisations that represent the interests of the majority of the people, he said.

Profits from liquor outlets which in the past have helped to finance the administration of the townships, have dropped from R2,5-million to a mere R400 000 because of the growing move to boycott all government financed liquor outlets Profits from liquor sales are expected to drop even more, he said

At the moment the proposed regional services councils have been rejected by progressive organisations like the United Democratic Front because they were not based on the one person one vote system.

"The only alternative is non-racial municipalities elected on a one man, one vote basis," said Swilling

This demand is also supported by the trade union movement and many white organisations including the PFP, Black Sash, Chambers of Commerce and Industries and even by some white municipalities



ARGUS 20/5/85 (263)

Scrap management committees — Essop

Staff Reporter

A VETERAN civic affairs campaigner, Mr E M "Babs" Essop, has called for the scrapping of the advisory management committee system in coloured and Indian Areas

Four management committees — Athlone and District, Kensington, Rylands Estate and Wittebome/Wynberg — fall under the jurisdiction of the Cape Town City Council

Mr Essop, a member of the Athlone and District Management Committee for 15 years, said the committees should be scrapped as they were "merely voices in a wilderness"

"They can only make recommendations to local authorities and these are frequently shelved or ignored

"The right to vote and to stand for city council elections is something we once enjoyed in District Six and elsewhere in the Cape

"I have kept an eye on local affairs affecting our community for many years and now want the restoration of the municipal franchise with full rights in local affairs for our people

"I want the Government to disband the committees and reinstate committee members in expanded municipal and divisional councils until such time as the delimitation of additional wards for municipal elections can be arranged

Mr Babs Essop

"I think the concept of separate municipalities in non-white urban and rural areas is not economical.

"It will double running and maintenance costs all round and even with heavy subsidisation, some of it will have to be passed on to the ratepayers"

CITY NATIONAL

ARGUS 12/4/85 (263)

Management committees in rift with City Council

By MICHAEL MORRIS, Municipal Reporter

MANAGEMENT committees in Cape Town have broken ties with the City Council to force a crisis aimed at making the Government "sit up and take note of our needs"

Committee members slated the Government and the City Council in a two-pronged attack yesterday, voting unanimously to break off operating ties with the council and to press the Government for full autonomy

The decision to force the collapse of the controversial committee system in coloured and Indian areas will be followed today by talks with Mr David Curry, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives

Committee members decided yesterday to press Mr Curry for an alternative to the present system in which management committees make recommendations to white-controlled local authorities

They said they wanted to make decisions and not merely advise

"Won't put up with it"

During an often stormy debate, the chairman of the Athlone Management Committee and a Labour Party MP in the House of Representatives, Mr A Stanley, said. "We have given the system a chance and it has failed

"Our decision to break ties will say to them 'We are not going to put up with it any more'."

● Friction between management committees and the City Council arose after councillors launched a blistering attack on the management committee system late last year, while reaffirming a commitment to full representation in one council

The debate arose over proposals to extend liaison between councils and management committees Councillors chose not to change their present system of liaison, roundly criticised as "ineffectual and a waste of time" by committee members yesterday

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) Yes

(a) (i) At the Market Street interchange at the bottom of Du Toitskloof at Paarl

(ii) At the bottom of Sir Lowry's Pass at Strand

(b) To determine the number of Blacks entering the Cape Peninsula from Transkei and Ciskei without authority

(c) (i) At Paarl 202

(ii) At Strand 212

(d) 9 936

(e) R426 854,53

(f) 2 168 buses and 175 other vehicles passed the monitoring points 16 333 Black persons had authority and 64 651 Black persons had no authority to enter the Cape Peninsula

(2) Yes

(a) To control the movement of unauthorized Black persons from Transkei and Ciskei to the Cape Peninsula

(b) As soon as a bus terminal at De Doorns becomes operative

(c) Details regarding the bus terminal have not been finalised

(3) (a) (i) Yes

(ii) No

(b) Yes

(i) Du Toitskloof	1 822
(ii) Sir Lowry's Pass	521

Khayelitsha

HANSARD 19/6/85 Q col 2016

1028 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 24 on 21 May 1985, his Department (a) controls and/or (b) administers Site C in Khayelitsha; if so, since what date, if not, who (i) administers and/or (ii) controls Site C,

(2) whether it is anticipated that his Department or the Western Cape Development Board will take over the (a) control and/or (b) administration of Site C; if not, why not, if so, when?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) (a) and (b) No

(i) and (ii) The Western Cape Development Board since 4 January 1985

(2) (a) and (b) Has always been under the control and administration of the Western Cape Development Board

Western Cape: community councils

HANSARD 19/6/85 Q col 2016

1030 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

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How many persons of each race group were employed by (a) the Western Cape Development Board (i) prior and (ii) subsequent to the establishment of Black community councils, and (b) each specified Black community council in the area falling under the control of the Western Cape Development Board, as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPEMENT AND EDUCATION

(a) (i) Whites 460
Blacks 2 361

(ii) Whites 460.
Blacks 2 349

(b) Ashton Whites 2
Blacks 12

Hermanus Whites 1
Blacks 11

The three Whites involved are seconded to the two Community Councils

Figures as at 14 June 1985

Independent/national states: health care

HANSARD 19/6/85 Q col 2017

1031 Dr M S BARNARD asked the Minister of Health and Welfare

Whether his Department subsidizes any aspects of health care (a) offered by (i) local authorities and (ii) voluntary agencies and (b) in the (i) (aa) independent Black and (bb) national states and (ii) provinces, if not, why not, if so, what was the amount of these subsidies in each case in each of the latest specified five financial years for which figures are available?

The MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

(a) (i) Yes

1981/82	=	R39 116 000
1982/83	=	R48 130 000
1983/84	=	R56 644 000
1984/85	=	R67 414 000
1985/86	=	R69 149 000

(ii) Yes

1981/82	=	R 9 155 000
1982/83	=	R12 808 000
1983/84	=	R 9 793 000
1984/85	=	R16 344 000
1985/86	=	R11 663 000

(b) (i) (aa) No
Subsidized by Department of Foreign Affairs

(bb) No
Financed by Department of Co-operation and Development

(ii) No
Funded by Treasury

University of Fort Hare

HANSARD 19/6/85

1032 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education

Q col 2018

(1) Whether any demonstrations took place on the campus of the University of Fort Hare during May 1985, if so, (a) when and (b) what was the cause of the demonstrations,

(2) whether any action was taken by the campus personnel as a result of the demonstrations, if so, (a) what action, (b) why, (c) by what branch of the campus personnel and (d) with what result,

(3) whether any (a) students, (b) university staff and/or (c) campus personnel were injured in the course of these demonstrations, if so, how many in each case,

(4) whether his Department took any action in connection with this matter; if not, why not, if so, (a) what action, (b) why and (c) when,

(5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The MINISTER OF CO-OPERATION, DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION

(1) Yes

(a) 1, 8 9, 10, 21, 22 and 23 May

(b) 1 May—political of nature, labours day,
8 May—demonstrations due to the arrest of seven students by the police,
9, 10, 21 and 22 May—intimidation of students by fellow students to boycott classes and stop writing of tests,
23 May—intimidation of students by fellow students and stone throwing

Mixed areas: new debate?

(263) DISPATCH 07/11/85

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The East London city council may hold a third debate on a request to approach the administrator on opening residential areas to all races

The Coloured Management Committee is to discuss the issue at a meeting today, and the chairman, Mr Johan Temmers, said a submission would be made to the countil if the vote was in favour

The chairman of the council's action committee, Mr Donald Card, said the matter would have to be debated again if a submission was received from the CMC

The Indian Management Committee submitted a similar motion to the action committee last month, and it was later re-submitted by a councillor, Mr Errol Spring, for consideration by the full council

On both occasions the motion was rejected, while a motion calling for the opening of business areas to all race groups was reaffirmed

Mr Temmers said yesterday East London already had some mixed residential areas

"Several mixed couples live in various areas, including white areas like Cambridge, Milner Estate, Southernwood and Stoney Drift"

The director of the municipal housing department, Mr Ken Martinsen, confirmed there were mixed couples living in residential areas reserved for other races

He added that, under the Group Areas Act, a mixed couple could live in an area reserved for the race to which the husband belonged However, a permit was necessary in the case of a white group area

Mr Card said he was aware of mixed couples living in some white areas

MR TEMMERS

ATLANTIS MANCOM DEFENDS ITS STAND

(263) C. Herald 14/12/85

SIR, — The Atlantis Management Commttee is perturbed at the continual negative publicity given to it by the media and the allegations made in certain articles about the Management Committee not representing the vox populi and therefore having no mandate from the people of Atlantis whereas the Atlantis Residents Association has been given wide coverage and boosted as the real representative body who should in fact be negotiated with. It should be mentioned that at the last general election in 1983, the Atlantis Management Committee received some 7 000 votes which clearly represents a mandate.

Newspaper reports quoted unrealistic attendance figures of 1 000 to 2 000 people at the ARA's meetings held recently in a hall which can only seat a maximum of 500 persons. Reliable sources confirmed many of the seats were vacant and it therefore appears that apart from the ARA having fictitious members they also have the ability to become invisible at meetings It should also be noted that many of those who attended the meeting were neither tenants nor home-owners but the youth of the area and it appears therefore that the mandate given to ARA emanated from the youth.

It can therefore be said that civic problems are being used to merely attain political mileage and that the interests of the community takes second place. The professed concern of the ARA about the problems of the residents of Atlantis is indeed questionable as they refuse to negotiate with Divco if the Management Committee is present. Walking out at meetings achieves nothing It would seem that the presence of the Mancom was of more importance than the pressing and urgent problems facing the people of Atlantis. It should be prominently brought to the attention of the public that the Mancom has never allowed party politics to interfere with its decisions.

The fact that the Atlantis Management Committee is not holding any public meetings can be blamed on disruptions caused by people with ulterior motives. Where is the democracy everybody talks about? The definition of the word of which seems to have become meaningless. I would however point out for your readers benefit that all meetings of the Mancom are open to the public and only matters of a confidential nature are dealt with behind closed doors in accordance with current legislation.

The Mancom finds it strange that certain Divco Councillors have chosen to condemn the Mancom — system when they themselves are using the precise platform.

The Mancom has never turned a blind eye towards the problems of Atlantis but in fact (and this is on record) has gone to great lengths in attempting to solve these problems such as unemployment, high rentals, disconnections of water and electricity, evictions, the trickle system etc. Approaches have on numerous occasions been made to higher authority — Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture — which resulted in the granting of a moratorium nationwide, that is the reduction in rentals for those who had been retrenched through circumstances beyond their control. All the other salient problems have also been highlighted. Moreover, meetings with officials of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture were subsequently held where further relief measures were discussed and the Mancom is at present framing its motivation in this respect It is hopeful that the decision of the relevant State Department will be available by February 1986. However, immediate relief measures for Atlantis residents have been requested

The Atlantis Mancom and everyone else for that matter should recognise the residents as the pioneers of Atlantis and should therefore heed their cries for assistance. It was for this reason that the Mancom had requested Council to provide a suitable venue at the Avondale Community Centre (Ex-Health inspectors Office) where it could conduct interviews with homeowners who are in arrears with their interest and redemption instalments

We, the Mancom believe that we have an important role to play in promoting the interests and welfare of the inhabitants of Atlantis. We believe that our goals and objectives, where the interest of the people is concerned, are the same and appeal to all to put aside personal differences and join forces.

F E BRANDRETH
Chairman — Atlantis Management Committee

Councillor: Boycott committee shortsighted

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The chairman of the Fort Beaufort community council, Mr M Nohashe, yesterday attacked the Fort Beaufort Consumer Boycott Committee, saying it was irrelevant and did not have the welfare of the community at heart

Mr Nohashe was reacting to a newspaper report in which the chairman of the boycott committee, Mr Derrick Qina, was quoted as saying one of the committee's demands was the resignation of the community council members.

Mr Nohashe accused the boycott committee of being shortsighted in their decisions, adding that the council was responsible for the present standard of improvements in the townships

He said before his council took over six years ago, not a single budget or capital project was approved

At present, a R4,5 million secondary school was being built in the township and the councillors had fought for the upgrading that had already been achieved for the townships, Mr Nohashe said

He said the development of the townships would have made more progress had it not been for the unrest in the townships

About R1 million had already been approved for the 1985/86 financial year to provide mast lights, improve roads, create jobs and infrastructure for development, Mr Nohashe said

He said all these projects had been stalled by the upheavals in the townships since contractors could not enter the townships

He urged the boycott committee to talk to the community so a right climate could be created in the townships to allow the upgrading to take place

He accused the boycott committee of hypocrisy, saying it called for the abolition of the community council and yet it

Mr Nohashe . . . create right climate in townships.

instituted a court interdict in the Grahamstown Supreme Court asking for the election of the community council to be declared null and void and for new elections to take place

He said when this failed, the boycott committee resorted to "mob spirit" to achieve its goals

He agreed with Mr Qina on Fort Beaufort not following Port Elizabeth's example concerning the consumer boycott, since the two towns had different social circumstances

The suspension of the boycott of white stores in Port Elizabeth has been extended for five months

He urged the members of the boycott committee to attend a meeting of all organisations in Fort Beaufort on December 10 in which local issues would be thrashed out

Mr Nohashe condemned the faction fighting in Fort Beaufort, saying it was retrogressive and impeded progress

DISPATCH 5/12/85

Setting example

22/11/85 (263)

THE proposed opening of a prime Port Elizabeth coastal resort, Beachview, to all races is a most welcome and positive step. The disclosure of the move followed a leak after discussions this week between members of the Dias Divisional Council and the Northern Areas and Indian Management Committees. E-POST

This unprecedented step still has to be approved by the council, which is scheduled to meet on Tuesday. But it appears that Dias is likely to give the go-ahead. It is hoped the opening of the resort will be unconditional — in other words, no restrictions on the use of any of the facilities. 22/11/85

This is the first move toward establishing a multiracial resort along the Eastern Cape coast, and Dias deserves commendation for its positive approach In fact, it has set an example for the PE City Council which, for years, has dragged its heels on opening to all races the beaches under its jurisdiction.

Tenants request rejected

DISPATCH

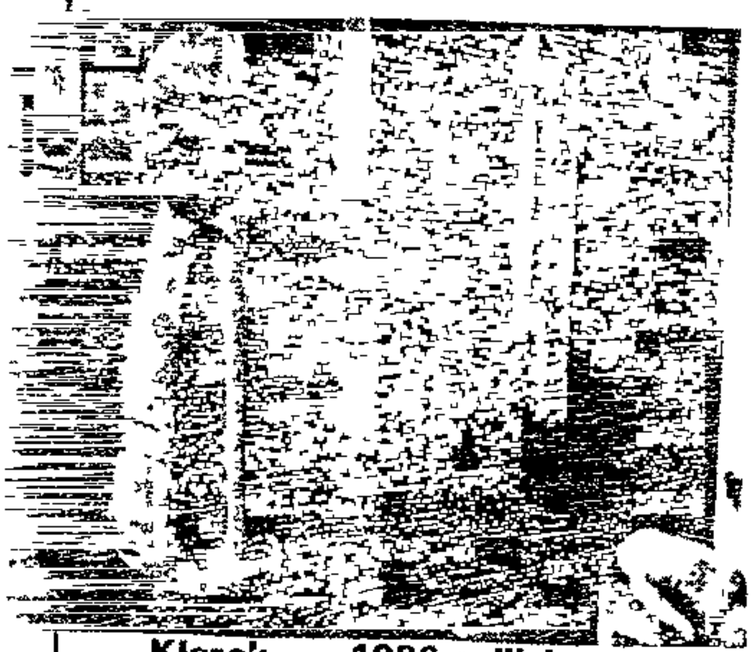
EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee has rejected a move for tenants' associations to be represented on the housing allocation committee.

28/11/85

The move comes against the background of increasing dissatisfaction about allocation of houses to people who say they have been on the waiting list for years

The Buffalo Flats Tenants' Association asked that its president, Mr James Latola, and its secretary, Mr Abie Roberts, be allowed to sit on the committee

The CMC rejected the request It was felt that the committee would give the association a hearing on specific requests in connection with matters of housing allocation if this was warranted — DDR



Klerck . . . 1986 will be a watershed

up lost ground "

The great trek to Sandton in the days when the sky was the limit, Klerck explains, has left several agencies with unmanageable overheads now that staff and incomes have contracted "They're stuck with copper-bottomed contracts with their landlords," he adds He refuses to cite examples, though Venture BBDO and others are commonly said to be caught in that cleft stick

Klerck believes that 1986 will be a watershed It will be a tight year, with numerous mergers and alliances changing the industry's shape as it contracts

The good news, he thinks, is that submissions to the Margo Commission — "by not only AAA, but the industry, SABC, NPU, Cinemark, Outdoor Marketing and the Society of Marketers" — will result in an end to gst on advertising exposure

The liability structure of MIC, too, is being renegotiated "The main media bodies have dealt with us exceptionally amicably and understandingly, and I expect we'll come to a solution " This involves finding another system of guarantees to take contributing agencies off the hook of their proportionate liability for any member's default on payment to the media

The Competition Board is yet another sword of Damocles hanging over the industry, with its accreditation and commission system under scrutiny But the energetic and affable Klerck professes optimism that the Board will accept that "with all its faults, our industry is well organised There'd be chaos without some safeguards "

Klerck describes himself as a "detribalised Freestater " A small-town boy from Winburg, he went into sales with Mobil after completing his B Comm at OFS University in 1953 He moved to marketing four years later, as one of the Industrial Development Corporation's first three marketing officers

Between 1960 and 1967 he served as Toyota MD for Albert Wessels, getting the company off the ground "I was Toyota's first and only employee, acting as secretary, typist, marketing manager — everything " He left to enter advertising, and set up his own company, Adverkor

In 1975, Klerck merged with Odes Marais to form Klerck, Marais and Potgieter (KMP) Five years ago, KMP linked up with Compton, the New York agency, to gain an international connection "To my pleasure, Saatchi & Saatchi did a reverse takover of Compton, so we now have an association with the fifth-largest agency in the world " Recently too, KMP Compton allied itself with Barker McCormac under a new holding company, Klerck & McCormac

"It wasn't a shotgun marriage — neither of us was in trouble — but it enabled us to rationalise recruitment and administration We now have combined billings of about R50m-plus, standing about sixth in the industry "

As well as his AAA work, Klerck served as Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut president in 1983-1984 In his presidential address, he became the first Afrikaans business leader openly to criticise government's financial and economic policies ■

CLIVE KEEGAN

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Fighting the odds

As the man behind the latest move to restore peace to strife-torn greater Cape Town, Clive Keegan, chairman of Cape Town City Council's constitutional committee and a member of the council's executive committee, believes that unless something positive is done soon, the chances of lasting peace may be lost forever

Struggling against the odds has always been one of Keegan's strengths As a student activist, he was banned along with other Nusas leaders in 1973 in the wake of the Schlebusch Commission report But Keegan (35) bounced back and within months of his ban being lifted in 1976, stood unsuccessfully for the city council Two years later he won a seat His rise in council has been impressive in 1983 he became the youngest member to be elected to the executive committee (the council's "cabinet") and now heads the town-planning committee and the constitutional committee

Keegan

The latest council initiative, based on a motion proposed by Keegan at a recent council meeting, follows a communications exercise launched last month by Mayor Leon Markowitz and EXCO chairman John Muir It was designed as a dialogue exercise with recognised community leaders to prepare a report on the region's needs The aim, Keegan says, was to bring together the thoughts, aspirations, attitudes and grievances of as many people in Cape Town as possible

The exercise has been underway for about 45 days, but at the same time the situation has deteriorated, necessitating a new effort "There has been very severe damage to race relations in the city," Keegan says "There s an element of distrust creeping into relations between the city council and ordinary citizens and there's fear among all sections of our community

"We're a city which prides itself on what we've always called our liberal tradition We've always thought ourselves a more tolerant region than the rest of the country Until 1972, this municipality was a totally mixed one We had a non-racial voters' roll and there were many coloured and Indian councillors who served the city well

"So the memory of a totally non-racial local government is still raw, as is the expulsion of people of colour from the voters' roll and the expulsion of coloured and Indian councillors from our council chamber

"We thought that unless we could get a concerted voice from as many individuals and voluntary associations in Cape Town as possible to cry out for a cessation of violence between citizens and authorities, and for the creation of an environment of trust in which Cape Town could negotiate its own regional local government future, then the future would be very bleak indeed "

Keegan is also concerned that the planned introduction of regional services councils (RSC) at the beginning of next year will lead to further violence and polarisation in Cape Town "The RSCs are based on ethnic local authorities, and when they start holding elections for the independent municipality of Mitchells Plain or Athlone it's going to make the elections for the tricameral parliament look like Father Christmas's annual ball

"I have no doubt that, given the credibility attached to the RSCs and their apartheid foundation, the whole thing will collapse within two years Cape Town is then going to have to be ready with some kind of plan for regional government which will have the endorsement of all its citizens "

Keegan believes SA's salvation may lie in the federal concept "It is one of the few things in this country that is giving me hope," he says "Regions, such as the western Cape or the Natal-KwaZulu area, are going to have to start to work out their own regional structures of government based on the specific needs of those regions "This has, of course, been given enormous impetus by the Buthelezi Commission in Natal and that whole initiative seems to be gaining much broader acceptance I believe it opens very useful opportunities for the western Cape It's an initiative we should build upon and it's one of the things I see emerging out of a peace conference "

And Keegan believes the city council enjoys enough respectability throughout the community to be accepted as the initiator of a peace plan and to gain co-operation from other leaders ■

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Rothman: Our policy 'is to demolish'

Municipal Reporter

A CALL for a one-month moratorium on the demolition of squatter shacks pending the outcome of an investigation into illegal squatting failed at yesterday's Divisional Council meeting

A motion calling for the moratorium and an investigation was proposed by Mr Neil Ross, but the chairman, Mr Louwtjie Rothman, ruled that the moratorium would constitute a "radical change to the council's squatter policy" and that Mr Ross would have to give notice before putting such a motion

"Our policy is to demolish," he said

The council agreed, however, to conduct an investigation into families squatting illegally within the division and to consider providing them with alternative accommodation

Mr Ross proposed his motion in response to the tabling of a "progress report" on the council's "squatter control operations"

According to the report, the council has demolished the shacks of more than 9 000 "illegal" squatter families since 1975

None of the families was provided with alternative accommodation when their homes were destroyed

CMC concern over city council decision

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee (CMC) reacted with concern yesterday to the city council's rejection on Monday of the opening of residential areas to all races

The CMC would call for an urgent meeting with the council's action committee, the CMC's vice-chairman, Mr Daniel Alexander, said

"The city council seems to be selling us down the drain," and, he said, the CMC was disappointed at their attitude

"We want all East London areas to be opened to everyone. We want a free South Africa"

The chairman of the CMC, Mr J Temmers, said "We have already shown our willingness to co-operate in opening our areas to other race groups."

A coloured man recently married a white woman, he said, and the couple were allowed to live in the coloured residential area.

However, Mr Temmers said, he wondered how the city council would react to an application by a white man to live in a white residential area with a coloured wife

"I think that we are justified in saying that the council has taken a racist attitude"

Mr Temmers said the CMC was 100 per cent in agreement with the Indian Management Committee in their motion, which they submitted to the council, calling for the opening of both business and residential areas to all races

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The job of the traffic police

Staff Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S traffic officers were not expected to participate or assist in police actions on public control, but were there to perform basic functions controlling traffic, the City Administrator, Mr Gys Hofmeyer, said yesterday.

The statement came after a number of calls were received by the Cape Times from traffic officers claiming that they had been instructed to assist the police and to accompany their Casspirs.

Mr Hofmeyer yesterday said the letter had called on the officers to assist where large convoys of people moved through the city.

"With this, we mean that officers should assist in directing the traffic in such a way as to prevent traffic snags or accidents, even where a convoy of Casspirs is involved," he said.

They were not expected to accompany Casspirs, as the City Council's attitude to the City Traffic Department is that it should keep order and ensure the safety of vehicles by applying effective traffic control.

He said that when danger zones developed, traffic officers were expected to stop traffic going into the area and to deviate traffic around the dangerous area in an orderly manner, as they had been doing throughout the unrest.

The men were law enforcement officers and should therefore at all times ensure the safety of the public, he said.

He was aware that some of the officers had been singled out as targets by stone-throwers and said it was unfortunate that this had been the case as the men "just like the ambulance drivers who were sometimes stoned" were only doing their duty.

Civic leaders clash over DV takeover

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By MATTHEW MOONIEYA
Local Affairs Reporter

EAST LONDON — Civic leaders here clashed yesterday over a possible takeover of Duncan Village by the East London City Council from the East Cape Development Board

Three senior city councillors — the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, the chairman of the action Committee, Mr Donald Card, and the chairman of the finance committee, Mr Errol Spring — pledged that they would push for a municipal takeover of Duncan Village

The chairman of the community council, Mrs Mabel Mdaka, said her council would oppose any such move

The takeover debate comes against the background of

- A crucial meeting in Cradock on Monday where civic and business leaders decided to push for control of black areas to be vested in municipalities,
- A poser set by the director of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Len Dekker, that whether in hindsight, placing black areas under development boards was a good thing,
- A move by the Oudtshoorn town council to ask the government for the black area of Bongolethu to be placed under its control "to prevent it from going up in flames" and
- A growing body of opinion that takeover by municipalities would depoliticise local government and the supply of services

Mr Yazbek said "I am all for depoliticising local government and the supply of services I am very keen to restore confidence in Duncan Village and for life to return to normal there

"I have had repeated requests from residents of Duncan Village to help restore order in the area They were heart rending requests which we as civic leaders cannot ignore

"But if community councillors feel otherwise, we will have to sit down and talk about the matter"

On the financial aspects of such a move, Mr Yazbek said other municipalities such as Beacon Bay and Gonubie would have to meet their social responsibilities in helping out financially with the area

Mr Card said the council had not taken any decision on Duncan Village but he felt personally that control should be vested in the city council

"The community councillors still maintain they are in control of the area, but this is doubtful They are rejected by a large proportion of the people

"Naturally we must get people to lead the community and if the community councillors are not the proper leaders, the people's leaders must come forward and let us sit down and talk about restoring normality," Mr Card said

Mr Spring said he would push for control of Duncan Village

"My personal view is that it was the government's biggest mistake to hand over jurisdiction of the area to the East Cape Development Board

"I would like to see Duncan Village as a suburb of East London with its residents represented on the city council"

Mr Spring did not see any problems about finance arising because of a takeover

"The area has been badly neglected and basic services are not operating It will take a lot of money to restore it but we will have to insist that the money be made available in the interests of all concerned"

Mrs Mdaka said the community council should be given local authority status and could link up possibly with others in a Regional Services Council

"We will lose a lot of money if the development board goes Everything is set for normality to be restored in Duncan Village This will come in time when the hooligan element stops its actitivites"

Mrs Mdaka also revealed that Duncan Village would in future be known as Gompo

"We are just waiting The matter will be discussed in Pretoria soon with a delegation from the community councils' mother body, Ucasa"

Rejecting the city council's advances, Mrs Mdaka claimed it should not be forgotten that it was the same city council that had wanted the people of Duncan Village to go to Mdantsane

She said they were not physically in Duncan Village because their houses had been burnt down but they were in contact with the people who were getting impatient with the hooligan element.

"The government has given us R54 000 to create jobs for the unemployed in the area We have already employed 93 people to do jobs such as clearing up and restoring other facilities

"But the work is being hampered by the hooligans who are even trying to cut the electricity supply to the township," she said

"I am confident things will get back to normal but I cannot say when this will happen"

She said another drawback was that residents were divided over issues in the township

Further aid for jobless likely

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By CATHY SCHNELL

THE Unemployment Relief Aid scheme would be extended after March if funds were available, because the recession would probably get worse and unemployment higher, the Director-General of Manpower, Dr P J van der Merwe, said today

If extra money was available during this financial year, the existing scheme would be expanded and additional schemes introduced

Dr Van der Merwe said the plight of the unemployed was of prime consideration, especially in the areas with the highest unemployment levels, like the Eastern Cape

He said entrepeneurs should be encouraged as much as possible All central business districts should be opened up

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The various chambers of commerce should be supported in their move to help maintain employment levels by allowing businessmen experiencing financial difficulties to put staff on short time, rather than retrench them. Even if this meant reduced wages, it was preferable to no wages at all

Means of alleviating the situation were

- Trying to maintain existing jobs by putting people on short time if needs be
- Looking at the creation of more short-term jobs
- Training unemployed people by giving them short periods of intensive training

Yesterday Dr Van der Merwe and the Minister of Manpower, Mr P T du Plessis, were in Port Elizabeth for a conference with industrial councils

Mr Du Plessis said that "robbing and conniving" civil servants were in part responsible for hitches in the Unemployment Insurance Fund benefit payouts

There was evidence of fraud within and outside the department However, funds were audited strictly, both internally and externally

He said the fraud was from both sides There were cases of employers and former employees tampering with the UIF forms and also cases of staff at the department robbing and conniving

Unemployment had risen, and consequently more people were making use of the unemployment fund This meant more administrative strain on the department

Mr Du Plessis said the department was handling 110 000 payouts a month involving about R30 million Over the past eight months the department had paid out some R130 million

The department also faced a shortage of staff and problems with recent computerisation However, complaints about the fund amounted to less than 1% of claims handled

Assomac: municipal vote by 1986 or we will quit

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By MATTHEW MOONIEYA

EAST LONDON — The Association of Management Committees (Assomac) decided at the close of its congress here yesterday to quit en bloc if direct representation on local authorities was not achieved by September, 1986.

The one-year deadline was preceded by lively debate and there was another proposal that it be extended to 1988.

But the motion by the MP for Ravensmead in the House of Representatives, Mr Hansie Christian, was carried by a large majority — including most of the executive

The motion by Pastor F Wrench, of Grabouw, drew a handful of votes

A delegate from Port Elizabeth, Mr Kesu Padyachee, was shouted down when he called on Mr Christian to define direct representation "as most delegates here don't know what the meaning of direct representation is"

The president, the Rev Edward Mannikam, said if Mr Padyachee knew the principles of Assomac — justice, peace, liberty and direct representation — he would not ask such a question.

"You support these principles and now you are trying to tell us you don't know what they mean?" he said

The move for a one-year deadline came after several delegates had complained about the lack of communication between management committees and local authorities and the fact that while the committees attended local authority meetings, they did not have the vote

But the matter was rounded up by Mr Christian when, to applause from the more than 300 delegates, he said "We will go on talking about direct representation and these matters with local authorities forever Let us take a final stand on the matter now, for once and for all"

Firing the first salvo against the denial of the vote in standing committees of municipal councils, Mr Dody Nash, of the Athlone Management Committee, castigated the Assomac executive for accepting the law as it stood.

"We gave you a mandate at the last congress I am extremely disappointed that the executive did not carry it out

"We have been relegated to an advisory capacity This must be renegotiated and I would like the Cape Municipal Executive delegates to take note that it is their members who do not want us to have the vote," he said and clashed with Mr Manikkam who tried to restrict him to his five-minute allotted time

"No, Mr president, I am not going to stop We wrote to you on this matter and you did not reply I want to underline that I am extremely disappointed in the executive for allowing the minister to deny us the vote," he said.

Mr Padyachee said management committees in Port Elizabeth had not attended a single meeting of the city council because "of the insult of allowing us there and not giving us the vote"

"This is a loophole for city councils First they used to hide behind the government about giving us the vote and now they still prevent us from sitting around the horseshoe"

Mr D de Saldanha, of Kimberley, said local options were open to management committees who wanted power and referred to how his committee had stood adjourned over a clash with the city council

"They increased tariffs without consulting us We adjourned and it was embarrassing for them so they had to call us back

"Since then we all sit around a horseshoe and take decisions That is how we achieved power in Kimberley," he said amid interjections that they did not have the vote

Mr Manikkam told him that it was by the good grace of the Kimberley city council The same thing had happened in Stellenbosch.

Mr Manikkam quoted the stand taken by Assomac on representation and the right to vote in the standing committees and took a swipe at some local authorities:

"Many of them speak with a liberal tongue. They vote for the PFP, but thank God the Nats are in power

"We are working hard for direct representation The choice is either evolutionary change or violence"

Replying to the debate, the Minister of Local Government, Mr David Curry, said he agreed that the law needed to be renegotiated as some of the local authorities — especially the Cape Town City Council — were excellent at using the legal machinery to suit their purposes

Replying to Mr Muller on the question of the demands of schoolchildren, Mr Curry said "Nowhere in the history of the world have schoolchildren led a revolution"

EAST LONDON — The Rev Edward Manikkam has been elected president of Assomac

Mr Manikkam was acting president after the president, Mr David Curry, resigned when he took up his post as a cabinet minister.

Mr F L. Erasmus of Port Elizabeth is the vice-president

Mr Curry was made an honorary life president.

Beach apartheid slated

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Municipal Affairs Reporter MATTHEW MOONIEA at the Assomac congress which continued in East London yesterday.

EAST LONDON — Local authorities should be asked to scrap all beach apartheid.

This is one of the recommendations in an in-depth report of an Assomac sub-committee which investigated the development of beaches, recreation and inland resorts

The sub-committee, under Assomac vice-president, Mr F L Erasmus, sketched policy and guidelines on open beaches and facilities

The report will be debated today

The regional representatives are to be asked to approach local authorities within 30 days of the congress and must report their findings to the national executive committee at its meeting scheduled for November-December this year

It has also been recommended that Assomac enter into similar negotiations with private enterprise for the opening of their facilities to all South African taxpayers without any legal restrictions

The report said the beach issue was an annual emotive one "resulting in much criticism from our adversaries who maintain that negotiations are a futile exercise as year after year people of colour are subjected to the most acute embarrassment through the

Lack of facilities in their own demarcated areas and most ratepayers and taxpayers have come to believe that 'separate' in this context means dangerous and inferior facilities, and

Statutory discrimination effectively debars people of colour from access to the most civilised, modern and safe facilities which are the sole preserve of people classified white

The report said the solutions could only be found by

Attitudinal changes by both black and white South Africans,

The removal of volumes of statutory discrimination which afford both protection for whites and justification for the continuation of uniracial facilities in South Africa In other words a political solution, and

A dynamic approach on the part of local authorities who by and large have assumed the enormous responsibilities that go hand in hand with the provision of recreational, sport and beach facilities for all ratepayers in their area of jurisdiction

The report argued that provision of facilities must be seen as a social stabiliser and warned that there was a tendency for humans to become aggressive and even violent unless suitable, easily accessible and usable recreational outlets were provided to relieve some of the frustrations of everyday life

"A great deal of time and effort as well as resources go into the conservation of our wild life and flora We believe that conservation is vital in a civilised world but of greater importance for all of us is the conservation of the human spirit," the report said

"Investment in the leisure time of South Africans is an investment in stability for the country as a whole and will contribute in great measure to a peaceful South Africa"

Provision of facilities was becoming increasingly regarded as the responsibility of authorities, either local and in some case national

"The problem is starting to emerge in that logically as incomes, aspirations and expectations rise, it would be desirable in the long term to phase out control of facilities from the local authorities to clubs and other responsible organisations

"This will prove most difficult to achieve and will become one of the problems facing both elected members and local authority officials in the years that lie ahead"

The sub-committee said findings indicated that some local authorities had the best intentions as revealed in their forward planning

"However, they are hampered only by a lack of funds and it is to be hoped that the situation will be remedied by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning which we understand now assumes this awesome responsibility of the provision of funds."

Local authorities were also accused of insensitivity in planning because the people were not consulted

Local bodies to get more power

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EAST LONDON — Management committees were to get wider powers and any power, function or duty of a local authority could be transferred to them, the director of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Len Dekker, said yesterday

Management committees had been invested with corporate personalities to make it possible to invest them with rights and obligations

"This means a management committee can raise a loan as a juristic body," Mr Dekker said

Mr Dekker outlined five Acts which formed the basis of the new local government dispensation

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The Co-ordination of Local Government Act which essentially brought blacks into the decision-making process,

The Local Government Training Act which will train people for roles in local government,

The Constitutional Affairs Amendment Act which basically postponed all elections until 1988 to establish uniformity throughout the country,

The Local Affairs Amendment Act which provided for Demarcation Boards and to give additional powers to management committees, and

The Regional Services Councils Act to provide joint services

Mr Dekker said that, at the last Assomac conference, it had been said that some management committees had come of age but still could not take decisions

"Mr Curry raised the point that some management committees could not even decide where a stop sign should be erected It was then decided that management committees had to have the final say"

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Divco debate on RSC's

Municipal Reporter

AN ATTEMPT to persuade the Cape Divisional Council to boycott the proposed Regional Services Council (RSC) system in favour of a "more democratic alternative" failed yesterday after a heated debate.

While the more conservative councillors argued that the system was a "fait accompli", others said the council should oppose the system, which would "rend asunder the fabric of local government"

The council was debating a memorandum of recommendations about the possible boundaries and functions of a local RSC, to be submitted to the Provincial Administration

Mr Len Pothier said the RSC Act was only "enabling legislation" and that Divco should "voice its total opposition" to the system

A proposed amendment that the Divco memorandum include a preface to say the council disagreed with the RSC system in principal was defeated, but the council agreed to include a "minority statement" of dissent in the document.

Fears over Pollsmoor

Municipal Reporter

RESIDENTS of Tokai and Constantia are alarmed about the possibility of Pollsmoor Prison becoming a "political target"

The Tokai Residents and Constantia Property Owners Association have asked for the Pollsmoor Prison sign in Tokai Road to be removed, for the entrances onto Glenbrae Avenue and Steenberg Road to be closed and for the plan to build a concrete security wall along Simon van der Stel Freeway to be scrapped

Divco has agreed to ask the prison authorities to remove the sign and will consider the complaint about the wall during the next meeting of the works committee

But it says there is "no feasible alternative access" to the existing gates to the prison

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Hendrickse calls for end to violence

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — An appeal for a change of heart in South Africa and a move away from violence was made in East London today by the chairman of the Ministers Council of the House of Representatives, the Rev Allan Hendrickse

Mr Hendrickse was speaking at the annual congress of the Association of Management Committees

"The road to reconciliation demands personal sacrifices," he said

"The way of revolution ensures front-page reports and the recognition of foreigners

"To work for a change of heart in people does not bring personal fame — but rather a future for our children"

Mr Hendrickse said the coloured people could act as a buffer between forces leading to revolution

"On the one side people are trying to protect vested interests — to maintain a privileged position at the expense of others," he said

"On the other side the democratic reform and change caused demands for greater change

"The first can bring the process of reform to an end and the second normally leads to violence such as we are experiencing at the moment

"The danger exists that the combination of the two would eventually lead to revolution"

Mr Hendrickse said the participation of coloured people in the system acted as a catalyst for reform

This participation also helped to bring the perspective of black people to the core of political decision making

He said the participation of coloured people had strengthened democracy and helped to improve living standards

But participation did not mean condoning the system or becoming a puppet of the Government

The Labour Party, said Mr Hendrickse, used its own discretion when taking part in the political structures created by the Government

"We will approach the new regional services councils in the same spirit," he said

"We will use them to strive towards our aim of a just South African society and political system"

Meanwhile, the Labour Party rejected violent confrontation which left no hope for reconciliation

"We refuse to accept that reconciliation is impossible — that people cannot change," he said

Assomac head calls for non-violence

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EAST LONDON — The unrest, which would lead to brother killing brother, was tragic, the acting president of the Association of Management Committees (Assomac), the Rev Edward Manikkam, said here yesterday and warned delegates against violence and anarchy to achieve political aims

Opening the 12th annual congress of the association, Mr Manikkam made a strong plea for non-violence "despite the suffering and disappointments of the people and the heart-rending sacrifices

"I am aware of injustices and inhumanities and I am aware of hardening attitudes

"Our road is along a Judaeo-Christian destiny, for if we should forget that, I see no way out of the situation other than dying together like fools," he told the nearly 300 delegates from more than 150 cities and towns throughout the Cape

Mr Manikkam said the irony of the situation today was that it was an unforgiveable sin to speak of moderation

"You will know what I am referring to when I remind you that your appeal for moderation receives an unbelievable response of being a puppet or a stooge

"It is more than tragic that this kind of macho political mentality inevitably will lead to brother killing brother, and many thousands of people in this country are being told, in very convincing terms I may add, that such is their destiny

"I have recently heard this gargantuan lie being taken even further with people being told that a Phoenix shall rise out of the ashes I ask you, with tears in my eyes, from whose ashes?"

"Many have been killed, crippled or maimed in the tremendous turmoil and the sadder part is the refusal of so many in denying that the people in this country, irrespective of colour of creed, share a common ideal, a common purpose and a common goal through a purpose of full and equal participation in determining a common future and destiny

"To me, it is all too obvious that leaders in all communities must fulfil their role along the path of justice and peace for all

"There is only time to make sure that we do not land ourselves in an abyss of human deprivation and degradation unparalleled in the history of this country"

Call to declare intent

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EAST LONDON — The government should give a declaration of intent on further reform in the country, the chairman of the East London Indian Management Committee, Mr Mike Williams, said when he welcomed delegates and MPs to the congress

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He said members of management committees had been let down by the State President's famous Durban speech

"We took these positions for the good of our communities We took the posts at a particular political time We stuck our necks out as we knew it was the only platform recognised by the government

"We take the flak We are the ones the people say are stooges We are the ones said to be part and parcel of the system

"But we do not support the government We are there to help with peaceful change," he said

Mr Williams said apartheid should be obliterated from the statute book

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Mdantsane an RSC possibility

EAST LONDON — There was a possibility that a town like Mdantsane could be incorporated into a Regional Service Council with a core city such as East London

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This emerged here yesterday at a seminar addressed by the director-general of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Len Dekker

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He rejected the argument that black areas would not have much say in an RSC because voting rights and representation were governed by how much in services a local authority bought from an RSC

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"I don't think they will have a negligible vote If you take services rendered, you must look at the number of consumers"

Areas would be assessed on what they paid and not what they owed. The one who paid the piper called the tune

Dealing with the case of Mdantsane, Mr Dekker said an RSC could enter into an agreement with Ciskei provided the Administrator agreed and it was done through the Department of Foreign Affairs

Asked whether, if towns such as Zwelitsha and Mdantsane were included, the representation of such towns would be on the same basis as the other members of the RSC, Mr Dekker said agreement would have to be reached on membership and voting rights

Because financial consideration dictated the number of representative members and the voting rights, it had been decided that the proceeds from CBDs and industrial areas were to be excluded

"These are only to be excluded for the percentage votes of a local authority," he said

Dealing with the composition of an RSC, he said the chairman would be nominated by the Administrator but he would not have a vote

"He will be like the Speaker in the House, but he will not have a vote We ought to think about possible people to fill these posts. The person must be knowledgeable, acceptable to all parties concerned, diplomatic and a wise man who will steer the RSC The person must not be too attached to a particular local authority

"I don't know where we are going to get such people," he said

The act had built-in clauses to prevent domination by a single local authority Only 50 per cent of the vote could be held by a local authority but a two-thirds decision was required for a motion.

Mr Dekker admitted later that bigger members could prevent a decision being taken but the smaller member could take the matter to the administrator who could make a decision

"This is designed to protect minorities and smaller members," he said

A matter could be taken to the Appeal Board for a decision The board comprises the Administrator as chairman, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning and the ministers of local government from the three houses of parliament

An appeal could only be entertained in five categories failure to provide services, insufficient services, tariffs, priorities or refusal to exempt a member from receiving RSC services

The Appeal Board would resolve all conflicts, Mr Dekker said in reply to a question

IMC boycott of meetings

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By RAYMOND HILL

THE Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee today decided not to attend any meeting of the Port Elizabeth City Council until segregated seating arrangements have been abolished

This was unanimously decided at a special meeting of the committee held in Korsten to discuss the controversy over segregated seating facilities provided for members of the committee in the council chamber

Members of the committee complained that they were debarred from sitting around the horseshoe in the council

The committee has decided not to attend any future council meetings until proper seating arrangements for members have been made

It was also decided not to invite any city councillors to future meetings of the committee

In the past, two city councillors were invited to attend monthly committee meetings and to sit next to committee members

A resolution by the Management Committee taken in January which said a committee representative should attend standing committee meetings of the City Council, was rescinded

Members today strongly criticised councillors, particularly the "*verkramptes*", for providing segregated seating facilities at council meetings

The committee chairman and the MP for Malabar, Mr Raman Bhana, said the council had been "very politically influenced"

He criticised the "*verkrampte* element" and said he was extremely disappointed in those who were responsible for the segregated seating

Mr Bhana also criticised the "liberal element" among the councillors who did nothing about the matter

He said those particular councillors supported the committee whenever it suited them — or otherwise they just remained quiet

"Our city councillors are not working in the best interests of the city as a whole"

The deputy chairman, Mr Jay Kathan, referred to an occasion in a City Council meeting when he was not given the opportunity to put his point across

He said, in effect, the committee had been by-passed by councillors on an important issue at that particular meeting

Referring to separate seating arrangements in the council chamber, he said it was not a "worthwhile" situation for committee members to sit separately

Earlier today Mr Bhana, said he would have to reconsider his decision to serve on local and statutory bodies if the City Council insisted on segregated seating facilities at council meetings

No threat to arrest Belhar squatters

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From Mr W R VIVIER, Secretary, Divisional Council of the Cape:

WITH reference to your leader "Divco and squatters" of July 9, I would appreciate it if, in fairness to myself, you would publish the following

1 Your leader states that I have been quoted as saying that if the Belhar squatters were provided with tents they would be arrested I categorically deny this There is no question of arresting squatters at Belhar. I did point out to those people who came to see me about the matter, that it is council's policy that where any structure, including a tent, is erected it must be demolished

2 The question of the "unsubstantiated averments" arises because I instructed members of my staff to visit the squatter area to determine the extent of the problem The officials were unable to speak to all but three of the squatters, as the others took evasive action on being approached It was therefore a case of being unable to comment on something which, to my knowledge, had not been confirmed officially as correct and not "unhelpfulness" as you put it, to a newspaper Perhaps a misunderstanding

3 I must stress the fact, and your reporters are aware of it, that telexes are required only in respect of matters relating to squatters, as I am obliged to obtain accurate field reports before releasing the correct information to the press Your reporters know that they frequently phone me about matters other than squatting, when, if I am available, I discuss their inquiries by phone If you refer to innumerable telexes that have been received from you and replied to during the past year, for example, you will appreciate that there is no lack of co-operation from my side What is more, I have given an undertaking to your reporters to let them have the replies, if possible, on the same day on which the telex is received

4 You are, of course, entitled to the view that you expressed in your leader and I have no argument with you on this score but I think that the above facts should be published to show that I have not adopted a bureaucratic but rather a co-operative, attitude when approached by the press

Regarding the reported remarks by Mr MacMaster (Cape Times, July 8) that I said that Minister Curry endorses council's squatter policy, I must again state that that is not what I said What I said was that like council the minister does not approve of squatters, merely because they are squatters, receiving preferential treatment in the allocation of houses to those persons who are on the official waiting lists, many of whom have been on these waiting lists for years

I was surprised to read of Mr MacMaster's interpretation of the atmosphere in which our discussions took place I thought that the discussions were frank but in good spirit there was no aggressiveness and we even joked at times

[Footnote Mr Vivier categorically denies something the leader did not say It did not say Mr Vivier was quoted as saying the Belhar squatters would be arrested if provided with tents What it did say was this "The Belhar Interchurch Welfare Committee, which gives the squatters a warm meal every night, has been warned the squatters would be arrested if provided with tents" — Editor, Cape Times]

Alexander: phones urgently required

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — It had become urgently necessary for a public telephone to be situated at Buffalo Flats extension 1, the acting chairman of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC), Mr D. W Alexander, said here yesterday.

He said the township was a great distance from the emergency services like the hospitals, ambulances and even the police Also no resident there had a phone

"We have approached the postmaster, but his reply was that because of a shortage of exchange equipment in the area it would not be possible at this stage"

Mr Alexander said he did not know how long it would take before the postmaster could accede to the CMC's request "I suppose we will just have to wait", he said.

CMC asks for names

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee (CMC) has asked residents to suggest names for the new townships in Parkside

The acting chairman of the CMC, Mr D W. Alexander, said residents could place their suggestions in a box at the Parkside housing offices

Warning on housing thugs

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Residents who insisted on harbouring thugs could be evicted, the acting chairman of the Coloured Management Committee (CMC), Mr D W Alexander, said here yesterday

He said the evident increase in the violence in areas like Pefferville was of great concern.

"As leaders it is our duty to put our foot down and stop the escalation of violence in the townships."

Mr Alexander was speaking at the CMC meeting. He said many of the incidents were due to a lack of entertainment amenities

Earlier, the meeting heard there were violent incidents every Saturday night at the Kadalie Hall disco's in Pefferville.

The hall is also used for meetings during the week and church services on Sundays

Mr Alexander appointed a three-man delegation, consisting of himself, Mr J Alexander and Mrs L. George, to approach the Fleet Street police station commander to arrange weekly patrols to reduce the violence.

The meeting also heard that murders were often perpetrated at the hall while the disco was on

Cahac chief hurt in scuffle

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By RONALD MORRIS

THE chairman of the Cape Areas Housing Action Committee, Mr Wilfred Rhodes, was injured in a scuffle with Divisional Council security guards after a Hout Bay squatter delegation was refused entry to the council's City offices yesterday

More than 40 Hout Bay squatters were trying to deliver a memorandum calling for proper housing and an end to forced removals

In the bid to meet council officials, Mr Rhodes received a cut on his face

The group, consisting of men, women and children, assembled at St George's Cathedral yesterday afternoon and marched to the council's office where an official, who described himself as a "clerk", barred them from entering the building

After speaking to one of the squatters, the official said he would send for someone to see the delegation

After they had waited at the door for 35 minutes, this reporter tried to get reasons for the refusal to see the delegation from the Director of Protection Services, Mr J J Gerber

The Cape Times was then asked to leave the building

Mr Rhodes then entered but was forcibly ejected soon afterwards He was bleeding from a cut above his lip and his clothes were in disarray

He then re-entered the building and asked the security guards if he could retrieve his spectacles A scuffle ensued and he was again ejected by security guards

One of the officials shouted "use the teargas" and a security guard ran forward and pointed a black object at Mr Rhodes

Mr Wilfred Rhodes wipes the blood from his face soon after he was ejected from the Divisional Council's offices in the City

'Choked'

Afterwards, Mr Rhodes said he intended to talk to Mr Gerber and therefore wanted to enter the building He alleged that one of the security guards had taken photographs of him and had then ordered him to leave the building He claimed that one of the security guards had "choked" him during the scuffle

Approached for comment after the incident, Mr Gerber said "I do not want to speak to the press, I am telling you again to leave the building.

"I'm asking you to leave the premises because you're not welcome here"

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

ARGUS 24/5/85 (263)

Major concession to coloured leaders?

The granting of wider executive powers to management committees has come after repeated demands from the House of Representatives for effective power-sharing at local government level. FRANS ESTERHUYSE of the Argus Political Staff reports.

THE Cabinet's decision to grant management committees wider executive powers is regarded by some politicians as a major concession to meet demands of coloured leaders for effective participation in local government throughout South Africa

The announcement by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, that such powers are to be granted came after repeated demands in the House of Representatives for effective power-sharing at local government level.

On several occasions during the present session of Parliament coloured politicians warned that unless the Government opened the way for effective coloured participation in local government, there would be increasing instability and unrest in coloured areas

One of the most serious warnings on these lines was given by the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry

He told the House earlier this year that under the present system local authorities

Mr David Curry .. middle-of-the-road people were being turned into radicals

Mr Chris Heunis ... "I find myself in full agreement with these recommendations."

were "turning middle-of-the-road people into radicals"

Mr Curry warned that the attitudes of some white local authorities who were resiting coloured participation in decision-making would "wreck this country"

Under such conditions the "left-wing radicals" in the coloured community would say that the white community only understood violence, not negotiation politics, not the process of talking across the conference table, not the process of talking in a committee of councils, not the process of good relationships"

It was Mr Curry who took the lead in bringing these urgent problems to the attention of the Government

As chairman of a parliamentary select committee which investigated aspects of housing in the coloured community, he pressed for a system under which the coloured people would have an effective say in decision-making at local government level

His committee, which reported to Parliament earlier this week, recommended that management, local affairs and consultative committees be granted "definite and wider executive powers" and that these powers be binding and mandatory

These are the proposals which have now been accepted by the Government

Announcing this in the House of Representatives Mr Heunis said "I find myself in full agreement with these recommendations I therefore wish to announce that the Cabinet has decided to agree to these proposals"

Behind Mr Curry's pleas for a better deal for coloured people in local government were stories of frustration and despair among coloured communities in towns and cities throughout South Africa.

In debates in the House of Representatives there have been floods of complaints about attitudes of certain white local authorities who refused to listen to requests or recommendations from coloured management committees.

A Labour Party MP, Mr Desmond Lockey, told of an incident in his home town, Vryburg, where there was a sports stadium with eight rugby fields and 18 tennis courts 300 metres from his house

"There are over 400 active sportsmen in that particular community We have never had sports facilities, Mr Lockey said

He then told of his attempts to seek better facilities for the local coloured community

Mr Lockey said he went to the local authority and asked whether it would not be possible to share the facilities, even if the coloured community had to pay a fee

The local authority referred him to the MPC, in spite of the fact that the coloured people were not represented in the Provincial Council.

Mr Lockey then had talks with the MPC in Vryburg and after a few weeks he received a letter saying "I think you should settle the matter with your own Minister, since this constitutes own affairs"

"Own affairs has just become another word the whites in this country can use to continue with apartheid and what is more they want to be in charge of housing in our communities as well," Mr Lockey remarked.

Numerous other incidents on such lines were described by coloured MPs In some cases white local authorities were reported even to have refused to talk to local coloured leaders, in other cases municipalities were said to have joked with one another about what they did for coloured housing — and coloured people were said to be living in "matchboxes" provided by white local authorities

One of the main complaints was that white local authorities fixed rentals for coloured houses which the people could not afford The rentals were determined without consultation with the coloured communities and those who failed to pay were threatened with eviction

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Walkout at historic meeting

EAST LONDON — A historic meeting of the action committee last night was disrupted by a heated clash which was followed by a walkout

For the first time in the 104-year history of council meetings in the city, people of colour were allowed around the horseshoe in terms of a new government dispensation to bring local government in line with the principles of the new tricameral system

But the chairman of the Coloured Management Committee, Mr Johannes Temmers, walked out after a clash with the chairman of the action committee, Mr Donald Card

Mr Temmers was joined by fellow CMC member, Mr Plein Alexander, while the chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Mike Williams, and his fellow member, Mr Edward Vengadejellum, remained

After the meeting, Mr Card confirmed that he had clashed with Mr Temmers because Mr Temmers raised a political issue which was not on the agenda

Mr Card said Mr Temmers wanted to speak on the fact that while they were allowed participation in the action committee meeting, they did not have the vote

"The procedure had been outlined to the members and I had explained that the denial of the vote was a central government matter and not the doings of the city council

Mr Temmers said last night that all he had tried to do before being threatened with eviction from the meeting was to highlight his feelings about being able to participate without enjoying a vote

"I was not arguing, but merely trying to state a fact I was then ruled out of order In the circumstances I could not see my way clear to remain at the meeting" — DDR.

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White bus service under the spotlight

Municipal Reporter

WAYS of 'smoothing' the annual deficit incurred by Durban's white bus service and reducing its burden on ratepayers are to be considered by the City Council today

The recommendations from the council's Transportation Committee include reducing the number of trips made between 8 am and 4 pm, setting aside money in the city's budget for buying new buses, annual increases in fares by at least the general inflation rate and changing the stucture of fleet's subsidies and financing

Increase

The general manager of the Durban Transport Management Board, Mr Marshall Cuthbert, said yesterday a study of the so-called 'social service' could result in a reduction in the frequency of trips made by buses during off-peak times.

This would increase the number of passengers a trip during these times, he said.

'The social service was introduced by the council in 1982 when it set aside R450 000 a year so that additional trips could be made during off-peak times

'This service proved to be a failure and the subsidy was reduced to about R90 000 a year, which covered a few additional trips. It may be possible to eliminate this amount as well, which will result in fewer buses running between 8 am and 4 pm,' Mr Cuthbert said

He said he did not know how many trips a day would be effected if the council decided to cut the remaining 'social service' But he said the R90 000 for the service was a very small amount in terms of the total annual spending of about R6 700 000 for the Blue Line fleet

Cape Times 7/4/85

Divco evictions continue

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Municipal Reporter

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

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

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

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

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

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

Liquor-selling

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

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

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

Brand 'empire building' councillors

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By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

TWO city councillors who are spearheading a campaign for more municipal construction work to be put out to private tender have accused the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, of "empire building" by insisting that municipal work continue to be carried out departmentally

Councillors Mr Frank van der Velde and Mr Arthur Weinberg yesterday rejected Mr Brand's findings that private contractors were not necessarily more efficient or significantly cheaper than the municipal building unit

Mr Brand based this conclusion on a comparative study carried out over the past year between work on similar road projects by, on the one hand, a private contractor and on the other, by his own department

'Unscientific'

He found the private work was inferior, took longer and was not much cheaper than similar work carried out by his department

Both Mr Van der Velde and Mr Weinberg said it was "unscientific" to base a decision about future building practice on a single example

"The tenderer in this instance performed shockingly," Mr Van der Velde said

"This is hardly suprising considering his quote was 29 percent lower than the next cheapest quote and 51 percent lower than the average quote of the next three tenderers This should have rung a warning bell with anyone adjudicating a tender"

Mr Van der Velde described as "inaccurate" Mr Brand's estimate of how much the work would have cost if carried out by his own department

"It is easy to hide costs in a large bureaucracy," he said "For example, the municipality doesn't take into account the cost of renting buildings or the salaries of managerial staff when calculating building costs"

Mr Weinburg said Mr Brand had "conveniently" forgotten that the City Council was "repeatedly asked to condone overexpenditure by the City Engineer's department

Emergency

"We are constantly told that the department's cost estimates were based on 'miscalculations' or that costs rose due to 'circumstances beyond the department's control' Private contractors would never be allowed to do this" Although a "small" internal building unit was desirable for emergency projects, the size of the current unit was "unjustified"

"In the Western Cape, where private enterprise has its tongue hanging out for business, it is ludicrous to withold contracts so that the council's largely-redundant building unit can justify its existence"

Beach, pool facilities: Talks could be heated

ARGUS 11/1/85

Municipal Reporter

A SPECIAL meeting of members of the Cape Town City Council to plan improved beach and swimming pool facilities for next summer could erupt into fiery debate if there is an offensive on the all-race policy from the conservative quarter

The city's concern over pressure on public facilities this season — one of the Peninsula's busiest — has prompted the special executive committee meeting on January 28 All councillors will be invited to attend and contribute to debate

The purpose of the meeting is not to discuss the council's policy on race, but to decide how facilities can be improved for next summer

The council has said that the open-race policy is not up for reconsideration, but debate is likely to be swayed that way

Photographs

Flint to the matchwood could be Sea Point councillor Mr Chris Joubert's report, which he has compiled for the meeting

Mr Joubert spent some time at the height of the holiday season inspecting beaches and photographing pool and beach crowds — and he is determined to present a view which he claims "reflects the mood of the people of Camps Bay and Sea Point"

He says that this view, contained in his report, is that residents of the Atlantic seaboard "feel they have been forced out and they want to know what the council is going to do about it".

Complaints

Mr Joubert himself has described the opening of the Sea Point pavilion pool to all as "shortsighted".

Letters to the Press in the past few days have shown that feelings are running high on the Atlantic seaboard, and officials and councillors confirmed that they have received hundreds of complaints about conditions at the seaside during the holiday

Most complaints were about the behaviour and dress of some beachgoers Letter-writers singled out bathing in underwear or in the nude, urinating in tidal pools and the use of foul language

Faint tapping guides rescuers to woman trapped after gas blast

Argus Foreign Service

LONDON. — Faint tapping, then a desperate whisper led to the miraculous rescue of a 32-year-old casino worker in the gas blast disaster in Putney, south-west London

For six hours Eve Krejci lay buried beneath tons of rubble after the explosion at 7.15am yesterday demolished six flats in Newham House Nine people are feared killed By early today five bodies had been recovered

Miss Krejci was discovered as rescuers were planning to demolish the dangerously hanging remains of the building.

SHOUTED

Suddenly a fire chief shouted "Quiet" at the scene of the devastation Then came the dramatic tapping from below.

In the eerie silence that followed a microphone was pushed into the mound of bricks. And the weary, dusty faces of the rescuers lit up as Eve's tiny voice was heard calling "Help me, please help me."

After a nerve-wracking dig by hand — for fear of starting another collapse — she was found about two metres down and bent double by the mass of masonry pressing down on her.

Barry Powell, an 84kg, 1,9m tall senior surgical assistant at the nearby Queen Mary's Hospital, risked his life three times by squeezing through a narrow tunnel to reach Eve.

Eve Krejci is handed to waiting ambulancemen after spending six hours trapped under rubble.

He crawled along armed with a hypodermic syringe and a drip tube Fifteen minutes later he managed to touch one of her arms and plunged in the life-saving drip

He returned twice to examine her condition before deciding that the only option was to pull her by the feet through the tunnel Eventually she was eased clear and passed along a human chain to safety

Later it was found that her back was broken and she may be paralysed from the waist down

The body of her twin sister Karen was still in the ruins of their once-elegent home late last night

Eve was in the bathroom of her sister's second-floor flat when the blast ripped through the stairwell A falling arch of masonry saved her from being crushed when she fell about 10 metres with tons of rubble collapsing all around her.

Savimbi 'not wounded'

Argus Foreign Service

LISBON. — Unita's senior diplomat here has vehemently denied Portuguese news reports that Dr Jonas Savimbi, who heads the rebel Angolan movement, was wounded in a recent commando attack by air

Mr Jeremias Chitunda, Unita's secretary for foreign affairs, added that 22 foreign hostages captured 14 days ago were in "good condition"

New UCT drama head named

MR David Haynes will be the next professor of speech and drama at the University of Cape Town

A spokesman for UCT confirmed today that Mr Haynes, senior lecturer in drama at the college of Ripon and York St John, had accepted the chair, succeeding the late Professor Robert Mohr

Mr Haynes was born in Johannesburg and studied at the UCT drama department

He worked in theatre in Johannesburg and Cape Town, mainly as an actor but also directing with Capab, Pact and the Space

He played Hamlet in a production by Professor Mohr, and Edgar in the first Afrikaans production of Lear at the then newly-opened Nico Malan Theatre

Before turning to teaching he obtained an MA degree in theatre studies at Lancaster University — Staff Reporter and Argus London Foreign Bureau

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Secession of Sea Point 'absurd'

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE possibility of Sea Point and Camps Bay seceding from Cape Town to form their own municipality has been dismissed as "absurd" and "illogical" by two of the area's public representatives

Both Mr Herbert Hirsch, provincial councillor for Sea Point, and Dr John Sonnenberg, provincial and city councillor for Green and Sea Point, said there was no possible way Sea Point could become a viable separate local authority

The possibility of secession was raised in a statement by Sea Point city councillor Mr Chris Joubert, who said residents in the area were so dissatisfied with the council's "open beach" policy that they were considering establishing their own municipality

"The suggestion is absurd and irresponsible," Dr Sonnenberg said

"It is an emotional over-reaction to the beach problem, which will only be solved by cool-headed, logical discussion"

Dr Sonnenberg said the council's decision to open the beaches had been a democratic one, supported by the overwhelming majority of councillors

"I would like to know which Sea Point residents are in favour of this ridiculous move and challenge Mr Joubert to say where he stands on the issue," he said

He described the idea of a separate Atlantic municipality as "worthy of a Gilbert and Sullivan comic operetta"

Mr Hirsch said it was "mind-boggling" to consider the area declaring its independence on such "uncivilized" grounds as those quoted by Mr Joubert

"I am confident no level-headed resident in the area would support the idea," he said

He said residents had "a lot of valid complaints" about the beach issue and these would have to be resolved, but the suggestion that Sea Point constituted a viable tax base for an independent municipality was "absurd"

Another Sea Point councillor, Mr Joe Rabinowitz, said he had been calling for a separate Sea Point municipality for years on the grounds that the Cape Town metropolis had grown "too unwieldy"

He thought the beach issue and the opening of the Sea Point Pavilion might well motivate residents to demand independence

"The people here are extremely bitter, especially about the Pavilion, which we regard as our own amenity

"We contribute a considerable proportion of the City's rates and therefore subsidize the amenities in other less affluent areas

"We feel we are entitled to insist that we should be allowed the use of our own facilities"

Mr Joubert could not be contacted for comment last night

Mr Hirsch
"mindboggling"

Dr Sonnenberg
"irresponsible"

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Fence the beaches, say ratepayers

Municipal Reporter

RESIDENTS of the Atlantic seaboard should pay less than others to use the Sea Point pavilion, and beaches should be fenced in to control crowds, the local ratepayers' association recommended to city councillors today

The Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association wants increased admission fees for the pavilion, fences and admission fees for all other beaches, improved shower and toilet facilities and crowd control on a first-come-first-served basis

It also wants a second new pool for Sea Point

Some members of the association's executive committee want the open-race ruling rescinded

And the Camps Bay District and Civic Association wants the entire beach and tidal pool hemmed in by a new temporary fence during the Cape school holidays with entrance fees and admission on a first-come-first-served basis

The suggestions were presented to councillors at their special meeting on beaches and pools today

Chairman Mr Morrie Silber said "People are up in arms about conditions There will be trouble next summer if nothing is done to improve the situation"

He said the recommendations were not politically motivated and were not designed to keep out black and coloured people

The association recommends

- A fee of R2 for adults and R1 for children at all beaches
- A fee of R5 for adults and R2 for children at the pavilion pool for non-residents and R2,50 for adults and R1 for children for local residents
- Banning "camping, sleeping and consumption of liquor" from beaches and pools
- A new pool for Sea Point built and run by private enterprise
- More facilities built elsewhere in the Peninsula to relieve the pressure on the Atlantic seaboard.

The Camps Bay association wants a fee of R2 for adults and R1 for children charged for admission to the beach and tidal pool area

New steps for beach control

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By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN's Executive Committee is investigating strict new measures for beach and pool control following pressure from white bathers

At a special committee meeting to which all city councillors were invited yesterday, possible resolutions to the conflicts which arose during the holiday season over the use of Cape Town's beaches and pools were thrashed out

However, at no stage was it suggested that the council change its policy on racially "open" facilities

The meeting came after concerted pressure from white residents, particularly in the Atlantic suburbs, to solve the problems of "overcrowding" and "anti-social" behavior at open beaches and pools

The following measures, which still have to be throughly investigated, were outlined by Exco chairman Mr John Muir after the meeting

● The number of people allowed into the various council pools next season will be strictly limited

Tariffs

● Pools will be graded according to their location and the facilities they offer and entrance tariffs will differ accordingly

● Entrance to the pools will cost more during the summer holiday season

● The council will investigate a cheaper tariff for people who want "a quick dip" at the pools in the early morning or in the evening

● Notice boards displaying regulations on dress and behavior will be erected at pools

● The city's Medical Officer Of Health, Dr Reg Coogan, will investigate the possibility of enforcing certain health controls at pools

● Entrance fees will be charged at some beaches on the basis of the facilities offered The council is investigating the feasibility of making Milton Pool, Saunders Rocks, Maiden's Cove, Camps Bay beach and St James "pay beaches"

● Toll parking may be introduced at certain beaches like Maiden's Cove, Sunrise Beach and Muizenberg

Maintenance

Mr Muir said increased tariffs were "not an attempt to prevent anyone from using the beaches or pools" but were to cover some of the council's costs in running and maintaining facilities

The council would also draw up a complete list of requirements for recreational facilities throughout the Peninsula

Two possible projects were the provision of an additional "lido" facility — similar to the existing pavilions — somewhere on the Peninsula, and the development of Liesbeeck Park.

The council also intended approaching the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, for funds to develop facilities along False Bay

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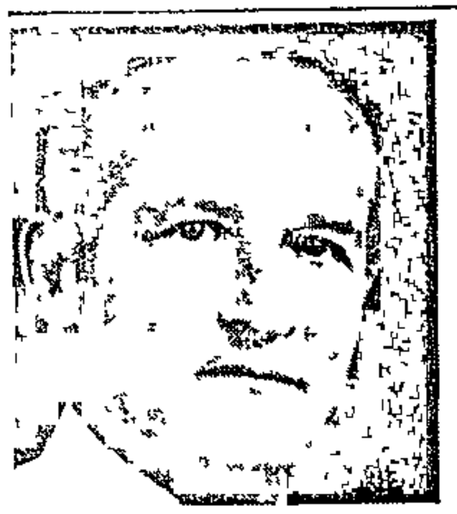
More control as beach policy stays



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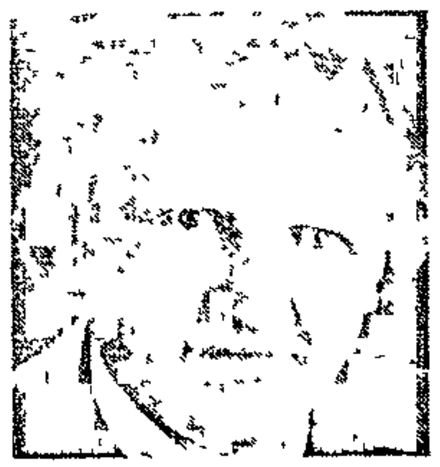

Mr John Muir

Municipal Reporter

INCREASED tariffs for certain swimming-pools, admission fees at selected beaches and improved crowd control have been recommended by city councillors

But the open race policy remains unchanged

They made their recommendations at a special Executive Committee meeting attended by 28 councillors yesterday

After the meeting Executive Committee chairman Mr John Muir said no one had suggested rescinding the open-race ruling and there was general agreement on proposals.

Sea Point councillor Mr Chris Joubert, who submitted his own report to the meeting, said afterwards "With the exception of one councillor I believe everybody made a positive contribution I am satisfied"

Admission fees for certain beaches — tentatively Milton Pool, St James, Maidens' Cove, Saunders Rocks and Camps Bay — would apply only in summer

Increased tariffs are proposed for "grade A" pools — Sea Point Pavilion, Newlands and Muizenberg — but they may be lower out of season Discount tariffs may be offered for early morning and evening swimmers Tariffs have not yet been decided

Councillors rejected preferential tariffs for local residents.

Gates at all pools will be closed once the facilities are full and more attendants at pools have been proposed. Notice boards spelling out pool regulations will be erected.

Toll-parking has been recommended for Maidens' Cove, Sunrise Beach and Muizenberg and other proposals for beach improvements include enlarging the beach constabulary and providing more refuse bins

These measures will depend on available finance

Reports on the proposals — including one on hygiene at pools by medical officer of health Dr Reg Coogan and organisations such as the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association and the Afrikaanse Sakekamer — will be presented to the amenities and health committee in March

They will be assessed during discussions on capital estimates and funds, where available, will be allocated

The council is also considering a lido-type development somewhere in the Peninsula and Mr Muir says it will also ask the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, for funds to improve the Mnandi and Middelbank beaches

"We accept that some people, because of cost or for other reasons, may not wish to use pay beaches, but we will see that other facilities are improved as far as possible.

"We are looking at providing the best facilities for most people as effectively as we can, financially," he said

Relations sour over rejection of observers

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Municipal Reporter

RELATIONS between Cape Flats management committees and the City Council have soured as a battle of words continues over the council's refusal to allow management committee representatives to sit in on council committee meetings

The issue flared up in the House of Representatives this week when Mr Jac Rabie, representative for Reigerpark, said the City Council was "hypocritical"

Cape Flats management committees have also accused the council of being "cowardly and hypocritical"

Yesterday Dr John Sonnenberg MPC wanted to know what action the council planned in response

The council refused in December the management committees' request to allow observers into committee meetings

Instead, councillors slammed the management committee system and re-affirmed a 13-year-old vow to work for full representation for all people

The chairman of the council's executive committee, Mr John Muir, said a formal letter was being sent to Mr Rabie and a letter had been sent to the Administrator

He said "We are following this up with another letter to the management committees"

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Council vote was 'arbitrary'

MANAGEMENT Committees exist in a twilight world: widely rejected by the people they purport to serve (coloureds and Indians) and often snubbed by the people they are supposed to advise (white City and Town Councils). The Cape Town City Council's recent move to disregard new regulations aimed at "improving relations between Management Committees and local authorities" drew an angry reaction from the chairmen of the Athlone, Rylands, Wynberg and Kensington committees, which fall under the control of the Cape Town City Council. They have now written an open letter to the Council stating that the provisions of the Regulations — those relating to improvement of communication — were not followed. The consensus required by the regulations, say the chairmen, was not reached — and the Council eventually gave the thumbs-down to wider co-operation with the management committees.

IN their open letter the four chairman express their "extreme disappointment and disgust" at their treatment and voice their "extreme displeasure at the very antagonistic comment and emotional outbursts" directed at the Management Committees.

They go on to say that they were denied access to tapes of the debate

The open letter goes on to say "However, notwithstanding the 'lily white' image which your Council is attempting to project we are not fooled by this facade as any intrusion into the 'white' laager by people other than white will be stoutly rejected because of vested interests and therefore we view your discussion as hypocritical and cowardly.

"(It) was adopted under unfair advantage in the seclusion of a full Council meeting Why (they) could not be present when invited to the Management Committees/Executive Committee meeting on December 17 1984 to put their views and to have these challenged is beyond comprehension No, rather those concerned chose the cowardly way out to give vent to their emotions (for this is all that it is) behind the protective skirts of the Council sitting

"There is also a strong streak of hypocrisy in the decision when one views the disparaging remarks passed by certain Councillors These Councillors referred to the low percentage poll in Management Committee elections, a fact which is not disputed but could be defended, if need be

"The true question which really should be posed should not centre round the percentage poll cast but rather be asked 'when does the elected candidate have the full support of the ward he represents?' Is it not when more than 50% of the voters have supported them? If this is so, and a closer look at the percentage polls at Council elections were taken, then surely Council must admit that the majority of the sitting Councillors do not enjoy the support of the voters since the votes cast have been less than 50% of the possible amount of votes that could be exercised So let us not fool ourselves about being representatives of the electorate

"It was also said that in a particular Management Committee area no election took place as poeple were not interested in contesting a seat on the Management Committee This point is taken, but then it must also apply to the Councillor for Claremont who was elected unopposed. Are we then to assume that people of Claremont were also not interested in standing for election to Council? We want to appeal to Councillors not to try and fool us as they are only fooling themselves

"Furthermore, much comment was passed on the efforts and representations made by Council for the return of all citizens of Cape Town to the Common Voters' Roll The Association of Management Committees also contributed to this ideal/viewpoint and made its view quite clear to the various Commissions set up by the Government to investigate this vexing question In fact on the Schlebusch Commission we had members of the Association made our stand for Direct Representation on a non-racial basis in Local Authorities emphatically clear

IMMORAL

"Having said that, we must refer to opinions expressed at Council meetings which decribed the present Constitutional Development in the country as being immoral If this is not being hypocritical in the extreme then we will never know what is Haven't these very critics made themselves available for election to this immoral system? There are those who have even contested a seat on a political level within the immoral system Funny how sauce for the goose is not necessarily sauce for the gander Councillors have been elected by a white electorate and Management Committee members by the coloured and Indian electorate This is the reality of the situation

"If Councillors then believe in true morality let them resign their seats on the Council and we can assure you the Management Committee members in the Cape will do likewise But while you are prepared to be elected by whites and serve on an all-white Council taking decisions on matters affecting the lives of coloured and Indian people, be informed that the Management Committee members will retain their positions.

"If we pretend not to be hypocritical let all of us resign to uphold principles which we hold in such high esteem Surely this will be remembered as the Day of the *Real* Vow and not something inscribed on a plaque hanging in the dark passages of the City Hall

ARBITRARY

"We view your decision as arbitrary and unilateral as it was not taken jointly with the Management Committees in terms of the Regulations and the Administrator has been advised accordingly

"Furthermore, as your Council had taken its decision to the exclusion of the members of the Management Committee, it would be appreciated if you would include this letter on the white paper Agenda of Council in order that your Councillors may be aware of the feelings of the Management Committees which unfortunately cannot be verbally directed at them through no fault of their own

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Council record remains a secret

Municipal Reporter

THE City Council decided on Friday not to publish its annual register of the attendance of councillors at meetings

The council voted 17-15 against an Executive Committee recommendation that the information be made public, putting an end to a year-long debate on the issue.

The move is a slap in the face for the Ward 14 and 15 Ratepayers' Association who wrote to the council in December asking that the attendance record be published as "proof that our councillors are pulling their weight"

Councillors who opposed the Exco recommendation pointed out that attendance at meetings was not a fair or accurate reflection of a councillor's contribution

Mr Tom Walters said it was "presumptuous" of the ratepayers to ask for proof of their ward councillor's performance

"We all know which councillors are pulling their weight, who reads their agendas and prepares their arguments and who doesn't," he said.

The Ward 14 and 15 councillors voted for the register to be made public

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Council guilty of 'neglect' — Wiley

Political Staff

THE Minister of Environment Affairs and Tourism, Mr John Wiley, last night repeated his criticism of the Cape Town City Council for neglecting to provide sufficient beach and pool amenities for all Capetonians

Asked to comment on his speech in the House of Assembly last week and consequent press comment, he replied "With reference to your leader 'Keep race out of it', the thrust of my speech in Parliament on Thursday was that the City Council had neglected to provide enough tidal pools, changing rooms, toilets and parking areas along the Peninsula's coastline over the years

"Secondly, existing facilities were already overcrowded

"In spite of both of these facts, councillors decided to open existing beaches 'to all', resulting in chaos and 'harm to intergroup relations'

"My charge is disgraceful neglect by the civic authority of its responsibilities to Capetonians, followed by the decision to advocate the flouting of the law and then taking no precautions for what has since ensued"

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

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Register: Council split

Cape Town city councillors have voted to keep the register of attendance at council meetings secret. Municipal Reporter MICHAEL MORRIS discusses the issue on which the council has become divided in almost equal numbers.

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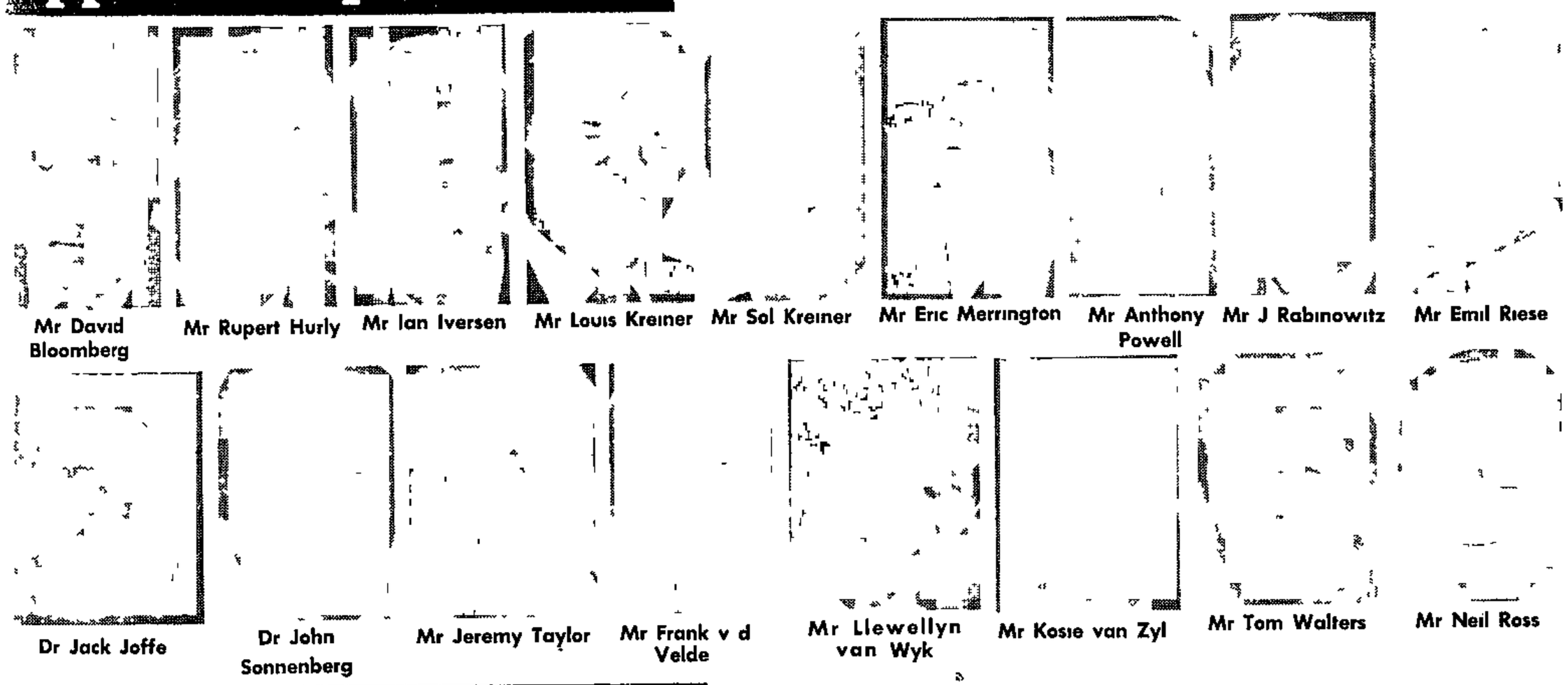

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CAPE TOWN'S civic chamber is split down the middle over whether their register of attendances should be reopened for public inspection

Supporters believe it is a vital instrument and symbol of accountability — that the electorate has a right to know who attends meetings and who doesn't

Detractors claim attendance at meetings is no measure of a councillor's worth and the register is not a fair reflection of the contribution they make

For decades, an annual register of attendances was prepared and presented to councillors at their "in-house" caucus meeting in September It then went to the annual statutory meeting — held a few days later — and declared a public document, available for inspection

Confidential

"It records how often pupils come to school, but in no way reflects their academic achievements And council attendances are normally recorded in the minutes

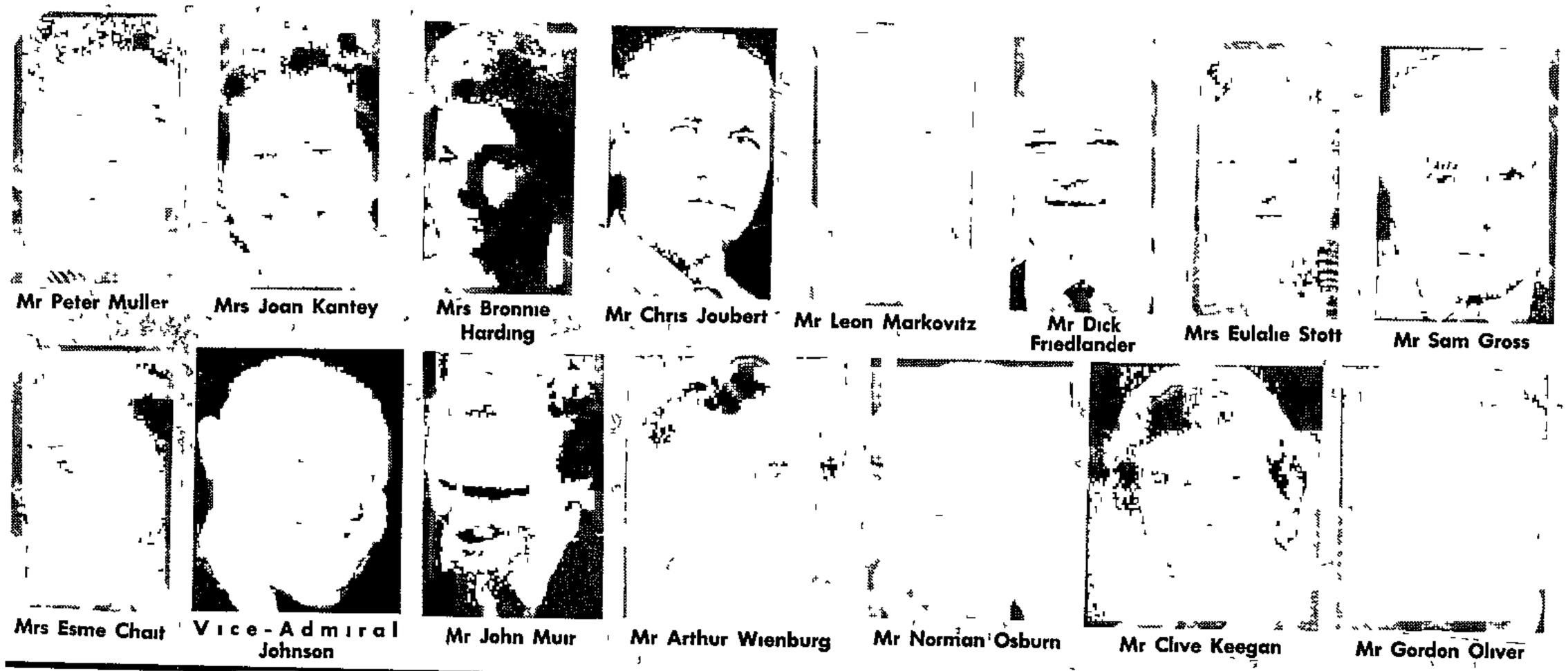
"Nonsense"

"While I have no objection to my attendance being known, I was not prepared to support the recommendation because it is absolute nonsense to use attendance as a reflection of performance"

Mr Chris Joubert differs He said "I have attended all monthly and committee meetings since my election in March last year

"The public should be fully informed and they should have access to this register"

Mr Tom Walters, who believed it was "presumptuous" of the Ward 14 and 15 Ratepayers' Association to want to use the attendance register to



Mr Peter Muller · Mrs Joan Kantey · Mrs Bronnie Harding · Mr Chris Joubert · Mr Leon Markovitz · Mr Dick Friedlander · Mrs Eulalie Stott · Mr Sam Gross

Mrs Esme Chait · Vice-Admiral Johnson · Mr John Muir · Mr Arthur Wienburg · Mr Norman Osburn · Mr Clive Keegan · Mr Gordon Oliver

Last year, that procedure changed Councillors voted to keep it to themselves It was not presented at the statutory meeting, but became confidential information

The decision did not go unchallenged Prompted in part by a letter from the Ward 14 and 15 Ratepayers' Association, the executive committee last week asked councillors to change their minds

Seventeen councillors were opposed, out-voting the 15 who were in favour

A staunch supporter of a public register is veteran councillor Mrs Eulalie Stott who says "As public representatives, we ought to be happy to account for our attendance of meetings We are accountable to the public and I certainly believe our ratepayers' associations who support us are entitled to have this information

"Accountability"

"If one believes there is public accountability and that there should be as little as possible on confidential agendas, then I do not believe the attendance list should be considered confidential.

"While I accept that attendance at meetings does not necessarily denote that you have studied the agenda and are going to make a contribution, the converse is not true — that if you do not attend, you have done your task properly"

Opposed to it, Mr Neil Ross likens the register to an attendance book at school "make sure their representatives are pulling their weight", said "Some councillors are very good at attending a meetings, but other councillors who may not be able to, ar much more effective and mor concerned about the city

"False guide"

"The attendance register is a false guide"

Mr Norman Osburn, supporting the register, said "If people want to have the information (on attendances), it should be made available

"While I agree that attendance at meetings is not necessarily indicative of the value of a councillor, it does indicate the degree of one's diligence.

"It is hard to do one's job properly if one does not go to meetings and I think the public should have access to this information"

Provincial councillor and city council representative for Ward 11, Mr Rupert Hurly, also believes the register is not a fair reflection of the contribution individuals make

What concerns him is that one councillor may stay for an entire meeting and another only for the first five minutes, but the register will record both as having attended

"I have opposed the register, but not because I do not want people to know which meetings I have or haven't attended," he said

City to push for 'core' status

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN is pushing for the status of a "core city" which will provide all regional municipal services to smaller local authorities in terms of the new local government dispensation

In a memorandum to the government committee dealing with the Regional Services Councils Bill, the City Council points out that Cape Town already provides regional services.

In terms of this "core city" model, the Regional Services Councils (RSC) would retain responsibility for overall planning, but all professional, technical and administrative services would come from Cape Town

The memorandum also calls for the inclusion of black local authorities on the RSCs and says people of all races should be eligible for the City Council

Other recommendations are that

- Certain other services currently administered by provincial or central government be controlled regionally
- Provision be made for RSCs to impose levies
- The members of the RSC elect the council chairman
- The number of members appointed by the Administrator on behalf of representative bodies (such as the management committees) be limited to five
- RSC meetings be open to the public
- The clause enabling the Administrator to initiate appeals against RSC decisions be deleted

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Lively crowd backs open beaches

By MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

RESOUNDINGLY affirming Cape Town's open-race policy, hundreds of people at a lively, emotional and often rowdy public meeting in Green Point last night pledged support for the City Council

About 75 percent of the audience of more than 700 people raised their hands in favour of an amended motion of support for the council from Professor Neville Dubow, defeating the original motion of no confidence from former city councillor Mr Monty Luntz

There was a shout of protest from the floor when the chairman of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, Mr Morrie Silber, said voting was 50-50 But he then admitted the defeat of the motion of no confidence

This ended the 2½-hour meeting, during which debate from a steady stream of speakers was frequently halted by shouting, booing and cheering

The local ratepayers' association — which organised the meeting — was attacked for being "racist", while pretending not to be, after setting out its proposals for increased fees, preferential treatment for locals, turnstiles and fences

Mr Silber launched debate amid cheers by criticising the City Council for failing to meet the needs and wants of Atlantic seaboard residents

But most speakers favoured racial integration and several earned standing ovations from sections of the audience

In one emotional address — which drew a standing ovation from about 50 people — Mr John Murphy said "Overcrowding has been used to legitimise whites-only beaches This is not the first time this notion has been used

"I suggest you all read the law against overcrowding of German schools and colleges in 1933 It was introduced by Adolf Hitler and aimed at Jewish students

The UDF distributed pamphlets before the meeting saying "Some people of Sea Point would like to buy apartheid for themselves" and "It is obvious that charging entrance fees would exclude the poor, effectively excluding most black people"

Council wins in vote on beaches

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By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

A MOTION of no-confidence in the City Council for its handling of the "open amenities" question was defeated at a public meeting in Sea Point last night

The near-chaotic meeting, attended by about 1 000 people and monitored by police, adopted an amendment giving its "full confidence in the spirit behind, and rational explanations given for, the decision taken by the council to open its facilities to all races"

The chairman of the meeting and of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, Mr Morrie Silber, originally declared the voting even, but was persuaded by members of his executive that those against the substantive motion had a majority

Mr Silber, whose association called the meeting in an attempt to "get feedback" from local residents on the amenities issue, banned people from other areas from speaking

In his address, he attacked the council for its "insensitivity to the needs of local residents" and for the "chaos", "overcrowding" and "unhygienic conditions" which he said had resulted from opening amenities to all races

Suggestions from Mr Silber and others that higher entrance fees be charged at the Sea Point Pavilion and that "pay-beaches" be established were loudly jeered by sections of the audience

Those against the idea of increased tariffs said this would result in the exclusion of people from poorer areas, namely the townships, and was therefore "racist"

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Councillors hit back at Silber

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

COUNCILLORS yesterday slammed the chairman of the Green and Sea Point Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, Mr Morrie Silber, for his handling of Monday's unruly meeting on open amenities in Sea Point

The chairman of the amenities and health committee, Mr Peter Muller, said the meeting "should never have been held" and said Mr Silber had "bedevilled any hope of reaching consensus by polarizing the audience from the start"

Mr Silber began by attacking the City Council for its "insensitivity" to the needs of local residents and for failing to plan for the opening of amenities

Mr Muller yesterday accused Mr Silber of trying to prevent councillors from replying to the attack, and blamed him for the meeting degenerating into "a verbal tomato-throwing match"

"People vented a lot of emotion instead of being constructive," he said

Mr Silber's attempt to stop people from other areas speaking was "unfair", as Sea Point amenities were "regional" and not the exclusive property of residents, he said

Mr Neil Ross (Green Point), criticized Mr Silber's "active engagement" in the meeting, which he said was "destructive"

But he welcomed the audience's vote of confidence in the council and said it was a "fair reflection" of local attitudes

"I don't think there were many outsiders"

Dr John Sonnenberg (Green and Sea Point) said Mr Silber was largely responsible for the "chaos and confusion" at the meeting as he had "tried to impose parameters on speakers"

"But the vote of confidence is a clear-cut mandate for the council to maintain its policy on open amenities", he said

Mr Chris Joubert (Sea Point/Camps Bay) said it was unfair to criticize Mr Silber as the meeting had been "very difficult to control"

It had been a "useful exercise" as it had "shown locals how strongly people in the rest of Cape Town feel about the issue"

However, he hoped the council wouldn't be swayed by the opinions of "a few radical lefties who called for no controls on the beaches whatsoever"

Mr Joe Rabinowitz (Green and Sea Point) said the meeting had been a "bloody riot" and only the strong police presence had prevented it from "degenerating into violence"

He placed all the blame for unruly behaviour on UDF supporters who, he said, "shouted everyone else down"

The acting chairman of the executive committee, Mr Dick Friedlander, said the meeting had been useful

"The situation is under constant review by the council and all the opinions expressed will be noted," he said

● Mr Silber said last night he felt perfectly justified in beginning the meeting the way he had and denied he had polarized the audience

"If I had brought politics into it, it would have been different, but I was very careful not to

"I couldn't just stand up and invite the audience to put their views out of the blue I had to put them in the picture"

He said the council was accountable to local residents and should be called on to defend its actions at a ratepayers' meeting He said the vote taken was "not legitimate" as a lot of people from outside the area had voted, and many had voted with both hands

City Council to reconsider rejection of regional levies

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Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is to reconsider its initial rejection of the regional levies proposed by the government to finance the new local authorities structure

The executive committee accepted a report from the City Treasurer, Mr B Watkins-Baker, in which he points out that the United Municipal Executive has repeatedly called for additional sources of revenue for local government, including local taxation

"If it is accepted that the establishment of regional services councils is inevitable then it is even more essential that additional sources of revenue be introduced to assist in their financing and to assist local government generally," he said

He conceded, however, that any increase in taxation "would be most undesirable under the present economic conditions"

Mr Watkins-Baker also questioned the council's proposal, made at its monthly meeting last month, that the tax burden be spread "on a national rather than a regional basis"

He said this could result in all regions being taxed at the same level, whether they could afford it or not, with no guarantee of how or where the revenue would be distributed

It would also give central government "greater and more detailed" control over the money raised

"Finally, local taxation has the advantage of fostering greater local accountability for expenditure," he said

"If additional taxation is required to meet regional requirements, then I am inclined to the view that it would be best to fix, raise and distribute the tax at the regional level"

Mr Watkins-Baker emphasized that it would be ironic if, as the council fears, the new taxes place the city in a worse position financially

He said any council representations to the Margo Commission of Enquiry into the tax structure should concentrate on "ensuring that, at the very least, each local authority receives a net increase in income and not the reverse"

The full council will consider Mr Watkins-Baker's report later this month

Hout Bay resettlement frozen

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Cape Times 28/2/85

Municipal Reporter
and Staff Reporter

THE Divisional Council has agreed to stop its controversial squatter resettlement programme in Hout Bay until it has consulted representatives of the Hout Bay harbour community over the matter

The Hout Bay Action Committee, representing squatters and harbour residents, has accused the council of failing to consult the people affected and has demanded that all removals cease until proper housing has been provided

The council had planned to move 53 squatter families from white areas into an "emergency" camp at Hangberg

Divco chairman Mr G M Basson said in a press statement this week that a liaison committee would be established which would include "leaders representative of the Hout Bay Harbour community"

The council has also agreed to conduct a socio-economic survey of the harbour area to establish the extent of overcrowding in the existing housing estate, the need for schools and other amenities and the opportunities for employment and social upliftment

divisional council

The council will also investigate finding an alternative site where squatters could be housed on a "site and service" basis, and will look for other land in the Hout Bay area which could be reproclaimed a coloured group area

● The Divisional Council's works committee has approved plans for the Hout Bay Country Club

Shareholders gathered at the site on Tuesday night were delighted

Earlier Gary Player who is to design the club's golf course, teed off at the clubhouse site to mark the official launching of the course

Reacting to claims that the golf course would mar the natural beauty of Hout Bay Valley when large tracts of forest were cleared, Gary Player said "As a farmer and lover of the soil I would never put my name to a scheme which would rape the countryside"

Mr Fred Blomkamp, marketing director of AY Investments, which is marketing 40 time-sharing cottages to be built on the site, said cabins would be constructed of timber and would "as far as possible try to blend with the natural surroundings"

Besides the 18-hole golf course the club will offer an equestrian centre managed by WP show jumper Jenny Haytread, entertainment facilities, tennis courts and a swimming club

Shares may be bought at R15 each, as well as 15 shares thereafter at R7,50 each The club is open to all races

'Mounties' for beach at Muizenberg

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Staff Reporter

MOUNTED beach patrols in the Muizenberg area have been approved by the City Council.

The council today accepted a recommendation that two horses should be bought to boost the policing of long stretches of beach and large recreation areas

The director of bathing amenities, Mr J Kloppers, had reported that mounted patrols would be more effective than foot patrols in dune areas and horses and riders could be used in lifesaving

Other advantages, he said, were that a mounted patrol could reach a problem more quickly and patrol larger areas than foot patrol

Cape Times 1/3/85

Open amenities seen as 'illusion'

Staff Reporter

OPENING an amenity such as the Sea Point Pavilion pool was "an illusion", since such a decision merely replaced its use by one group with use by another, Mr P J Loubser, MEC and MPC for Mossel Bay, said in the Provincial Council yesterday.

He was speaking in opposition to a motion proposed by Mr Jan van Eck, MPC for Groote Schuur, to call on the government to open all public amenities to all people, regardless of race

Mr Van Eck said his motion was an attempt to determine how serious the government was in its talk of reform and moving away from racial discrimination

"All I am asking here is that no person should be refused admission to any public amenity because of his skin colour or race"

His motion was defeated, and instead the Council passed an amended version, by 42 votes to 9, that the council "accept the reality of South African society" and the "will of people to live out their lives within their own group"

Mr John Sonnenberg, MPC for Green Point, said all citizens, not only whites, had helped to pay for public amenities, and it was inconceivable that they should remain segregated forever

He urged that the Provincial Council should follow the City Council's course of action All facilities developed by Provincial subsidy should have to be open to all

Cape Times 1/3/85

Maitland pool: Chait's warning

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Municipal Reporter

THE open pool issue raised its tired head in the City Council again yesterday when Maitland councillor Mrs Esme Chait called on the executive committee to rescind its decision to open a pool in her ward to all races

Mrs Chait said the opening of the formerly white pool in January had "disrupted the everyday lives of people in Maitland" and would trigger a "right-wing backlash" in the suburb

She said local councillors had not been consulted on the move and accused Exco of "disregarding the opinions of ratepayers".

She also said the pool was in bad condition and was too small to accommodate the extra influx

The chairman of the amenities committee, Mr Peter Muller, pointed out that Exco had merely decided not to exclude the pool from its general policy of allowing all races to use its amenities

The committee also called for a report on the condition of the bath and the possibility of limiting numbers to 150

● Exco member Mrs Eulalie Stott pointed out that the highest count of people at the pool over the holiday season had been on January 12, three days before the council had extended its policy to the pool

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Equal amenities or share, says Van Eck

Provincial Staff

IF separate but equal amenities could not be provided "then not even this government can justify keeping people of colour away from the amenities in so-called white areas", the Provincial Council was told

Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur) spoke yesterday on his motion that the Government open all public amenities to all immediately

The council voted 42-9 in favour of an amended motion by the National Party Leader of the House, Mr Piet Loubser, calling on local authorities to consider all people when providing public amenities and to administer them in an orderly way

Mr van Eck said the money required to provide separate but equal amenities when the Province was cutting expenditure would mean amenities "will not be provided for people of colour"

On the beaches

He criticised the Administrator for supporting "those people who believe that misbehaviour on the beaches has been caused by the opening of the beaches"

Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP Green Point), also a city councillor, appealed to the council to ensure that all facilities and amenities developed by local authorities through Provincial subsidies be open to all — all citizens had helped pay for them

"On several occasions the Cape Town City Council has asked the Government for permission to open all its bathing amenities to everybody Each time the Government — though paying lip-service to reform — has refused

"I am proud"

"I am proud to be a member of a public body that has got the guts to do what it thinks and knows is right"

Dr Sonnenberg said the culture shock for white inhabitants, especially some of the elderly, was understandable, but they would have to adapt to it.

Mr F J van Deventer (NP Maitland) criticised the Opposition for raising the debate because it did little more than generate emotions

Mr Herbert Hirsch, Leader of the Opposition, said the Government had been contradictory in providing some extra funds for amenities but allowing the pools in Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu "to become totally unusable".

Open beaches: MEC wants to 'restore order'

Provincial Reporter

IN a bitter attack on Cape Town's open-beach policy, the MEC in charge of local government, Mr Piet Loubser, has threatened steps to "put the situation in order"

He accused the City Council of having an "arrogant, UDI attitude" in wanting to "wield the sceptre" over its own area and said its decision to open pools and beaches was irresponsible and led to chaotic conditions

He blamed the Peninsula's problems on the council's "slackness" in not providing sufficient facilities — particularly near areas for blacks and coloureds — and its obsession with crippling the Government's viewpoint or, at least, withholding co-operation

NEW MUNICIPALITY?

He wondered "if it was time his department seriously considered recommending to the Administrator that the Sea Point-Camps Bay area be declared a new municipality"

Mr Loubser spearheaded sharp criticism from National Party councillors of Cape Town's open policy yesterday Councillors were debating a motion by Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur) that the Government open all facilities immediately

Mr Loubser said it was clear from letters and other available information that "over-crowding and anti-social behaviour", particularly at Sea Point swimming pool, had caused racial friction

He said the City Council had not considered the interests of ratepayers who had bought and developed properties on the seaboard at prices which reflected the advantages of living near the sea, beach and other facilities

● National Party members in the council told the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Herbert Hirsch, that he lost his City Council seat last year because Atlantic seaboard residents rejected his liberal views

Mr Hirsch was defeated by Mr Jack Frost in the city election last September.

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Permits are still needed for two halls

Municipal Reporter

THE Government is persistently refusing to grant open race concessions for the Sea Point and Muizenberg civic halls, even though people of all races frequently use them by permit

Of the council's 35 halls, these are the only two venues where people of colour are required to have a permit for every function

The council asked for the halls to be opened to all in April last year, but was turned down by the Department of Community Development

A second application — submitted in June — has now been turned down by Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

He said "It would seem that ample provision has been made to satisfy the needs of the various racial groups where halls are not available in their own areas"

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CAPE TIMES Staff Reporter

RESIDENTS of Atlantis held a mass meeting yesterday to appeal to the Divisional Council to deal directly with their residents' association and not with the Atlantis Management Committee

The meeting, attended by more than 600 people, also called for a stop to evictions and residents' water being disconnected

The chairman of the Atlantis Residents' Association, Mr Noel Williams, said people who had been retrenched were to get letters from their former employers to confirm this These letters would be taken to Divco in an appeal to have rents reduced

(263) Cape Times 21/3/85

City faces tough budget, rises

Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN faces a particularly tough budget for the next financial year, with rates and tariffs almost certain to increase and all but essential projects likely to be put on ice or scrapped

The various standing committees of the City Council have been issued with a stern directive to cut back on spending when drawing up their budgets over the next two months

Both the Executive Committee and the City Treasurer, Mr J Watkins-Baker, have warned councillors that all items not considered essential must be eliminated from their capital estimates

The City, limited to a 10 percent increase in expenditure over the current budget, is faced with the task of balancing its books against both the high inflation rate and the GST increase

The chairman of Exco, Mr John Muir, has warned that "unless we bring off a miracle, rates will almost certainly rise"

Revenue

He also said the council would probably try to gain additional revenue by increasing various tariffs, but that the biggest contribution to balancing the budget would have to be made by cutting back on capital and operating expenditure

"We will have to pay particular attention to our staff complement," he said

"We certainly don't anticipate retrenching anyone, but we will probably not be replacing staff and will be trying to increase productivity as a far as possible

The City's budget will be announced in May

● Water users in the Cape Town area are facing possible tariff increases of an average six percent this year

The City Council will decide next week whether to approve the increases, requested by the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, to cover increased supply, treatment and distribution costs

Dams

According to a press release from Mr Brand, the City will pay 12,5 percent more for water during the coming financial year

The City faces a massive 38 percent rise in the cost of water from State dams as well as operating cost increases and a 25 percent increase in the Water Research Commission's levy.

Domestic consumers using less than 30 kilolitres a quarter and sports bodies face particularly heavy increases.

Below cost

The low-consumption domestic rate will increase from 30c to 32,5c a kilolitre (still below cost) and the tariff to sporting organizations will increase by 15,3 percent

Mr Brand said the requested increases would not cover the full cost of the City's water-supply operation but to "counter the inflationary trend", the R1,7-million shortfall would be met by the Tariff Stabilization Fund.

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LP attack on City Council

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES — Labour Party MPs yesterday attacked white municipalities — including the Cape Town City Council — for ignoring coloured needs

Mr Jac Rabie (LP Reigerpark) urged that the City Council be "forced to new insights"

Moving his private member's motion in the House, Mr Rabie called on the government to expedite implementation of regulations designed to improve communication between local authorities and local management and affairs committees

Mr Rabie read a letter from the Cape Town City Council saying the council was consulting with the provincial Executive Committee to ensure smoother communication with management committees

"The largest amount of our people live under the Cape Town City Council's management It is of utmost importance that this council be forced to new insights"

Mr F L Erasmus (LP Gelvendale) said even in cities where regulations had been implemented allowing coloureds on to councils, the desired ends had not been achieved

Mr Jac Rabie

At the Cape Town City Council sub-committee meeting, on which four coloureds sat, none of the suggestions put forward by coloured members on Bonteheuwel were implemented They concerned improvements to lighting, sewerage and roads

"Coloureds also pay rates and taxes and then the City Council spends it in Cape Town

"We must riot to get something done We want to negotiate"

Mr Peter Mopp (LP Border) said although coloureds were allowed into the highest level of government, whites on city councils did not want "to know them"

He said [illegible] were sick of people who knew nothing about their living conditions — deciding for them

The Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture, Mr David Curry conceded there were white people who had gone out of their way to improve relations at the local level

The State President, Mr P W Botha, and the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, had even "put their heads on the block"

But local authorities were using "the big stick — and making radicals out of people walking the middle of the road"

The local authorities should look closely at South Africa and see that unrest always started with rentals

Mr J D Johnson (LP Esselen Park) said there was a "verkrampte" element in local authorities which did everything possible to delay reform

"When you are travelling through a town and you are on a tar road, then you know you are in a white area But when the tar stops — that is where you will find us"

The motion was passed unanimously — Sapa

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plan welcomed

Provincial Reporter

PLANS to bring forward municipal elections — originally postponed by the Government until 1988 — are welcome because councillors will be required to "return to the electorate for endorsement"

This is the view of Cape Town city councillor Mr Rupert Hurly, who is also the Progressive Federal Party spokesman on local government in the Provincial Council

But, Mr Hurly said, the announcement by Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, that elections would be allowed in Cape municipalities next year contradicted a statement he made last year

DRAFT LEGISLATION

It also contradicted draft legislation published in the Provincial Gazette last Friday, cancelling next year's elections

Mr Hurly said "As the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, is a member of the Co-ordinating Council on Local Government Affairs — which called for earlier elections — it would appear that he made the decision to publish the draft ordinances last week without considering what attitude the co-ordinating council would take up"

However, Mr Hurly welcomed earlier elections

He said "This is much better as it does not extend the office of incumbents, but correctly requires them to return to the electorate for endorsement of the support of the municipal voters"

Adam Small is searched

Council spending limited

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Municipal Reporter

THE Government has limited Cape Town City Council spending this year to 10 percent more than last year's budgeted expenditure, keeping the city treasury in line with the inflation rate.

A special feature of this year's directive to municipalities is that more spending will be allowed on projects which create job opportunities and help cut unemployment.

These projects must be labour-intensive — in the sense that more than half the cost of the project must be for semi-skilled and unskilled labour wages Priority will be given to projects launched in areas where unemployment is particularly severe

Estimates

This directive from the Department of Finance is being considered today by the executive committee which has met to sift through the city's capital estimates for this financial year

The committee will be considering changes in the capital estimates recommended by the standing committees It is likely spending will be cut on non-essential projects or these may be deferred to the next financial year

Committees were asked to critically examine proposed expenditure and to eliminate non-essential items

Ceiling

Vital to drawing up the estimates for the city's budget is the Government's 10 percent ceiling on spending

In a circular letter to municipalities, the department says the limitation, being applied to all local authorities, is aimed at creating a "co-ordinated and uniform expenditure pattern in the public sector"

The circular says two important factors considered in determining the 10-percent limit were the inflation rate and unemployment.

Millions cut from City Council budget

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By MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

MILLIONS of rands are being sheared from the City Council's spending estimates for the new financial year

Non-essential spending is being deferred to future budgets or written off altogether, considerably reducing the estimates for the 1985/86 financial year In many cases, reductions on less important items may be funnelled into essential votes to spread resources more effectively

This emerges from reports by standing committees to the Executive Committee, whose job it is to plot the city's financial course for the year ahead

Executive Committee chairman Mr John Muir probably faces his most difficult budget so far as tough economic conditions sandwich the committee between Government pressure to cut spending and public pressure to keep rates down, while improving or expanding services

State grants

Significantly, recommendations to increase spending on beach amenities reflect the council's undertaking to improve facilities after critical broadsides last summer

The price ticket for improvements — which will depend largely on State grants — totals more than R3,4-million

But estimates for buying or replacing vehicles, plant and equipment and office furniture are being cut by more than R650 000 — dropping the R72 500 replacement of the mayoral car may be included — and around R7-million for various housing projects is being carried over to future budgets

With a banner proclaiming peaceful intentions, a group of marchers danced in the funeral procession at Zwide township near Port Elizabeth yesterday.

Crowd at funeral of unrest victim

Staff Reporter

UITENHAGE — Churches were mostly empty in the townships here yesterday as thousands of people gathered from early morning for the funeral of an unrest victim

In spite of the heavy police presence around black areas, no policemen were seen anywhere in the vicinity of the church where the service was held or at the graveyard

An appeal was make by various speakers to pardon former councillors and the immediate past mayor, Mr James Tini, told the mourners that he and his colleagues had been misled into thinking they represented the people.

Fireworks will herald Cape Town Festival

Staff Reporter

THE Cape Town Festival begins with a bang on Wednesday evening with a fireworks display at Sea Point Pavilion.

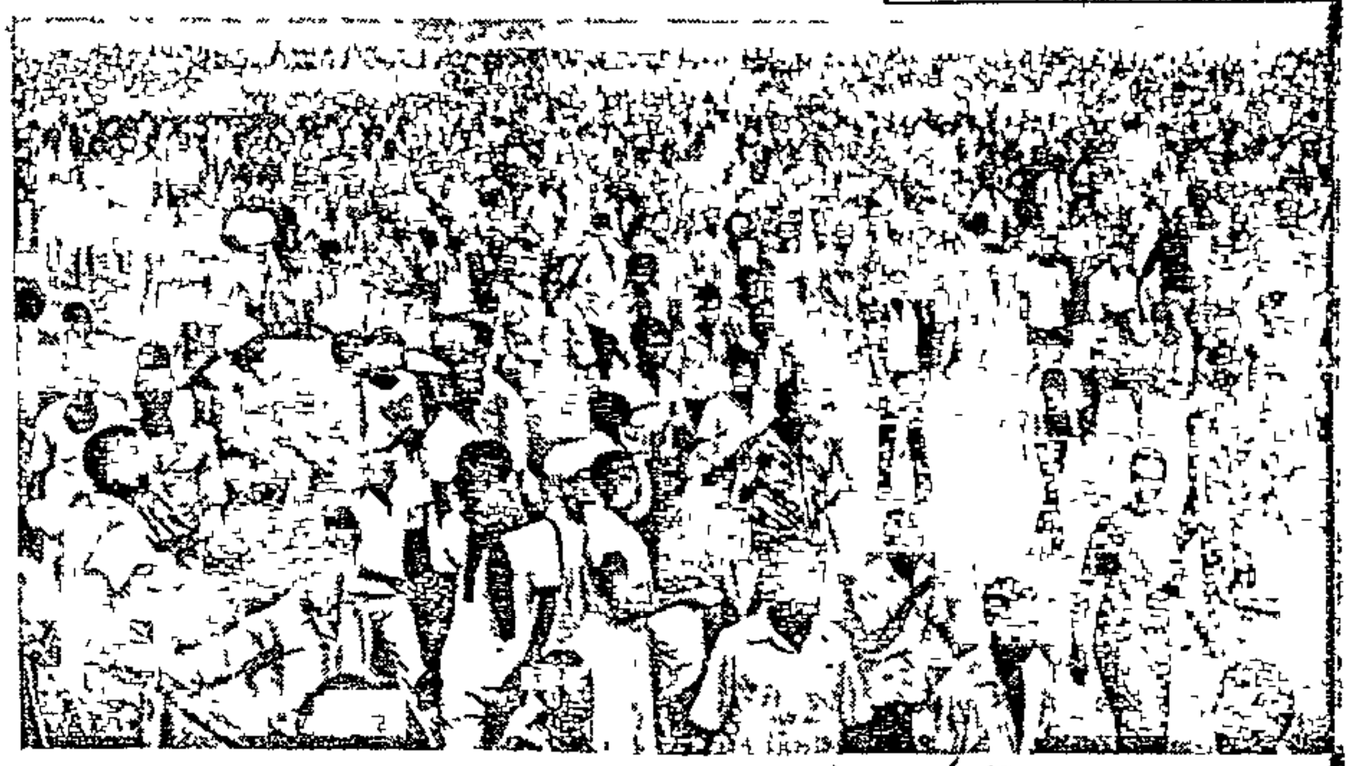
Mayor Mr Sol Kreiner will be flown in by helicopter to open the festival

The fireworks have been imported at a cost of more than R11 000 and an entrance fee will be charged

The opening ceremony precedes 16 days of community events around the theme "Wines of the Cape"

The Pierhead Festival at Victoria Basin, where grilled crayfish and other seafood can be sampled, and the Station Tavern on the Cape Town Station forecourt open on Thursday

Drum majorettes and a military band will perform at Groot Constantia on Thursday evening



Some of the thousands of people who attended the funeral Elizabeth yesterday of four people killed during upheavals in areas.

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Demand for living wage...

Staff Reporter

CAPE Town City Council's efforts to meet the needs of its workforce, particularly at the lower levels of pay, had fallen short and required revision and up-scaling, the Industrial Court heard today.

Mr Denis Kuny SC was presenting union argument in the arbitration of a wage dispute between the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association and the council

Evidence in the six-month hearing ended yesterday

Mr Kuny said the union had chosen to describe its demand as a demand for a living wage which emphasised that the demand was primarily related to the needs of the workers and their living standards This was especially for the lowest paid workers who comprised about 5 000 of the union's 11 000 members

FIXING WAGES

It regarded wages as payment for services rendered, but also as the means to enable employees to survive

The union accepted that need did not constitute the sole criterion in fixing wages and that other criteria such as wage comparisons, the ability to pay, productivity, cost of living and minimum budget had to be taken into account

Buses, trains hum after petrol shock

Staff Reporter

JANUARY'S huge petrol price increase has sent commuters flocking to public transport to save money

South African Transport Services and City Tramways report significant increases in passengers carried.

Mr F Potgieter, a director of City Tramways, said that in the last half of 1984 the company experienced a "quite dramatic" passenger loss attributed to the sharp decline in economic activity, unemployment and political activities

"During January the decline continued and we reached a record low of 6,3-million passengers carried that month," he said.

But since then the position had slowly improved

March figures showed that 7,3-million passengers had used their services.

The improvement was definitely linked to the petrol price increases, although there might be other factors, he said

Mr Leon Els, liaison officer for Sats, said observations had shown about a 10 percent increase in the number of first-class commuters of all races

Exact figures for February and March would not be available until the end of April but observation had shown more cars parked at suburban stations and more passengers using the service.

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Council ban on posters

Staff Reporter

POSTERS advertising an End Conscription Committee (ECC) public meeting which carried the words "Civil War Protest" were last week rejected by the City Council on the grounds that they were objectionable.

The posters were eventually put up on Sunday afternoon, simply advertising a protest meeting held at the Claremont Civic Centre at 8pm last night.

Mr Michael Evans, Western Cape chairman of the ECC, said a sample poster, reading "Civil War Protest" and giving the time and place of the meeting, had been submitted to the City Council on Thursday last week.

He said this was rejected and a second poster submitted, reading "Civil War? Protest Meeting" had also been rejected, although the ECC felt they had dealt with Council's original objections that the poster was objectionable and that it was not clear that a meeting was being advertised

A spokesman for the City Engineers department, which dealt with the matter, confirmed that these two posters had not been approved

He said: "The regulation, dating from 1959, which controls the putting up of posters reads, in part· 'No person shall exhibit in any place to which the public has access or shall expose to public view any advertisement, placard, poster, engraving, picture, drawing, print or photograph of an indecent, obscene, repulsive, revolting or objectionable character, or of a nature calculated to produce a pernicious or injurious effect on the public or any particular class of person'.

"In this case, the posters were deemed to fall under the objectionable category and we did not authorize them. Also, in the case of the first poster it was not completely clear that a meeting was being announced," he said.

"A poster is allowed to announce meetings, and to give the time and place, but it should be reasonably bland in character."

Mr Evans, however, said the ECC did not feel the original poster was objectionable in the light of the evidence now before the Kannemeyer Commission.

He said the ECC meeting was held in response to the recent shootings at Uitenhage and the growing condition of crisis in the country

The ECC would present its perspective on the current situation in South Africa and offer suggestions as to how the conflict in the country might be resolved

Speakers included Mr Trevor Manuel, Western Cape secretary of the United Democratic Front, and Mr Laurie Nathan, national organizer of the ECC.

GOVERNMENT

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Giving a human face to the city's bureaucracy

DICK USHER, Staff Writer, interviews the former city official who will be the first arbitrator between aggrieved citizens and their city government

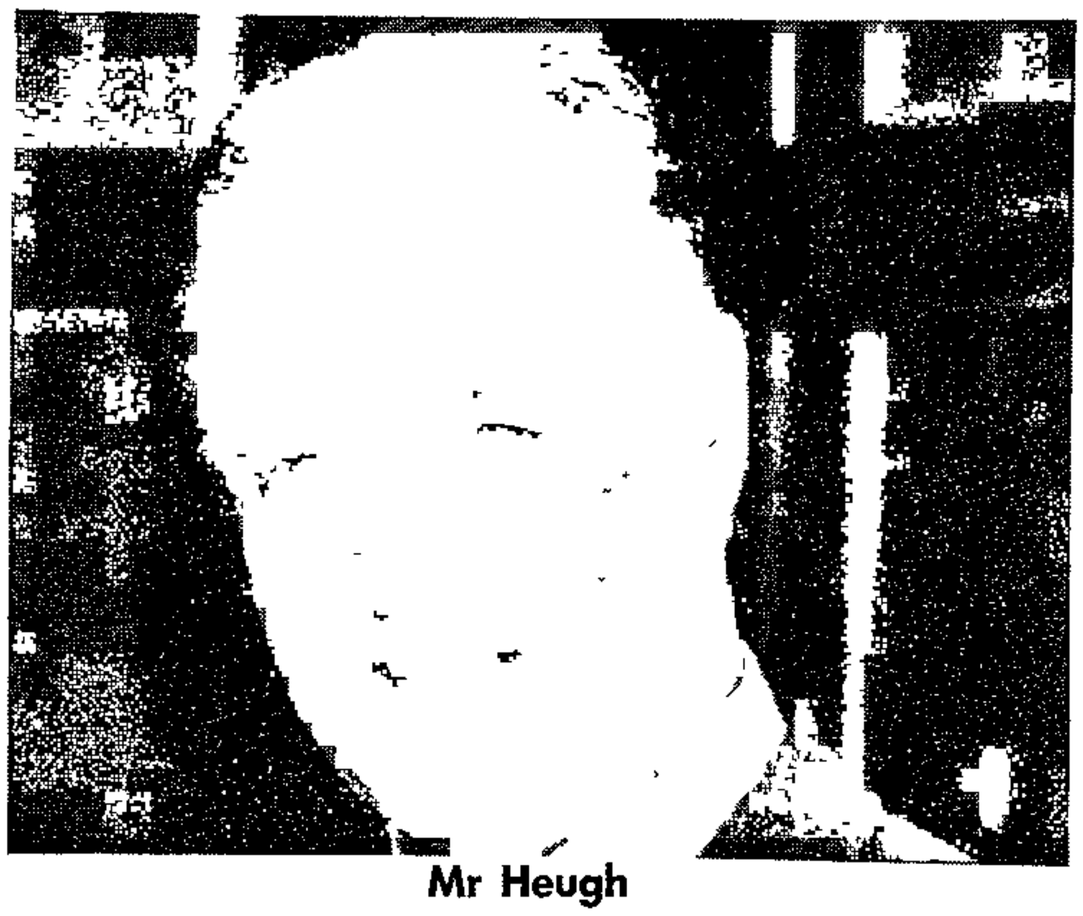
CAPE TOWN'S newly-appointed ombudsman, former Town Clerk Mr Hugh Granger Heugh, sees his job as "putting a human face" to the city's often faceless bureaucracy and he brings many years' experience in local government to his task

Before his 21 years with the Cape Town municipality he served in Vereeniging and Vanderbijlpark and spent 10 years in Queenstown as Town Clerk

The office which he will open in May he sees as primarily rendering a service to the community and helping people genuinely in distress who have failed to find redress through the city's regular channels and procedures

"If someone feels that there has been any maladministration at any level, either in the form of dilatoriness or lack of objectivity or just plain bloody-mindedness they can then go to the ombudsman and he will take up the matter entirely independently," said Mr Heugh

"It is an attempt by the council to demonstrate to John Citizen that there is an avenue of redress that can be approached entirely independently of any official council structure — putting a human face to a bureaucracy that often appears to be faceless"



Mr Heugh

But he stresses that he will be dealing only with genuine cases where the normal channels have failed to provide satisfaction

In many cases he feels he will be able to direct people to use these channels properly

Nor does he see himself necessarily in an adversary position against municipal employees

"During my time as Town Clerk I was always impressed by the dedication of the people in service of the community.

"But there are sometimes blocks and at least part of my function will be the removal of blockages or bypassing them," he said

Besides his experience in municipal government he also brings a compassion for people and a sympathy and understanding of the problems of poverty and hardship born out of being "a child of the Depression"

He matriculated at Muir College in Queenstown in 1933 at the Depression's height and remembers the hardship of those times "when there were hundreds of boys with first class matrics walking the streets looking for jobs"

To accomplish his task he will operate independently from all council officials and will be free to move where he likes, question any employee, examine any documents or records and call for reports.

He will not deal with cases where the council has laid, or may lay, a charge against the complainant.

Nor will he have any executive power but will submit recommendations to the Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans, and the chairman of the executive committee, Mr John Muir, on which the council will be morally bound to act

BRIEFING

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E Cape local council joins long quit list

THE Humansdorp Community Council resigned en bloc yesterday and six members of the Adelaide-Bedford Community Council officially announced their resignation at the end of a week characterised by mass resignations from Eastern Cape local authorities.

Speaking from his home, Humansdorp's ex-council chairman, Mr Wellington Mjekula, said there had been no harrassment or acts of intimidation aimed at council members in the township.

He said only that members felt it was the right thing to resign.

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Doors close on tenants earning more than R800

Municipal Reporter

MANY City Council tenants have been refused council houses to rent or buy because they earn more than the housing code limit for subsidised housing

And it has been suggested that many others have turned down wage and salary increases just to rent houses or to retain their options to buy

Housing staff say, however, that the R800 housing code limit does not affect all tenants and that the 99 people turned down over the past year represent a small percentage of people seeking accommodation

But the National Housing Commission is considering increasing the limit

The housing code is a formula setting out what rentals each wage category should pay

Flat or house tenants earning more than R800 a month must pay rent equivalent to the building society interest rate, higher than other council rents

The housing code limit was last increased in 1983 — from R650 to R800

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

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Irony of 'last straw' break by management committees

Municipal Reporter MICHAEL MORRIS examines the decision by Cape Town's management committees to cut links with the city council.

DETERMINED to force the government to think faster on the future of local decision-making on the Cape Flats, Cape Town's management committees have cut links with the city council and are demanding automony

They met last week to decide how to recast their role as public representatives in a system they acknowledge is a failure.

Embarking on this "last straw" tactic, management committees want the government to give them decision-making powers over their own areas "so that we can achieve things for our people ourselves"

It was said at that meeting. "Our decision to break ties will say 'We are not going to put up with it any more'."

But it is ironic that the city council has been snagged on the spike management committees are jabbing into the government's side.

Ironic, because it was the city council's commitment not to opt for anything less than full representation of all people through the due democratic process that led to last week's showdown

And ironic also because management committees are widely mistrusted — and widely ignored — for being nurtured into existence to meet a government prescription, rather than the political needs of local communities.

Management committee members protested last week that they too wanted full representation, but they were prepared to accept interim measures that would help them achieve it

Criticising the city council for not accepting such interim measures, they accused the council of "hiding behind the skirts" of the government and "keeping the best share of the cake for themselves"

They claimed that having to operate through the city council had prevented them from achieving improvements they considered priorities.

They wanted full control over the budget for their areas and the allocation of funds for specific projects

And the time had come to turn their backs on the council.

At the centre of the fury is a city council debate in December last year during which councillors reaffirmed a 13-year-old commitment to work for an open council and rejected proposals to expand links with management committees.

That commitment finds the council standing firm against compromise, against accepting interim measures that lock the people of the city into separate constituencies.

While the council believed the existing monthly liaison meetings were fruitful — and sufficient — in providing a "useful forum for consultation", these will now be suspended.

But even as they set out on their campaign for autonomy, it is uncertain what the management committees will achieve

Without having explored material or financial severance from the city council, it remains to be seen whether the breach they have masterminded will be anything more than a technical breakdown in liaison.

And the new dispensation for local government may outstrip whatever blue-print they may have in mind

Stanley: We will be satisfied only with full representation

MR ARTHUR Stanley, Labour Party MP in the House of Representatives and chairman of the Athlone management committee, sums up the feelings of those on the inside of the much-criticised management committee system

"We will never be satisfied until we get full representation That's what it boils down to We can operate on an equal basis successfully in fulfilling the needs and requirements of our neglected areas.

"Our areas are lacking in facilities and they desperately need general upgrading, but this cannot be achieved until we have access to funds and decision-making

"People who originally voted for us are now blaming us for the deteriorating conditions, not the council They do not realise our problems in getting improvements through the present system

Mr Arthur Stanley

"And there is no doubt that if we were in a position to make decisions and allocate funds, we would have more credibility in the community."

Mr Stanley criticised the Government for establishing the upper levels of the new constitution before creating a new form of local government

John Muir: People of all races should be eligible for election

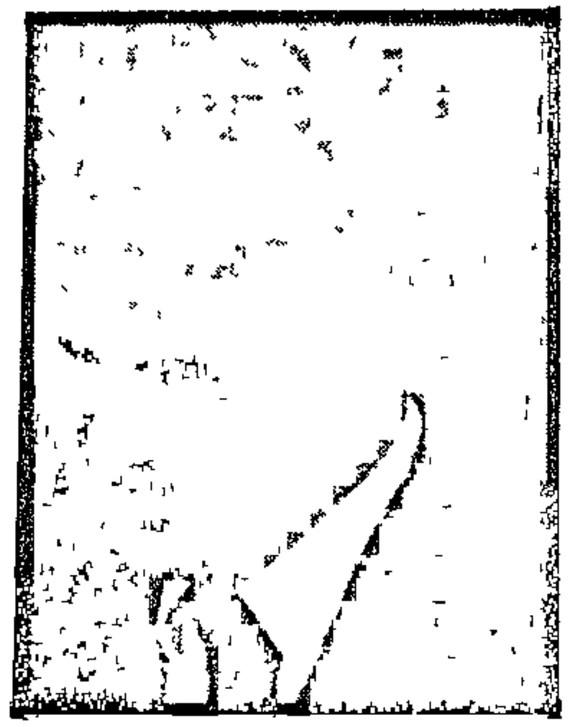
Mr JOHN Muir, chairman of the executive committee, explains the city council's view

"We say that people of all races who live in the municipal area should be eligible for election to the Cape Town City Council.

"They should be the democratically elected representatives of their areas, participate in decision-making and be responsible to the citizens they represent

"The management committee system was brought in by the government after Cape Town had had its coloured councillors removed and the management committee system has never been effective because of its inherent difficulties.

"In an attempt to help the situation, we formed a liaison committee comprising the council's executive committee and the chairmen and vice-chairmen of management committees. This has been rejected by them



Mr John Muir

"Our message is simple. People must be elected to the council We do not believe they should be put there"

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R100m cut in Cape's subsidy

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. Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — The government's subsidy to the Cape Province for 1985/86 has been cut by more than R100-million, the Administrator of the Cape Province, Mr Gene Louw, said last night.

He was opening the 78th Annual Congress of the Cape Province Municipal Assocation (CPMA) at the University of Port Elizabeth

'Nightmare'

Mr Louw said the Cape Province received about 80 percent of its revenue from the State In 1984/85 this had been cut by R74-million and would be cut by more than R100-million in 1985/86

"The quest for funds has become a nightmare", he said, and priorities had to be watched carefully

Mr Louw said it was clear the government would not be able to bear the sole responsibility for subsidizing services and there was a need for increased productivity and efficiency

A better financial climate was needed for the situation to improve

Duplication

He urged that local authorities supply services together as far as possible to cut out the possibility of duplication.

The regional services councils which were to be introduced would help remove some of the problems of providing services

In his address the president of the CPMA, Dr T G Schlebusch, pointed to another financial problem of local authorities

He said that with few exceptions, the tax which municipalities now received on government properties was neutralized by GST and in many cases municipalities were in a worse position than before.

Controls

Dr Schlebusch also said that although some functions had been delegated to municipalities in a devolution of power, legislation indicated that tighter control would be exercised over local government.

"We must be under no illusions that with the eventual takeover of traditional municipal functions by other institutions, even privatization of some functions, the traditional municipal structure is going to change," he said

There would be more powers of decision-making for local authorities over fewer functions, said Dr Schlebusch.

Subsidies

Referring to the proposed regional services councils, he said the income from these councils would be used for, among other things, subsidizing the loss on commuter services, including trains

This meant a reversal — local government was subsidizing the central government.

He was concerned about the impact of additional levies on businesses and urged as a possible alternative the imposition of GST with no exemptions

The congress, attended by about 500 delegates from throughout the province, begins sitting this morning and ends on Thursday.

Mancoms hold back coloured equality

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THE continuing attacks on the Cape Town City Council by Mr David Curry and other members of the Labour Party for the council's refusal to recognise Management Committees may seem odd coming as they do from the party that brought down the old Coloured Representative Council on the grounds that it was a segregated institution

However, this apparent contradiction becomes a little more rational, (but no more acceptable), if one understands the importance of membership of the Management Committees to the Labour Party's organisational structure

Membership provides that party with a remunerated corps of organisers, workers and officials across the country

It creates a small vested interest in every community big enough to have a Management Committee

It is probably so that the Management Committee system has inadvertently been the instrument of Labour Party survival

Many of their current hierarchy have graduated from the Management Committees and are dependent on them for political survival in a low poll environment

Thus, while the Labour Party is in principle opposed to segregated bodies, harsh expediency dictates that its members defend the Management Committees as they would their own political lives, both entities being inextricably linked.

The Cape Town City Council is opposed to the system of Management Committees as well as the principle underlying the system and believes that the only practical and moral solution is to restore coloured people to the common voters' roll and have merit the yardstick rather than colour when electing councillors

I believe that support for the Management Committee system will continue to deny the coloured people the creation of their local authorities which, while less acceptable than full franchise on a common voters roll as was their right to 1972, is more desirable than the Management Committee structure

The sad thing is that so far, no criticism or attack by Labour Party MP's has been launched against the Government for their refusal to introduce equal and integrated local authority rights

Management Committee members and Mr Curry should put the blame where it deserves to be, namely at the door of the Government and not the Cape Town City Council

(Councillor) ARTHUR J WIENBURG

Cape Town

Fifth black council quits

Mail Correspondent

THE JOINT nine-member Somerset East and Cookhouse Community Council has resigned en masse, bringing to five the number of community councils which have stepped down in the Eastern Cape since January.

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Councillor Isaac Heka, whose house and car were gutted in an arson attack last month, said he felt the time had come for him and his family "to be on the side of the people".

The Ilingelihle, Kwanobuhle, Nomzamo and Hurmansdorp/Alexandra community councils have already resigned.

And the chairman of the Adelaide and Bedford Community Council, Mr S J Soyaya, yesterday resigned "because of ill health".

In unrest throughout the Eastern Cape at the weekend, a two-year-old child and his mother were set alight and burnt to death, and two other children critically burnt when their Kirkwood home was attacked.

A police spokesman in Pretoria said they were set alight by a group of people looking for a man.

The home of a Labour Party member in Kirkwood was petrol bombed. The bomb failed to explode.

In Langa, a 24-year-old woman was shot dead when a group of 250 people stoned a police vehicle, the spokesman said.

Extensive damage was caused when property in Port Alfred, Kwanobuhle, Rosedale, Cradock, Adelaide and Langa was firebombed.

● The Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown and Uitenhage Chambers of Commerce have requested an urgent meeting with the Minister of Co-Operation and Development, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, and the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, to discuss civic unrest in the region. The unrest has had a devastating effect on the economy of Uitenhage.

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Council to debate beach control, facilities

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By MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

RECOMMENDATIONS to raise pool entrance fees, erect beach turnstiles, create pay-beaches and to develop new facilities on the False Bay coast will be considered by Cape Town city councillors next week

More than R7-million will be spent over the next three years on expanding Cape Town's beaches and seaside facilities — with emphasis on crowd control on the Atlantic seaboard and the development of amenities on False Bay.

Admission fees are being doubled at Sea Point, Muizenberg and Newlands pools from 20 cents to 40 cents for children and 50 cents to R1 for adults for all seasons, but R2 for adults during December, January and February.

The cost of monthly and other tickets are also being increased.

Admission fees to all other pools will also be raised

Turnstiles will be set up and numbers limited at Sea Point, Muizenberg, Long Street, Maitland, Bonteheuwel, Athlone and Westridge pools.

Pay-beaches are being introduced as a pilot study on sections of Camps Bay, Milton Pool and Mnandi, with charges of R1 for adults and 40 cents for children.

Pay-beaches, to be fenced in, will operate for only two months in summer and will not take up the whole beach at each site.

Vehicle access to Maiden's Cove will be limited and turnstiles — with admission limited — will operate at Saunder's Rocks, Queen's Beach, Sunset Beach, Milton Pool and Rocklands Beach.

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Pay-beaches proposal

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN bathers may have to pay to enter sections of some of the Peninsula's most popular beaches next summer

The City Council's amenities and health committee has recommended that Milton Pool and portions of Camps Bay and Mnandi beaches be fenced, and an entrance fee charged as part of an experiment to gauge public opinion and the feasibility of the pay-beach concept

The chairman of the committee, Mr Peter Muller, told a press conference yesterday that although the committee was opposed in principal to the idea of pay-beaches, it had decided to implement a pilot scheme whereby an entrance fee of R1 for adults and 40 cents for children would be charged at sections of certain beaches in December and January

The council will still have to obtain the consent of the Provincial Administration and central government if it decides to go ahead with the scheme

The recommendation is one of several far-reaching proposals for the development and control of beaches and public swimming pools during the summer season

Other proposals, which will be submitted to the full council for final approval on Tuesday, include increasing tariffs at pools, limiting the number of people entering amenities and extensive improvements and additions to beach amenities on the False Bay coast.

Ambulance man on the road again

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By MIKE LOEWE

MR DENNIS BARLOW, one of three ambulance men dismissed by the Dias Divisional Council after giving evidence before the Kannemeyer inquiry into the Langa shootings, is driving an ambulance again

When the Evening Post asked to speak to him today, the reporter was told he was driving his ambulance in Port Elizabeth for the day, but would be returning to base in Uitenhage later

The Secretary of the council, Mr Nigel Anderson, declined to comment on the matter.

"We are not prepared to comment on this, as it has always been a domestic issue," he said

He criticised the bad publicity which had surrounded the suspensions and blamed "the interference of Mr John Malcomess" and the fact that "the Press only printed sensation and nothing good about us".

He said the dismissals were "strictly a domestic affair".

When asked about the suspensions, he said one of the drivers had been suspended from the Port Elizabeth division and was working in another area It was possible he could be re-employed in his old division again

However, the other two men — who have been suspended from the council altogether — would, if reinstated, never be permitted to work in their old division again

Mr Anderson said "How can the council re-employ someone who is guilty of misconduct? No one can tell us who we should re-employ."

He said, however, it was possible they could be re-employed in one of the other five departments.

● Mr Anderson said the council had not been on trial before Mr Justice Kannemeyer and he criticised the sensation which had been created around the evidence of officials from the ambulance service

Councillors vote no to own pay cut

Municipal Reporter

CITY councillors yesterday voted narrowly against a 10 percent cut in their monthly allowances

In a spirited debate on a motion from Mr Sam Gross, councillors said the gesture would be merely token and a public relations exercise which would not help the community at large

Mr Clive Keegan said it was the duty of councillors to ensure that public money was spent "prudently and profitably" and that rates were kept as low as possible

"It is not our duty to make bloody fools of ourselves by entering into self-indulgent exercises of moral tokenism"

Many of the councillors, who are each granted a R530 monthly allowance to cover what they spend on council business, said there was very seldom anything left over after paying for phone calls, stationery and postage

Mr Arthur Wienburg said he would rather make a voluntary donation to a charity than have his allowance formally cut

Mrs Eulalie Stott said the council should acknowledge the current economic recession by not asking for an increase in the allowance, but should not vote for it to be cut

She said not all councillors were equally well-off and that it was "not reasonable to expect us to make a gesture that not all of us can afford"

The whole of the excutive committee, which as one member put it "spends its full life in the council chamber", voted against the cut

The motion was lost by 14 votes to 12

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Ambulance man on the road again

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By MIKE LOEWE

MR DENNIS BARLOW, one of three ambulance men dismissed by the Dias Divisional Council after giving evidence before the Kannemeyer inquiry into the Langa shootings, is driving an ambulance again

When the Evening Post asked to speak to him today, the reporter was told he was driving his ambulance in Port Elizabeth for the day, but would be returning to base in Uitenhage later

The Secretary of the council, Mr Nigel Anderson, declined to comment on the matter.

"We are not prepared to comment on this, as it has always been a domestic issue," he said

He criticised the bad publicity which had surrounded the suspensions and blamed "the interference of Mr John Malcomess" and the fact that "the Press only printed sensation and nothing good about us".

He said the dismissals were "strictly a domestic affair"

When asked about the suspensions, he said one of the drivers had been suspended from the Port Elizabeth division and was working in another area It was possible he could be re-employed in his old division again

However, the other two men — who have been suspended from the council altogether — would, if reinstated, never be permitted to work in their old division again

Mr Anderson said "How can the council re-employ someone who is guilty of misconduct? No one can tell us who we should re-employ"

He said, however, it was possible they could be re-employed in one of the other five departments

● Mr Anderson said the council had not been on trial before Mr Justice Kannemeyer and he criticised the sensation which had been created around the evidence of officials from the ambulance service

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Divco's squatter removal slated

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council's decision to move squatter families from Hout Bay to Lourdes Farm in Philippi will aggravate the existing squatter problem in the area, according to some councillors.

Goodwood councillor Mr L Rothman says the resettlement merely "removes a problem from one area and imposes it on another"

Mr Rothman proposed a motion at this week's council meeting calling for the squatters to be returned to Hout Bay

The motion was defeated when only three councillors supported it.

Mr Rothman also criticized those who made the decision to move the squatters for not consulting the local ward councillor, Mr W J E Shultz, on the matter

Inform

"It is most unfortunate that the Divco did not inform him of their decision before moving the squatters into his area," he said

"I also feel the matter should have been referred to the full council before any steps were taken"

Mr Shultz confirmed that he had not been informed of the decision but said he had received a full apology from those involved in the move

The councillor for Hout Bay, Mr Len Pothier, described the resettlement at Philippi as the "only possible solution to the problem".

"The squatter camp will be fenced and tightly controlled and we will watch its occupants like hawks," he said.

Mr Pothier described the failure of the housing committee chairman, Mr Dennis Lambert, and other senior council officials to inform Mr Shultz of the decision as a "human omission".

● Mr Lambert said last night that the committee's failure to inform Mr Shultz had been a "complete oversight" caused by the fact that the matter had been one of urgency.

TV weekend

1, 2 & 4

1.00. Nuus
1 09· **Tokkie Houtkapper Nr 3 Voetfieterjasies.** Tokkie confronts a famous professor about his magic tricks, with extraordinary consequences.
1 16: **Eureka**
2 08: **Buck Rogers.** Buck pretends to be the crook, Rafael Argus, in order to infiltrate a gang Barney Smith, a space pirate, betrays Buck by telling the gang he knows the real Rafael Argus. Will Buck be able to escape in time?
2 44: **Saterdagjolyt**
3 00: **Sport '85.** Road running — the Ohlssons Marathon championship in Port Elizabeth Boxing — Junior welterweight bout between Tony Torres and Joey Ruiz in Illinois. Cricket — "catch of the season". Football — World Cup qualifying match between Equador and Uruguay. Rugby — Eastern Province vs Northern Transvaal
5.57: **Kompas**
6 00: **Nuus**
6.14: **Uit En Tuis:** An item on Celia Guillaume, the first woman to obtain a hunting licence, a road test with the new Jetta and a tuna fishing competition, and information on SUKOVS
7.11· **Quincy. 'n Nadelige Voordeel** Sally Peters, a promising young gymnast, inexplicably falls during an exercise and dies The other gumnasts know the real cause of Sally's death and try to cover it up to protect someone But they haven't reckoned with Quincy.
8 00: **News**
8 28: **Weather**
8.45: **Magnum PI: The Look** Holly, Saigon's most popular DJ, arrives in Honolulu where she becomes the victim of vicious phone calls and threats Magnum finds it hard to understand why she isn't worried about this, until he finds out she's more concerned about finding her former fiance — who's in big trouble
9.36: **Saturday Film. Downhill Racer** The Alps in winter — racers hurtle down the icy slopes at breakneck speeds, risking their lives for fame and fortune Tension exists within the American team as their top skier has been hurt, and the competition between his two replacements is stiff
11.15: **News**
11 30: **Maude: Victoria's Boyfriend** A liberated woman has no place in society That, at least, is what Victoria Butterfield's father says Maude disagrees.
12 58· **Epilogue**

TV2

3.00: **Ezemidlalo** (Sport) Karate — the SA Championships at the University of Cape Town. Horse racing — the jackpot at Germiston Marathon — an edited version of the South African Championships held in Port Elizabeth. Boxing — an edited version of the fight between Johannes "Baby Joe" Miya and Fransie Badenhorst
6 00: **Prologue**
6.05: **Sihlal Emanzini** (We Live Underwater)
6.12: **Masivakashe** (Let's Go Travelling)
6.17: **Ongqondo-Ngqondo** (Youth Quiz)
6 33: **Flash Gordon**
7 00: **News**
7.13: **Gwiji Gang**
7 39: **Umlabalaba.** The games take place at the University of Zululand.
8 08: **The Road West**
9.00: **News**
9.22: **Weather**
9.25: **Epilogue**

TV4

9.33: **This Week's Music:** Featuring Shannon, Rachel and Miles, The Bangles, Corrie Hart, David Bowie, Sheila Eve, Gary U S Bond, Honeymoon Suite, Coma Teens, Lindsay Buckingham and Cindy Lauper
10.26: **M*A*S*H*: The Moose.** When a sergeant turns up with a Korean girl whom he has bought, the young medicos spring into action to save her from slavery
10.54: **Sport TV4.** Karate — SA Contact Championships at UCT. Soccer — Black Aces vs Orlando Pirates in a Castle League Match at the Orlando Stadium
11 51: **Station Closes**

TV1 — SUNDAY

3 27: **Programme Schedule**
3 33: **A General Arts Programme**
The Island Sanctuary. Before the

Cape Times 4/5/85

Council is 'pandering to a minority of bigots'

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Municipal Reporter

THE City Council's decision to increase tariffs and restrict entrance to beaches and swimming pools "panders to the prejudices of a small minority of racial bigots", according to city councillor, Mr Jan van Eck.

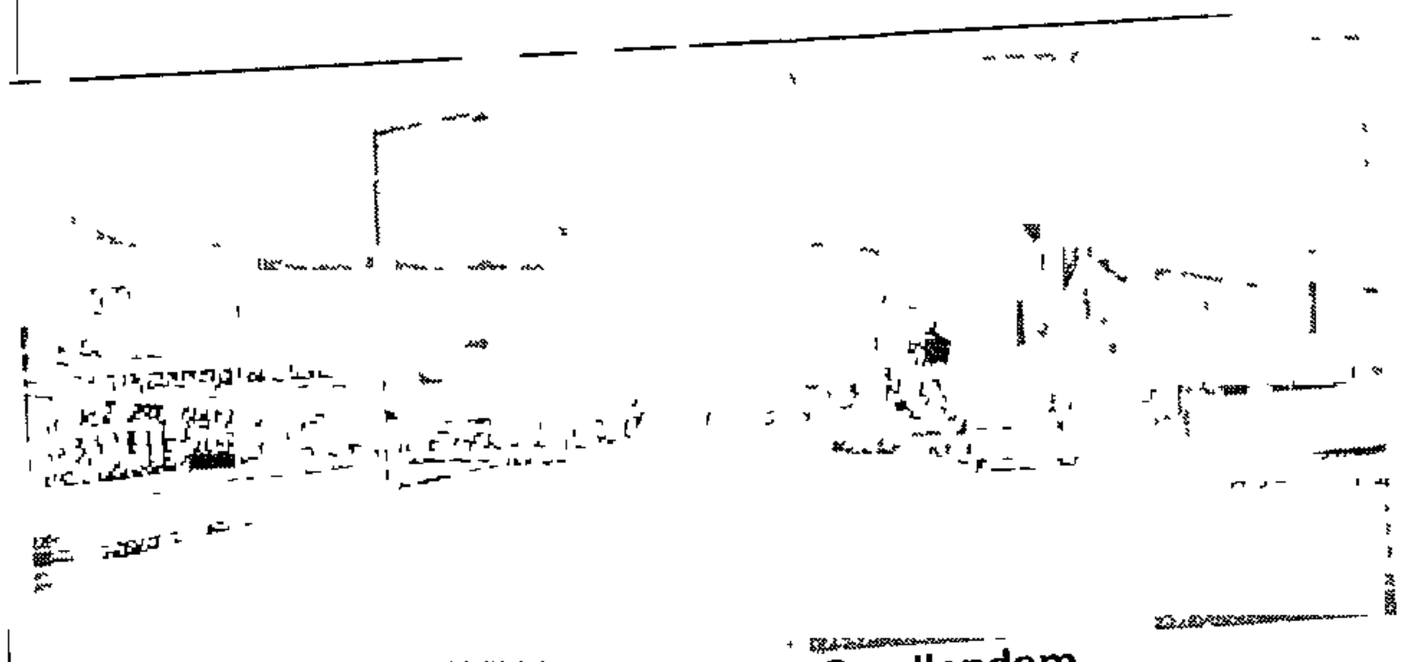
Mr Van Eck, who has launched a petition to protest against the new control measures, says the campaign will illustrate that the council decision "does not reflect the wishes of the majority of residents and ratepayers of Cape Town".

"The decision should be judged by the effect it will have in practice, and that effect is to discriminate against people who are not white since the largest percentage of poorer people happen to be black.

"What this decision will actually do is replace discrimination based on the colour of one's skin with discrimination based on the colour of one's money."

Signatures for the petition will be collected this morning at the Fountain Shopping Centre at Rondebosch and the campaign will gradually be extended.

Petition forms can be obtained by writing to PO Box 1475, Cape Town



The town centre of Swellendam.

Council votes for all urged

Swellendam plea rocks platteland

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Mr Johann Streicher . . . purely practical motives.

By PETER FABRICIUS, Weekend Argus Reporter

THE Swellendam Town Council has astonished its conservative platteland counterparts by calling for a multiracial system of local government

And Mr Streicher said Dr Herman Reiner, president of the CPMA, had estimated that 95 percent of coloured communities in the Cape could not become sepa-

Olyfkranz College "A lot of coloured people here are real Swellendam people Many have been here for generations"

"I think it's a good

But accountant M Pieter Steenkamp sai he would prefer col oured representation t be on the same syster as the present trica meral Parliament

And the person who has proposed the integration move is the town's deputy mayor, Mr Johann Streicher, brother of Nationalist MP Mr Myburgh Streicher

Mr Streicher's resolution calling for direct coloured representation on town councils was tabled at the recent congress of the Cape Province Municipalities Association (CPMA)

It greatly impressed a few larger PFP municipalities such as Cape Town but most platteland municipalities were dead against it and it was shelved until next year

Some Swellendam people suspect that the proposal was "political" as they believed it went against the Government's plan for local government

Practical

But Mr Streicher insists that his motives were purely "practical and financial The coloured community here can never become a separate council They just do not have the rates to be financially independent"

the municipalities

"And once you have had anything to do with the present management committee system you will realise it is meaningless It doesn't mean a thing to coloured people It's so futile to have all those meetings and then the council decides something else"

Mr Streicher said lots of people had come to him to congratulate him on the decision

"They thought I had a lot of guts to do this But I think if you don't start sometime, you'll never get anywhere"

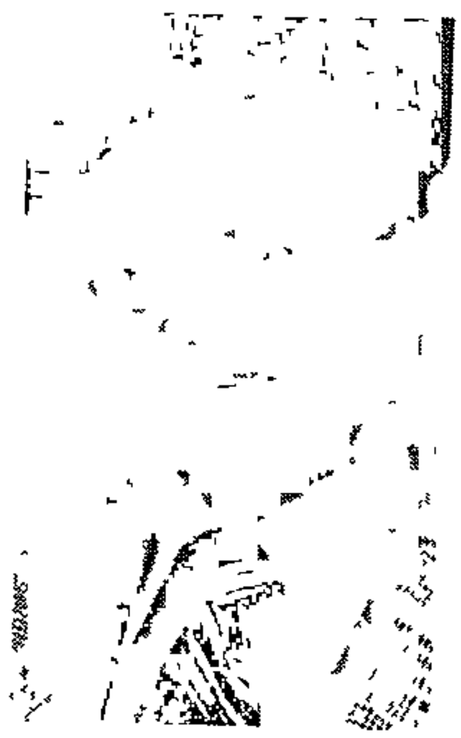
Not all Swellendamers agree with him The mayor, Mr Alex Powell, says he is not opposed to coloured people having a vote "But the Government has put a devil of a lot of effort into its new constitution right now and I think we should give it a chance"

Lovely idea

Mr Streicher believes his plan will not be popular in white Swellendam but in fact there appears to be quite a lot of support for it

"I think it's a lovely idea," said Mr Andre Mocke, principal of the idea, said a local hotelier "If people have a direct say, they will be more likely to be constructive If the municipality can't improve their services they will find out straight away and not feel fobbed off"

Mr Michael Bothma, a furniture salesman, also thought it was a good thing "if the laws are going to change If they're going to live next to you and use the same facilities, then they must decide on the same things"



Mr Richard May, at the moment we are in an inferior position.

"They should have their own council but when it comes to matters of common concern like electricity, they should decide together"

Appreciate

In Swellendam's coloured township, Railton, most seemed to favour the plan

"I really appreciate Mr Streicher's move," said Mr Richard May, chairman of the management committee

"At the moment we are in an inferior position Every time we make a decision we have to pass it to them for approval I'm born and bred in Swellendam while most people on the council are not really Swellendammers — they don't appreciate our problems"

Group areas

But some young coloured activists oppose the plan A young UDF supporter who did not wish to be named, said a multiracial council would not have the power to remove laws such as the Group Areas Act

By Hilary Venables

Pool 'solution' also in crisis

CAPE TIMES 6/5/85 (.263)

THE City Council's plans for tighter controls on the Peninsula's beaches and public pools seem to be causing as much of an outcry as the so-called "beach crisis" did last summer

The decision to increase pool tariffs by up to 200 percent, to restrict numbers and to charge an entrance fee at sections of our most popular beaches, has lead to accusations of racism, economic discrimination and elitism

Although it must be appreciated that the council has come under considerable pressure — particularly from ratepayers in the Atlantic suburbs — many people feel it has misread the feelings of the vast majority of citizens.

Hailed

At the well-attended and at times chaotic public meeting at the Sea Point Civic Centre in February, the audience voted overwhelmingly in support of the council's existing policy on beaches and pools

The outcome of the meeting was hailed at the time as a mandate for the council to maintain its position, and not to be swayed by the demands of a small but very vocal minority.

But the new controls, although considerably less odious than some of those proposed by Sea Point and Camps Bay residents, are seen by many, including a significant number of councillors, to be retrogressive

A petition has already been launched by one councillor, Mr Jan van Eck, in an attempt to prove that the council's decision goes against the wishes of the majority of Cape Town's citizens

Councillors, and local newspapers, have been flooded with calls from an irate public calling for the council decision to be overturned

The main criticism is that the council has automatically presumed that bad behaviour is caused by those who cannot afford the new tariffs, most of whom are black.

During last week's council meeting, various councillors stressed that the decision could be reviewed and rescinded if it proved unacceptable

The more drastic controls will not be imposed until December, so it is up to critics of the new measures to make their presence felt now if they are to have any chance of changing the minds of our City Fathers

CAPE TIMES 7/5/85 (263)

Slide still for 'whites only'

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is continuing to allow the owners of the Muizenberg water slide to operate the business on a "whites only" basis, despite its own policy on open amenities

The original owner of the slide — which stands on council-owned land — Mr R Clayton, was recently granted permission to transfer the lease of the land to a company, of which he is managing director and one of three equal shareholders

According to the council, which granted the original lease without knowing that entrance to the slide would be restricted to whites, it investigated the possibility of including a clause in the transferred lease requiring the lessee to open the slide to all races

The idea was abandoned when the council was legally advised that it would not be possible to force the lessee to break the law

This appears to conflict with the legal advice on which it based its own policy on open amenities

Advised

The council decided not to enforce the government's Separate Amenities Act when it was advised that the owner or controller of an amenity could not be prosecuted for allowing "disqualified persons" to use it

According to Mr Clayton, he was advised that he could be prosecuted if he did not restrict entrance to whites

"I will open the slide as soon as the government repeals the Separate Amenities Act, but not before," he said

The chairman of the council's amenities and health committee, Mr Peter Muller, confirmed that the Executive Committee had been told the lease would be made null and void if it contained an *ultra vires* clause

He said Mr Clayton had made "the impossible request" to the council for an indemnity that he would not be prosecuted if he opened the slide

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Swims cheap in townships

Municipal Reporter

IT will cost 40 times more to enter Cape Town's major pools this summer than it will to swim at pools in the black townships

The Western Cape Development Board confirmed yesterday that it would not increase its tariff of one cent for children and five cents for adults at its three pools next summer

The City Council's increased summer entrance fees are 40 cents for children and R2 for adults at the Newlands, Sea Point and Muizenberg pools

WCDB press liaison officer, Mr Sampie Steenkamp, said yesterday he hoped the two pools in Guguletu and the one in Langa would be open by the summer season

The pools, reserved for blacks only, were closed last summer "for maintenance"

He said it was "unlikely" that the board would accede to a request from the City Council that it be given control of the pools

The council, which built and maintained the pools until 1972, asked for the pools to be handed back following the deterioration and closure of the amenities last summer

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Tolls not 'economic apartheid'

CAPE TIMES 4/5/85 (263)

Letters to the Editor

PO Box 11, Cape Town 8000

From Councillor H JACK FROST (Camps Bay):

I REFER to your editorial on "Economic Apartheid" on May 2 and would like to correct a few misconceptions you have stated so the public can appreciate the council's point of view and why the council (all 34 members) unanimously voted for open beaches and facilities for all, but felt that in certain instances (by far the minority of amenities) should be reserved for *all* those citizens who wanted a bit more control and leg room

First, the Camps Bay tidal pool, which has been a "pay area" for three seasons now, is so popular that council amenities on the edge of this area are now to be incorporated so as to include part of the Camps Bay beach, approximately one-third of the total Camps Bay beach area (excluding Glen Beach)

This area will be a "pay area" for two months (December and January only) and then the fence will be dismantled and it will revert to free use Hopefully, the council can then convince the provincial administration that the existing tidal pool fence can also be dismantled for the 10 months in the year, as Camps Bay residents have been requesting for some time

As a matter of interest, quite a few mothers with young children have complimented us for this fence because it keeps youngsters from running on to the very busy road

You state the council, "having decided that all citizens are equal, has now decided some are more equal than others" You, sir, I am sure, would be grossly upset if a sub-economic housing scheme, such as has been built at Bonteheuwel or Manenberg, was proposed for your suburb.

Does this not mean that you consider yourself "more equal" than those of our citizens who live in Bonteheuwel or Manenberg?

Therefore, shouldn't those of us, *of all colours and creeds*, who have the opportunity to enjoy facilities for which we can pay, not be granted this opportunity? Citizens of this city are made up of all levels of society We have five-star hotels, open to all, in which the "more equal" can stay and also cheaper boarding houses for our "less equal" citizens, I don't hear your cry that this is "economic apartheid"

Swimming pools have been graded according to facilities and those with better facilities are entitled to charge more to *anyone* who wishes to attend Surely this is good practice, like the five-star hotel comparison, the better the facility the higher the cost

The same applies to pay-beaches Only where facilities have been provided has a pay beach been recommended The vast majority of beach space, about 95 percent in the municipal area, is still available for use at no charge

Please, Mr Editor, don't try to create racial tension on this issue when there is none Your editorial is nothing but inflammatory when you only state half (or less) of the facts

[Mr Frost seems unable to appreciate that our opposition is not to the fact of crowd control at the more popular beaches, which we support, but to the level of the proposed fees, which we do not — Editor, Cape Times]

Labour Party rejects 'liberal paternalism'

Cape Times 14/5/85

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From D M G CURRY, MP Houses of Parliament:

ALLOW me to comment on your editorial 'Lead don't follow' of May 6 To put the case bluntly, we are tired of knocking at the white man's door, National Party or "liberal", begging for admission

The Cape Times unfortunately does not understand the white municipal councils, particularly the Cape Town City Council Of course, we agree that the Nationalists took the coloured people off the voters' rolls of municipal councils Like the city council, we stand for direct representation on non-racial councils

The city council has taken the "vow" to fight for a non-racial council and therefore they will not work with or co-operate with management committees It wants to preserve its links with past councillors such as Mr Norman Daniels, who was forced out of the city council because he was classified coloured

The city council of Cape Town became a white separate development council in terms of government policy Not one white city councillor resigned in protest when coloureds were removed We who also use a separate local government structure, the management committee, are not "kosher" in the eyes of the city council Whites can use the "system" but coloureds or Indians cannot If you're white you're right, but if you're coloured, you must stand down

We do not support management committees, neither do we offer them to our people We have consistently stated our case for direct representation and we are using separate structures to obtain that goal

Some liberals remind me so much of the colonel who said to his troops "Tell me my man, which way you want to go because I want to lead you" These liberals accuse us of using government platforms They say we operate from these structures and use them to obtain "status" as leaders But this is exactly what the liberals have done They have used apartheid structures to become leaders in the white community

It is politically expedient for them but not for the Labour Party The liberals have consistently used coloured, Indian and African voters to get into parliament and provincial and local government councils

The old SA Communist Party used the African voters, on separate voters' rolls to get into the House of Assembly Both the Labour Party and the liberals are therefore guilty of the same "sin" but the city council climbs on a high moral platform and refuses to co-operate with management committees Interim measures were promulgated so that councils and management committees could find ways and means of working together The city council refuses to co-operate with us because of the "vow".

Housing is an important part of the life of our community We want to upgrade the quality of life in the townships We want to sit with the city council in all its committee systems to work out with them programmes to solve the housing problems in Cape Town This the council refuses to do We are left with no option but to take coloured housing away from the city council of Cape Town in order to do the job ourselves

We have no intention of becoming "ethnic" There are other local authorities in the Peninsula area with whom we can liaise to do certain functions on our behalf There are other private institutions who are willing and who continuously offer help to us We certainly will not establish a coloured city council in Cape Town We want to bring our people into the decision-making process The Labour Party's strategy is that we use separate structures

We are also people with dignity We have tried to liaise and negotiate with the Cape Town City Council We cannot become reconciled with this kind of liberal paternalism It is tragic that this relationship is ending this way but we are just tired of crawling to white people, no matter what their choice of politics may be

Too long have others spoken for us We intend doing that ourselves

David Curry . . . no to management committees

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

ARGUS 20/5/85 (263)

Call to have non-racial council for city

By SHARKEY ISAACS
Staff Reporter

CALLS have been made for the reinstatement of the municipal franchise and its extension to all urban citizens

A Government decree removed "non-whites" from common municipal voters' rolls in urban areas and unseated six Cape Town city councillors 15 years ago

Five of them — Mr Norman Daniels, Mr Gulzar Khan, Mr Jack Heeger, Mr E F "Ned" Doman and Mr H J M Holmes — walked out of the last "mixed" City Council meeting two years later, on August 31 1972

Four of the councillors — Mr Daniels, Mr Gulzar Khan, Mr Heeger, and Mr Dawood Khan — have now called for the abolition of the substitute advisory management committees and have urged an extension of the municipal franchise to all urban citizens

No dignity

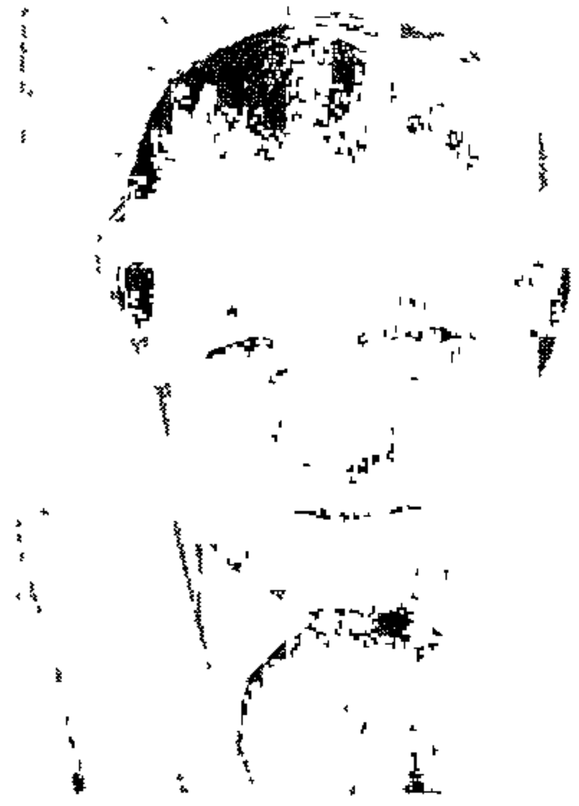
Mr Daniels, who served on the former mixed city council for nine years, said local government on racial lines was in effect discrimination on a basis of colour

"You cannot have dignity in racial group thinking and there is no dignity in separate local authorities or advisory management committees," said Mr Daniels

Mr Daniels, who is secretary-general of the Textile Workers' Industrial Union, has devoted his energies to the union since leaving the council

Mr Gulzar Khan — "there is no dignity".

Mr Jack Heeger — "should include every citizen".



Mr Norman Daniels — "denial of a right".

He said the taking away of the municipal franchise was a denial of a right which had been enjoyed for more than 100 years by District Six residents

"The common franchise is a golden rule of democracy and all citizens should have a fundamental right to vote and to stand as candidates in elections," he said

"I was elected on a basis of merit and not on the colour of my skin and I represented people in my ward irrespective of their race, colour or religion"

He believes the time has arrived to extend the municipal franchise in urban areas to all citizens, including black people, as the Government has also recently extended freehold rights to residents in Cape Town's black urban areas

"It must be remembered that residents in Langa, Guguletu, Nyanga, New Crossroads and Khayelitsha have as much right to the municipal franchise as anybody else," he said

Mr Gulzar Khan, an insurance consultant who represented District Six ratepayers on the council for more than eight years, said "It should be kept in mind that we were not defeated in an election and but that a stroke of a pen removed us from the council 13 years ago

"The people's birthright was taken away and should be reinstated There is no separate citizenship in one country, so why separate people on a basis of colour?

"There is no economic sense in creating separate local authorities and rights for all is still the issue"

Mr Heeger, a city councillor for 10 years, said management committees were poor substitutes for direct representation

"Direct representation can only be meaningful once the apartheid structure has been broken down and we will never want direct representation until it includes every citizen," he said

His service as a councillor was "very challenging" as he represented all races in Ward 17 stretching from Retreat to Clovelly, including the areas of Kalk Bay, St James, Muizenberg and Strand-

Never defeated

"I was never defeated in an election but was removed from office when the Government defaulted me through the colour of my skin," he said

Mr Heeger, a full-time trade unionist, is the secretary of the Western Province Sweet Workers' Union, South African Canvas and Rope Workers' Union and the Chemical and Allied Workers' Union

"I have made a contribution to society in many fields and still serve the people in various ways"

Mr Dawood Khan, a businessman, who represented ratepayers in the areas of Maitland and Kensington, said he was certain no friction would occur when all citizens, including blacks, discussed municipal affairs.

He rejected a Government claim that the move had been introduced to avoid friction among race groups

Mr Khan said he believed all citizens, including blacks, should serve together on one local authority

Illegal immigrants

*8. Mr T LANGLEY asked the Minister of Justice †

(1) Whether any cases of the employment of illegal immigrants by farmers in the Messina District have been referred to his Department for prosecution purposes since 1 January 1985, if so, how many;

(2) whether his Department has instituted prosecutions in respect of all these cases, if so, (a) against which persons and (b) what was the outcome of the prosecutions in each case, if not, (i) against which persons have prosecutions (aa) been instituted and (bb) not been instituted, (ii) why have prosecutions not been instituted in certain cases and (iii) what was the outcome in the cases in respect of which prosecutions were instituted?

†The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(1) Yes, four

(2) No

(i) (aa) Messrs W P Esterhuizen, A P Van Aardt and R P Baxter

(bb) Mr C T H Fischer

(ii) The public prosecutor has still to take a decision in regard to Mr Fischer

(iii) Mr Esterhuizen was convicted of contravening section 51(a) of the Admission of Persons to the Republic Regulation Act, 1972 (Act 59 of 1972) and sentenced to a fine of R60 or 20 days' imprisonment

Mr Van Aardt was prosecuted for an alleged contravention of section 26 of the Black Labour Act, 1964 (Act 67 of 1964). He was acquitted

Mr Baxter was prosecuted of contravening section 51(a) of the Admission of Persons to the Republic Regulation Act, 1972 The trial has been postponed until 23 May 1985

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Kannemeyer Commission

Q. Col. 1536 21/5/85

*9 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Justice

(1) Whether the matter which arose during the course of the proceedings of the Kannemeyer Commission in connection with a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, has been referred to the Attorney-General, if so, (a) when and (b) what is the (i) name of this person and (ii) nature of the matter in question;

(2) whether any action has been taken in this regard, if not, why not, if so, (a) what action and (b) when,

(3) whether a decision has been reached on the matter, if not, when is it anticipated that a decision will be reached, if so, what is the decision?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE·

(1) Yes

(a) 3 May 1985

(b) (i) Mr N Anderson

(ii) A possible contravention of regulation 14 read with regulation 15(c)(ii) of the Regulations promulgated with reference to the Commission in *Government Gazette* 9674 of 22 March 1985

(2) Yes

(a) The matter has been referred to the South African Police for investigation

(b) 6 May 1985

(3) No After the completion of the police investigation

Physical Planning Act 21/5/85

Hansard Q Col. 1537

*10 Mr P C CRONJÉ asked the Minister of Trade and Industry

Whether any prosecutions have been instituted in terms of section 3(1) of the Physical Planning Act, No 88 of 1967, if so, how many as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

† The MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

Prosecutions are instituted in terms of section 11 of the Physical Planning Act, 1967, and in respect of contraventions of section 3(1) there were 21 prosecutions during the period 19 January 1968 to 14 May 1985

Hansard Q. Col 1537

Mathopestad: health facilities

21/5/85

*11 Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Health and Welfare·

(1) Whether he or any member of his Department has at any time received any applications from the residents of Mathopestad for the provision of (a) clinics and (b) any other specified health facilities, if so, (i) on what dates and (ii) what was the nature of the facilities requested in each case

(2) Whether these applications were granted, if so, (a) what facilities were provided and (b) on what dates, if not, (i) why not and (ii) what health or medical facilities are available to the residents of Mathopestad,

(3) whether his Department (a) has received any requests for, and/or (b) has been involved in, the provision of any health facilities at the resettlement area on the farm Mimosa No 81 J Q, near Onderstepoort, if so, (i) (aa) by whom and (bb) when were these requests made, (ii) what was the nature of (aa) his Department's involvement and (bb) the facilities provided, (iii) when were these facilities provided and (iv) what was the total cost involved,

(4) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

(1) (a) No

(b) No

(i) Falls away

(ii) Falls away

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(bb) 12 February 1985

(ii) (aa) Nil to date

(bb) Mobile clinic available when required

(iii) Available for use from 13 March 1985

(iv) No cost to date—awaiting movement into resettlement farm

(4) No

Mr P G SOAL Mr Speaker, arising out of the hon the Deputy Minister's reply,

Illegal immigrants

*8 Mr T LANGLEY asked the Minister of Justice †

(1) Whether any cases of the employment of illegal immigrants by farmers in the Messina District have been referred to his Department for prosecution purposes since 1 January 1985, if so, how many,

(2) whether his Department has instituted prosecutions in respect of all these cases, if so, (a) against which persons and (b) what was the outcome of the prosecutions in each case, if not, (i) against which persons have prosecutions (aa) been instituted and (bb) not been instituted, (ii) why have prosecutions not been instituted in certain cases and (iii) what was the outcome in the cases in respect of which prosecutions were instituted?

† The MINISTER OF JUSTICE.

(1) Yes, four

(2) No

(i) (aa) Messrs W P Esterhuizen, A P Van Aardt and R P Baxter

(bb) Mr C T H Fischer

(ii) The public prosecutor has still to take a decision in regard to Mr Fischer

(iii) Mr Esterhuizen was convicted of contravening section 51(a) of the Admission of Persons to the Republic Regulation Act, 1972 (Act 59 of 1972) and sentenced to a fine of R60 or 20 days' imprisonment

Mr Van Aardt was prosecuted for an alleged contravention of section 26 of the Black Labour Act, 1964 (Act 67 of 1964) He was acquitted

Mr Baxter was prosecuted of contravening section 51(a) of the Admission of Persons to the Republic Regulation Act, 1972 The trial has been postponed until 23 May 1985

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Kannemeyer Commission

Q Col. 1536 21/5/85

*9 Mr D J N MALCOMESS asked the Minister of Justice

(1) Whether the matter which arose during the course of the proceedings of the Kannemeyer Commission in connection with a certain person, whose name has been furnished to the Minister's Department for the purpose of his reply, has been referred to the Attorney-General, if so, (a) when and (b) what is the (i) name of this person and (ii) nature of the matter in question,

(2) whether any action has been taken in this regard, if not, why not, if so, (a) what action and (b) when,

(3) whether a decision has been reached on the matter, if not, when is it anticipated that a decision will be reached, if so, what is the decision?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

(1) Yes

(a) 3 May 1985

(b) (i) Mr N Anderson

(ii) A possible contravention of regulation 14 read with regulation 15(c)(ii) of the Regulations promulgated with reference to the Commission in *Government Gazette* 9674 of 22 March 1985

(2) Yes

(a) The matter has been referred to the South African Police for investigation

(b) 6 May 1985

(3) No After the completion of the police investigation

Physical Planning Act 21/5/85

Hansard Q Col. 1537

*10 Mr P C CRONJE asked the Minister of Trade and Industry

Whether any prosecutions have been instituted in terms of section 3(1) of the Physical Planning Act, No 88 of 1967, if so, how many as at the latest specified date for which figures are available?

† The MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

Prosecutions are instituted in terms of section 11 of the Physical Planning Act, 1967, and in respect of contraventions of section 3(1) there were 21 prosecutions during the period 19 January 1968 to 14 May 1985

Hansard Q. Col. 1537

Mathopestad: health facilities

21/5/85

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'Unreasonable' sports bodies may be curbed

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Staff Reporter

SPORTS control bodies which unreasonably withheld facilities from organizations not affiliated to a particular council of sport could have their contracts with municipalities cancelled, Mr Piet Loubser, MEC for local government in the Provincial Council, said yesterday

Mr Loubser was speaking during the second reading of a draft amendment ordinance which, if passed, would allow the administrator to cancel contracts between municipalities and offending sports control bodies

At present, the Administrator is able to cancel only those contracts which contain clauses forbidding the "unreasonable withholding of sports facilities"

However, the Second Municipal Ordinance Draft Amendment of 1985 proposes to enable the Administrator, in the absence of such clauses, to "direct as if such a determination did exist"

Mr Loubser did not name any sports control bodies which the drafters of the ordinance might have had in mind

Members of the South African Council of Sport (Sacos), a determinedly non-racial organization, have in the past ostracized players who took part in "multi-national" sport.

The debate was adjourned until today

Rents, electricity, water up — more increase

City rates up

up 120%

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BY MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

A SHOCK 12 percent rates increase, two electricity tariff increases this year and a rise in rents have been announced in a tough City Council budget.

And the city may face more increases during the year to meet the cost of municipal salary increases and the creation of regional services councils — neither of which is provided for in the budget

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Presenting the R853,8-million budget for the 1985/86 financial year — "undoubtedly one of the most difficult the city has faced for many years" — the chairman of the executive committee, Mr John Muir, said today he was unable to deliver a message of optimism

The city had been "assailed by the slings and arrows of penal interest rates, soaring inflation and insatiable demands on its purse" It was impossible to provide services and facilities at no extra cost to the ratepayer

Pruning

Fuel and GST increases, inflation, staff salary increases and expansion and maintenance of services had pushed the budget up 21 percent over this year's R704-million package, in spite of being "subjected to a succession of pruning processes", he said

The R132,3-million needed from rates is 16 percent higher than this year's requirement

The general rate goes up from 2,58 to 2,89 cents in the rand and, with last year's 26 percent rebate on residential properties remaining unchanged, the residential rate is being increased from 1,91 to 2,14 cents in the rand

This 12 percent increase is the biggest since 1981 It was eight percent last year Further rebates of 20, 30 and 40 percent to aid the elderly remain unchanged

Rents up

Cape Flats housing rents will rise by about five percent, while spending to meet the growing housing crisis is being increased 38 percent, from this year's R94,2-million to R130,6-million

Electricity tariffs will rise by 10 percent this month and possibly a further 14 percent later in the year

Water tariffs were increased by six percent in April and no further rise is envisaged at this stage

Capital expenditure — excluding the R130,6-million for housing — amounts to R118-million, which is 14 percent more than this year

Beach control

A key item of capital spending is the 50 percent increase for beach facilities and control measures

Mr Muir said the extra expenditure was accommodated through cutbacks on capital allocations for other services, "a simple example of priority budgeting" which would become increasingly important in future

He said capital spending was falling behind the city's development requirements but high interest rates were forcing deferment of major projects as well as long-term loans from the money market.

Some relieving features were that Government rates payments for the current year were about R1,3-million higher than expected and rates income for 1984/85 about R2-million more than estimated.

In addition, stricter control over filling vacancies and creating new posts had shaved about R3-million from last July's estimated salary increase burden of R21,5-million.

Milnerton keeps rise down to 2%

Staff Reporter

THE Milnerton Town Council has restricted its rates increase to two percent for the second successive year

A capital expenditure budget of R7,2-million has been approved, of which R1-million will be spent on completion of the new library complex and R3,1-million on the reconstruction of roads in Table View

Rates are due on July 1, and the payment deadline is September 30

Housing: Call for 'reversal'

Cape Times 24/5/85

Municipal Reporter

THE City's housing crisis can only be alleviated by a "complete reversal" of the government's housing policy, the Exco chairman, Mr John Muir, said at the council's budget meeting yesterday

In a gloomy forecast of prospects for the provision of low-income housing during the coming financial year, Mr Muir said the housing operation needed "a massive ongoing allocation of subsidized capital finance"

"This is a problem that cannot be solved at local-government level, it cannot be solved on a self-help basis, and it cannot be solved by private enterprise," he said

Mr Muir confirmed that the government had allocated only R43m for coloured and Indian housing schemes, with a probable additional allocation of between R8 and R10m

This would do no more than meet existing contractual agreements and would satisfy only a "fraction" of the housing demand

'Stop-go'

Mr Muir criticized the government's "stop-go" approach to the planning of housing and called for a three- to five-year "planning horizon"

"Projects cannot be implemented overnight should funds be provided unexpectedly and neither can they be shelved at a moment's notice if funds dry up"

Cost escalations were continuing to force up the prices of houses so that they were approaching the position where "we may be building houses for the poor that they cannot afford without massive subsidies"

● During the budget debate, a number of councillors slated the government for withdrawing finance for the council's housing project at Blue Downs

Dr John Sonnenburg described the government decision as a "public disgrace"

Rates warning for City

Cape Times 24/5/85

Municipal Reporter

FUTURE rate and tax increases are likely to be "formidable", the chairman of Exco, Mr John Muir, said yesterday

Introducing his budget speech, Mr Muir said the City had been able up to now to restrict rate increases to less than the rate of inflation only by cutting its operating expenditure "to the bone"

"There is absolutely no chance that it will be possible to limit future rate and tariff increases to relatively modest increments," he said

'Formidable'

"On the contrary, I believe that, with the ever-decreasing proportionate subsidies received from the State and the Province and failing the acquisition of supplementary sources of income, future rate increases are likely to be formidable"

Mr Muir criticized a "minority" of citizens who feel the council should be able to provide all desirable facilities "at minimal or no extra cost to the ratepayer"

He said department heads had been instructed to exercise "stringent economy" Original estimates for the 1985/1986 budget from the various departments gave "an honest assessment of service requirements" but had to undergo "a succession of pruning processes"

Spending record for City

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By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN will spend a record R853,8-million during the coming financial year — a 21,3 percent increase on the original estimates for the current year

The biggest shock in the harsh 1985/1986 budget, presented to the City Council yesterday by the chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr John Muir, is the 12 percent rates increase

This is the biggest rates increase since 1981

Running

Another blow for householders is the five percent increase on rentals in the council's housing estates, which comes into effect in July, and another electricity tariff increase of about 14 percent in October

More than R605-million will be spent on running the City during the coming year

This is R48,3-million above the ceiling set by the government which limits increases to 10 percent over the previous year's spending, and the council will have to seek Treasury approval for the additional expenditure

Staff

● The largest operating increase is the extra 40 percent which will go to the Parks and Forests Service This is to make up for an under-provision in the previous budget

● The Town Planning budget has increased by 39 percent — most of which will go towards additional staff needed as a result of the City's new long-term policy for the development and planning of the City

● Bathing amenities will get an "above average" increase of 24 percent over last year Much of this will go towards financing increased controls on the beaches

● The staff bill of R217 9-million accounts for 36 percent of operating costs — by far the biggest single item of expenditure in the budget However, an original allocation of R5,6-million to cover the cost of additional staff posts has been cut by half

Mr Muir warned that the additional taxation and lost licence revenue which would result from the establishment of the new Regional Services Councils had not been budgeted for as the actual amounts involved were unknown

The capital estimates of R118-million (excluding housing) are 12,5 percent up on last year, if State funding is excluded

Mr Muir said this amount represented no real growth in expenditure over last year

The council has added an extra R3-million to its original draft capital estimates for beach and recreational facilities, bringing the budget for Bathing Amenities and Parks and Forests to almost R10-million

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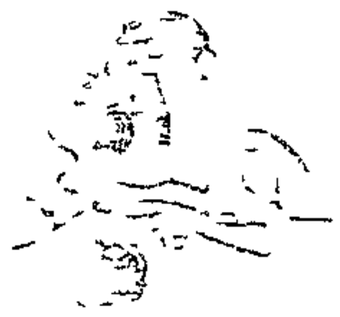

HOW is the City Council budget going to affect you? How are you, in turn, going to budget — and in which areas are you going to economize? If you would like to share your views and ideas with other readers, telephone Teleletters on 24-2233, extension 216, between 9am and noon today Please keep your comments brief and be prepared to give your name, address and phone number

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INDUSTRIAL COURT

Blow for Cape union

The longest wage arbitration ever conducted by the Industrial Court — the dispute between the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA) and the local city council — has been concluded The court's award — way below what the union demanded — is seen as a blow to unions' campaign for a "living wage" and has elicited scathing comment from the CTMWA

The scene was set for bitter negotiations early last year when a general meeting of the CTMWA mandated the union to demand a minimum "living wage" of R116/week for the lowest-paid council workers — a 100% increase — rising to a 15% increase for higher-paid workers When talks broke down, both sides agreed to submit to arbitration by the Industrial Court This was done, according to council sources, since it was clear that the union's mandate did not allow it any flexibility and that conciliation procedures would not resolve the differences Arbitration hearings got under way in October They broke off in December and resumed for a few days in April, soon after the union had rejected a final council offer

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In the interim, however, the council unilaterally implemented wage increases on July 1 that raised pay levels for the lowest-level labourers from R1,29/hour to R1,64/hour (R59,34/week and R75,44/week respectively)

In what is probably the most sophisticated union presentation on wages, the CTMWA based its claim at the arbitration hearings on interviews conducted with over 6 000 of its members and a highly critical analysis of the various poverty datum lines The council, while stating that it sympathised with the plight of the workers, argued that it could not afford the demands Events took an unfortunate turn for the union when it was revealed that some entries about wages on a computer printout presented as evidence had been altered by one of its employees

In terms of the court's order made last week, all employees earning between R73,20/week and R87,92/week will receive a one-notch increase worth about R4,59 per worker Thus, a labourer earning R75,78/week now earns R79,83/week In addition, the pay scales of all employees earning less than labourers' wages will be brought in line with labourers' rates The order, which is valid for 15 months from January 1985, excludes all workers who were not on the council's payroll on July 1 last year and any others who have received a pay increase since Janaury 1 this year

Erntzen is very unhappy with the order He comments "A large number of the union's lower-paid members — some 4 500 in all — will derive some benefits from the award About 6 000 will not On the whole, we regard it as most unsatisfactory" Erntzen says the union will report back to its members on June 4 at a protest meeting to consider what action to take

One factor sure to be highlighted is the problem the union faced because its members were not allowed to strike, since local authority work is classified as an "essential service" Says Erntzen "This provision robs workers of their most powerful weapon in the collective bargaining process — namely, the strike weapon We want it to be removed so as to enable us to exercise, if we so choose, the right to take industrial action"

Cape Town town clerk Stanley Evans comments "We would have preferred not to engage in this way, but the union's mandate did not give it the capacity for flexibility The award must be considered fair in the western Cape environment We know of many industries which are paying less than us We were a guinea-pig case, and I think the other side regarded it as a big test case for the establishment of a living wage" ■

for this call-up was the Eastern Cape, where police action in the black townships had been openly supported on a large scale by the army

The situation here had placed the call-up of the "old guard" in a completely different light "precisely because in the Eastern Cape there has been the bloodiest suppression of protest so far It forces a direct and immediate moral choice on every man who is called up for military service"

Professor Brink stressed that his decision not to serve in the defence force only involved himself

"But by making such a decision and being responsible for it, I am also demonstrating my conviction that a person *has* a choice in every situation"

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PFP, Nats clash over Sacos

Municipal Reporter

THE PFP in the Provincial Council yesterday opposed draft legislation aimed at preventing sports bodies like Sacos from barring other sports organizations from the facilities it hires from local authorities

The draft ordinance gives the Administrator the power to cancel a lease between a local authority and a sporting body if he feels use of the leased property is being "unreasonably" withheld from other individuals or organizations

This is believed to be aimed specifically at Sacos, which bans anyone involved in "multi-racial" sport from using its facilities

Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur) said the government had politicized sport and should not "point fingers" at Sacos for following suit

"Sacos, at whom the ordinance is aimed, is doing what the Nationalists have been doing for years

"Sacos and a considerable section of the coloured and black community are completely against those sports organizations which are prepared to participate in abnormal apartheid sport," he said

Mr Neels Ackerman (Stellenbosch), accused the PFP of supporting Sacos and the UDF and of "bedevilling" attempts to bring the All Blacks to South Africa

"I blame that party for the planned demonstrations against the All Black tour," he said

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SPECTRUM ISSUE: Homes crisis

Plea for housing subsidy plan

The city council is caught between the desperate need for houses and an unpredictable supply of funds. By Municipal Reporter MICHAEL MORRIS.

Mr John Muir . the crisis can be tempered only by a complete reversal of government housing policy

CAPE Town's grave housing crisis has billowed beyond the scope of city resources and a plea has been made for a big Government subsidisation programme to bring it under control

City council plans to tackle the crisis are in a "state of limbo" caught between the desperate need to build thousands of houses and an unpredictable supply of funds directed by a State policy that rejects mass housing provision

Sketching a stark scenario, executive committee chairman Mr John Muir told councillors during his budget speech "There is very little that the council can do to ameliorate the situation, let alone to rectify it"

There was insufficient land, capital sums were so vast they would absorb the city's entire capital budget for many years and the cost of finance would put the price of housing far beyond the means of those who needed it

"This is a problem that cannot be solved at local government level It cannot be solved on a self-help basis and it is unlikely to be solved by private enterprise

"The crisis, and it is nothing less than a crisis, can be tempered only by a complete reversal of Government housing policy and a massive on-going allocation of subsidised capital finance"

Mr Muir observed "It seems incredible that the basic need for shelter seems to rank so unimportantly on the national scale of priorities"

Against the background of a steadily swelling demand for houses — reflected in a growing council waiting list of 38 000 applicants — Mr Muir told the council that only 401 houses were built last year an "extremely depressing record"

Current contracts for about 4 900 houses in various areas would provide some relief but would satisfy only a fraction of the housing demand

However, longer term planning needed to alleviate the housing shortage was not assisted by the State's stop-go policy in allocating finance and approving schemes

Local housing authorities needed a three to five year planning horizon and a guaranteed minimum level of funds for large-scale cost-efficient projects

Uncertainty over funds "presents a distinct impediment in the orderly provision of mass housing"

"Projects cannot be implemented overnight should funds be provided unexpectedly and neither can they be shelved at a moment's notice if funds dry up

"It would be far better to have an assured supply of finance even if this is less than required to meet the need, rather than to have a plan in a state of limbo"

Cost escalation, which continued to force up prices, further reducing housing standards and making affordability questionable, compounded the issue

"Capital costs of R25 000 a house are typical in smaller contracts, requiring minimum monthly rentals of over R50.

"A tenant in the R151 to R300 income bracket, however, must find over R150 for his rental, which is impossible without family support

"Large scale contracts bring costs and rentals down but nevertheless we are approaching the position that we may be building houses for the poor that they cannot afford without massive subsidies or without our encouraging overcrowding to boost household income"

Racism claims from Settlers club go to council

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Staff Reporter

CLAIMS about racism at Rygersdal Club have been sent to the club, the Western Province Football Association and the City Council by the Settlers Football Club

Settlers claim that Rygersdal remains one of two or three clubs which will not permit "non-white non-members" to enter their bar

In a letter to the club the WPFA and the council, the secretary of Settlers, Mr R J Goffin, says that this action has been extended to "white non-members" who are part of teams including "non-white non-members".

According to Mr Goffin, this policy led to an incident at Rygersdal after a soccer match in April His club members were told that "visitors who could be considered 'white' would be welcome in the club bar

"Others would be restricted to the changing rooms, a lounge or the outside serving-hatch area"

Banned from bar

This was changed and all non-members, "especially those associated with Settlers Football Club", were banned from the bar.

Rygersdal, the South African Association of Municipal Employees' recreation club, will discuss the allegations tomorrow

Mr Peter Rist, chairman of Rygersdal, said today that there had been a misunderstanding

Club policy was that all sports players should use a players' lounge and that none was allowed in the club bar, irrespective of race

Mr Rist said this policy was adopted several years ago because of pressure on facilities.

"Couldn't get service"

"Members complained that they couldn't get service in the bar because it was so crowded with visitors. We often have up to four fixtures at the club on a Saturday afternoon and members complained they were being crowded out," said Mr Rist

"We are spending several thousand rands turning the players' lounge into a players' bar and all players, whether members or non-members, are supposed to use this"

Mr Goffin said it seemed that club members hid their prejudices behind policy.

"At the time they offered to sign every white member in so that they could use the bar. But they refused to extend this to other players

"Settlers will never play a fixture at Rygersdal again — that I can promise," said Mr Goffin.

Mr J S Bondietti, secretary of SAAME, said he could add nothing to what Mr Rist had said. He said the relationship between SAAME and Rygersdal was "complicated" and referred to Mr Rist inquiries about SAAME representation on the club committee

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'Whites only' signs to stay

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Municipal Reporter

AN attempt to have the "whites only" signs removed from two beaches in the Good Hope Nature Reserve at Cape Point failed in the Divisional Council yesterday

Mr Neil Ross introduced a motion calling for all facilities in the reserve, including the "white" beaches at Buffelsbaai and Bordjiesrif, to be opened to all races

The move was thwarted when the acting deputy chairman, Mr L J Rothman, insisted that the motion could not be put until the council had agreed to reverse its previous decision on segregated amenities

The motion to review and rescind failed

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Civic police call

Municipal Reporter

PFP members of the Provincial Council yesterday urged the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, to use his influence to help establish a civic constabulary in Cape Town

Mr Louw said during a speech last year that municipalities would have to accept more responsibility for crime prevention in cities

However, a previous attempt by Cape Town City Council to set up a civic patrol was thwarted when the Minister of Police, Mr Louis le Grange, declined to approve the funding of the force, or grant non-SAP patrols full powers of arrest He said municipal police forces were "unnecessary"

The leader of the opposition in the council, Mr Herbert Hirsch, said yesterday that the police force was "grossly understaffed" and the crime rate in Cape Town was "rising"

He said black local authorities had been granted the power to establish their own police forces, and he called for this right to be extended to white municipalities

'Legal problems'

In his reply, Mr Louw said the extension of full powers of arrest to civic police could create "legal problems", but he conceded that "in principle, it would not serve any purpose to have a municipal constable if he is completely powerless"

● Racially segregated amenities were "potentially one of the most dangerous avenues of conflict" Mr Eddie Trent (PFP PE Central) told the council yesterday

Unless the Provincial Administration changed its policy in this regard, the situation would deteriorate "to a point where large-scale defiance of the law becomes the order of the day"

He warned government members that beaches would be opened "sooner or later, whether members on that side like it or not"

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Council adopts seven-year planning strate

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE City Council yesterday adopted a seven-year planning strategy for Cape Town which would, in the words of the Town Planning chairman, Mr Clive Keegan, "arrest the City's decline into economic stagnation"

Presenting the town planning branch's new Programme for Planning report, Mr Keegan said this report offered a "blueprint" for job creation and economic development in the metropolitan area

He said Cape Town had reached a decisive point in its evolution

"It is declining in national economic importance, unemployment is increasing and the revenue base of the council is eroding

"A growing American disinvestment campaign and current recessionary conditions make the prognoses for the coming years even more ominous."

Unless the council adopted a "proactive" planning strategy instead of the traditional approach of reaction and control "it would simply not be equipped to meet the future"

"The City, and more specifically, this council, must consciously and purposefully influence its economy in order to create jobs for its residents, increase per capita income and reduce the necessity to increase local taxes

"Proactive planners seek out new investors, negotiate with developers and offer constructive criticism on their proposals, call for public involvement, seek ways to create new jobs, conserve the natural and built heritages and work towards a desirable future for the city as a whole"

Mr Keegan said Cape Town needed to create 77 new jobs each working day "just to halt the *growth* of unemployment"

The population was expected to increase by 50 percent within the next 20 years — "a figure which by all accounts grossly under-estimates the anticipated increase of informally settled blacks on our periphery"

He said the existing town planning branch was not equipped to solve these social problems and would have to be extended to plan ahead as well as cope with the massive backlog of work

Important studies such as the Centre versus Sub-centre Growth Policy, the Economic Development Plan and Programme and the report on Decentralized Employment in Residential Areas were just three which were "marking time".

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'he town planning Programme for rt, Mr Keegan said ıered a "blueprint" ın and economic de- the metropolitan area

He said Cape Town had reached a decisive point in its evolution

"It is declining in national economic importance, unemployment is increasing and the revenue base of the council is eroding

"A growing American disinvestment campaign and current recessionary conditions make the prognoses for the coming years even more ominous".

Unless the council adopted a "proactive" planning strategy instead of the traditional approach of reaction and control "it would simply not be equipped to meet the future"

"The City, and more specifically, this council, must consciously and purposefully influence its economy in order to create jobs for its residents, increase per capita income and reduce the necessity to increase local taxes.

"Proactive planners seek out new investors, negotiate with developers and offer constructive criticism on their proposals, call for public involvement, seek ways to create new jobs, conserve the natural and built heritages and work towards a desirable future for the city as a whole"

Mr Keegan said Cape Town needed to create 77 new jobs each working day "just to halt the *growth* of unemployment"

The population was expected to increase by 50 percent within the next 20 years — "a figure which by all accounts grossly under-estimates the anticipated increase of informally settled blacks on our periphery"

He said the existing town planning branch was not equipped to solve these social problems and would have to be extended to plan ahead as well as cope with the massive backlog of work

Important studies such as the Centre versus Sub-centre Growth Policy, the Economic Development Plan and Programme and the report on Decentralized Employment in Residential Areas were just three which were "marking time"

"All of these are specifically designed to strengthen the economic base of Cape Town and create employment"

He said the implementation of the new report would be a "costly exercise"

"But the short-term additional costs must be seen against the long-term gains which a proactive planning approach must yield in improving the environment of Cape Town, and in boosting economic development and job creation"

Council to set up 'local govt' body?

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Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is considering challenging the government's plans for local government by trying to establish a Western Cape commission on "government at the local level", similar to the Buthelezi Commission in Natal

Council member Mrs Joan Kantey proposed a motion yesterday calling on the Executive Committee to consider approaching neighbouring local authorities and civic organizations to investigate the possibility of setting up "a commission on the government in the Cape Peninsula"

The aim of the commission should be to "ensure growth, stability, peace, prosperity and participation at local government level"

Mrs Kantey said the Western Cape faced similar problems to those experienced in Durban, as it had also to reconcile both First and Third World societies

The region was now having a new system of government "thrust upon it", without the implications being fully investigated

She said the future Regional Services Councils would not succeed unless everyone in the region was allowed to participate on them, and described the Management Committees as the "Achilles heel" of the new system

"We have to talk to everyone — from the government and businessmen to the people of Khayelitsha, trade unions and the UDF, to find out what they want

"And if our findings conflict with the existing situation, we must have the courage to say so"

2 fired by Dias council

CAPE TIMES 31/5/85

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Two of the three Dias Divisional Council ambulancemen, suspended by the council after testifying before the Kannemeyer Commission of Inquiry into the Langa shootings, have been dismissed

Mr Nigel Anderson, the council's secretary, confirmed yesterday that Mr Joseph Berry and Mr Michael Goqo had been dismissed following a full investigation into allegations of misconduct.

"I don't want to say any more," he said, when asked if their dismissal was connected with their testimony

The third ambulanceman who gave evidence before the commission, Mr Dennis Barlow, had been reinstated, Mr Anderson said

Mr Berry said he had instructed a Johannesburg firm of attorneys to investigate a case of unfair dismissal against the council

He said he had "no regrets about testifying, although everyone feels bad about losing a job But I feel good about having spoken the truth"

Mr Goqo could not be reached for comment last night

Cape Times 6/6/85

City municipal workers angry

Staff Reporter

MEMBERS of the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA) have rejected the Industrial Court pay award which grants the Cape Town City Council's lowest-paid workers a five percent increase on their wages

The award, which was made last month, grants the increase to about 4 000 of the association's 11 000 members The other workers will get no increase

A meeting held in the City this week resolved to call on the union's executive immediately to prepare fresh wage demands

The meeting also decided to fight for the scrapping of the provision of the Labour Relations Amendment Act which classifies local authorities as essential services

This provision prohibits municipal workers from ever taking strike action

Workers at the meeting held in the City Hall on Tuesday night criticized the council for proposing to spend millions on attracting tourists to Cape Town by creating a pedestrian area in St George's Street while paying the workers who service the City "poverty wages"

Prison at noon on Tues-

Tygerberg municipalities divided over open CBDs

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Tygerberg Bureau

FIVE Tygerberg municipalities have voted for open central business districts and two are against

Kuils River, Bellville, Parow and Durbanville are in favour of of their CBDs being open for trading by all races

Kraaifontein, which was in favour of the concept, has decided that individual applications will be decided on merit

The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has also asked local authorities to identify "open" areas if the basic concept was approved

Goodwood and Brackenfell councils voted against the idea

Mr Johan Bràsler, chairman of the Tygerberg Chamber of Commerce, said local authorities had approached the chamber to identify free trade areas in the Tygerberg

"I support the concept of free trade areas as one of the basic premises of a free market system," Mr Bràsler said

"The chamber is in favour of every businessman in Tygerberg trading areas having the right to invest in business or property"

He believed that each local authority should decide whether the owner of a business should be allowed to live on the premises or not

Call for civic patrols to help cut city crime rate

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SYDNEY DUVAL
Staff Reporter

CIVIC patrols are urgently needed to cut down crime in the Peninsula

This was the call today by Cape Town businessman Mr Philip Krawitz at the Assocom regional congress at Worcester

Mr Krawitz, an executive committee member of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce and its immediate past president, said that shocking crime statistics had given the Cape an unenviable notoriety

Last year 846 murders and 668 culpable homicides were reported in the Cape Town, Wynberg and Athlone police districts alone, an average of 2,3 murders a day There were 5 119 robberies, 18 851 assaults and 22 020 housebreakings

"Sad indictment"

"This is a sad indictment of our region and materially affects the quality of life for a large proportion of the community," he said

He said that the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, believed the situation was "well under control".

Mr Philip Krawitz

But many crimes went unreported and did not form part of the official statistics For that reason the congress would have "great difficulty in accepting Mr le Grange's interpretation of the situation"

The Cape Town chamber was aware of the "splendid efforts of the dedicated and overworked police force" But the hard facts were plain to see — the situation was, if anything, deteriorating

"The answer lies simply in supplementing police activities by the institution of municipal civic patrols," Mr Krawitz said

A greater police presence in central business districts (CBDs), tourist areas and townships was desperately needed, particularly manpower-sapping foot patrols

The only answer was well-trained and well-equipped municipal police patrols, which the SAP could not provide

Through no fault of its own the SAP had become identified with "the implementation of the degrading and unpalatable apartheid laws", while councils such as Cape Town's had an unblemished record with its black and coloured citizens

"Law enforcement by these (civic) officials is therefore certain to have greater credence as a socially acceptable function," he said

In proposing a motion on combating crime, Mr Krawitz called on Mr le Grange urgently to heed previous pleas by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, and the Cape Town chamber for civic patrols

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Plan calls for 'opportunities'

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

ORDERLY urbanization requires fewer controls and the provision of more opportunities for people to become self-sufficient, according to a City Council report submitted to the President's Council's Committee for Constitutional Affairs

The report, prepared by the City Engineer's department, calls for the scrapping of the Group Areas Act, the easing of controls on home industries, informal trade, informal public transport and informal settlements, and the provision of more residential land, self-help housing, education opportunities and freehold for blacks

More companies must be attracted to Greater Cape Town to stimulate the economy and provide employment, and more industrial land should be proclaimed and serviced close to major residential areas such as Mitchells Plain and Khayelitsha.

Financial institutions should be encouraged to provide low-interest loan programmes and facilities for small-scale entrepreneurs, and marketing opportunities in low-income areas should be improved to increase industrial activity and retain income in these areas

The report stresses that the community should be involved in decisions affecting the planning of the residential environment and that more funds for housing should be provided by the establishment of a "development corporation" and the creation of credit and saving unions.

Fastest growth

The report says Greater Cape Town is experiencing the fastest relative population growth of any of the country's metropolitan areas

To slow down the movement of people to the city, urban development should be complemented by the stimulation of development in rural areas.

Failure to develop the rural areas had "turned the black homeland areas into dumping grounds whose capacity was being eroded as fast as these communities expand".

Water 'trickle' for unpaid bills

CAPE TIMES 29/6/88 (263)

Municipal Reporter

THE Divisional Council may restore a "trickle" of domestic water supply to Atlantis households which have had their water disconnected as a result of being unable to pay their bills

The chairman of the council's health committee, Mr Clive Bilski, has suggested that the health problems that could arise from the disconnection of the supply could be "partially solved" by restoring a "trickle" supply sufficient to fill the lavatory cistern and for cooking and drinking purposes

'Inconvenience'

"It is reasoned that the resultant inconvenience to the occupants of an affected dwelling would cause a householder to settle any outstanding water accounts," according to a report from the committee

The report, to be considered by the full council tomorrow, says the Medical Officer of Health, Dr L R Tibbit, "realized that if a houseowner failed to pay a water account and a disconnection was refused by the Health Department on health grounds .. many householders would not make any effort to pay outstanding or overdue water accounts"

The council has refused to supply water to 211 houses in Atlantis until their water accounts have been settled

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SPECTRUM ISSUE:

Traffic control stalemate

Municipal, provincial and central government deny responsibility for traffic management in Cape Town's black townships, where no traffic control exists. By Staff Reporter SHARKEY ISAACS

Township accidents

NO traffic control exists in Cape Town's black townships, where the free-for-all is exacerbated by unlicensed drivers and unroadworthy vehicles

Municipal, provincial and central government deny responsibility for traffic management in the areas.

- The Western Cape Development Board (WCDB) says it is the responsibility of the City Council and Divisional Council ...
- who say it is the responsibility of the board
- During the recent Provincial Council sitting, Mr Jan Pienaar (MEC Roads) said it was out of his jurisdiction.
- The Minister of Co-operation, Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said in Parliament recently that no traffic service was provided by the board, no funds were allocated for the purpose and the board had "no legal authority to provide traffic control and traffic education"

High rate

But the high accident rate in the townships — Cape Town's traffic department says 12 percent of fatal road accidents in the Peninsula occur in Guguletu and Langa — has led to calls for an independent traffic force to

Mr Jan Pienaar ... traffic service out of his jurisdiction

Dr Gerrit Viljoen ... no service is provided by the board

In Guguletu, the number of accidents rose from 808 in 1981 to 1 007 in 1983 and in Langa from 290 in 1981 to 318 in 1983

Administration of Langa, Guguletu, Nyanga and Khayelitsha is in the hands of the WCDB which is responsible for services previously carried out by the city council and divisional council

Mr Harry Attwood, Cape Town's traffic manager, said a permanent traffic force was clearly needed and long overdue — and his department could provide training facilities

'Minimum control'

His officers conduct monthly "low-level law-enforcement programmes" in Langa and Guguletu "in terms of an undertaking with the board", he said — "but we can provide only minimum traffic control from time to time because we are short-staffed"

Mr Attwood believes the Peninsula's black areas need a force of at least 12 officers to police traffic in the three older townships and Khayelitsha and he has suggested the formation of an independent force to fill the gap

The Divisional Council has, no similar agreement for even limited traffic control "These areas are now regarded as being outside the council's area of jurisdiction and our traffic personnel have no authority to issue tickets there," said a spokesman .

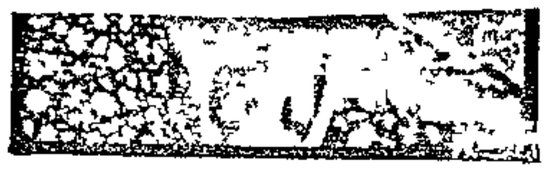
Langa, with a population of about 25 000, has only two access roads Guguletu has three main access roads and more than 70 000 residents.

Monitoring

Traffic monitoring has shown up to 6 400 vehicles entering Guguletu at peak times

Surveys in Langa and Guguletu have shown up inadequate pavements, poor street lighting, worn road signs and road markings, abandoned and derelict vehicles and overloading

Mr Roland Njoli, chairman of the Cape Town Community Council, said he supported the idea of an independent traffic force.



Mrs Di Bishop ... traffic services "an area of total neglect"

Mr Harry Attwood .... permanent force is clearly needed

Mr Barney Mostert, Western Cape area manager of the Automobile Association, said it was "imperative" to have law enforcement relative to the density of traffic and pedestrians in black areas

Health

Mr Sampie Steenkamp, liaison officer of the Western Cape Board, said "Traffic control and health services are being left to the local authorities concerned under whose jurisdiction these areas fall"

He said proposals for an independent force would have to wait until black local authorities had been established

Mrs Di Bishop, PFP member of the provincial council who raised the issue recently, said traffic services in the black areas had become "an area of total neglect" since the takeover by the board.

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Van Eck's pay-beach survey call defeated

Municipal Reporter

CITY councillors voted down a move by colleague Mr Jan van Eck to call an opinion survey of all the city's people on plans for pay beaches and higher pool fees

Mr van Eck said people of colour had not been adequately consulted and he believed most people rejected the measures which amounted to "cheque-book apartheid"

The row over the beach issue — simmering for months — flared again yesterday when Mr van Eck suggested a survey of beach and pool control measures

The motion was defeated by 15 votes to seven

Mr van Eck said proposed control measures "do not represent the views of most people"

Dr John Sonnenberg said a survey would keep the council in touch "with the people who vote us to office and with those who have no vote"

Mr Neil Ross, a PFP colleague of Mr van Eck who opposed the survey idea, said unless supporters intended to be bound by it, "it is an exercise in futility"

Mrs Eulalie Stott asked "What will we do if the public indicates in the survey that they want apartheid on the beaches?

"It is necessary for those in authority to remove points of conflict and I feel the survey will present us with problems we do not need"

Mrs Joan Kantey believed a survey would "exacerbate racial friction at a most critical time in our history"

● Speaking after the meeting, Mr van Eck said he was "extremely disappointed This leaves me no option but to continue the petition more vigorously than before to try to indicate that the City Council is completely out of touch with the people of greater Cape Town"

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'Hysterical reaction' to beach survey

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE City Council has refused to consider conducting a public-opinion survey to establish what sort of controls Capetonians want at local beaches and pools

At its monthly meeting yesterday, the council voted overwhelmingly against a motion from Mr Jan van Eck calling on the council to direct the Executive Committee to consider conducting the survey

Mr Van Eck, who has launched a petition against the controls, said the council had a duty to give those people who could not express their opinions through a vote the opportunity of making their voices heard on the issue

Mr Chris Joubert accused Mr Van Eck of "bringing racial undertones into everything" and said a survey should be conducted only after the summer season, when the new controls had been tested

Mr Neil Ross said the council had no obligation to abide by the opinion of the majority of its citizens

Mr Joe Rabinowitz of Green and Sea Point defended the control measures, which include increased tariffs and pay beaches, saying that the council had a duty to support middle-class citizens as they were the "most essential element" in a "stable" society

Mr Emil Riese also said people should "be able to choose not to mix with undesirables"

Mr Arthur Wienburg said he was "amused and astounded at the hysterical feeling expressed against the survey".

"What are we scared of? We are not bound by the results of the survey but at least we will know how people feel," he said

"Councillors are prepared to stand on their heads for the white electorate because they want to stay in power," he said

He said the council had acclaimed last year's mass opinion survey on the City's services and had used the results to formulate its budget "We used a survey when it suited us," he added

Mr Van Eck said after the meeting that he would have no alternative but to continue with his petition against the controls

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Meat levy 'may push up prices'

Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council is to charge wholesalers a levy of three cents on every kilogram of meat handled at the Maitland abattoir in spite of a warning that it could push up meat prices by 10c to 15c a kilogram

Councillors were told yesterday the levy was necessary to boost funds for improvements but Mr Chris Joubert — a butcher — warned that it would to lead to a price increase

He said "This little three-cent levy looks innocent

"But, while slaughtering 8 000 sheep a day, 800 cattle and other livestock the daily levy total will be about R9 000

"That works out at between R1,5-million and R2-million a year."

He said this would probably filter through to the consumer as an increase of between 10c and 15c

Amenities and health committee chairman Mr Peter Muller said "We are being put under extreme pressure to increase slaughtering facilities

"I believe the levy is our only course of action We will make a public appeal for the wholesale trade to absorb this increase"

Paying to be 'free of the mob'

Cape Times 11/7/85 (263)

By Hilary Venables

THE City Council has decided to implement its controversial beach "controls" this summer, come hell or high water

Our City Fathers voted overwhelmingly at last week's council meeting against a motion calling for the measures to be put to the public vote by means of an opinion survey

Proposing the motion, which was defeated by 14 votes to seven in a depleted council chamber, Mr Jan van Eck urged the council to give the City's voteless majority an opportunity to express their views on the issue

He also argued that controls which had the support of the people whose lives they would influence would be far more effective than the unpopular measures approved by council

Arguments against the survey varied from the dubious "we are not bound by the opinion of the majority" to "let's give the new system a chance and have a survey after the summer season"

Some councillors, namely Mr Joe Rabinowitz and Mr Emil Riese, avoided debating the merits or otherwise of canvassing public opinion and resorted instead to defending the new measures

"It is vital that we support the middle class which is the most essential element in a stable society If they wish to purchase some exclusivity during their leisure time and to be free from the attentions of the mob, then we must give them that opportunity," Mr Rabinowitz said

It has been pointed out time and time again that the equation of wealth with good behaviour is a false one, but some councillors still seem to believe that one can keep out "undesirables" by making facilities inaccessible to the poor

The absurdity of the situation was further illustrated at last week's meeting when the council agreed to grant pensioners and their spouses free access to pay beaches and pools

Although this demonstrates a laudable sympathy for the problems of the economically underprivileged, it creates a false distinction between an "acceptable poor" and an "unacceptable poor"

Surely the unemployed, and those earning a minimum wage should also be granted a concession

But this of course would negate completely the aim of creating pay beaches in the first place

The rationale behind charging an entrance fee to beaches can only be to create an elite section of sand and sea for those who are prepared and able to pay for the privilege of exclusivity

The council has consistently argued that the pay beaches occupy an insignificant section of the coastline and that people who cannot afford the entrance can choose from any number of free beaches

Surely this also applies to pensioners There seems to be no logic in enabling pensioners to enter these exclusive enclaves while denying access to the rest of the poor.

IN contrast to what many consider to be its undemocratic stand on beaches, the City Council remains committed to full representation of all citizens on the council

Residents of Mitchells Plain and Retreat, who are being threatened with the establishment of management committees in their areas, will be relieved to hear that the City Council has refused to play any part in the creation of these bodies

The chairman of Exco, Mr John Muir, confirmed at the council's meeting last week that his committee had been approached by the Director of Local Government, Mr Jan Walters, and the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning regarding the establishment of mancoms in these two areas

"In both cases the Executive Committee resolved that the Director of Local Government and the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning be informed that it has always been the council's view that there is no satisfactory alternative for Cape Town to a right to direct representation for all ratepayers on the City Council in order that those who contribute to the prosperity and progress of the City may participate in its local government without discrimination," Mr Muir said

He said neither of the departments had pursued the matter to date

Heugh says he wants to end misunderstandings

ARGUS 3/7/85 (263)

The former Town Clerk of Cape Town, Mr Hugh Granger Heugh, discusses his first months as Cape Town's ombudsman and citizens' adviser. In this interview he tells what he sets out to do for the city's residents.

Municipal Reporter

THE awesome Nordic overtones in the word ombudsman are worrying the Cape Town City Council's newly appointed arbitrator for citizens. Mr Hugh Granger Heugh, whose official title is that curious Scandinavian name.

"It sound like some kind of Norse god — austere and remote Not everyone knows the word ombudsman and it sounds awesome," he says

"I'm afraid it might put some people off, so we are thinking of calling me Ombudsman and Citizens' Adviser or something like that"

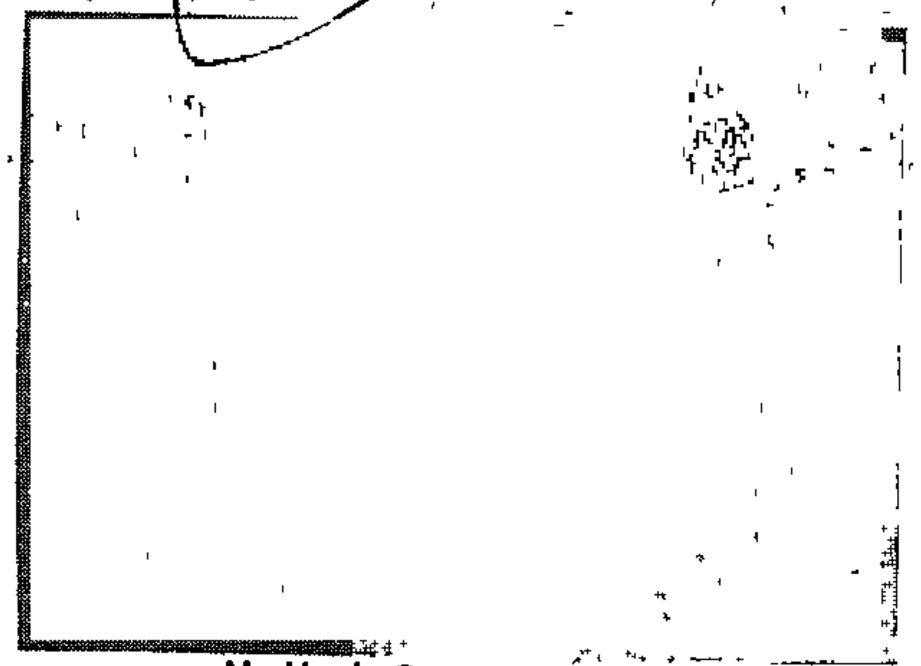
Mr Heugh, well-remembered as former Town Clerk of Cape Town, is exploring his new role as an independent watchdog and defender of the exploited

He speaks openly about his first months in the job in a Civic Centre office where he may interview an influential executive one day and an office cleaner in overalls the next

"At first I thought the staff would regard me as a sort of private eye, but it's not like that at all. They accept that I am here to help them as much as the public," he says

"I am trying to be a sort of catalyst — to remove suspicion and misunderstanding

"Most of the work so far has been consulting people who often do not understand how to raise queries or whom to approach to help solve problems"



Mr Hugh Granger Heugh

There has been steady flow of complaints and he is kept busy, also because he believes in seeing people at their homes or offices to get their stories first hand

One of the troubling themes of Mr Heugh's term so far is the tardy performance of some council departments in responding to requests and applications from the public

"This concerns me It is not new It has been with us for years, but an investigation is being undertaken to improve it

"There is an enormous flow of correspondence and what so often happens is that no single person handles any job completely It is usually passed from department to department This is where delays occur,"

In one case, a resident appealed against a committee decision, but also asked for an interview The committee was not aware of the request and turned down his appeal without interviewing him

Mr Heugh says "It is important to resolve this, because when there are delays or, when decisions are taken without interviews that have been requested, people naturally become angry, and feel their cases are being treated lightly or in a high-handed way"

Several complaints have been about council decisions, which are beyond Mr Heugh's scope

"I will certainly look to see if there is any element of maladministration in a decision but, unless there is, I can merely help people to embark on the process of appeal"

And he also finds scope for taking action himself

He was recently called out to inspect a pavement littered with builder's rubble

He found the chunks of concrete and agreed they should not be there but, instead of creating a new file likely to breed more unwanted correspondence, he put the rubble in his boot — and got rid of it himself

Cape Times 3/7/85

NUM strike ballot delayed

From PHILLIP VAN NIEKERK

JOHANNESBURG — The National Union of Mineworkers (NUM) ballot for a legal strike on 18 gold mines and 11 collieries has been delayed after the union and Anglo American were unable to agree on joint monitoring of the vote

Anglo American, who run the vast majority of mines involved in the wage dispute, have rejected the wording of the NUM's ballot form and turned down a request that shaft stewards get paid leave for the duration of the ballot

A NUM spokesman last night said that failure to receive responses from Gold Fields and Rand Mines meant that the ballot would start only on Monday

Meanwhile, 20 000 workers on three Gencor goldmines returned to work yesterday following a strike on Monday.

A Gencor spokesman said the workers from the Kinross, Winkelshaak and Beatrix mines had returned after a threat that they would face dismissal

The NUM is not recognized at the Gencor mines and they will not be part of the planned legal strike action

An Anglo spokesman said yesterday that management had been prepared to meet the union "halfway" by allowing shaft stewards time off for the ballot without pay

Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, general secretary of the NUM, said the wording on the ballot forms was "none of their business", as it was a union issue

In terms of the Labour Relations Act, the NUM is not required to hold a strike ballot as it is unregistered, but has decided to do so to prove its strength

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Chamber fears for train service

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By STEPHEN ROBINSON

MR ANDREW PEILE, the new president of the Cape Town Chamber of Commerce, fears the introduction of the Regional Services Councils could threaten Cape Town's suburban train services

Assocom's reservations about the new RSCs and its concern at the imminent introduction of new levels of local taxation are well known

"But I am particularly concerned about how it will affect us in Cape Town It is difficult to overstress the dependence of our workforce on the train service," he says

He points out that the extent to which the Western Cape region will now be expected to subsidise the railways itself has not yet been made clear, and he says this is something the chamber will be watching very closely in the coming months

Mr Peile was born and educated in England, but emigrated to Rhodesia to begin tabacco farming After UDI he switched to insurance, working first in Lusaka, before moving down to the Cape. Since 1976 he has been a director of PFV insurance brokers

Mr Peile says that working for the abolition of all restrictions which affect businesses on the local level will be another of his main concerns during his tenure of office at the chamber

He believes that the future creation of wealth and jobs lies largely in the hands of the informal sector It was the responsibility of the chamber to work with the city council and government to dismantle anything which hindered local businessmen

"The opening up of the CBDs was a major breakthrough, but there is still a lot of work to be done Nafcoc has recently drawn up a list of over 1 000 restrictions which affect businessmen on a local and national level"

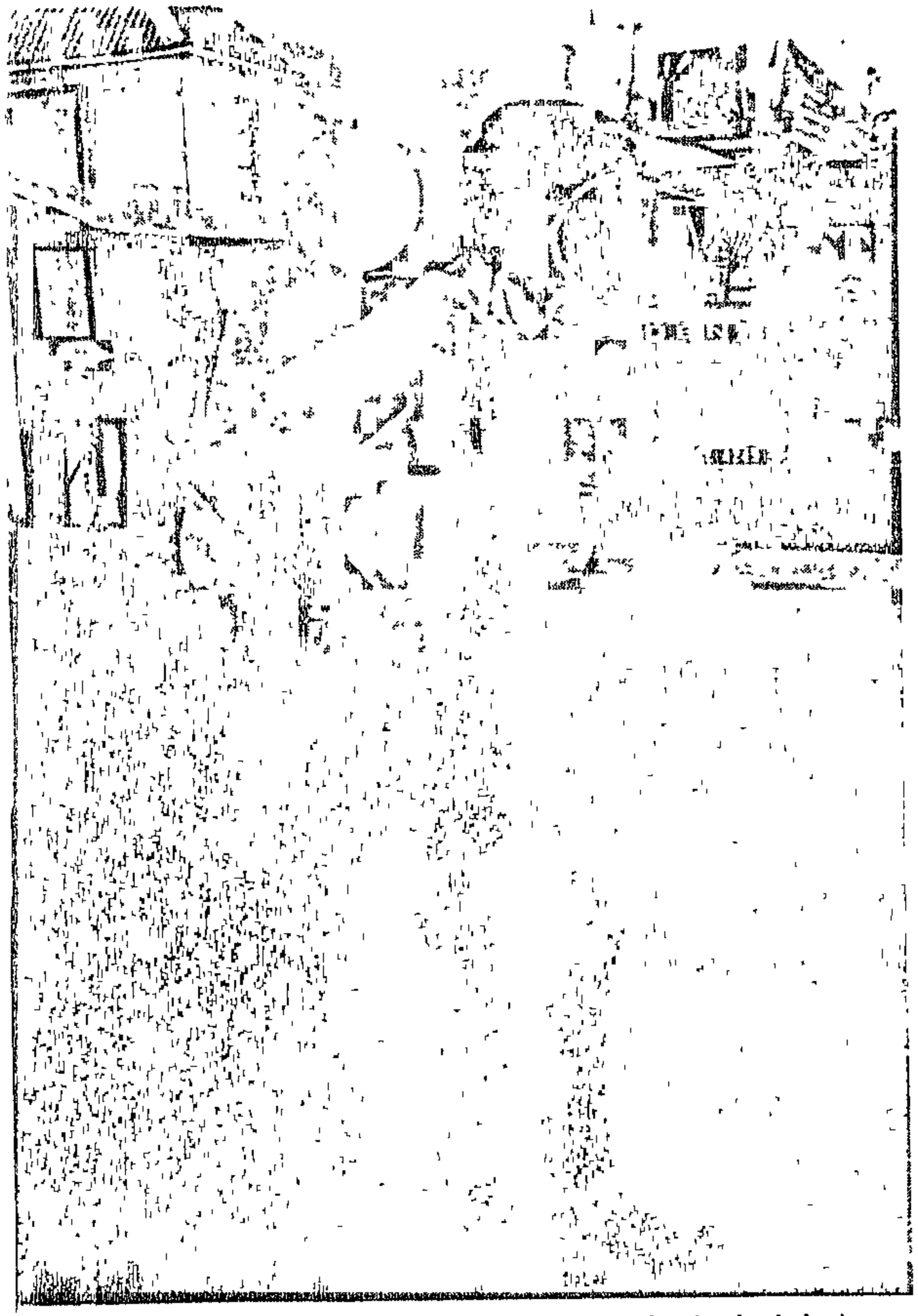
Mr Peile believes market forces have an "uncanny knack" of regulating the business rather more successfully than statutory controls

"The man selling avocados on the street corner must move on every half hour at least 80m to avoid breaking the law I believe that if he truly is causing an obstruction, he will be jostled off the street by pedestrians"

Mr Peile says that too many of the laws in force — particularly those dealing with health and cleanliness — are geared for the First World

"I'm afraid we simply can't afford the luxury of such stringent regulations The creation of jobs in the informal sector is really the only way to avoid more unemployment"

Andrew Peile . . . question of subsidies



A potential recruit runs with an oxygen tank strapped to his back during a test for claustrophobia

Fire brigade on recruitment drive

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The East London Fire Brigade launched a recruitment campaign yesterday, because of a change in regulations under the employment act which was approved on July 1

The present 84-hour work-week for the firemen would have to be changed to accommodate the new rule Under the new rule, workers employed in continuous 24-hour per day occupations such as fire, ambulance and hospital workers will be permitted a 56 hour per week work schedule

The chief fire officer, Mr W G. Kenny, explained there are two platoons at present The staff is split in half and work on alternate shifts

"We have to increase our staff to conform to the new conditions of employment, he said At any one time, there must be 35 men on duty

To fulfil the new act, a three platoon system would be introduced One watch would work for two days on a nine hour shift and a second watch would work for two days on the other 15-hour shift in the 24 hour period, while the third watch would be off

Mr Kenny and 17 other senior South African fire chiefs travelled to the United States, the United Kingdom and Europe to determine the requirements needed to establish a fire service college

"They are going to establish a fire service college in South Africa, but the plans are currently at a government level," Mr Kenny said

The deputy chief fire officer, Mr D. Busse, said "We are very stringent on standards for the recruits because we can't take a chance. One man's life depends on the others"

During an ordinary recruitment drive, about six people would be sought, but the fire departments is presently looking for 31 recruits

One of the applicants, Mr Victor Thomas, said he wanted to be a fireman since childhood "The firemen serve the community and they service the public, It's helping South Africa"

Many other applicants also said they had childhood dreams of becoming firemen.

At the East London fire station, established in 1905, the applicants were tested for claustrophobia and fear of heights.

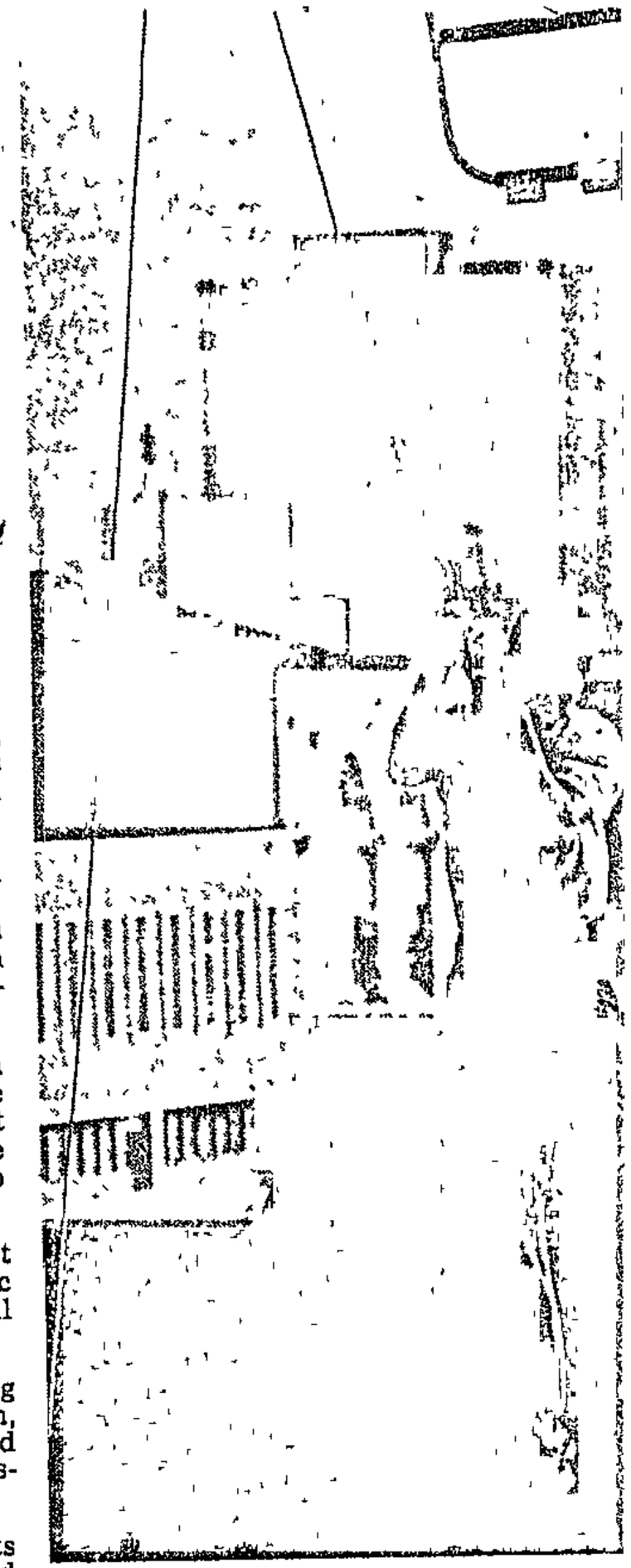
The applicants had to come down on a rope from a height of seven stories They also had to walk and run a distance while carrying an oxygen tank It takes a day to test 12 applicants.

Mr Busse said the training of a fireman never stopped There were always new chemicals and equipment that even men who had been in the department for 20 years needed to study, he said

The chosen applicants would first have to complete four months of basic training before becoming operational firemen

There are 22 subjects, including maths, science, building construction, electricity, common law, criminal and maritime law which must be successfully completed

The department prefers applicants with a Standard 10, but they would consider a Standard 8 applicant provided they met all the requirements



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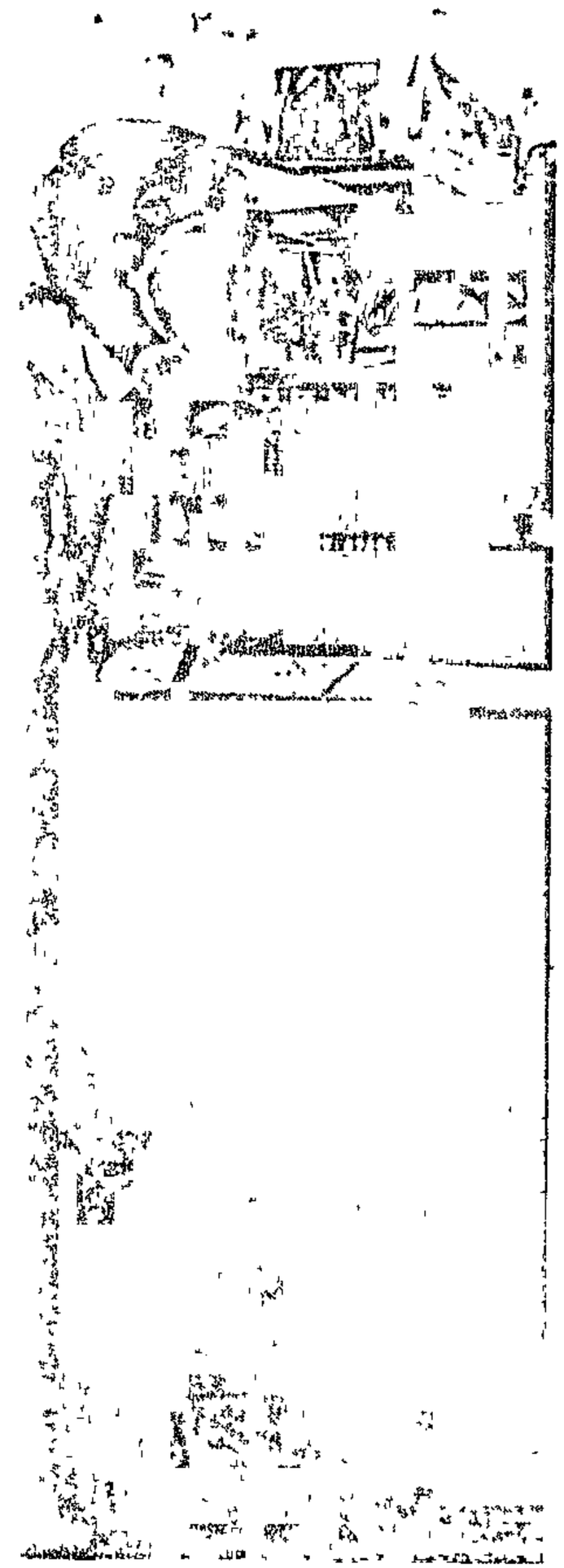
Fire brigade on recruitment drive



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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The East London Fire Brigade launched a recruitment campaign yesterday, because of a change in regulations under the employment act which was approved on July 1.

The present 84-hour work-week for the firemen would have to be changed to accommodate the new rule Under the new rule, workers employed in continuous 24-hour per day occupations such as fire, ambulance and hospital workers will be permitted a 56 hour per week work schedule

The chief fire officer, Mr W G. Kenny, explained there are two platoons at present The staff is split in half and work on alternate shifts

"We have to increase our staff to conform to the new conditions of employment, he said At any one time, there must be 35 men on duty

To fulfil the new act, a three platoon system would be introduced One watch would work for two days on a nine hour shift and a second watch would work for two days on the other 15-hour shift in the 24 hour period, while the third watch would be off

Mr Kenny and 17 other senior South African fire chiefs travelled to the United States, the United Kingdom and Europe to determine the requirements needed to establish a fire service college

"They are going to establish a fire service college in South Africa, but the plans are currently at a government level," Mr Kenny said.

The deputy chief fire officer, Mr D Busse, said: "We are very stringent on standards for the recruits because we can't take a chance One man's life depends on the others"

During an ordinary recruitment drive, about six people would be sought, but the fire departments is presently looking for 31 recruits

One of the applicants, Mr Victor Thomas, said he wanted to be a fireman since childhood. "The firemen serve the community and they service the public It's helping South Africa."

Many other applicants also said they had childhood dreams of becoming firemen

At the East London fire station, established in 1905, the applicants were tested for claustrophobia and fear of heights

The applicants had to come down on a rope from a height of seven stories They also had to walk and run a distance while carrying an oxygen tank It takes a day to test 12 applicants

Mr Busse said the training of a fireman never stopped There were always new chemicals and equipment that even men who had been in the department for 20 years needed to study, he said

The chosen applicants would first have to complete four months of basic training before becoming operational firemen

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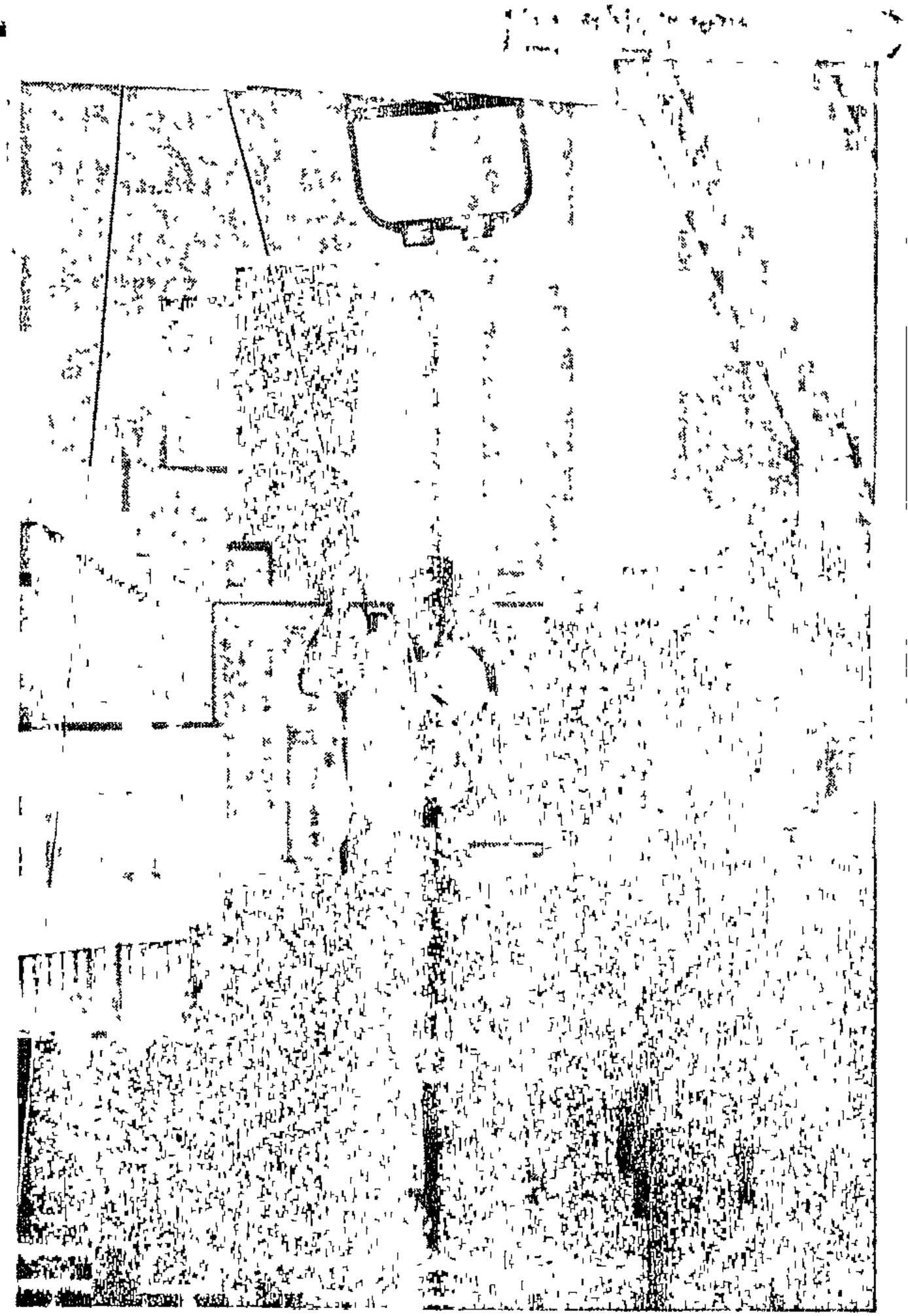

Hang in there! An aspirant fireman, Mr David Oliphant, leaves the safety of the cage seven stories high during preliminary testing

Dias chief to be charged

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By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

THE Secretary of the Dias Divisional Council, Mr N W Anderson, is to be charged with an offence stemming from his conduct during the hearings of the Kannemeyer Commission.

The charge in the Regional Court relates to an allegation that he anticipated the findings of the Commission of Inquiry into the Langa shootings

The Deputy Attorney-General of the Eastern Cape, Mr P J Strauss, said today that the police investigation had been completed and the docket handed to the Attorney-General, Mr E C Heller, who had decided to prosecute Mr Anderson

Mr Anderson gave evidence before the Kannemeyer Commission earlier this year

Three ambulancemen employed by the council were suspended from the council's service immediately after giving evidence before Mr Justice Kannemeyer

Mr Joseph Berry and Mr Michael Goqo were later dismissed The third ambulanceman, Mr Dennis Barlow, was eventually reinstated.

Mr Strauss said it had been decided to prosecute Mr Anderson for alleged contravention of Section 14, read with Section 15, of the "regulations with regard to the commission"

He said the alleged offence related to anticipation of the findings.

Mr Strauss said legal counsel for Mr Anderson had been notified, but that the senior prosecutor of the Regional Court in the Eastern Cape still had to be notified

The trial date still had to be set, but it would probably be in the first week in October.

Mr Strauss said he could not say where the court would sit, but that it was usual for a case to be heard in the area where the alleged offence had been committed The Kannemeyer Commission sat in Uitenhage

He said the police investigation took longer than expected because the Attorney-General's office requested further statements after the docket had been handed in about a month ago.

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Meeting on E Cape unrest within 3 weeks

By KIN BENTLEY

A MEETING between the Minister of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange, and civic leaders from four Eastern Cape towns experiencing ongoing unrest will be held in Port Elizabeth before the end of the month.

The Mayor of PE, Mr Ivan Kriige, said today that a definite date had not yet been set for the meeting, which was planned after he received telephone calls yesterday from Mr Le Grange and the State President, Mr P W Botha

They were responding to a letter Mr Kriige wrote to the President on behalf of himself and the mayors of Grahamstown, Uitenhage and Despatch, calling for a commission of inquiry into the unrest

He said he would invite the mayors and town clerks of these towns and any councillors they chose to bring with them

Mayors of other Eastern Cape towns suffering from unrest who wished to attend the meeting should contact him

The Chief Director of the East Cape Development Board, Mr Louis Koch, and the board's chairman, Dr Jannie Wessels, would also be invited However, he said, no blacks would be invited

The reason for this was that Mr Le Grange had specifically requested a meeting with the mayors of the four towns on whose behalf he had written

He added that after the meeting with Mr Le Grange, methods of discussing the situation with black leaders would be decided upon

Mr Kriige said there would be no formal agenda, but he believed Mr Le Grange would first put the Government's point of view and then answer questions

Reacting to Mr Botha's decision not to initiate a commission of inquiry into the causes of the unrest, Mr Kriige said he agreed with the President that the matter was too urgent to await the findings of such a commission, which would have a wide brief and could sit for a year

He said he had "no views" on Mr Botha's claim that the unrest was largely due to unemployment and incitement by the ANC and the UDF

He added that he was optimistic about the meeting, which he considered "a start, anyhow"

Official to be charged

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Own Correspondent

JOHANNESBURG — The Attorney-General of the Eastern Cape, Mr E C Heller, has decided to prosecute the secretary of the Dias Divisional Council, Mr Neville Anderson, for an alleged contravention of regulations relating to the Kannemeyer Inquiry into the Langa shootings

The charge in the Regional Court will concern an allegation that he contravened Section 14, read with Section 15, of the regulations by anticipating the findings of the commission when he testified before Mr Justice Kannemeyer during the inquiry earlier this year

Three ambulancemen employed by the council were suspended from the council's service after they gave evidence before Mr Justice Kannemeyer

Testifying at the commission, Mr Anderson was unable to give Mr Justice Kannemeyer the assurance that disciplinary action would not be taken against other ambulancemen who gave evidence

Two ambulancemen, Mr Joseph Berry and Mr Michael Goqo, were later dismissed The third ambulanceman, Mr Dennis Barlow, was eventually reinstated

Management committee poll put back

Argus 17/7/85

Municipal Reporter

MANAGEMENT committee elections — due in two months — have been postponed until 1988

Speculation is that the Government feared a violent reaction if elections went ahead.

The postponement brings local government elections for coloureds and Indians into line with those for white councils

Cape Town City Council received a telegram from the Provincial Administration this week saying elections in the Athlone, Kensington, Rylands and Wynberg/Wittebome management committee areas were being postponed

Speculation is that the Government feared violence in black townships would "spill over" into coloured and Indian areas if elections went ahead

One observer believed the elections would be an opportunity activists would grab at to "stir up trouble"

Petrol bomb suspect shot

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A Queenstown youth organisation member, who was allegedly among a group which attempted to petrol bomb a Mlungisi councillor's home, was shot dead in a confrontation with the police

A spokesman for the South African Police public relations division in Pretoria said Mr Xolile Eric Mtshiselwa, 24, had been found dead a short distance from where the clash with police had occurred on Tuesday at about 10 20 pm

She said the police, who had been guarding the councillor's house, had opened fire on the group with shotguns

Mr Mtshiselwa's uncle, Mr Garret Mtshiselwa, said yesterday "I saw Xolile at home between 8 and 9 on Tuesday evening when he left to walk his girlfriend home"

The next morning at work he heard that Xolile, his sister's son, had been shot

Mr Mtshiselwa said that only two weeks ago he had buried Xolile's brother, Mninawe, who was stabbed to death in Mlungisi

"I don't know how to tell his mother When Mininawe died, I notified her by phoning her employer Now I will drive to Johannesburg myself to tell her I have to be there when I tell her," he said

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Committee fails to get quorum for third consecutive meeting

Municipal Reporter

ATHLONE management committee called off its third meeting in a row yesterday because it did not have a quorum.

The committee has still to dispense with June's business and it could be running out of time

Procedural regulations allow the City Council to act on management committee matters if they are not dealt with by the committees within a prescribed time

Three members arrived for yesterday's meeting, due to start at 2pm, but it was called off at 3 15 pm because no one else arrived

WASTING HIS TIME

One member, Labour Party MP Mr K Lategan, arrived an hour and 25 minutes late, but he left immediately when told he was wasting his time signing the attendance form

A meeting on June 20 had a similar fate

It was adjourned to June 24, but that meeting ended when the committee lost its quorum halfway through

Yesterday's meeting was to finish off June's business and get on with the agenda for July

Compounding Athlone's difficulty is the fact that the chairman, Mr Arthur Stanley MP, is in a New York hospital recovering from a stroke he had on the flight to America with a parliamentary delegation against US disinvestment

Deputy-chairman Mr P McKenzie MP took the chair He and the two other members present — Mr Babs Essop and Mr F Adams — expressed their disappointment at the absence of their colleagues

Dilatory members, apart from Mr Lategan, were Mr J Nash and Mr R Simmons

A fourth member was on leave

"Any ... Blacks this year"

INSIDE: We

"The public library must be readily accessible, and its doors open for free and equal use by all members of the community regardless of race, colour, nationality, age, sex, religion, language, status or educational attainment." — Unesco Public Library Manifesto, 1949.

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TODAY'S WOMAN

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In the recent debate on the Library Budget in the Cape Provincial Council, it was stated that next year library users might have to pay a fee. MARY ROBINSON reports.

Library fees: 'Fatal move'

THE recommendation of the government's Permanent Finance Liaison Committee (formerly the Croeser Committee) that fees be charged for library lending services has provoked strong reaction

"The public library is one of the last agencies freely accessible to all, irrespective of background," said a Cape Flats library head "It's an agency for progress and enlightenment, a force for peace in this country

"Making people pay to use the library is a total *regression*, it's a fatal move. You'll gain a few rand but lose immeasureably Once again, those affected will be those needing it most — educated middle class whites, who have access to information and stimulation elsewhere, will be able to pay but poorer people, whose only access is through free libraries, won't

"Vitally important"

"Through paying fees, the library will become further identified with the 'system', which can only be negative.

A senior Cape Town library administrator argued that the lending service was as important as the reference service "It's vitally important that people get used to reading first, loving books, taking them home so they're not associated with libraries only, before using them for information"

The consequences of abolishing the international free library principle, introduced in Cape Town in 1952, were indeed serious, he said

"They don't know what they're doing, particulary at this time in South Africa The consequences could be dangerous, especially among the disadvantaged They'll feel, 'Now this has *also* been taken away from me, this way of advancing myself'

"Collective memory"

"I think the great majority in poorer areas will discontinue using libraries. Libraries in disadvantaged area will become white elephants"

Di Bishop (PFP), the provincial council member for Gardens, told the council that the library was "society's collective memory" and that any cutting of the service would "result in a gap developing in that memory bank which it may never be possible to close".

She warned that public libraries would become "elitist institutions" with the economically inactive and black South Africans, already subject to "vicious discrimination" in the provision of library services, suffering most (While 216 libraries in the Cape Province are reserved for the exclusive use of whites and 75 for coloureds, only six are for the exclusive use of blacks About 75 percent of the libraries in the province are closed to coloured and black people.

She called for librarians to be drawn into the thorough investigation necessary before any decisions were taken "My information is that this recommendation was made without any consultation whatsoever with librarians"

Half a million

The Cape Town City Library Service, one of the two largest public library organisations in SA, employs more than 400 people and issues an average of five million books, records and art prints annually to half a million borrowers

These half a million borrowers believe libraries matter, too In a recent City Council survey, they placed the library service fifth in importance out of 23 services offered by the municipality

Mayor Sol Kreiner, in an address to mark Public Library Day last month, said that Cape Town had the first rates-supported library in the world This was established in 1829 when Lord Charles Somerset allocated a portion of the wine tax to support the South African Public Library

He said he could say with pride that the city's library service complied with the UNESCO manifesto and had done so for many years

Replying, Tony Hooper, president of the South African Institute For Librarianship and Information Science (SAILIS), referred to past pressures on the library service to force it to move away from the UNESCO principles The most recent was the move to abandon the principle of free libraries.

"To make people pay for access to that information, that freedom, would, in my opinion, be a grave injustice"

In a democracy, he added, one needed an informed electorate and in our society today the biggest single issue was education The public library was, thankfully, uncluttered by the political and social stigmas of our formal education systems.

Belhar body against mancom

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Staff Reporter

OPPOSITION is mounting in Belhar against an attempt by the local Labour Party MP, Mr Archie Poole, to establish a management committee in the area

Following the public rejection of management committees at a mass meeting in Belhar in March the Belhar Civic Association has added its voice to calls for the scrapping of the system

In a recent newsletter, the association says residents want direct and equal representation at all levels of government, irrespective of race colour or creed

Not autonomous

Popular opposition to management committees stems from the fact that they are based on a separate coloured vote and the Group Areas Act, and therefore entrench apartheid

Management committees are not autonomous and the final decision on any matter affecting the areas which they serve rests with the white local authority under which they fall

Mr Poole, who was elected to the House of Representatives on a 9,77 percent poll, has defended the mancom system in his newsletter 'We are not interested in separate 'coloured municipalities but are prepared to use the management committee system as a temporary measure to reach the goal of direct representation"

Temporary

The Belhar Civic Association was in no position to achieve anything because it was not recognized, he said

"The management committee system should be seen as a temporary measure to achieve direct representation on local authorities, especially taking into consideration that wide decision-making powers will be granted to management committees in a Bill which will be passed in Parliament this session

The Bill was rejected unanimously by the House of Delegates and has been referred to the President's Council for consideration

New plan to create all-race city council

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MICHAEL MORRIS
Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council is generating a new thrust for equal representation of all city people in one council chamber.

Councillors will soon consider a motion urging the Government to allow a mixed, democratically-elected council in the city

In spite of elaborate Government plans for a new local dispensation, the council is pressing ahead with its firm conviction that the most workable system for civic government in Cape Town is a single policy-making forum for all people

And it is seeking management committee support for a joint approach to the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis

Single roll

This emerges from a letter to the Athlone and District Management Committee from the city council

It contains a motion from veteran equal rights campaigner Mrs Eulalie Stott calling on the four management committees in the municipal area to join the council in pressing the Government for a single municipal voters' roll

The motion calls on the council and committees to ask Mr Heunis "to take such steps as may be necessary to allow all persons in its area of jurisdiction who are entitled to be enrolled as voters at local government level ... as defined in the Local Government Bodies Franchise Act to be enrolled as voters and to be eligible to vote for and to be elected as members of the Cape Town City Council"

Management committee members — recently the target of scorching attacks from councillors — have reacted with caution to Mrs Stott's call

Athlone members want a joint management committee meeting to establish a unified strategy to be followed by a "face-to-face meeting" with the full council

Concerns aired at a meeting of the Athlone committee yesterday were summed up by Mr J Nash. "We want a full explanation of what this motion means Who is it going to include? Whites, coloureds and Indians? Or blacks too?

"How will wards be determined? By property valuation as at present or by population numbers?

"We need a face-to-face meeting with the full council to find the answers to these questions"

Others

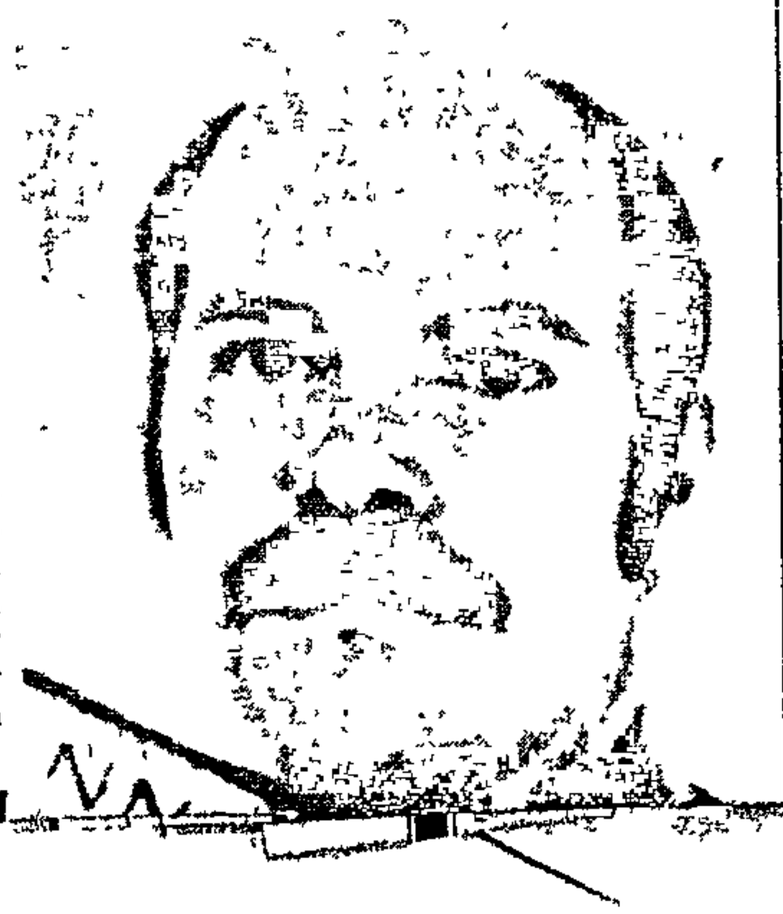
The committee agreed that equal representation "has always been our goal", but believed uncertainties on details needed to be cleared up before an approach was made to the Government

Cape Town's three other management committees — Kensington, Wittebome/Wynberg and Rylands Estate — have yet to discuss the motion

Past clashes have shown there is little love lost between the management committees and the City Council

Police seek this man

Police have issued this photograph of a man they think might be able to help with inquiries into the disappearance of a security guard last week with about R38 000 He is Mr Diederick Matthys de Beer, 36, and anyone who knows his whereabouts is asked to contact Warrant Officer W Strydom at ☎ 934 1007 or ☎ 024 35073 Mr Diedericks is 1,67m tall and well built



Bolstering up the mancoms

CIVIC DIARY

By Hilary Venables

THE much-maligned management committee system, despised and rejected by the majority of the people it is supposed to represent, is stubbornly refusing to lie down and die.

Although existing management committees in the Cape Town area are having a problem reaching a quorum at their meetings — the Athlone mancom has a two-month backlog as a result of this — some people seem intent on foisting the ailing system on areas which have repeatedly rejected it.

Not only are Mitchells Plain and Steenberg being threatened with the imposition of these bodies on their communities, but Belhar has apparently been earmarked for inclusion in the system as well

Belhar's Labour MP, Mr Archie Poole, who was elected on a 9,77 percent poll, is apparently behind the move to establish a management committee in the area

The Labour Party has also been cited as the driving force behind recent requests for mancoms in Mitchells Plain and Steenberg, and civic organizations in these areas fear that the LP is attempting a local government takeover on the Cape Flats

The mancom system was vehemently opposed at a mass meeting in Belhar in March and the Belhar Civic Association, which claims widespread support in the area, has slammed Mr Poole's plan in its latest newsletter

Unhappily for Belhar, it has a greater chance of being incorporated into the mancom system than the other two areas

Mitchells Plain and Steenberg fall under the jurisdiction of the Cape Town City Council, which has consistently opposed the mancom system and has undertaken not to support any requests for the establishment of these bodies

Belhar, on the other hand, falls under the Divisional Council, which is far more sympathetic towards these committees

Although Divco has not yet received any requests for the establishment of a mancom in Belhar, the possibility of such a request being favourably received and forwarded to the Provincial Administration for a decision appears strong

If the people who advocate the extension of this system truly believe that the establishment of management committees in these areas is in the interest of local residents, they should have the courage to conduct a referendum to establish how much support this system has in the communities concerned

And government members, like the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, who have implied that areas without management committees can expect no sympathy when it comes to grievances about rentals, amenities or other community issues, should recognize the fact that non-statutory civic organizations command more respect and support than the government-created committees, and agree to co-operate and negotiate with their leaders

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Librarians incensed

Municipal Reporter

LIBRARIANS throughout the country are incensed at the prospect of having to charge library users for borrowing books.

In a survey of librarians at 80 percent of the major "white" libraries throughout South Africa, more than 95 percent of the respondents opposed the idea, and 61 percent rejected it outright.

The Bloemfontein City Librarian, Mr P J van der Walt, who conducted the survey, said the major reasons given for opposing the user fee recommended by the government's Permanent Finance Liaison Committee were:

- It would discriminate against the poor, pensioners and children.
- It would discourage use of libraries.
- The revenue would not cover the costs of administering the new system.
- It would affect the right of the individual to free access to information.

Post Focus

One multi-racial city council — is this the answer for PE?

Mr GRAHAM YOUNG . . .open council.

Mr LOUIS KOCH . . . in no position to judge.

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By KIN BENTLEY

SHOULD Port Elizabeth's people of all races be represented on one common city council?

Or does the Government's combination of separate, autonomous black local authorities, coloured and Indian management committees with advisory powers on the white council, and a future over-arching Regional Service Council, provide the answer?

South Africa is in a quandary over its political future and the question of how to reconcile the aspirations of the different racial blocs at local level inevitably arises

Indicative of the frustration of coloureds and Indians at their inferior "advisory" status on the PE City Council — which largely controls the purse-strings of the city — were the heated debates which arose this week over the seemingly trivial issue of seating accommodation in the council chamber

Among others, the chairman of the Indian Management Committee (IMC), Mr Raman Bhana, MP for Malabar, objected to the IMC and Northern Areas Management Committee (NAMC) members having to sit at separate tables from the white councillors

Some city councillors said they had no objections to joint seating, while others opposed it

Former Mayor and veteran councillor, Mr Graham Young, was the only councillor interviewed who opposed the idea from the point of view that the chamber's horseshoe should be restricted to elected councillors and that "it would be far better if they (the coloured and Indian committee members) were elected to the city council"

To have unelected people sitting on the council benches he described as "farcical"

He said the Government was "well-meaning" in attempting to create better communication between the management committees and the council, but the two bodies remained constitutionally separate

Recalling the system of local government which existed in the early days of his civic career, Mr Young said at that time the whole of PE — including the mixed areas of Korsten and South End, as well as the black townships like New Brighton — was treated "as an entity"

In fact, he said, there were three coloured councillors sitting on the PE City Council elected by mixed-race areas like Korsten

(These areas were later dissolved and segregated by the Government under the Group Areas Act)

Mr Young said when he was elected by the Central ward for his first term as a councillor about 30 years ago, his ward included several coloured and a few African voters, mainly shop owners

"In those days it was a common voters' roll based on property only," and there were no laws telling people where they should live

Mr Young said at the time no blacks owned their land (today they can get 99-year leasehold, but still not freehold title) and all were tenants of the municipality, which collected rents and rendered services The townships did not have direct representation on council

He said under the previous system he served as a chairman of the council's Native Affairs Committee, which met monthly with black members of the African Advisory Board, in New Brighton

"I feel that was the best way to do things, for the simple reason that black people then felt they were part of one natural unit"

He said he often opened new buildings in the black areas in his capacity as Mayor of PE, because they were considered an integral part of the city

"My personal opinion is that by their having been cut off from the city, it worsened the situation

"Our officials, councillors, welfare organisations and so on, were literally physically cut off and a new body established

"People might say I'm being nostalgic, but that system worked well There was free interchange between people White traders had shops in the black areas

"I am not sure the new Regional Services Councils (RSCs) will be a substitute for what we had before But it is an attempt I believe the Government is genuinely trying to knit together the wounds although it is doing it in a different way"

He said the Act facilitating the implementation of the RSCs had already been passed by Parliament and was just waiting to be "triggered off" by the Administrators

The different groups would have equal constitutional rights on the body, although the representatives of the groups which raised the most money would, he believed, have more say

But, he added, "the people of PE will not vote directly to put people on the RSCs"

Stressing that he had no specific political opinion, he said "I feel as far as civic affairs are concerned, there is only one way (to operate) everyone who contributes to the city's income should have a direct say in its running, based on the old American system of no taxation without representation "

He said the RSC system would effectively be a return to the situation which existed about 30 years ago, before the introduction of the administration boards, which changed PE civic affairs

Mr Young said one of the major problems with the planned RSC was the raising of capital

The new, complex system of taxing business turnover and staff would have to be implemented before the system could get under way

(This week, PE city councillor, Mr Rick McKiever, said at a public meeting that RSCs could cost about R1 500 million a year — equivalent to as much as a 2% GST increase)

Mr Young said he foresaw the PE Municipality possibly providing services for the RSC on a contract basis The major functions of local government, including electricity, water, roads, services, sewerage, transport and abattoirs would fall under the RSC with the councils having a much smaller role

The chief director of the East Cape Development Board (ECDB), Mr Louis Koch, said he was not in a position to sit in judgment over the alternative systems of black local government which could be applied

What he could do was explain the situation as it existed

Mr Koch agreed that under the old advisory board situation (where half the members were elected, half appointed), the blacks had advisory powers similar to w the coloured and Indian management committees have today

He said in 1973 the Development Board took over township administration In 1979 the community councils replaced the advisory system, giving black councils the power to carry out the functions themselves or delegate their execution to white municipalities or the board

In 1983 came a further improvement — in the form of the Black Local Authorities system, for which councils could apply In the ECDB area, of 54 black local authorities, four councils were granted this status — in PE (Kayamnandi), Uitenhage (Kwanobuhle), Cradock (Ilingelihle) and Grahamstown (Rini) The remainder stayed community councils

He said the new town councils were "totally autonomous of the Board, something of which the public was not generally aware'

These councils took over all the functions of local government

"The Development Board no longer oversees their functions This is done only in the case of the community councils "

He said in the unrest, two of these councils — at Cradock and Uitenhage — resigned

Why the rejection of town councils in some areas?

Mr Koch said there was a "conflict of political interests' within the black communities between those who did not want the local authorities and those who did

He added that the first group did not want a return to blacks' pre-1973 advisory status, but wanted direct representation with full voting rights on one city council — alongside the other race groups (Representatives of the United Democratic Front-affiliated PE Black Civic Organisation, Pebco, have called repeatedly for a single local authority in PE)

Mr Koch said another group in the township was satisfied with the black local authority

He added that he could not sit in judgment on the political beliefs of the black community

On the proposed RSCs, Mr Koch said the black representatives would sit as equal components The RSC boundaries would be determined by a delimitation commission

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Divisional councils worried over future

Staff Reporter

THE 70th congress of Divisional Councils of the Cape opened with a call for clarity about the role divisional councils will play in the new system of local government and regional services committees about to be instituted by the Government

Mr S Bekker, president of the association, said in his opening address yesterday that members were feeling "frustration and concern" because the future role of divisional councils was as yet unclear

"We are convinced that the system of divisional councils should be maintained and even expanded," he said

With care

The matter of roads, the construction of which was the most important function of the 38 Cape councils with their total of 143 000km of roads, should be approached with care in any constitutional development, Mr Bekker warned

"The councils are worried about the threatened removal of this responsibility from their sphere

"The financial implications of such a change should be seriously considered and I would go as far as to say that the State and the Provincial Administration could not deliver the same service on such a cost-effective basis"

His warning followed the official opening by Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, who said the congress was probably the last of its kind

More clarity

"Greater clarity about the future of divisional councils will emerge once greater clarity about the implementation of regional services committees has emerged"

"Divisional councils will change completely within the new structure and will have to be fitted into the new system of regional services committees whose function, with few exceptions, will be general affairs and the taking over of a large part of the present divisional councils' responsibilities like public roads"

Mr Louw called for co-operation from all involved and said he hoped that an address on the subject by the Director General of Constitutional Planning and Development, Dr A H van Wyk, to be given to the congress today, would be met with "a spirit of openness and willingness to ensure the success of the new system"

Mr Louw also announced that the executive committee of the Provincial Council had made R100 000 available for the 1985/86 financial year for sports grounds for "coloured participants and rugby players"

This followed discussions between the committee and the SA Rugby Board and nominal allocations would be made to local authorities, specifically in rural areas, and if recreational needs were seen as a matter of urgency

Mr Colin Davy, Stellenbosch's new assistant town clerk.

Coloured man is assistant town clerk

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Staff Reporter

STELLENBOSCH municipality has made history by appointing a coloured man, Mr Colin Davy, to the position of assistant town clerk

He is believed to be the first coloured person to receive such an appointment in a white South African municipality

Mr Davy, 45, who was officially appointed to the position at a Town Council meeting recently, said he was "honoured by the recognition" and that the historic nature of his appointment gave him an "extra incentive" to make a success of it

He will specialise in coloured affairs in the town

Mr Davy, who grew up in Stellenbosch, spent eight years with the former Department of Coloured Affairs before joining the municipality in 1973 as first secretary of the local management committee

His father, Mr William Davy, spent 57 years with the municipality

Molteno councillor quits

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A Molteno community councillor, Mr Johnson Shiba, has resigned from the council DISPATCH

In a telephone interview yesterday, Mr Shiba said he was resigning to safeguard his property and the lives of his family 16.01.85

He said what made him reach the decision was an announcement by residents at a meeting on Monday that they did not want the community council

Mr Shiba said he had not been threatened by residents or anyone else in reaching his decision.

Mr T. Vakala, chairman of the council, said he had accepted Mr Shiba's resignation

Mr Vakala said he did not intend to resign, although his life had been threatened The residents had also confronted him with rent charges, saying they were too high, he said

He added he was not aware of what other councillors felt about retaining their seats

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Father finds son dying

Dispatch Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — A mortally wounded Mitchell's Plain grenade-blast victim, Rashaad Witten, 16, stumbled past his terrified host to fall down a flight of stairs where his father found him bleeding and barely conscious early yesterday morning

Mr Anwar Witten, a diesel mechanic, told how he had run a full street block to the shattered home of Mr Stan Fisher, chairman of the Mitchell's Plain Ratepayers Association, where he had found his son dying on the lounge floor.

Mr Fisher's three sons, Wayne, 9, Quinton, 14, and Eugene, 15, were all injured in the 2 am blast which rocked the second-storey bedroom in which they were sleeping The three were treated at Groote Schuur Hospital and discharged later yesterday Rashaad Witten was certified dead on arrival at the hospital

The grenade exploded on a windowsill, less than a metre from the sleeping Rashaad, ripping bedding and curtains and blasting the door of the small bedroom loose on its hinges

Mr Fisher, who is also an executive member of the Labour Party, said later that after the grenade exploded he had heard screaming and had rushed to the smoke-filled bedroom

"I wrenched the door open Rashaad ran past me, shouting "Pa, pa", and fell down the steps I ran downstairs but when I saw the extent of his wounds, I made him comfortable and went back to get my kids out," Mr Fisher said

Mr Witten said that on hearing the explosion he had looked out his window to see "all the lights coming on.

"I jumped over our back wall and rushed across A neighbour said Rashaad was already dead When I got there I saw him lying on the ground, full of blood He looked dead," Mr Witten said

Mr Fisher claimed that his two older sons had previously been the victim of death threats by fellow-pupils at Westridge Senior Secondary which they attended with Rashaad Witten

"They were told that I was a collaborator with the government," Mr Fisher said

A choice of new roles for divisional councils — Louw

Staff Reporter

DIVISIONAL councils could either disappear or take over "own affairs" for whites in their areas when regional services councils came into effect

The Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, stated this at the opening of new Swartland Divisional Council buildings in Moorreesburg today

"General affairs" functions of RSCs would clash with existing divisional councils' functions, especially in the important area of road construction and maintenance, said Mr Louw

Mr Louw

But the most important aspect of RSCs was that they were designed to include and represent all population groups.

"One of two things could happen to divisional councils They could disappear and be absorbed into RSCs which looked after 'general affairs' of all population groups in their jurisdiction, or divisional councils could remain local authorities for the interests of whites' 'own affairs'

"The good news is that I can hardly foresee divisional councils just vanishing," said Mr Louw

Mr Chris Heunis, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, had announced that the first five or six RSCs should be operating by January 1 next year or soon after that, said Mr Louw

Two would be in the Cape — in the metropolitain areas of the Peninsula and the Port Elizabeth-Uitenhage districts

"The ideal would naturally be to have RSCs cover the whole province, although such a process could obviously take some time," Mr Louw said

Breakdown in services feared

Councils' plea: end the unrest

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28.08.85 DISPATCH

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Fears that there could be a breakdown in essential services in townships if unrest continued were expressed here yesterday.

The president of an umbrella body for community councils in the Eastern Cape, Mr T L Linda, said his organisation, Albohaka, was concerned at this possibility

"This could endanger the lives of many people Law and order must be maintained and the police must take the appropriate steps to do this," he said

Mr Linda was speaking after a meeting with senior police officers

Everything possible should be done to return life in black townships to normal, he said

His organisation was also concerned about the widespread burning of homes and property, and his meeting with the Border Divisional Commissioner of Police, Brigadier Ernest Schnetler, and other officers was "to see what could be done to improve the situation"

The propagators of violence would try to prevent an end to the unrest because they wanted black communities to be ungovernable

"Our stand is clear We are against apartheid but we serve in the system to improve the lot of our people We are against violence and revolution We support evolutionary change, but we cannot have change if the situation continues as it is We want the government to change so all people can be accommodated in the political system in South Africa.

"We want to appeal for an end to the current trend of violence so the government can have a chance to solve the problems with anyone who wants to sit around a conference table"

If necessary the state of emergency should be extended to other areas experiencing unrest.

"Some people in the townships need protection because their lives are controlled by hooligans"

He said Brigadier Schnetler had given the assurance that protection would be given to those who needed it, and strong action would be taken against those "who were ruining other people's lives"

Other issues that had been affected by the violence and intimidation were the consumer and school boycotts

"The consumer boycott is senseless because it prevents people from exercising their democratic right to buy where they want to The intimidation has curtailed individual freedom"

Intimidators were also preventing children from attending school and this was another reason for law and order to be restored and maintained

"My organisation is opposed to disinvestment as it will hit blacks hardest, so we ask the government to speed up its reforms and stop the forced removals of people as it has promised to do"

● The MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, who also attended the meeting, said afterwards most Duncan Village residents did not support violence or the consumer boycott of shops

He said a radical element, who had no substantial support, were achieving their aims "solely through intimidation"

He was now convinced that Duncan Village proper, the old section of the township, should be retained and upgraded, he added

De Pontes statement P17.

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Police guard Watson homes

Argus Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Police last night guarded homes and shops belonging to Watson family after an anonymous caller threatened to burn the home of Mr "Cheeky" Watson, following the attack on the family home at the weekend.

Mr Ronnie Watson said the call threatening to burn Cheeky's home and "at least one shop", was received at their East London store.

Mr Ronnie Watson and other members of the family have insured their lives

The police liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, Colonel Gerrie van Rooyen, confirmed today that police had guarded the homes and shops of the Watson brothers.

He said this action had been undertaken last night only, as the threat had specifically been for last night

Fight for post of deputy mayor

Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN'S local government will be reshuffled today when the City Council elects a new Mayor and Deputy, and votes for new executive and standing committee members

No one has yet challenged current deputy, Mr Leon Markowitz, for the top position and he will almost certainly be elected mayor

However, a tough battle has developed between the two contenders for next deputy mayor — a key post which traditionally leads to the mayorship.

Mr Frank van der Velde, a member of the Utilities and Works Committee, and Mr Peter Muller, chairman of the Amenities and Health Committee, are the two candidates in what promises to be a close contest

Although Executive Committee chairman Mr John Muir still has another year to serve, the other four positions on the committee will be challenged by at least three other contenders today

Mrs Joan Kantey (Ward 14), Mr Tom Walters (Ward 8) and Mr Louis Kreiner (Ward 5) are all expected to stand for Exco

The four candidates polling the highest votes will be elected to the committee and Mr Muir will assign each a position as chairman of one the four standing committees

Current incumbents of the four committees are Mrs Eulalie Stott (Housing), Mr Dick Friedlander (Utilities and Works), Mr Clive Keegan (Town Planning) and Mr Peter Muller (Amenities and Health)

If Mr Muller should be elected deputy mayor, the chairmanship of the Amenities and Health Committee will be up for grabs, but it is possible that at least three standing committees will find themselves with new chairmen-elect by tonight

Rank-and-file councillors, many of whom were appointed to committees not of their choosing after election to the council, will try to gain access to the standing committee they are most interested in

The results of the elections will be announced about 10.45am today.

Plea for aid to new local government

CAPE TIMES 28/8/81

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Staff Reporter

LOCAL businessmen were yesterday urged to become involved in the new Regional Services Council system of local government which is due to come into effect next year

Dr Andreas van Wyk, Director General of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, addressed a Cape Town Chamber of Commerce lunch on the new system and asked for their participation in the scheme

He said the Regional Services Council (RSC) Act could be seen as a method of achieving the four basic principles necessary for reform

These were the need for all population groups to be involved in decision-making, the need for the devolution of power, the necessity for the rationalization of government institutions and the need to upgrade the quality of life for all groups

With regard to joint decision-making, he said RSCs were to consist of representatives of the local government bodies of all the population groups

"A time of change is also a time of fears There are uncertainties in local government circles, but the Act tries to achieve balance," he said

The RSC system aimed at rationalization "We do not wish to see the creation of new bureaucracies It will be the onus of the authorities in the area to see that bureaucracies are not created," he said

"Regarding devolution of power, we see in the RSCs only part of a vast operation being planned for the whole of government, with both vertical and horizontal shifts of power"

He said the upgrading of the quality of life was the most controversial aspect of the whole bill, as two new sources of income in the form of levies on the business community were to be instituted These were to be levies on salaries and on sales or floor space, the technical details of which, including possible exemptions, were still being worked out

These levies should be used for definite aims which were to be determined on the local level Preference should be given to the creation of an infrastructure in the less developed areas, said Mr Van Wyk.

Job relief scheme under way

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By CATHY SCHNELL

EIGHT-HUNDRED men and women started work today on Port Elizabeth's job relief scheme, but a further 1 200 will remain unemployed for another week because the municipality has not been able to find enough tools in time

Uitenhage had its application for Government funds approved first — and bought up all the equipment from local sources, the PE Municipality said today

The municipality hopes to find the remainder of the equipment in Johannesburg by next Monday

The R4-a-day Government-sponsored job relief scheme got off the ground in Uitenhage on August 26 with a complement of 649 men — the maximum number of men allowed for in the scheme

Mr Jan de Klerk, chief personnel officer for the PE Municipality, said only 800 people could be sent to work today because of an equipment shortage

The rest of the equipment would, hopefully, arrive by the end of the week and a further 1 200 workers would then be recruited on Monday

Meanwhile the first batch of Port Elizabeth workers started their five-hour day today

A total of 800 men and women were transported in 11 buses to a large area of veld just outside Kleinskool to clear the bush and remove litter

The cleared area will be used to build shacks

The general feeling among the workers today was one of relief

Many men said R4 a day was better than nothing and would keep their children fed

Some of the men were tradesmen and felt the work was unskilled and "beneath their qualifications", but said anything was preferable to going hungry

One man who arrived at the recruitment centre late for work was transported to Kleinskool by bus, in which he was the only passenger

Mr Richard Siyo, also of Kleinskool, said he had two children, a wife who did not work and no money He had been retrenched from his job as a night porter at a hotel in Port Elizabeth six months ago He had been unable to get work 'Now my family can eat again," he said

Mr Peter Windvogel, a former electrician, has been looking for work for 12 months "But there is no work I am not happy to cut bushes at my age, but it means at least I will get supper tonight"

One man, Mr Harry Mintoor, said "It is not easy to describe the feeling of being hungry It feels like a hole in your stomach and the only thing you can think of is trying to find food"

Some people felt that R4 a day was too little and that a wage of R10 a day was more realistic

City urges dialogue, release of detainees

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Chief Reporter

CAPE Town City Council, at a special meeting yesterday to discuss the current unrest, decided to initiate "a suitable dialogue with civic and other organized community groups" and to call on the State to charge or release those arrested as a result of events during the current emergency

It expressed sympathy with those bereaved or injured in the unrest or whose property had been damaged, and it called on members of the public and the police to exercise restraint

In a motion introduced by Mr David Bloomberg and seconded by Mr John Muir, chairman of Exco, the council, "in view of its concern and distress at the serious unrest within the municipal boundaries", also decided to reaffirm a 1981 resolution upholding the principle of a non-discriminatory municipal franchise

It stated that "all the citizens of Cape Town reaffirm in an act of reconciliation that our great City recognizes and upholds a tradition of preserving human dignity with tolerance and understanding"

'Silence'

Mr R M Friedlander, a former mayor, said "We have been faced with a deafening silence in these past few weeks, from those in a position to defuse what has become a dangerous situation

"This (the council's motion on the unrest) is an earnest endeavour to make a contribution to the immediate call for positive action"

The motion was adopted unanimously after three councillors, Mr "Kosie" van Zyl, Mr Chris Joubert and Vice-Admiral J Johnson had indicated that while they supported it in its original form, they would not be able to support an amendment, introduced by Mr Neil Ross, calling for the release of detainees

All three "dissentient" councillors voted in favour of the motion as amended after appeals to them by Mr Bloomberg and by Mr Frank van der Velde to reconsider their stand, in view of the need for council unanimity in the present situation

'Happier'

Mr Bloomberg, introducing his motion, said Cape Town had been a far happier City before August 31, 1972, the date from which Cape Town's coloured citizens had been deprived of direct representation on the City Council

"That was a most retrogressive step We warned on many occasions of the consequences of the disenfranchisement of a portion of the citizenry of Cape Town

"Our City has never recovered from August 31, 1972 — but it is not too late to return to the state of affairs that existed before that date"

Mr Clive Keegan said he did not believe Mr Bloomberg's motion went far enough The current unrest, he said, was a predictable consequence of the government's policies

"What we, as the Mother City of South Africa, should be telling the government is 'Leave us alone, and let us work out our own future'

"You have tried your policies and philosophies on us for too long, and they have failed.

"The consequence is the bloodshed and misery we see today"

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Mayor warns on 'political forum'

Chief Reporter

THE new Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Leon Markovitz, sounded a warning yesterday that with the advent of regional services councils (RSCs) and the disbanding of the Provincial Council, party politicians might try to turn the City Council into a political forum

In his inaugural address at a colourful installation ceremony in the old City Hall, he said "It is my sincere belief that the council of this great City should never allow itself to become a trading station for ratepayers rights I believe the majority of my colleagues share this view"

In keeping with tradition Mr Markovitz, after his installation as Cape Town's 69th mayor, was conducted to the Chair of Van Riebeeck by his sponsors, Mrs Eulalie Stott and Mr Dick Friedlander

Mutual concern

The Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans, then handed him the keys of the Common Seal of the City Council, which had earlier been surrendered by the outgoing mayor Mr Sol Kreiner

Mr Markovitz said he believed the spirit of mutual concern was "alive and well and already living in Cape Town", and said his parlour door would always be open to anyone wanting to discuss involvement in the solution of community problems

He praised his predecessor for his initiative in starting a movement to restore the link between the City and its waterfront, and pledged himself to continue working for this

Mr Markovitz also said one of his fondest dreams was to see the return of people to live in central Cape Town

"Imagine for a moment a block of 1 000 airy, spacious garden apartments, all with views of either the mountain or the sea, perched on top of a complex to be built on a site stretching from Hans Strijdom Avenue to Coen Steytler Avenue

"And I'm not talking about homes for the wealthy I envisage these apartments as being for middle-income people"

Mr Kreiner, in his final speech as mayor, expressed concern over the current unrest, particularly in the Cape Town municipal area, and said he wished to make an earnest appeal to all citizens "to do all in their power to seek reconciliation, so that a lasting peace may return to our City"

"Let us equip ourselves with the motto 'Things don't just happen, you've got to make them happen'.

Youngest-ever

"We cannot afford to sit back and leave the damage for someone else to clear away."

Mr Peter Muller, 38, became Cape Town's youngest-ever Deputy Mayor when he was formally elected to this office at yesterday's ceremony He was proposed by Mr David Bloomberg and seconded by Mrs Bronnie Harding

Among the VIPs who attended the ceremony were the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, the Speaker of Parliament, Mr Johan Greeff, the Judge-President of the Cape, Mr Justice Munnik, members of the diplomatic corps, parliamentarians and members of the Provincial Council, and military heads in the Western Cape

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RSC 'could create City flashpoint'

Municipal Reporter

CITY COUNCILLORS yesterday warned that the establishment of a racially-based Regional Services Council in the Western Cape could create "another flashpoint" for resistance among Cape Town's black and coloured citizens

At a special council meeting yesterday morning, councillors said Cape Town should continue to press for a "local option" in which all citizens could participate in the government of Greater Cape Town

Fait accompli

They warned that a racially-constituted regional government would have no credibility among black and coloured citizens and that it would be greeted with the same violence the black community councils

The council has nevertheless accepted the formation of an RSC in the Peninsula as a fait accompli and will submit a memorandum of recommendations regarding its structure and functions to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw

The chairman of the council's constitutional committee which drew up the memorandum, Mr Norman Osburn, said the council had "no option" but to participate as "the government has the power to take over regional functions in terms of the Regional Services Councils Act'

Mr Osburn calculated that Cape Town's voting strength on the RSC, based on the amount the City spends on bulk services such as electricity and water, would probably be between 15 and 20 percent.

Among the recommendations are that

- The Greater Cape Town RSC incorporate the 01 economic region (all the local authorities within Greater Cape Town/Peninsula) as well as Kuils River and Brackenfell, but exclude Stellenbosch, Somerset West and the Strand

Revenue

- The identification and devolution of regional functions be done on a gradual "planned and phased" basis
- Business and industrial areas, which will contribute the bulk of the revenue for the RSCs, should be included when calculating voting rights on the basis of the bulk services bought by the City.
- No municipal employee be transferred to the RSC without his or her consent.
- The RSC sit in Cape Town

The council has reserved the right to make further representations or to modify its comments at a later stage

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City Council on the horns of a dilemma

CIVIC DIARY

By Hilary Venables

NOT since the removal of coloured voters from the municipal roll have city councillors had to deal with the sort of dilemma they now face about whether to participate in the government's new racially constituted system of local government.

Not that the present system of local government is non-racial, but at least under the current dispensation the council has some autonomy and has been able, on numerous occasions, to resist and defy apartheid legislation in the interests of the City as a whole

However, once Cape Town has been absorbed into whatever Regional Services Council the Nationalist government's demarcation board sees fit to establish in the Western Cape, it will have to abide by the decisions taken by a two-thirds majority of a body which includes members of more conservative neighbouring white local authorities as well as the despised and discredited coloured and Indian management committees and black community councils

With an anticipated voting strength of between 15 and 20 percent, the council will have little chance of influencing regional policy

As a white local authority, the council has come in for a fair amount of flak from progressive organizations who feel it is more concerned about the opinions of its white electorate than about the welfare of the majority of the people whose lives it controls

Nevertheless, its courage in fighting for better housing for low-income groups, its policy on "open" amenities, its battle against the Group Areas Act and its rejection of the mancom system have earned it a certain grudging respect from many of Cape Town's voteless citizens

It now faces one of the greatest challenges to its credibility

In the same way as the Progressive Federal Party had to question its participation in the tricameral Parliament, Cape Town City Council has to assess its role within the new system of local government

At a special meeting on Friday, a number of councillors indicated that they would have to reconsider their position if faced with the prospect of serving on a Regional Services Council

Mr Tom Walters voted against a council memorandum suggesting improvements and amendments to the current legislation, on the grounds that this was a tacit acceptance of the new system

Other councillors feared they would be viewed in the same light as black community councillors and said the new system would exacerbate the existing political tensions, increase racial polarization and make local government another target for the anger of anti-apartheid groups

Mr Eric Merrington called on the government to restore Nyanga, Langa and Guguletu to the the City Council

"Give us our citizens back and let us get on with the running of the City," he said, warning that by participating in an RSC, the council would be "assisting in setting up a flashpoint and contributing to the unrest"

Mr Clive Keegan also called for a local option for the Peninsula, saying the council should continue to plead for the opportunity to work out its own constitutional future in collaboration with all its citizens

Even he admitted, however, that, failing this, the council had no choice but to participate in the new "ethnically constituted" system

It seems that if the council decides to defy the government and refuses to participate, it could lose assets worth hundreds of millions of rand, its staff could be siphoned off into the new system and it could be rendered virtually powerless

Mr Keegan said the council could at least use the new regional government structure to promote the better planning and distribution of services in the Western Cape

One can only hope so

But as Mr Keegan and most other councillors have argued, the raison d'etre for the establishment of RSCs is to entrench apartheid at the third tier of government, and individual councillors, no matter how good their intentions or how reluctantly they enter the new structure, are more in danger than ever of being branded government collaborators.

Row brews over funds for jobless

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Post Reporter

SOME municipalities in the Eastern Cape complained this week about the way the Government's unemployment relief fund has been administered

They said some municipalities were notified of the fund by phone as soon as the fund was established Others did not hear about it until later

And all the funds were exhausted before three municipalities had time to submit applications (Additional funds were later obtained, but the three received less than half of the amounts they sought)

Dr Brian la Trobe, Mayor of Grahamstown, whose application was one which arrived late, said he had been informed of the scheme on July 15

He said the chairman of Region D advisory committee, Mr Louis Koch, sent an application form to him two days later

"I asked for R600 000 for Grahamstown I cannot understand how, with the high unemployment rate here, no funds could have been set aside from the original amount for Grahamstown," Dr La Trobe said

"We should have been given the application forms in good time and also been told how to fill them in properly"

Port Elizabeth's Deputy City Engineer, Mr Angus Fraser, said the initial submission by the PE Municipality had been a "rushed job"

This was because no official notification was given to the Town Clerk and he (Mr Fraser) had been given less than two weeks in which to submit it, he said

The Evening Post asked Mr Koch if he thought he had dealt with everyone fairly Mr Koch said he had notified some municipalities in person He had asked Regional Development Associations (RDA) to advise the others

Asked why letters to all the municipalities were not dispached at the same time, Mr Koch replied "I am not going to enter into any debate about whether the committee is answerable on the methods used I am satisfied we did our best"

Mr Koch said it had been impractical to notify all the municipal authorities personally He had decided to use the RDAs to notify others and to co-ordinate submissions

He had notified all the RDAs at the same time If he had waited for the RDAs to speak to the municipalities it would have taken another few weeks Consequently those municipalities he had spoken to personally had heard about the scheme first

Asked why he had not waited for all the applications to be submitted before allocating money, Mr Koch said "The 35-week scheme runs to the end of March To ensure all 35 weeks could be accommodated I set an early deadline to present these schemes to Pretoria — Monday, August 16 I wanted all the submissions in by that Friday

"I handled the submissions on a weekly basis This meant submissions could be approved and the relief jobs started at once — giving hungry unemployed people money immediately"

Mr Koch said he had offered his services as co-ordinator for the relief scheme on a voluntary basis over and above his normal work and was not being paid for his services

● People in Grahamstown, Fort Beaufort and Queenstown have lost two weeks' pay from the scheme due to late applications

A further R500 000 was secured this week for the three municipalities left out, but some allocations will fall far short of the sums requested

Grahamstown, which asked for R600 000, will get R183 077

Queenstown, which wanted nearly R400 000, will get R182 702

Fort Beaufort will receive R134 220 of it original request for R219 600

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Apartheid on 2 Cape Point beaches to go

Municipal Reporter

RACIAL segregation is to be scrapped on two beaches in the Cape Point Nature Reserve.

The Divisional Council, which controls the area, agreed in principle yesterday to remove the apartheid signs from Buffelsbaai and Bordjiesrif beaches.

The matter will, however, be referred to the Cape of Good Hope Nature Advisory Board to investigate how to implement the decision without causing "overcrowding".

Mr Neil Ross, who proposed the motion calling for the beaches to be opened, said it was "doubtful" whether the racial regulations applying to the beaches could be enforced as the area had never been properly demarcated.

"Reform is the watchword of the country now and it is meaningless for us to continue with this unnecessary example of apartheid," he said.

Mr Louwtjie Rothman said the removal of the signs could lead to "overcrowding" and urged the council to delay making a decision before this had been "properly investigated".

The council decided, however, to take a decision in principle and then to consider how to implement the proposal.

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East Cape option call by Coetzer

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By BOB KERNOHAN, Business Editor

PORT ELIZABETH's newest business leader has called for a unique "East Cape option" aimed at finding a solution to the political and economic problems of the region.

Mr Carl Coetzer, managing director of PE Tramways, announced immediately after taking over as president of the PE Chamber of Commerce last night that he believed the option — which he called Eco — could bring peace to the area

He said today that if solutions found through Eco were delayed by the Government, the region should consider going it alone in taking the action it thought necessary.

He did not believe it would be possible to find a national solution to South Africa's problems "very quickly or easily", but Eco could provide a regional solution

Mr Coetzer said domestic problems to be tackled would include unemployment, social unrest, transport problems and consumer boycotts.

Specific items needing attention included broadening the relaxation of the Group Areas Act as it affected the Central Business District

Indicating that inclusion of detained community leaders would be an integral part of Eco, he said "When most of the identifiable black leaders were still available, we had already discussed a procedure for bringing about a solution."

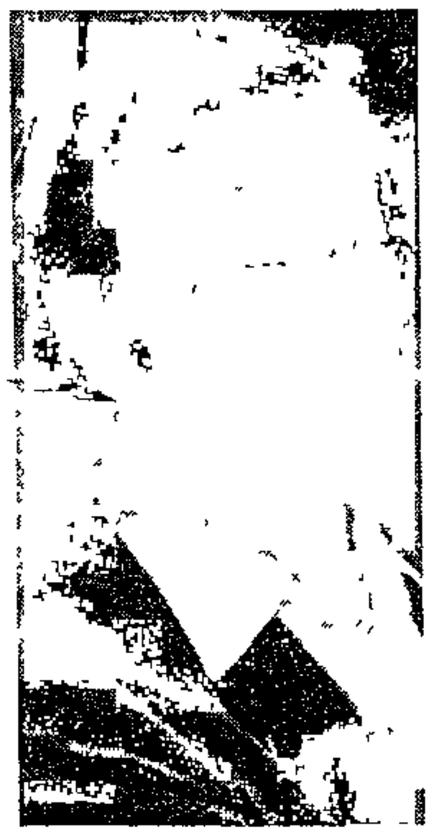
When such meetings had been taking place — from early December until the end of June — there had been "no trouble as we were sitting around and talking about the situation and ways to solve it",

If and when the leaders were again available they would be invited to join Eco — "to join with us and make a contribution towards finding a local solution"

Mr Coetzer added "Many things start in the Eastern Cape, so let us also take the initiative and find our own solution"

He envisaged that discussions with various groups would take "many months of hard talk", after which the results would be taken to the Government

"Then, if we cannot get the action we require, we should take it (the action) ourselves," said Mr Coetzer



Mr CARL COETZER

"It's going to be a long-term procedure I believe we still have not run out of time to find the solution"

Mr Coetzer said Eco would not be like the "Natal option" as he did not believe the Eastern Cape region was a homogeneous unit like Natal.

He declined to speculate on what solutions could be found

● The outgoing Chamber of Commerce president, Mr Tony van Rensburg, said last night that he believed survival for the Eastern Cape would depend on it establishing "some kind of self-governing political and economic region".

"The divergence in political opinion, economic self-interest and South African history indicates that regions — such as the Eastern Cape — need to start developing their own structures suited to their own needs," he said

Mr Van Rensbury — whose resignation as president resulted from his transfer to Johannesburg — added that he did not believe the proposed regional services councils or any existing structures provided for this.

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Council attacked on Group Areas Act

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Edwin Vengadajellum, has criticised the city council over its failure to come out in full support of an application in terms of the Group Areas Act

He said Mr Morgan Naidoo had applied for permission in terms of the Act to occupy a house in Amalinda He had received the backing of his neighbours and the matter had been passed to the city council for comment by the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning

"I have been contacted by the firm of attorneys acting for Mr Naidoo and told that council did not pass any comment on the application This is strange to me because council has always backed other applications in the past for permission in terms of the Group Areas Act

"We remember how they backed an application for West Indian cricketer Faoud Bacchus to occupy a house in a white area This man was not born in South Africa and here we have a full blooded South African in Mr Naidoo and he cannot be accorded the same consideration

"It is downright unfair and I am terribly upset about the matter, Mr Vengadajellum said

The deputy chairman of the city council action committee, Mr Errol Spring, last night said he fully agreed with the sentiments expressed by Mr Vengadajellum that people should be able to stay wherever they wished to if neighbours did not object

He said although he could not recall the matter involving Mr Naidoo, the city council had recently taken a decision, albeit against his (Mr Spring's) concurrance, that the city council, in future, will not be prepared to comment on matters of such nature.

Mr Spring said he felt that the stand should not have been taken because he was of opinion that the council should have the courage of what it stood for and comment on such matters

Mr Donald Card, the chairman of the city council action committee reacted angryly yesterday and said although he had been away for about 10 days the matter referred to by Mr Vangadajellum never came before the committee

"The whole matter of people not staying where they wish must be laid squarely to people like Mr Vangadajellum who are prepared to accept an apartheid tricameral system in South Africa

"The city council does not make decisions on the Group Areas Act but their feelings on this matter have been tested in the past We have always backed applications but the decision fell upon the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning

"Mr Vangadajellum should stop playing with words He must take the matter to the House of Delegates and stop criticising the city council for nonsense," Mr Card said

He added that the East London City Council was the first council in the country to ask the South African Government to get rid of the Group Areas Act

St John's annual parade tomorrow

Big shake-up in EL's municipal machine

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By MATTHEW MOONIEYA :: Municipal Affairs Reporter

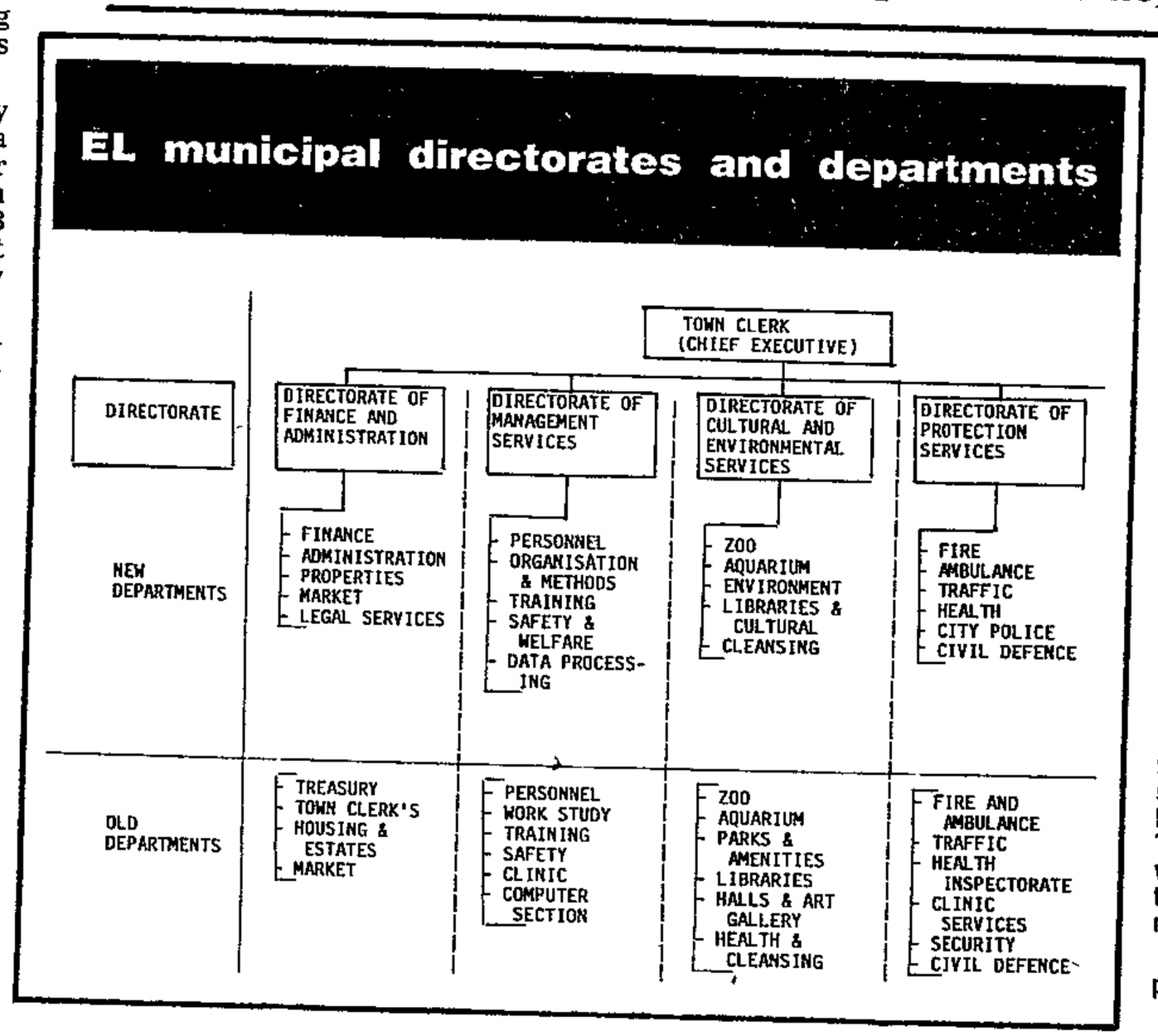
East London's municipal machine is being reshaped in a five-year plan to meet escalating demands on the city's services and resources

Statistics of electricity consumption, which is a good barometer for growth, tell the story In 1978 there were 19 953 electricity accounts sent out to consumers Today there are 58 000

The city's budget today, nearly R100 million, is more than double that of 1978 which stood at only R44 million The average increase in the main sources of income — rates, water and electricity — have gone up by an annual average of almost 15 per cent

Today the municipal machine operates with a 2 600-strong workforce which is paid about R2 million a month There is strict control of vacancies and creation of new jobs

The director of personnel and management services, Mr Leon Deetlefs, explained the reasoning behind the



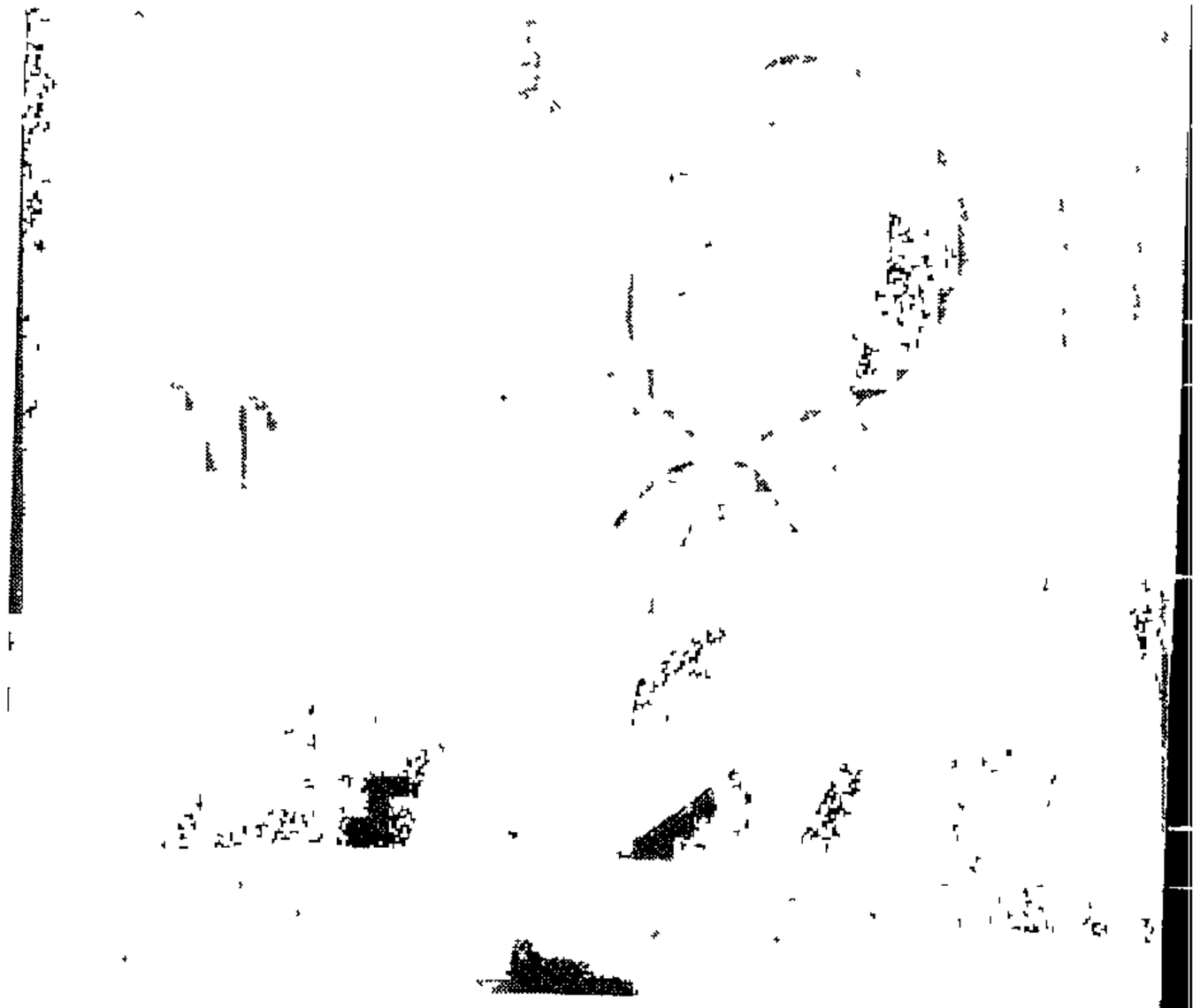
LEFT The new municipal structure except for the directorate of technical services which has not been ratified by the city council

Three directors already occupy their posts while the council still has to ratify the appointment of the director of protection services

The table shows how 12 municipal departments have been reduced

Below each director are a number of managers An example is the cultural and environmental services directorate which has three managers of cultural services, of recreational services and of environmental control services Manager of cultural services controls libraries, museums, zoo, music and theatre while the recreational services manager controls beaches, pools and sports fields The environmental control services manager controls horticultural services, commonage, cemeteries and the crematorium

RIGHT Mr Leon Deetlefs explains the position



council's decision to appoint the National Productivity Institute in 1983 to study the municipal structure

"The city council requested the NPI to conduct an organisational study to establish a basis for enhancing the productivity of the council in general Council also adopted a policy that salary increases would be awarded on condition that staff productivity improved and that staff complements were maintained at minimum levels

"It was felt at the time that staff reduction had reached minimum levels although it was pointed out to us that consumption of municipal services was not in direct relation to the number of employees needed to render the services"

The objective was to obtain a scientific study of the strengths and weaknesses as well as an indication of which development activities would be most effective

It was also done to evaluate major policies regarding manpower utilisation, project management and financial management

"In the final analysis, the restructuring is to provide a more efficient service for the residents while also creating more modern working conditions for our staff which is vital to productivity This has already paid dividends"

Mr Deetlefs is emphatic that the reshaping of the municipal structure, which reduced the departments from 12 to five, each being headed by a director, was not a threat to staff

"No member of staff need fear for his position with the phasing in of the NPI plan which is now in its third year Positions have been phased out by natural wastage This means that an identified redundant post is only eliminated when the incumbent retires or leaves the municipal service

"We are 40 per cent of the way to instituting the NPI report and we have had feedback that the new conditions and structures of command have had beneficial effects on our staff and productivity has been increased in many areas However, we still have a lot to do in this direction"

About possible dissatisfaction among staff and unhappiness among city councillors on the institution of the NPI plan, Mr Deetlefs said "There is real change in the municipal structure and just as people are normally resistant to reform in the political field, so too they have to have time to adapt to change

"There has been impatience on implementation of the report and this is why I have been relieved of my director's post for a while to head a special task force to implement it"

Three of the new directors are already occupying their seats while council is busy ratifying the appointment of another and one still has to be appointed

Elaborating on the background of the need for restructuring, Mr Deetlefs said the process of management of a modern city was complicated and there had to be an acceptable span control, delegation, communication and co-ordination of the whole municipal machine otherwise problems would be created

"Management has to be goal orientated and the organisational structure must comply with the essential requirements to achieve those goals It is here where our strength lies in the new structure as the five directors constitute a strong, unified and well defined top management structure essential for the efficient running of the city"

Strength is also achieved in that top management provides new attitudes and initiates significant changes through management policy and practices

"We are already seeing this in the Cultural and Environmental Services department There are innovations and the creation of an umbrella body to co-ordinate the use of sporting amenities is but only one aspect," Mr Deetlefs said

The study also identified the role of city councillors in the structure as a modern city needs increased involvement of elected city councillors in certain aspects of the management process

Councillors and officials had to work together as a team one being the elected representative of the residents, the other the paid official The report found that it was the councillors and officials who made the biggest contribution to improving the organisational climate within the municipal structure

"The research found there was a good relationship between councillors and senior officials and that there was a regular exchange of information This was, however, lacking in some instances and there was no clearly defined line of involvement of councillors in administrative affairs

"The new structure and mode of involvement of councillors with the day to day running of the affairs of the city enables them to glean professional information from officials which puts them in a good position to formulate policy

"The system enables councillors to have enough information to answer their constituents and to explain the council's actions and policies"

The municipality has also kept up with technological and other advancements

"We have acquired one of the most advanced computers on the market together with one of the most advanced operating systems

"We are also continually gauging latest developments in technical equipment and are adapting where necessary to keep abreast with modern techniques

"We have also acquired one of the most modern management systems in which all senior management in the municipality have been trained We are presently also looking at a new budgeting system which we hope will enhance our present techniques thereby ensuring that priorities are established and achieved," Mr Deetlefs said

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PE looks for own local government alternative

By DENISE BOUTALL

A NEW local government option is being considered for Port Elizabeth

Proposals have been discussed with the East Cape Strategic Development Team (ECSDT), which believes that some of the problems in the region will be solved only if a form of local government acceptable to all is instituted

The idea of developing such a local option is strongly advocated by the Midland Chamber of Industries and other bodies in city are also concerned about the implications of introducing the regional services councils

When the ECSDT was appointed last month the MCI warned that the region's economic problems would only be solved if the social and political issues were addressed

In an interview yesterday the ECSDT's co-ordinator, Prof Charles Wait, confirmed that the Midland Chamber of Industries' executive director, Mr Brian Matthew, and the Port Elizabeth Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, hadput their views on local government to him

He said he believed that in local government one should seriously consider a local option

"If we can find a way of establishing a system of local government that is suitable to Port Elizabeth, or possibly the whole metropolitan area, and acceptable to all parties concerned, then we should adopt it"

Prof Wait said one of the issues in the committee's brief was to look at the upgrading of the region's black townships In Port Elizabeth this work had virtually come to a halt because of harassment of contractors

"I'm sure that if there was a local authority that was accepted by all people the elements which are causing the problems could be contained and the essential work on the infrastructure could go ahead"

Prof Wait said the ECSDT was entirely open to suggestion on the issue of local government and would welcome any views

He stressed though that the committee did not want to take over the process of negotiation started by any other organisations in the region such as the MCI

Asked whether the Government would support the idea of the city evolving its own unique form of local government, Prof Wait said he did not know, but if the ECSDT felt that it was necessary to help solve the region's problems he would put such a proposal to the Government

In his mid-year address this week the president of the MCI, Mr Bill Oddy, said there was an urgent need for local leaders to solve local problems by addressing them at a local level Violence and instability in the area could be overcome by finding an acceptable system of local government

In an interview Mr Matthew declined to give details of the proposals put to the ECSDT

"They are the sort of proposals we have been putting to black leaders over the past year and we will only finalise our ideas once we have established some common ground with black people"

Earlier this year the MCI put the idea of introducing a system based on the British system of borough and metropolitan councils. The chamber argued that the proposed Regional Services Council now due for introduction in January 1987 had been totally rejected by most blacks

The RSC's and the proposed regional taxes which they will levy have been widely criticised on the grounds that they are not acceptable to blacks because they are based on racially segregated town councils

It has also been argued that the levies — on turnover and payroll — will discourage urban development.

Mr Botha also declined to discuss his proposals but said he supported the idea of pursuing a local option

Heunis no to Duncan Village plan

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By FRANZ KRUGER
East London

EAST LONDON'S attempt to become the second South African municipality (after Oudtshoorn) to retrieve the administration of a neighbouring township failed this week when Chris Heunis, the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, turned down the city council's request

A council delegation of four travelled to Pretoria on Tuesday to ask that administration of Duncan Village be handed over to the city and the Duncan Village Residents' Association (DVRA) be recognised.

At stake was R10-million which has been set aside for the upgrading of the severely depressed township. The council wanted permission to administer the money and had declared its intention to do so in consultation with the DVRA.

Although delegates were tight-lipped about the outcome of their meeting with Heunis, it was clear they had not been successful.

The leader of the group, City Councillor Donald Card, said he had been instructed to say "certain moves" with regard to the upgrading of the township were in the process of being worked out, and steps would be taken as well with regard to the political situation.

Although he would not go further, it was clear the government remains committed to the community council and wishes to hand them any credibility from the upgrading project. But the Duncan Village Community Council has practically ceased to exist Its members live "in exile" in a city hotel.

The delegation had hoped to be able to point to the precedent of Oudtshoorn, where the city council has administered Bongolethu Township since November last year It is believed to be the only case in which a municipality runs a township, as was the case everywhere before the establishment of the adminstration boards.

According to Oudtshoorn's deputy town clerk, Johan Meiring, approaches to the government had been made after community leaders had asked the town council to take administration of the township back from the development board.

On November 1, the council was declared a development board, a legal device to enable the council to take over the administration of the township, whose population is officially estimated at 6 500.

"We had a plan for the total upgrading of the township, and applied for money," Meiring says — and R5,2-million was granted. Building on 220 new houses, which would be sold to residents, was about to begin.

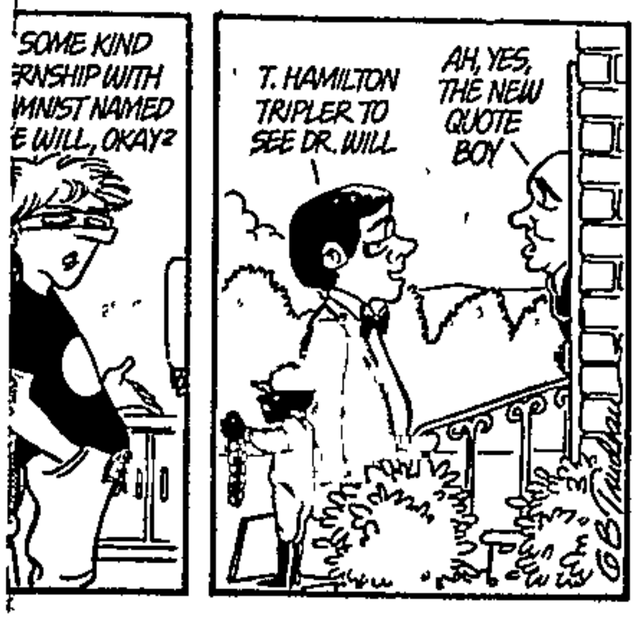
In addition, infrastructural services "up to maximum standards, including tar roads and sidewalks" were provided for, and a new primary school was already "50 percent up".

Meiring said the town was well pleased with the situation "Bongolethu is as calm as a white area. The main thing is that we sit together around the table and make decisions together.

"We respect their recommendations, and try to find solutions together That is the main thing; we talk to them.

"You know, this is the solution to the problems in our country. You can't govern over a long distance. You can't sit in Pretoria and decide what should happen in Oudtshoorn"

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Wilkinson charges dropped

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WEEKLY MAIL REPORTER

CHARGES have been withdrawn against Philip Wilkinson, a Port Elizabeth butcher who was arrested by Military Police in May, minutes before he was due to address a Johannesburg End Conscription Campaign meeting, and charged with failing to report for a military camp

Wilkinson, who has been detained under the Emergency regulations since June 15, was due to appear in court this Tuesday. But on July 13 he was escorted to the Port Elizabeth Magistrate's Court, where the charges were formally withdrawn against him

The state reserved the right to re-issue the charge.

Wilkinson, an army corporal, is one of three Port Elizabeth ECC members who have been in detention for seven weeks

Earlier this year, the Board for Religious Objection rejected his application for recognition as a religious objector. He said while he was willing to serve his country in a constructive way, for religious, moral and political reasons he was not prepared to do further service in the SADF.

Evans is ex-chair

MIKE EVANS was described as chairman of the End Conscription Campaign in last week's Weekly Mail. He is in fact an ex-chairman.

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We want a DIVORCE!

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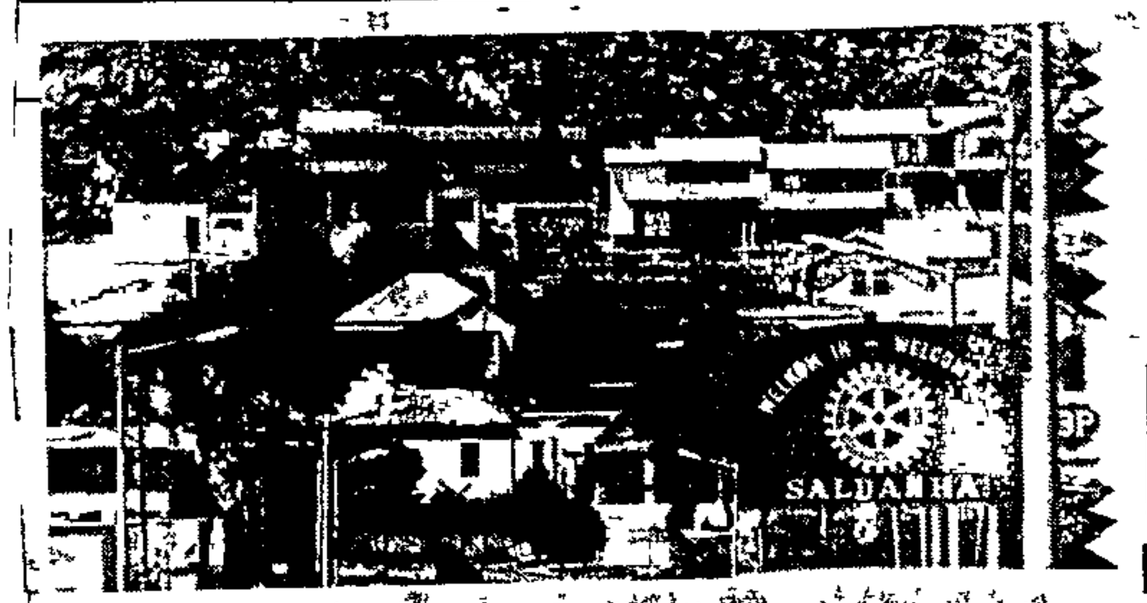

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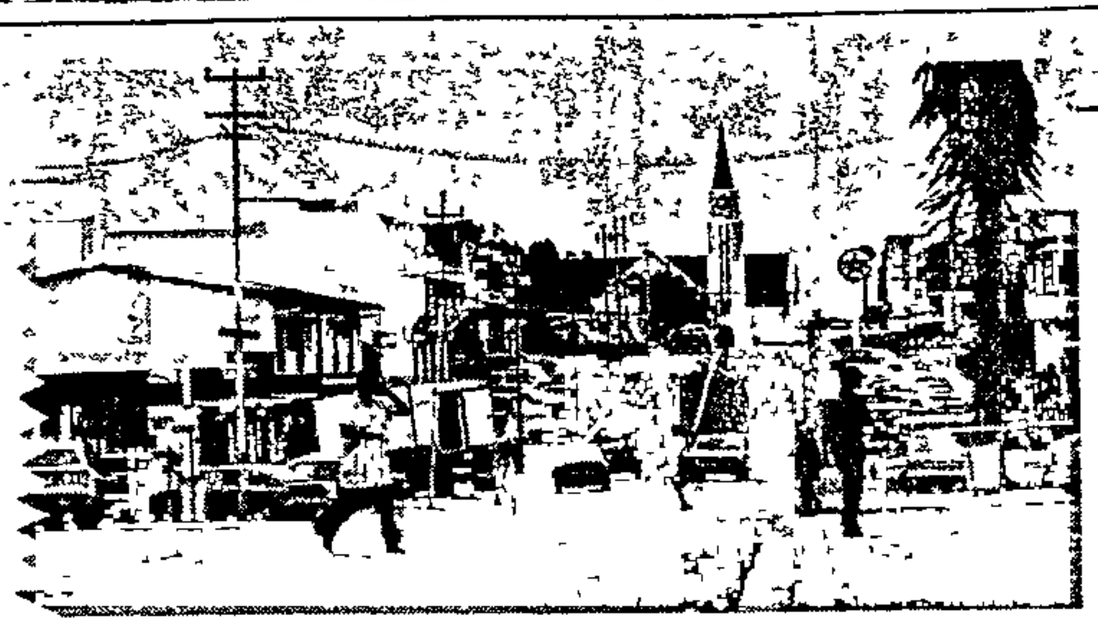

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AFTER 11 YEARS OF 'MARRIAGE', SALDANHA AND VREDENBURG WANT TO CALL IT A DAY

By DICK USHER, Staff Reporter

LIKE a bride led unwillingly to the altar, Saldanha is locked in an unhappy marriage to Vredenburg and wants a divorce.

Mr Manie Redelinghuys, chairman of the Saldanha Ratepayers' Association, said a referendum on the issue would be held next month seeking a return to the previous position of separate municipalities.

The marriage, proposed in 1974 and solemnised the following year, has never been a happy one.

Built on projected developments in the Saldanha area which were to have grown out of the iron ore handling facility, it was opposed from the outset.

The rationale at the time was that a combined municipality was needed to administer the huge growth anticipated for the area, when planners were happily talking about a population of 1-million, based on a semi-processed steel plant and associated developments, possibly even an oil refinery.

None of these materialised and, more than 10 years later, it is the largest municipality in South Africa with a sophisticated infrastructure that is costing the 3 500 ratepayers a fortune, according to Mr Redelinghuys.

THE municipality's vast area — 67 028ha — means that sewerage services are provided to villages such as Paternoster and Langebaanweg Station, about 35km from the centre, and it has 101 vehicles to service the needs of the small population.

"We feel we could save a lot of money by reverting to separate municipalities," said Mr Redelinghuys.

"We pay huge rates because we have to foot the bill for this colossal infrastructure which was built around the concept of a city of 1-million people which has never materialised."

THE area was the scene of wild land speculation in the early 1970s when Iscor's plan to build a railway line from Sishen to Saldanha for iron ore exports emerged. It led almost inevitably to the idea of building a plant at the port to process the ore.

But plans swiftly ran into trouble.

The state-owned Austrian company Voest-Alpine AG showed interest in the project but struck heavy criticism for proposing to invest in South Africa.

Planned cost of the plant began to escalate rapidly owing to worldwide inflation and overseas demand for steel declined

With Iscor also in serious financial difficulties the plant was postponed.

Meanwhile, the Department of Planning had drawn up a plan — seen as "a blueprint for prosperity for the Western Cape" in the hopeful language of 1976 — pinpointing Vredenburg as the business centre of the Western Cape.

On a local level, even finding a name for the marriage partners produced problems.

Someone came up with the idea of Weskrag — which had both communities bristling.

Then the newly-formed local authority agreed that it should call itself Saldanha, which apparently didn't altogether please the people of Vredenburg

But, in opposition to this local option, the then-Administrator of the Cape, Dr L A P A Munnik, officially called the uncomfortable couple Vredenburg-Saldanha This upset almost everybody because — having been edged into a marriage of convenience — they weren't even being allowed to choose what they were going to name themselves.

In 1981 moves for a divorce came to nothing, but the ratepayers of Saldanha aren't giving up yet.

Further powers sought by IMC

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Post Reporter

THE transfer of powers, functions and duties from the Port Elizabeth City Council to the Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee is to be discussed at a special meeting

This was decided by the IMC yesterday

The request for the transfer of powers must be considered by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw

The matter was brought to the attention of the IMC by its chairman, Mr Raman Bhana, at a meeting in March, when the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, was asked to submit representations to Mr Louw

The request was specifically for the transfer of powers relating to housing, finance, staff and policy matters affecting Malabar

Yesterday the IMC's deputy chairman, Mr Jay Kathan, said "We are not asking for autonomy, but for more powers to perform our own functions

"We do not want to be rubber-stamped by the council The committee is working towards direct representation Malabar should be a ward of Port Elizabeth"

Another member, Mr Y Yogee, said the purpose of direct representation would be defeated if the request for the transfer of powers was granted

Mr Yogee did not support the item and members agreed to discuss the matter at a special meeting

PE may get management committee

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Municipal Reporter

THE face of local government in Port Elizabeth could see dramatic changes if the City Council decides to reverse a decision taken seven years ago, when it opted to maintain a multi-committee system rather than introducing a management committee to run the city

A lengthy report outlining the pros and cons of both systems was submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee by the Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, for consideration this afternoon after a proposal by Mr Graham Young at the council's May meeting that he should look into the possibility of the existing system being scrapped

Of the 27 major municipalities in South Africa, only two — Port Elizabeth and Maritzburg — continue to operate without a management committee The system is compulsory in the Transvaal, Free State and Cape Town.

Whether the council decides to adopt the system or not, the Town Clerk has asked to be relieved of the tedium of administering a department, so that he can concentrate on co-ordination of the municipality's various operations

In his report, Mr Botha points out that it is "physically impossible" for the Town Clerk of a city as large as Port Elizabeth to supervise and control a department with numerous sub-divisions, and at the same time

- Ensure that the administrative organisation functions effectively and efficiently in accordance with the council's policy
- Make a positive contribution to formulation of policy for which the council must bear the final responsibility
- Liaise between the council and its committees with the administrative organisation, the public, Press, higher authorities, State departments, statutory institutions, coloured and Indian management committees, pressure and interest groups and development institutions.

"It must also be borne in mind that as the result of constitutional development, we are seeing a proliferation of State departments and other authoritative bodies, and that local government is becoming more politicised and polarised

"The Town Clerk is expected not only to deal with conflict that could arise from this situation, but to make a meaningful contribution to the promotion of relations between the various authorities, broad objectives and constitutional reform initiatives," Mr Botha says

"Inevitably, since departmental supervision, control and decision-making take place continuously and on a daily basis, the Town Clerk's chief function, namely co-ordination of municipal activities, suffers"

Mr Botha points out that the main advantage of a management committee is that it eliminates delays in decision-making

The multi-committee system currently employed by the Port Elizabeth City Council frequently gives rise to deferred decisions while additional information is obtained on certain issues, he says

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EL civil defence lacks public co-operation

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The municipal and divisional council civil defence units could handle any eventuality in and around the city

That's the word from the Dvisional Council of Kaffraria's deputy-chief of civil defence, Mr J Shaw, and the East London municipality's chief of civil defence, Captain W Kenny

Captain Kenny said, however, his force lacked co-operation from the public

"We find that people are eager to assign themselves to the defence corps, but as soon as they find that they have to do a training course and that they have to sign a form, the interest wanes

"There are 11 disciplines from which people can select, according to preference, and really, the response from the public leaves much to be desired," Captain Kenny said

He said the defence corps was well organised and had the full municipal backing Unless a great disaster, like for instance something in the same line as the Laingsburg floods struck the area, the corps was fully prepared to handle situations

Mr Shaw said it had been operating since 1982, and consisted of various zones which were located over more or less the whole area under the jurisdiction of the divisional council

He said the response for civil defence in the rural areas was good, and mentioned that mainly women and farmers' wives were offering their services

"We also have two completely blind people working for us, and have therefore put grids on the maps to make things easier for them, and several sections were pasted with braille

Mr Shaw said several courses were given by the training officer, and before joining the corps, a basic course and an examination had to be completed

Fourteen of the people specialising in rescue work have successfully completed a course in helicopter rescue work, while courses on fire fighting were also conducted in conjunction with the fire department, he said

Six women were currently doing an advanced "ambulance" course, and courses in crisis intervention, which would help civil defence workers cope with people undergoing an emotional crisis, were also conducted

"We certainly hope we will be able to cope with a major crisis, but one cannot say until it actually happens But then, we have coped when high winds did a lot of damage in the area, as well as with the recent flood situation, and I believe we would be capable to cope if such a crisis arose," Mr Shaw said

Allowances: council votes for parity

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Management Committee members are to receive the same allowances as city councillors.

"The city council's monthly meeting last night voted for parity following an amendment to an action committee recommendation by Mr Eric Whitaker

His amendment, won by a single vote, overturned the recommendation to inform the Administrator, Mr Eugene Louw, about council's earlier refusal and the fact that both the coloured and Indian management committees were not attending action committee meetings in protest against not receiving equal allowances.

Seven councillors voted in favour of Mr Whitaker's amendment for parity and although the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, was reluctant to call for a division, he agreed to the request by Mr Whitaker

The councillors who voted for the management committee members to receive the R460 a month allowance instead of R260 are Mr Yazbek, Mr Ivan Zulman, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, Mr Len Cooper, Mr Patrick Kay and Mr Philip Rohtbart

Mr Donald Card, Mr Errol Spring, Mr Willem Morris, Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaighte, Mr Neville Randall and Mr Brian Snell voted against parity

Motivating his motion, Mr Whitaker said management committee members were not around the horseshoe because they were not allowed to be, not because they did not want to be there.

"I see no reason why there is no parity We will have to accept them eventually around the horseshoe," he said

He was seconded by Mr Bezuidenhout, who said council did not have anybody to send matters pertaining to the coloured and Indian areas to

Mr Kay lashed out at Mr Spring and accused him of "disgusting inconsistency" by not supporting parity.

"This municipality claims to be an equal opportunity employer but when it comes to the higher ranks that is thrown out of the back door The management committee members deserve parity and it is disgusting that they have to ask for it," he said

Replying later, Mr Spring said he had been anything but inconsistent in his stand on parity and had always maintained that all races should sit around the horseshoe

He backed earlier statements by Mr Card against parity and said he wanted to point out that council was now giving credibility to a discredited policy as management committee members were not even accepted in their own communities.

"They do not have the same status as councillors and if we wanted to do anything positive for these two communities we should be fighting for them to sit around the horseshoe," Mr Spring said

Mr Card said earlier there was no case for parity because "you cannot pay the manager of a store the same as you pay the shop assistant behind the counter.

"People think councillors are paid a lot but the allowances don't even cover our expenses However, if we talk in terms of parity we have to talk in terms of work, time and cost There is a vast difference on this between councillors and management committee"

He said the move would cost council R36 000 which had not been budgeted for

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EL's talks with minister on DV postponed

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By MATTHEW MOONIEYA
Local Affairs Reporter

EAST LONDON — Local government in black areas here is drifting into limbo and the city council is battling with urgent attempts to rescue the situation

But yesterday the city council's efforts received a serious setback when it was informed that a scheduled meeting with the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, in Cape Town on Monday had had to be cancelled

The chairman of the action committee and a member of the four-man delegation, Mr Donald Card, confirmed that they had been informed that the meeting could not take place

The rest of the delegation comprises the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, and the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm

The meeting comes against the background of the serious situation in Duncan Village where the government-sanctioned local authority, the Duncan Village Community Council, does not exist and the overall authority, the East Cape Development Board, is being disestablished

The city council wants to take over control of Duncan Village and wants to negotiate with the Duncan Village Residents' Association The two bodies are believed to have had informal talks already

"This was a crucial meeting with Mr Heunis and would have had ramifications for the entire city Needless to say the cancellation to a later date is a serious setback for us," Mr Card said

The meeting is also understood to have discussed the Ziphunzana bypass road to which the upgrading of Duncan Village is linked

Meanwhile, other ethnic local bodies are also drifting into limbo

Last week the Coloured Management Committee gave notice that its members would no longer attend action committee meetings because of the allowance disparity between them and white councillors

The committee asked that the matter be referred to the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, but was told that the matter had been referred to the Administrator in the past and that he had said he was unable to intervene as it was council's prerogative to decide on allowances within the limits laid down

The CMC move follows the move by the non-functioning Indian Management Committee which does not have a quorum after the resignation of three members

The acting chairman of the IMC, Mr Edward Vengadejellum, vowed not to attend any meeting of the action committee until his R260 a month allowance was raised to the R460 a month councillors received

At the CMC meeting, the chairman, Mr Johannes Temmers, said it was not his committee's desire to acquire more money in striving for parity, but rather to be seen as equals with councillors

He said disparity in allowances was an insult to members of his committee who were "seen to be merely unimportant appendages to the councillors".

Asked to comment on the parity situation, Mr Card said "Parity is parity and should not be reached through apartheid in reverse

"There is no way the manager of a store should earn the same as a junior shop assistant behind the counter merely because the assistant is not white"

Mr Card questioned whether the CMC had gone back to the people to arrive at its decision not to attend the committee meetings, which generated council decisions

"The management committees do not seem to have any rapport with the people The sooner the residents associations can come forward and negotiate, the better as it seems they have public meetings and relate to the people they represent," Mr Card said

R285 000 in rates owing

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON. — A total of R285 000 in rates is still outstanding here, according to the acting director of finance and administration, Mr Lodi Venter

He said R930 000 had been outstanding, but monthly payments in June of R645 000 had reduced the figure

Mr Venter said people had made arrangements to pay the outstanding rates but did not abide by pledges made

"In most cases action has been taken where this has happened and it is just a case of collecting the money," Mr Venter said

He confirmed that summonses had been served since last October

PE's gas works has giant deficit

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By DENISE BOUTALL

THERE'S inflation and inflation but when your calculator comes up with an increase of 1 945% — not in sales but in deficit — you know you're up against a big problem

By the middle of next year the annual deficit on Port Elizabeth's municipal gas works will have increased from R214 000 in 1977 to a whopping R4 162 460 — a 19-fold increase in 10 years

Port Elizabeth's City Treasurer, Mr Amandus Strydom, put it simply. "There is no way that we can make the gas works viable"

The 124-year-old gas works is one of the great ratepayer hobbyhorses in the city — and rightly so

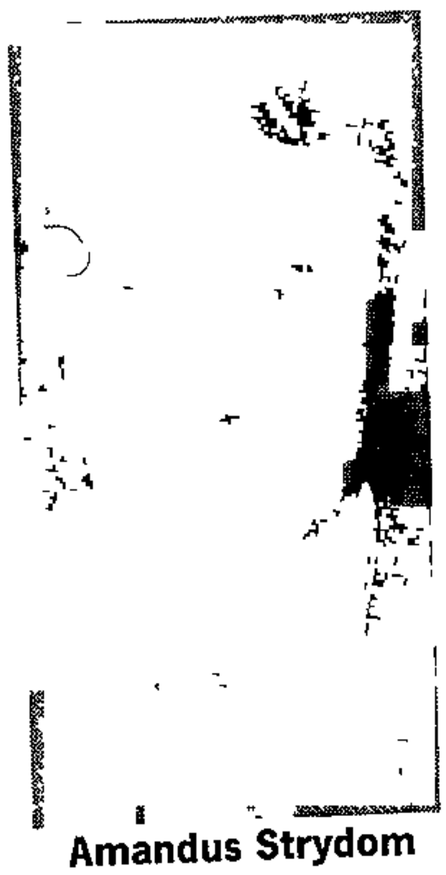
And Mr Strydom is talking openly about either closing it down or selling it — if the council could find a buyer

In the financial year starting in July, the cost of producing gas will exceed income from sales by R230 000 and the gas service will not be able to make any contribution to meeting the R3 152 050 annual payment in finance charges

Two years ago, on the basis of an R86 000 consultants' report on the viability of the gas works, it was estimated that the break-even point would be reached this June

But in the last year things have gone horribly wrong

"The idea was that we would increase production by using the Segas plant which uses dieseline and go on a big marketing drive. "But in the meantime the cost of dieseline increased enormously because of the increased cost of oil in South Africa due to the collapse of the rand



Amandus Strydom

"At the same time, the cost of coal which is used to produce most of the gas has also escalated enormously," Mr Strydom explained.

Since 1982-83 the deficit has gone up from R1,89 million to R2,54 million in 1983-84, R3,84 million in 1984-85 and dropped to R2,75 million in the current financial year

However, in the coming financial year the deficit is expected nearly to double to R4,16 million.

To cover this enormous loss the City Council will take almost 25% from the profits from the highly lucrative electricity undertaking to subsidise the gas works

In the next financial year the electricity service will contribute R11,29 million — a subsidy of just over 10%

Mr Strydom said the future of the gas works would be discussed with the Department of Mineral and Energy Affairs and the council would also discuss the implications of the situation with local industrialists and would also consider selling the works to a private sector buyer

"There is no easy way out this one"

Mr Strydom said, however, that even if the council could not sell the plant, it would be cheaper for the council to close it down and simply pay off the amount outstanding on the capital investment

The debate over the future of the gas works has been a hardy annual for many years and the drive for improved sales began at least a decade ago when the City Council appointed a gas sales engineer

In an interview the City Electrical Engineer, Mr Charles Adams, said there were about 820 gas consumers in the city, most of them domestic consumers

There were about 48 industrial consumers and 100 small commercial consumers

The city's big bakeries consumed about 20% of the gas produced

He said he did not want to canvass more consumers because almost the entire gas production was being sold and some leeway was needed to meet increased demand from existing consumers once the economy picked up

Mr Adams said any decision about the future of the gasworks would be determined by the effect it would have on industry.

He was having discussions with the 40 big consumers and hoped to present a comprehensive report on the future of the gas works to council in July

Stop rent hike

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A residents' committee is to be established in Milner Estate after the announcement that 169 families face rent hikes of about 50 per cent.

This was announced yesterday by the two councillors for the ward in which Milner Estate falls, Mr P. Rohtbart and Mr G. Bassingthwaighte.

The rent hikes are the result of R6 000 kitchen extensions being put on the houses, which were built over 30 years ago

A joint statement by the two councillors said they were greatly concerned about the hikes and would leave no stone unturned to ease the burden for the residents

"We have had numerous meetings with the MPC for East London City, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, on the matter

"Obviously, when improvements are made one must expect rent increases However, we will do our best to see to it that the increases are kept as low as possible and also that they be phased in over a few years

"We are definitely not happy with an immediate 50 per cent hike"

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Call to treat PE's needs separately

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THE Port Elizabeth City Council seems ready to fight for the city's future

At its monthly meeting last night the council decided to ask that the PE-Uitenhage metropolitan area be treated as a development region separate from Region D, which includes Ciskei, Border and southern Transkei It also decided to make urgent representations to prevent the closure of the PE office of the National Building Research Institute

Arguing for a separate Regional Development Advisoty Committee (RDAC) for PE, Mr McKiever said that the Region D RDAC, which has been in operation for three years, had achieved few of its objectives for the region and none for PE in particular

The inclusion of Ciskei and Transkei in Region D meant members of the region could unilaterally vote additional incentives for themselves, as Ciskei had done with the abolition of company tax

"The RDAC has stood by and seen the PE-Uitenhage area sink into decay and only at the last moment did it put forward certain proposals to Government — none of which have been accepted," he said

Mr McKiever predicted that none of these proposals was likely to increase the influx of new business into the area

"All they may do is maintain certain existing businesses," he said

The recent appointment of the East Cape Strategic Development Task Force, with its functions virtually identical with those of the RDAC, was an indictment of the present RDAC

Defending the RDAC, of which he is deputy chairman, Mr H van Zyl Cillié, pointed out that the issue of a separate region for PE had been turned down by the National Regional Advisory Committee last year

He said he did not believe the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, would agree to see a delegation on this matter "because we are not following the correct channels"

Also opposing the motion, Mr Frikkie Kotze questioned the motives of PE businessmen who were happy to make 100% profits in the good times and were running to the Government now that the tills had stopped ringing He suggested that the solution might lie in harder work

The motion was passed by 13 votes to 10

Proposing his motion on the NBRI, Mr Solly Rubin said its office in Port Elizabeth did invaluable work for the building industry in one of the worst hit sectors in the current economic slump "We've got to put up a fight for ourselves," he said

This motion was passed without opposition

The Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, said the council should rather make its representations directly to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, which controlled the NBRI

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Spring: mixed councils soon

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Fully integrated city councils in the "very near future" were predicted here last night by a senior city councillor

The leader of the city's finance portfolio, Mr Errol Spring, touched on what he called the problematic regional services councils when he delivered his budget speech

"My reservations about services councils remain and I doubt whether we will ever see them implemented in this region I have already expressed my reservations at their potential to solve problems at local government level and the implications for core cities such as East London

"A system of local government acceptable to all sectors of local communities must be found and I believe that fully integrated and representative city and town councils will be with us in the very near future"

Mr Spring said it had not been a happy year around the horseshoe

"There always is a period of settling in when new councillors take their place around the horseshoe but in the present economic climate there is an urgent need for the closing of ranks and building of goodwill and team spirit among councillors

"We, as a city, are fighting for our survival. I believe that the elected representatives of the white community should set the example of co-operation

"This city needs leaders of vision and courage who see city progress and prosperity as a measure of their success."

Mr Spring said the budget was complex and the presentation by the acting financial manager, Mr Lodie Venter, was excellent

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Residents' body to be launched to oppose CMC

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A residents' association will be formed at a public meeting here tonight to oppose the Coloured Management Committee

The meeting in the Buffalo Flats Civic Centre has been called by the East London Steering Committee, which was elected at a public meeting last month to lay the foundations for the formation of the residents' association

The move follows the formation of similar organisations in the Braelynn area and Duncan Village which have rejected management committees and community councils

Tonight's meeting will be addressed by Mr H Mohammed and Mr B Phillips and the agenda includes discussion on rentals, the allocation of housing and the general condition of the townships

Mr Mohammed said "It is of primary importance and imperative that all residents of the areas such as Parkside, Windyridge Flats, Parkridge, Pefferville, Charles Lloyd, Dunga, Buffalo Flats and all the extensions should attend

"Our committee is aware that these people have complained in the past of numerous problems and this will be their opportunity to discuss these matters

"They will be afforded an opportunity to elect their own representatives from these areas to serve on the residents' association In this way their own interests will be fully represented

"In addition to the executive, two additional members will be elected from each of the areas onto the standing committee It is a long time since people from these areas had such an opportunity to meet and to elect a civic body to represent them and deal with their problems"

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Labour Party rejects separate municipalities

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Tygerberg Bureau

MR David Curry, Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, says the Labour Party rejects separate municipalities and wants direct representation on town and city councils

Mr Curry said at the congress of the Federation of Property Owners and Tenant Associations of the Western Cape in Parow at the weekend that the management committee system had not come up to expectations because the committees still acted largely in an advisory capacity to white councils, which held the purse-strings

"Management committees have to negotiate with councils which our people did not elect and final decisions are being taken by white councils who are not responsible to our people."

The South African reality were sharp differences of opinion within the race groups, which created further turmoil

Often clash

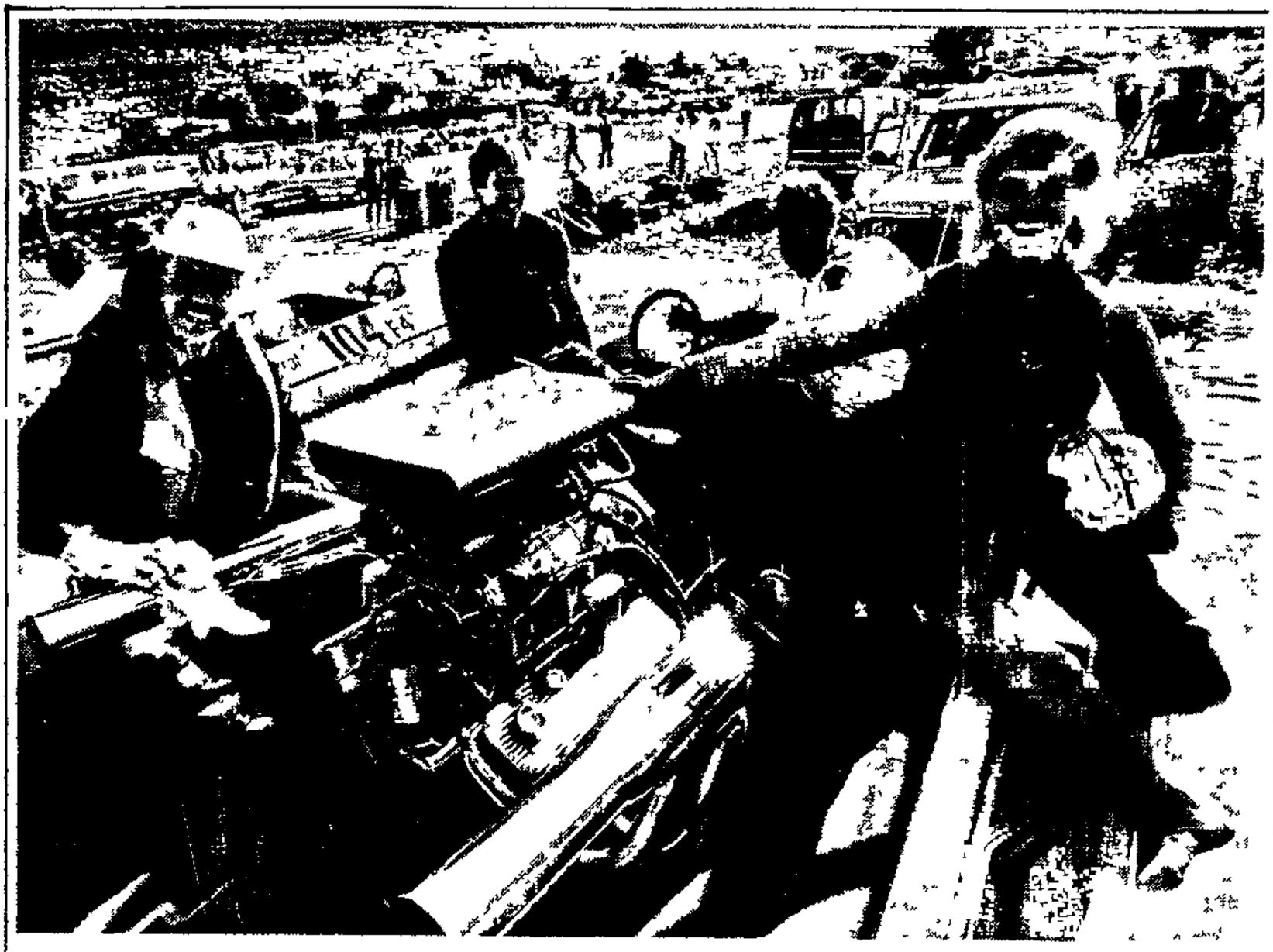
"In Crossroads, for instance, the fathers are fighting against the youths

"I also found in the committees on which I serve that whites often clash in their political opinions

"To sum up, the South African reality is that if we were to create a national council representing everyone, a Chief Buthelezi would never sit down next to a Bishop Tutu, and could you imagine Nelson Mandela and Eugene Terre'Blanche together at the same table?"

Mr Curry said he believed it was therefore up to the "centre politicians" to negotiate peaceful change

"In South Africa it's a matter of bread-and-butter politics My people cannot wait until a non-racial South Africa has been created to start building houses and I can't wait until Mandela is freed — our people need their houses now"



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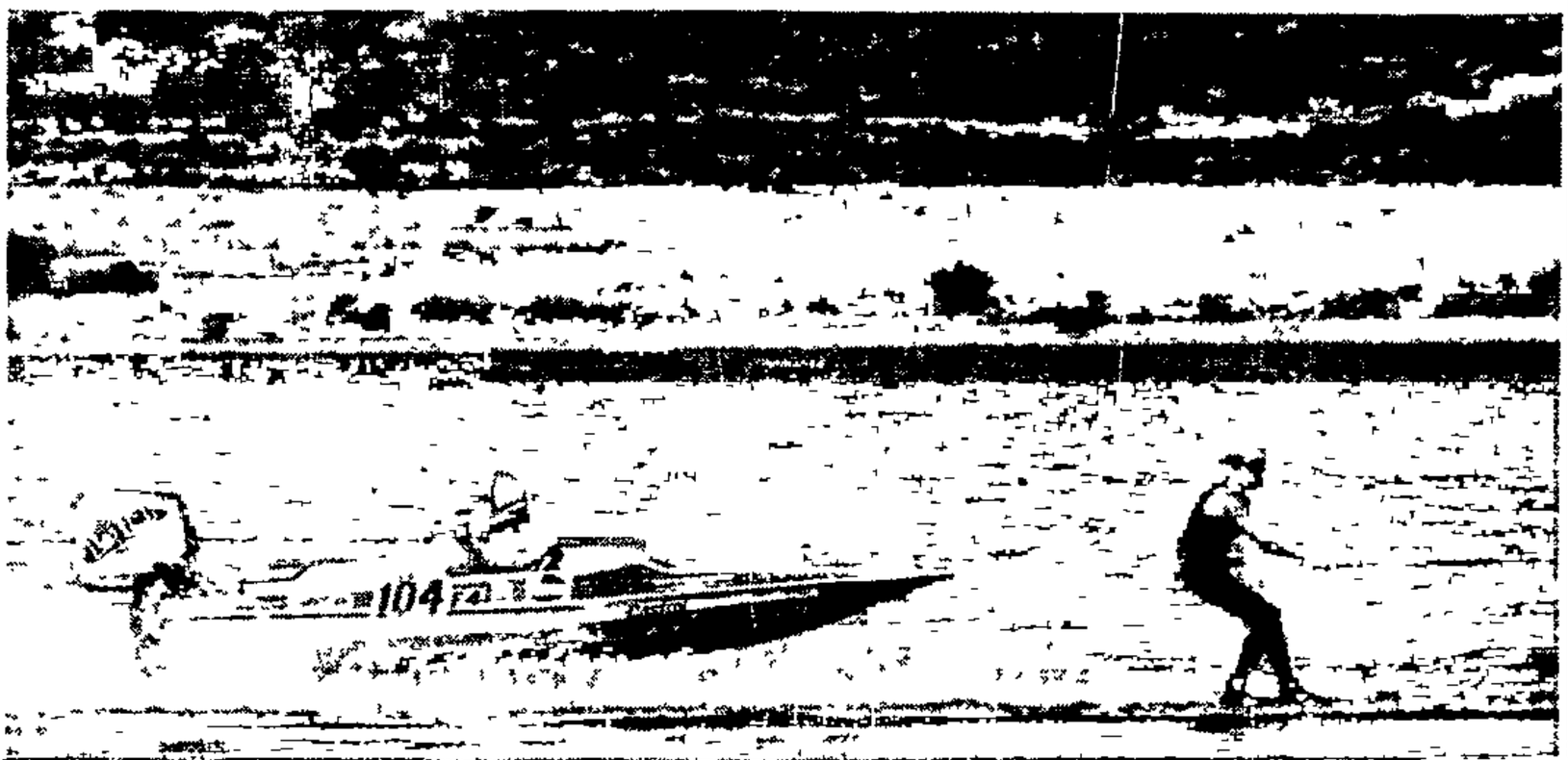
Formula One ski-boats raced for the first time in the Western Cape during the inter-provincial speed ski championships at Brandvlei Dam near Worcester. Four of the machines — which cost about R120 000 each and can reach speeds more than 160km/h — were brought from the Transvaal. A team consists of a pilot, a skier and an observer who keeps the pilot informed of the skier's progress. Speed-skiing can be risky as skiers are towed at speeds of up to 140km/h. Above: Southern Transvaal competitors — from left — pilot Mike Barnes, skier Tommy Adlem, observer Chris Bam and skier Karen Lundie with their mean machine. Below: A boat creeps up on a skier.



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IMC makes plea for end to boycott

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By RAYMOND HILL

THE chairman of the Port Elizabeth Indian Management Committee (IMC), Mr Raman Bhana, MP for Malabar, today called for an end to the consumer boycott in Port Elizabeth

Speaking at the monthly IMC meeting in Korsten, Mr Bhana said the IMC's acting chairman, Mr Jay Kathan, had last month requested the PE City Council to include him (Mr Bhana) in the delegation to see various commercial, industrial and Government organisations regarding the boycott.

"I believe a meeting between the sub-committee of the council and the various organisations was held But the Indian Management Committee was not requested to be represented I am disappointed," he said

It had come to his notice that a sub-committee of the PE City Council was formed to discuss the boycott with any person or body having an interest in the matter

Mr Bhana requested the relevant sub-committee, headed by Mr H Van Zyl Cillie, to use every means within reach and all expert knowledge available to help end the boycott in Port Elizabeth

Mr Bhana said Port Elizabeth's economy was at it "lowest ebb"

The fact that businesses were not realising their normal turnovers would result in the retrenchment or dismissal of employees resulting in "untold hardship" for families, he said

According to Mr Bhana, repercussions of the Port Elizabeth boycott, coupled to the country's general economic problems, would definitely have "far reaching implications" for the citizens of Port Elizabeth.

"As it is, the Ford Motor Company has left Port Elizabeth Do we want a similar situation to occur with the other major industrial undertakings in the city?

"I reiterate my plea that the sub-committee of the City Council, together with all those organisations involved in the Port ELizabeth consumer boycott, should have a round table discussion in an effort to resolve this impasse"

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Legal action against IMC man possible

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Legal action is being investigated in connection with an alleged contravention of a provincial ordinance by the acting chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Edward Vengadejellum

This was confirmed yesterday by the chairman of the city council's action committee, Mr Donald Card

The senior administrative officer in the town clerk's department, Miss Abby Cronin, confirmed that a complaint had been lodged She said the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, would decide on the matter Mr Kumm was not available for comment

The allegation involves a statement by Mr Vengadejellum on Tuesday concerning confidential discussions on the 1986-1987 budget

Mr Vengadejellum criticised councillors for opposing a move for parity between allowances to city councillors and management committee members

Increases in the allowances were discussed at the finance portfolio meeting where it was revealed that councillors' allowances would go up from R300 to R400 a month and that of management committee members from R150 to R230

Mr Vengadejellum singled out the chairman of the finance committee, Mr Errol Spring, for particular criticism, saying it was strange that as a member of the Progressive Federal Party Mr Spring could do a "somersault" on parity

Yesterday Mr Card said it was an offence to discuss action committee matters in public and the management committee members were briefed fully on this when they were allowed to attend these meetings for the first time

"Cases such as this make it difficult to allow people who divulge information to be allowed back into the committee meetings We will have to investigate whether Mr Vengadejellum can be allowed back although he has said he will not attend any further meetings," Mr Card said

He said he did not want to discuss further what was said in the meeting but would like to comment on Mr Vengadejellum's claims about parity

"There is no way a nominated management committee member such as Mr Vengadejellum can be equated with an elected city councillor There is a big difference and nominated management committee members can be equated with leaders of ratepayers associations They have the same role and function," Mr Card said

Mr Spring refused to comment on matters which were discussed in committee.

"I would not like to comment on Mr Vengadejellum's allegations The matter will probably come up in council," he said

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Allowances: IMC man to boycott council

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The acting chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Edward Vengadejellum, has vowed not to attend any further meetings with the city council until he receives the same allowance as white councillors

Mr Vengadejellum said a meeting of the finance portfolio had been held to discuss the 1986-1987 budget in which provision has been made to increase councillors' allowances from R300 to R400 a month and that of management committee members from R150 to R230 a month

Mr Vengadejellum said the following councillors had voted against parity Mr Errol Spring, Mr Ivan Zulman, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, Mr Robbie de Lange (snr), Mr Willem Morris, Mr Neville Randall, Mr Philip Rohtbart and Mr Donald Card

Mr Vengadejellum said "It is very strange that Mr Spring, who as a PFP member chaired the meeting with Mr Colin Eglin, could now do such a somersault and vote this down"

Mr Vengadejellum said he had asked to be excused from the meeting after the matter had been discussed

He said the chairman of the finance committee, Mr Spring, spoke against parity and was supported by Mr Card

Asked how he felt about ratepayers paying for the allowances of an appointed official such as himself, Mr Vengadejellum said the ratepayers could not cover the whole budget of the city council Monies came from municipal land sales and rentals and these could be used to cover their allowances

The chairman of the action committee, Mr Card, refused to comment

Many ratepayers just can't pay

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Post Reporter

OUTSTANDING rates and services accounts with the Port Elizabeth municipality are increasing at such a rate that the City Treasury might have to take on additional staff to deal with the workload

The was disclosed yesterday by a treasury official who said it was clear from the number of summonses issued for outstanding rates that both individuals and businesses were battling to make ends meet

In the four months from December to March a total of 2 491 summonses were issued for outstanding rates

What was significant was that the summonses were not only being issued to people who paid their rates annually in a lump sum but also to people who paid their rates on a monthly basis

It was clear that people were stretching out their payments as much as possible

Whereas in the past people who fell into arrears usually paid up as soon as they received a final notice — which was issued when monthly rates instalments were three months in arrears — they now stretched it out until they were summonsed

He said that people should avoid allowing matters to get to court because once judgment was obtained against them it affected their credit rating and might prevent them from gaining credit from a bank at a later stage

Another symptom of the dire financial straits in which people were finding themselves was the increase in the number of liquidation cases in which the municipality was one of the creditors

This had stood at 110 cases in December and had risen to 280 this month

The municipality was also experiencing a lot of problems with people who failed to pay their water and electricity accounts

"However, with them we have a lever because we can cut off the supply and mostly people do find the money to settle the bill"

The problem with a disconnection was that, apart from the reconnnection fee, people who might have paid their original deposits some years ago would find themselves having to pay substantial new deposits because these had to be twice the average monthly consumption

PE forms 'talks' body

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THE need for negotiation about Port Elizabeth's problems was underlined with the establishment yesterday of a negotiating sub-committee by the Port Elizabeth City Council

The Policy and Resources Committee decided at yesterday's meeting to establish a sub-committee to negotiate with anyone, and especially African community leaders, on a wide range of problems

The committee consists of the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, the former mayor Mr Ivan Krige, Mr Alan Ward Abel, Mr Davidson and Mr Cilliè

● The spokesman for the PE Consumer Boycott Committee, Mr Mkhuseli Jack, said today that a decision as to whether the CBC and "progressive organisations" would enter into negotiations with the newly formed sub-committee would be made after discussions "at all levels of our structures"

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Decision by U'hage body regretted

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Post Reporter

THE Town Clerk of Uitenhage, Mr Robin Williams, said today the decision of the Uitenhage West Management Committee to suspend its activities was unfortunate

Mr Williams said he hoped round table discussions would take place between the committee and the council in the very near future in order that present differences might be resolved

The Management Committee resigned this week because the Youth For Christ organisation was refused permission to use the Town Hall for a multiracial meeting

He pointed out that the Town Council had delegated certain functions to the Management Committee, and quoted the sale of erven and allocation of houses as examples

The coloured community as a whole were entitled to proper administration of the coloured area and it was highly desirable that the situation should return to normal

Relations with the Management Committee had been good While recent negotiations on certain issues had been vigorous, the issues had been settled to mutual satisfaction, he said

With regard to the question of the squatters in the emergency camp, Mr Williams said the council had intended to take action against only those who were employed but who refused to pay rent

There had been no intention to evict tenants who were unemployed

Regarding the alleged intention of the council to use bulldozers to raze the shacks, he said the council had not taken any such decision If any statement by a member of the staff had been made to this effect, it was regretted

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New rule for Duncan Village?

Splitting image?

Circus-goers in East London did a double take when Andrea Ayala, 12, standing, and her sister, Michelle, 16, from Mexico showed their paces in a tightrope act.

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By MATTHEW MOONIEYA
Local Affairs Reporter

EAST LONDON — The scrapping of development boards on July 1 holds major implications for the East London area

This emerged yesterday in interviews with civic leaders on the implications of the disappearance of the East Cape Development Board which, together with the self-exiled community council, has official jurisdiction over the unrest-hit Duncan Village area

There is concern about the absence of an officially sanctioned power structure in the area against the background of the government's announcement to bring power under the direct control of black political decision-makers as soon as possible.

The East London City Council is to meet the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, on June 24 to discuss the matter but attempts are being made to bring the meeting forward

The mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, said "I am all for devolution of power into the correct hands"

He said it would be an abrogation of the democratic process if the leaders were to be nominated, as is to happen with the new provincial executive authority

"It will be reverting to the old community council system and we all know that if there is an election, the Duncan Village Residents Association (DVRA) will overwhelm any opposition."

He was backed by the chairman of the action committee Mr Donald Card, who said both community councils and development boards were now something of the past.

"We cannot let any part of that old rejected system continue living. I am satisfied that the DVRA is the rightful leader If the government is not, they can call an election"

He said the dilly dallying had to stop as it was holding up the upgrading of Duncan Village

"The point that must be emphasised here is that all this is, of course, tied to the consumer boycott in the city which is causing considerable harm," Mr Card said

Two MPs also commented on the situation from Parliament yesterday

The MP for King William's Town, Mr Pat Rogers, said elections were the only way to solve the leadership problem but such an option had problems

He said some people did not want to participate in the system because if what was offered fell short of expectations, they would be called sell outs

Such people wanted a say in the final structure and did not want structures superimposed.

"The other problem is intimidation, and rightly or wrongly we land in a situation where we just don't know who to believe"

Mr Rogers said situations differed from area to area "and we must be flexible in our regional solutions so that residents' associations can see a new approach and be part of the body to arrange structures'

It was not easy just to accept leaders without a test and it was the government's duty to create the climate for such a test he said

The MP for Albany Mr Errol Moorcroft, said in terms of the proposed system, Duncan Village would be administered by its own council on matters regarded as own affairs, while it would have representation on a regional services council for matters deemed general affairs

"The government appears to be unwilling or unable to accept that as long as it persists in structuring representative bodies on racial lines it will be seen to be extending apartheid into these structures.

"The proposed RSCs will in all probability be seen as nothing more than new bubbles in old porridge," Mr Moorcroft said

cedures | at least 500 voters

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Clerk criticised in township dispute

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Provincial Staff

A NATIONALIST MPC has attacked George's town clerk for his handling of a township dispute in which shacks have been bulldozed and the threat of demolition hangs over more homes

In the Provincial Council, Mr George Kellerman, MPC for the area which covers Lawaaikamp township, said the town clerk, Mr C P du Plessis, had aggravated a tense situation with his unsympathetic attitude

During a debate on a private member's motion by Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur) calling for independent arbitration to resolve the dispute, Mr Kellerman assured residents of Lawaaikamp who had lived there "for some time" that their homes would not be demolished

NEGOTIATION

Mr Kellerman said the recent confrontation between township residents and the George municipality had been aggravated by the unsympathetic way Mr du Plessis had dealt with the situation

He and the MP for George, Mr H A Smit, had talked to black leaders and attempted to move the municipality towards negotiation

"Instead the road of confrontation was followed," he said

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Mr van Eck said the town council would have to "get rid" of Mr du Plessis His attitude towards the black community was so negative that he could not remain in his position

Mr van Eck said 160 shacks on the edge of Lawaaikamp demolished last month had been rebuilt in the centre of the township

He warned that "all hell will break loose" if the municipality demolished these on Thursday as it had threatened

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EPost

Big E Cape homes plan

By DIRK VAN ZYL
Political Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The construction of 5 808 new homes for blacks in the Eastern Cape has been approved as part of a national plan to finance self-building schemes.

This was announced today by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis

He said that by the end of February this year 74 such houses had been built in the region while a further 361 were under construction

Mr Heunis said that of the R600 million made available by the Government during the 1985/86 financial year for the creation of job opportunities for blacks, R126,5 million had been allocated to his department for distribution in the Republic

After consultation with the respective black local authorities, community councils and development boards, about R50 million had been allocated for upgrading black towns, such as the repairing of houses, planting of grass and trees, providing storm water drainage, etc

"The shortage of housing which emerged from the discussions is also receiving attention, and R75 million has been allocated to finance several self-building schemes which include the provision of infrastructure where necessary

"In the Eastern Cape, for instance, housing projects for 5 808 houses have been approved"

Mr Heunis said he had learnt to his sorrow that in certain areas the unrest situation was impeding the completion of certain projects In such cases funds would have to be re-allocated to more peaceful areas

Mr Heunis also announced that of R160 million recently provided by the Government for the continuation of the creation of job opportunities during the 1986/87 financial year, R32 million had been made available to his department.

Of the R49 million already allocated for the special job creation programme in the Eastern Cape, R1 397 586 had been spent

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Mr P R Killen	Director-General, Foreign Affairs
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(3) (a), (b)(i) and (ii) No formal agreements were reached

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Suicide

*27. Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Defence·

(1) Whether, with reference to his reply to Question No 325 on 6 March 1986, the South African Defence Force have held an investigation into the incidence of suicide in the Defence Force, if so, (a) when, (b) who is in charge of this investigation, (c) what are the ranks of the members of the investigating panel and (d) what were the findings,

(2) whether he intends taking any action as a result of this investigation, if not, why not, if so, what action?

The DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE·

(1) and (2) The incidence of suicide is monitored continuously by a panel of suitably qualified officers on the staff of the Surgeon-General The panel consists of Commandant (Dr) A H Potgieter, M Med (Phychiatry), Captain M. Maartins, MA (Social Work) and Lt H J Penning, BA Hons (Medical Social Work) The panel investigates individual cases, determines trends and makes recommendations that have, among others, led to the following steps being taken

Lectures are presented to all members to make them aware of the recognition and reporting of suicidal behaviour in an effort to deal preventatively with potential suicide cases

A committee of senior staff members of the SA Medical Service has been appointed to co-ordinate research and evaluation

Unit committees, comprising a multidiscipline team of graduate professional officers, function in consultation with the Officer Commanding to treat possible high risk cases and to see to the after care of less serious attempted suicide cases.

Potentially dangerous medicine is only issued in small harmless quantities

Comprehensive psychiatric/psychological services are given to members who are admitted to military hospitals after unsuccessful suicide attempts

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Worcester: relations committee

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*28 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) Whether a relations committee has been established in the Worcester area, if not, why not, if so, (a) when, (b) who are the members of the committee, (c) what position does each of the committee members hold in the community, (d) who nominated or appointed each committee member and (e) what is the term of office of each of these members,

(2) whether there are any Black persons on this committe, if not, why not, if so, how many?

†The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(1) Yes.

(a) 3 February 1976.

(b) to (d) The undermentioned members of the Committee hold the following positions in the community and were appointed by former Minister H H Smit·

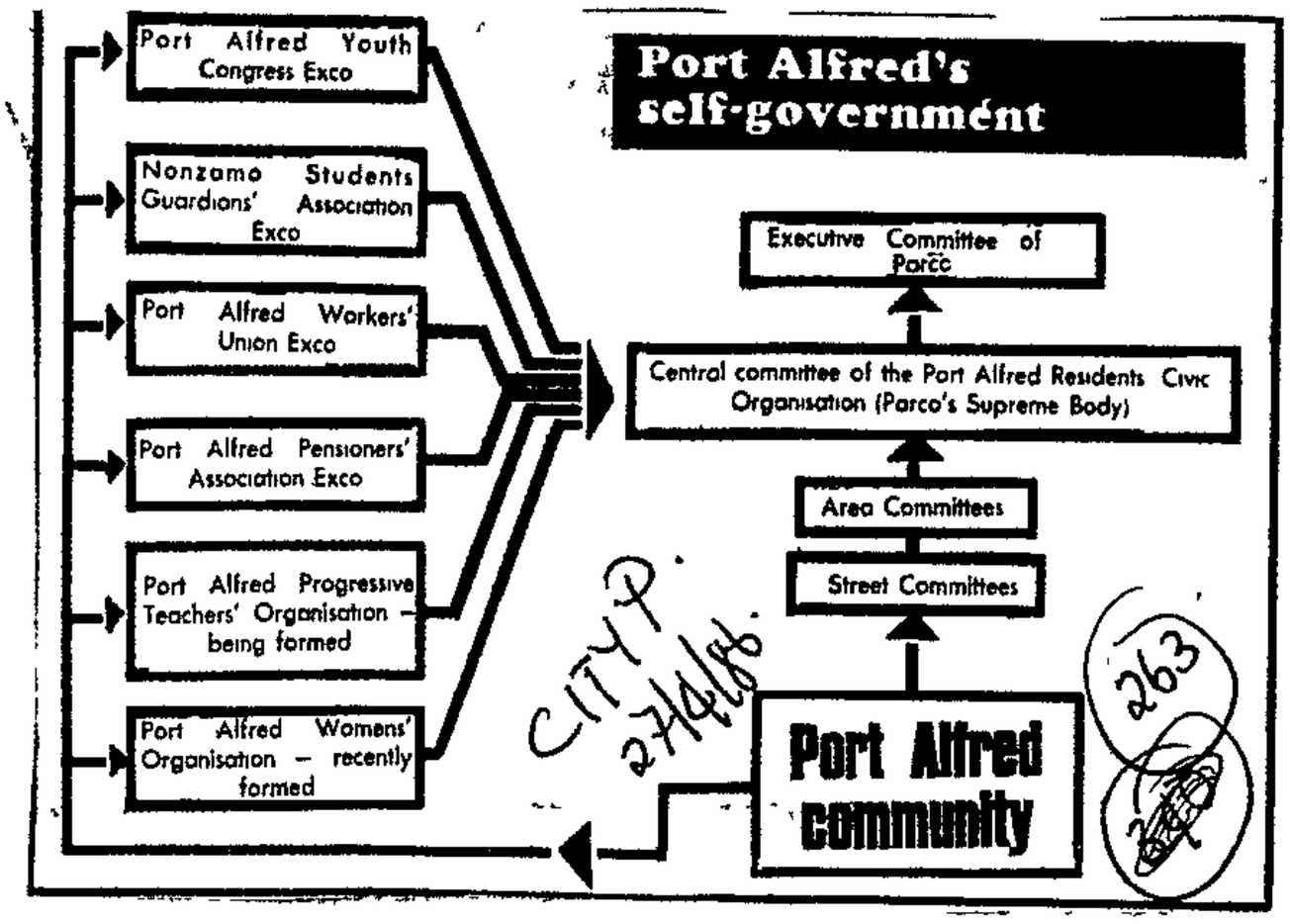
Mr H S Rall	Member of the Matroosberg Divisional Council
Mr H J McDonald	Member of the Worcester Ratepayers Association
Mr J A N Smit	Member of the Worcester Municipality
Mr T Abrahams	Principal of a school
Rev G P Jekels	Minister of the NG Missionary Church
Miss M Kampher	Welfare Worker
Mr C W van West	Sport Federation Chairman

The following members were appointed by Deputy Minister P J Badenhorst

Mr D Williams	Businessman
Mr J Visser	Principal of a school
Mr I Demas	Management Committee
Mr I Haas	Businessman
Dr S F Kotze	Principal Minnie Hofmeyer College
Mr J W Jordaan	Insurance Consultant
Mrs D Tobias	Nursing Sister
Mr G Greenhalg	Financial Consultant
Mr W Theron	Principal Sönghe Training College
Mr J F Rossouw	Businessman
Rev H H Roux	Minister NG Church
Mr W J Groenewald	Businessman

The following new members have been nominated by the Committee, and must still be appointed

Rev J Ungerer	Minister NG Church
Mr J Marx	Personnel Manager
Mrs E Marx	Secretary Old Age Home
Mr J Fick	Farmer
Mrs E J Abrahams	Nursing Sister
Mrs E Eady	Nursing Sister
Mrs M E du Preez	Liaison Officer SANTA
Mr S Otto	Businessman


Port Alfred's self-government
Port Alfred Youth Congress Exco
Nonzamo Students Guardians' Association Exco
Port Alfred Workers' Union Exco
Port Alfred Pensioners' Association Exco
Port Alfred Progressive Teachers' Organisation – being formed
Port Alfred Womens' Organisation – recently formed
Executive Committee of Porco
Central committee of the Port Alfred Residents Civic Organisation (Porco's Supreme Body)
Area Committees
Street Committees
Port Alfred community
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Revenue sources could go

STAR 22/4/86 (263)

Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — White local authorities will have to be prepared to give up profitable revenue-producing industrial areas because of the planned new local government system.

The Director-General of Constitutional Development and Planning, Dr A H van Wyk, has warned that the new "community government" could force a rethink about existing local authorities as new bodies were created.

He was delivering the main address at a conference on the Cape's new land-use ordinance

He pointed out that, in line with the Government's policy of devolution of authority, more powers and funds would be transferred to local government, including primary local authorities and regional councils

But other vital revenue would be in the form of levies on businesses

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George residents unite

Staff Reporter

THE residents of Lawaaikamp outside George have elected a single committee to represent them in their negotiations with the municipality

Residents had been represented by at least two separate and often feuding groups in their talks over rent and the future of "illegal structures" in the township

Mr Kenneth Siboto, a community leader, was on Sunday elected chairman of the unified George Civic Association, headed by 13 people from Lawaaikamp

The GCA is now the sole body mandated by residents to debate the "package deal" for the future of the township proposed by the municipality last week.

The GCA must give the municipality an answer to the deal by the end of this week

In the balance are 150 squatter shacks, the threat of a 100 percent rent increase for 5 000 people, and removals to the new "self-help" Sandkraal township

The town clerk of George, Mr Carel du Plessis, has said the object of the threatened demolition of the shacks and the rent increases is to get the people to move to Sandkraal

Residents have so far refused to move as they claim that few houses exist there and they do not want to erect their own structures

(2)

Development Board	Section 10(1)(a)	Section 10(1)(b)	Section 10(1)(c)	Total
South OFS	132 559	33 546	11 181	177 286
Orange Vaal	123 708	89 957	295 062	508 727
Western Cape	25 103	42 289	13 929	81 321
Eastern Cape	193 161	89 930	490 226	773 317
Northern Transvaal	4 265	1 679	8 216	14 160
Eastern Transvaal	25 418	17 308	48 798	91 524
Central Transvaal	51 296	39 322	20 048	110 666
Western Transvaal	—	—	—	128 200
Highveld	54 452	18 153	74 319	146 924
Northern Cape	128 159	18 173	15 356	161 688
West Rand	—	—	—	1 537 391
East Rand	193 085	140 044	48 271	381 400
Natalia	63 921	4 034	38 419	106 374
Totals as at 31 December 1985	995 127	494 435	1 063 825	4 218 978

HANSARD 17/3/86 Q COL 551.

Eastern Cape Development Board

(263)

344 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

(1) (a) What was the total revenue generated through all channels for each specified township falling under the control of the Eastern 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 and (ii) development schemes 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.

The information required is of such an enormous extent that it cannot reasonably be given in reply to a question It consists of virtually the entire revenue and expenditure accounts of 66 townships and the reply would comprise approximately 100 typed pages in each of the official languages.

Eastern Cape Development Board

345 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

Whether the Eastern 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)
Aberdeen	R 26 028
Adelaide	R 11 938
Bedford	R 5 225
Aliwal North	R 80 706

Beaufort West	R 16 255
Burgersdorp	R 7 575
Colesberg	R 2 337
Carthcart	R 4 577
Dordrecht	R 39 452
East London	R114 484
Fort Beaufort	R 10 591
Graaff-Reinet	R 36 730
Hankey	R 21 858
Humansdorp	R 24 305
Jansenville	R 2 768
King William's Town	R 75 473
Klipplaat	R 10 802
Komga	R 17 575
Middelburg	R 60 052
Molteno	R 10 386
Noupoort	R 8 756
Bathurst	R 3 336
Port Alfred	R 44 382
Queenstown	R101 793
Richmond	R 16 425
Steynsburg	R 4 351
Steytlerville	R 7 742
Cookhouse	R 1 306
Stutterheim	R 32 681
Tarkastad	R 12 700

(c) To compensate deficits between economic and subeconomic tariffs paid by inhabitants

Corporal punishment

HANSARD 17/3/86 Q COL 553

364 Mr P H P GASTROW asked the Minister of Justice:

(1) How many males (a) under the age of 18 years, (b) between the ages of 18 and 20 years and (c) aged 21 years and over in each race group were sentenced to corporal punishment in 1985,

(2) how many strokes were inflicted in respect of each category of persons?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

The information is not readily available

First-/second-/third-class passengers

HANSARD 17/3/86 Q COL 553

372 Mr B B GOODALL asked the Minister of Transport Affairs

In respect of the latest specified date for which information is available, what was the cost per passenger kilometre in cents for first-, second- and third-class passengers, respectively, travelling on (a) trunk railway lines, (b) commuter railway lines and (c) buses?

The MINISTER OF TRANSPORT AFFAIRS:

Financial year 1984/85

		Average cost in cents/ passenger kilometre
(a)	First class	29,2
	Second class	24,7
	Third class	7,6
(b)	First class	15,5
	Third class	3,6

(c) Information is not readily available.

Q COL 554

Reference books/influx control

HANSARD 17/3/86

397 Mr R A F SWART asked the Minister of Justice.

What was the total amount paid in fines by Blacks convicted of offences relating to reference books and influx control in each of the main urban areas of the Republic in 1984 and 1985, respectively?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE:

The information is not readily available

West Rand Development Board

HANSARD 17/3/86

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

Q COL 554

Whether the West Rand 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?

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 (263)

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

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

	Malmesbury R	Paarl R	Springbok R	Kaya Mandi R
Rent Commercial Buildings	160	4 832	—	2 309
Rental Houses	—	424 979	708	207 519
Lodger Fees	—	16 216	—	1 596
Municipal Services	—	146 775	—	50 982
School Levies	—	16 848	—	2 399
Cashier Surpluses	—	10	—	—
Court (Penalties)	—	5 571	—	4 600
Maintenance recoveries	—	519	—	1 169
Miscellaneous Revenue	—	6 623	—	470
Beer	54 607	159 714	24 895	369 644
Liquor	—	1 546 049	—	890 060
Electricity Connection Fees	—	13 913	—	864
Total	R54 767	R2 342 049	R25 603	R1 531 612

	Lwandle R	Mfuleni R	Worcester R	Khayelitsha R
Rent Commercial Buildings	1 125	3 765	5 043	240
Rental Houses	174 404	244 575	162 180	227 822
Lodger Fees	—	1 116	1 364	—
Municipal Services	1 749	28 198	84 522	—
School Levies	—	3 165	14 540	—
Court (Penalties)	—	1 980	1 710	—
Visitors Permits	—	—	4	—
Cemetary Fees	41	96	548	—
Maintenance recoveries	—	—	1 900	1 548
Duplicated rent cards	—	—	56	—
Miscellaneous Revenue	—	210	2 122	—
Beer	299 804	162 637	286 241	64 989
Liquor	774 286	907 261	842 904	—
Electricity Connection Fees	—	1 368	—	1 641
Total	R1 251 409	R1 354 371	R1 403 134	R296 240

	Langa R	Nyanga R	Guguletu R	Crossroads R
Rent Commercial Buildings	1 353 710	35 208	56 105	—
Rental Houses	76 566	789 789	2 208 402	931 921
Lodger Fees	23 155	8 208	20 088	3 176
Municipal Services	15 153	73 410	188 049	122 759
School Levies	39 850	26 346	105 098	22 383
Cashier Surpluses	131	268	205	50
Advertising hoardings	5 418	—	—	—
Visitors permits	1 149	3 596	44	—
Transfer fees	82	1	—	—
Cemetary fees	235	4 512	—	—
Bad Debts recovered	321	272	—	—
Maintenance recoveries	3 075	3 907	6 098	—
Refuse Removal	—	24 744	—	—
School rental	—	1 416	—	—

	Langa R	Nyanga R	Guguletu R	Crossroads R
Duplicated Rent Cards	—	204	535	—
Refuse bins	—	—	1 918	—
Miscellaneous revenue	478	908	453	1 627
Beer	473 858	250 516	146 669	—
Liquor	4 197 368	4 484 926	2 506 197	—
Electricity connection fees	—	—	—	13 800
Total	R6 190 549	R5 708 231	R5 239 861	R1 095 716

(c) (i)

	R
Robertson	30 835
Ashton	55 243
Hermanus	20 001
Ceres	64 620
Paarl	389 577
Kaya Mandi	213 401
Lwandle	245 244
Mfuleni	369 383
Worcester	355 780
Peninsula (Langa, Nyanga and Guguletu)	5 141 759
Khayelitsha	730 361
Total	R7 616 204

(c) (ii) R62 641 374 and (iii) R25 011 691 as specified in 2 underneath

	Langa R	Nyanga R	Guguletu R	Khayelitsha R
(2) (a) (i) Schools	—	—	—	—
(The building and/or renovation of schools is not the responsibility of the Development Board)				
(ii) Houses	—	—	—	31 384 562
(b) The Building/maintenance of Roads and Drains	219 292	140 473	21 863	24 293 851
(c) Electricity/Streetlights	4 639	4 639	4 758	4 701 358
(d) Other amenities and services	111 019	109 923	204 727	24 149 581
Total	R334 950	R255 035	R231 348	R84 529 352

	Ashton R	Robertson R	Hermanus R	Ceres R
(a) (i) Schools	—	—	—	—
(ii) Houses	605 606	208 137	9 324	16 383
(b) The building/maintenance of Roads and Drains	235	10 311	—	38 000
(c) Electricity/Streetlights	1 646	7 412	27 585	—
(d) Other amenities and services	47 799	69 967	25 646	65 906
Total	R655 286	R295 827	R62 555	R120 289

	Lwandle R	Mfuleni R	Worcester R
(a) (i) Schools	—	—	—
(ii) Houses	—	—	—
(b) The Building/maintenance of Roads and Drains	—	10 000	—
(c) Electricity/Streetlights	43 477	1 470	7 930
(d) Other amenities and services	—	66 939	37 883
Total	R43 477	R78 409	R45 813

Bongweni/Brentville/ Mvana: improvements

HANSARD 17/3/86 Q COL 543

215 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

Whether any improvements were carried out in the Black townships of (a) Bongweni (Kokstad), (b) Brentville and (c) Mvana (Howick) in the latest specified period of 12 months for which figures are available; if so, (i) what was the nature of these improvements and (ii) what amount was expended in each case?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

(a) and (b) Yes, projects for the upgrading of Bongweni (Kokstad) and Brentville (Mooi River) are at present under way.

(a) *Bongweni*

(i) Project	(ii) Amount
Renovation of hostel	R26 800
Installation of stoves (Hostel)	R30 200
Fencing of reservoir and Community hall	R20 000

(b) *Brentville*

Servicing of 100 sites	R350 000
Upgrading of soccer field and new tennis court	R 26 000
Stormwaterdrainage	R 20 000

(c) No upgrading in respect of Kwa Mevana (Howick) has as yet been commenced with as the retention of this urban Black township is still under consideration

Decentralisation incentive benefits

HANSARD 17/3/86

238 Mr A SAVAGE asked the Minister of Trade and Industry

Whether any industries that have been awarded decentralisation incentive benefits (a) have had these incentive benefits (i) removed and (ii) reduced, (b) were place-bound industries and (c) have since ceased to operate, if so, how many in each case?

The MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

(a) (i) A total number of 92 firms have been notified that the incentives which they presently enjoy will be phased out over a period of two years ending on 31 August 1987 and, in the case of one company, on 30 June 1987 In the case of a number of firms falling under the sawmilling industry the incentives will be withdrawn only in respect of part of their production, namely wet sawmilling which does not qualify for incentives while certain secondary stages of processing do qualify

(ii) A total of 122 firms have been notified that certain components of the incentives package granted to them will be phased out In the case of producers of certain cement products and tombstone manufacturers the transport rebates will be withdrawn on 31 August 1987 and in the case of industries established at Coloured and Indian preference employment points the long term incentives will be withdrawn on 29 February 1988

(b) The withdrawal of the incentives of the 92 firms mentioned in (a)(i) above and of 38 of the firms mentioned in (a)(ii) above, ie a total of 130 firms, is being effected in terms of multilateral guidelines on the consideration of applications for incentives by raw material orientated and locality-bound industries as well as on the basis of a decision by the Government in 1984 to phase out the incentives of existing industries falling in the two categories

(c) The Decentralisation Board is not aware of any firm closing down its operations as a direct result of having to forfeit part or all of its decentralisation incentives

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Natalia Development Board

HANSARD 17/3/86

244 Mr R W HARDINGHAM asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

Whether the Natalia Development Board paid any subsidies to community councils of Black townships in the 1984-85 financial year; if so, (a) what are the names of the townships concerned, (b) what was the total amount paid in respect of each such township and (c) for what specified purposes were these subsidies paid in respect of each such township?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Yes

(a)	(b) R
Colenso	84 680
Dundee	376 360
Glencoe	262 292
Greytown	431 413
Hambanati	919 960
Kokstad	291 927
Ladysmith	457 891
Matatiele	39 934
Mooi River	230 886
Ningizimu	6 507 721
Sobantu	1 093 389
Vryheid	316 257

(c) To compensate community councils for deficits on their general accounts

Trespass

254 Mrs H SUZMAN asked the Minister of Justice·

How many (a) Whites, (b) Coloured, (c) Indians and (d) Blacks were convicted of trespass in 1984 and 1985, respectively, in (i) each of the main urban centres and (ii) the Republic?

The MINISTER OF JUSTICE

The information is not readily available

Squatters

Q COL 546

HANSARD 17/3/86

261 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

Whether officials of his Department or any Development Board took any steps in respect of shelters of squatters in 1985, if so, (a) what steps, (b) how many shelters in respect of each specified Development Board area were effected by these steps and (c) where were these shelters situated in each case?

The MINISTER OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

Yes, officials of the development boards listed in items (b) and (c) hereunder

(a) Certain squatters were warned to remove their shelters or were given written notice to do so within 21 days and to obtain accommodation where their residence would not be illegal

PROVINCIAL COUNCILS

FIN MAIL 8/3/86 (263)

Sacking dissidents

New measures bulldozed through the Cape Provincial Council this week effectively give the Administrator powers to sack elected town and city councillors who try to thwart the implementation of government policy, and to replace them with his own appointees.

The measures are seen in opposition circles as a blatant move by government to stamp out opposition to the establishment of Regional Services Councils (RSCs) and coloured management committees, particularly by the Cape Town and East London city councils.

Existing ordinances give the Administrator the power to dismiss or discipline councillors, but only for clearly defined offences such as misconduct The new laws are wide open, according to Progressive Federal Party (PFP) MPCs, and effectively allow him to dismiss or fine councillors who refuse to comply with government policy.

The measures could mean that if Cape Town and East London city councils refuse to co-operate with the implementation of government policy, individual councillors or even the entire council could be sacked by the present Administrator, Gene Louw, and replaced with his appointees Appointed councillors would not be responsible to ratepayers, whose funds they would be administering.

At a Cape Town City Council meeting last month, councillor Clive Keegan proposed a boycott of the RSCs. Although his motion was defeated, most councillors were clearly sympathetic, but felt that by opposing government's wishes they could be jeopardising the interests of the city and its ratepayers

Councillors voted overwhelmingly to urge government to investigate the feasibility of a "local option" for the Cape Town region before going ahead with the establishment of an RSC.

The council is concerned that residents will have no direct representation on the RSC, that if a two-thirds majority for any decision cannot be reached, any deadlock can be broken by Louw deciding the issue, and that commercial and industrial areas — which will contribute the bulk of RSC finances — will be excluded when calculating the voting powers of the constituent municipalities

The new provincial measures will also allow Louw to effectively appoint members of coloured and Indian management and consultative committees and black local authorities if they are unable or unwilling to carry out government policy or participate in the RSCs.

The PFP has strongly opposed the new measures. John Sonnenberg, PFP MPC for Green Point, said last week that the measures would be used by Louw to punish public representatives who opposed government policy. Jan van Gend (PFP Constantia) described the move as "out of line with the principle of democracy" and completely counter to government's stated desire to devolve power.

The Nationalist member of the executive council for Local Government, Willem Bouwer, defended the new measures, claiming they were necessary for orderly government. He pointed out that some Cape local authorities had been "apathetic" towards the establishment of coloured management committees. ■

Row over EL move to open areas to all

E. POST 4/3/86.

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — The East London City Council was today accused of acting without a mandate when it voted to open all residential areas to all races.

The accusation was made by the chairman of the Amalinda Ratepayers' Association, Mr Nathan Smith

"The City Council certainly has no mandate from the people of Amalinda," Mr Smith said

"The council can do as it likes but this vote is completely irrelevent

"Any decision to open up residential areas would have to come from the Government and that is unlikely to happen

"So we see no need to draw up petitions to protest against the council's action"

But a petition is being drawn up by the Independent Rights Association which claims to represent ratepayers throughout the city.

The association vice-chairman, Mr Nic Slabber, said a petition would be on the streets tomorrow

"We feel that the people of each suburb should decide whether or not they should be opened

"The council has no right to make such a decision for them We want a referendum on the issue

"Wage earners, particularly in the middle class suburbs, are completely against the decision and won't stand for it at all

"We intend to make our feelings known by sending a petition to the Provincial Administration"

Mr Slabber said he believed the council's decision was largely influenced by the consumer boycott

"The City Council is probably under pressure from the Chamber of Commerce," he said

The East London vote was taken in committee on Monday

The motion to open residential areas resulted in a vote of seven for and seven against, with two councillors absent

The Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, used his casting vote to carry the motion

● The Durban City Council decided last night by 22 votes to five to ask the Government to declare the controversial Block AK area open to all

● See Pages 6 and 8

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PE about-turn on 'blacks on beaches' question

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From KEN VERNON
The Argus Bureau

PORT ELIZABETH — Port Elizabeth City Council has reversed a controversial decision of "mind-boggling insensitivity" that demanded the prosecution of blacks defying apartheid on the city's beaches

Organised business — which urged the reversal on individual councillors before last night's unexpected change of heart — saw the vote as "the only sane decision to take"

But Chamber of Commerce director Mr Tony Gillson cautioned that it was "a very small step forward back to where we were before"

The council's move — a reversal of previous voting trends — capped two weeks of political controversy that turned the city's beach apartheid issue into international news. Troops and police were deployed at the beaches to prevent "confrontation" between whites and blacks.

Charges

After an acrimonious debate the council voted 16 to five to rescind a sub-committee decision authorising municipal officials to lay charges against blacks using the city's whites-only beaches

Several conservative councillors, including the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, who previously voted to keep the southern beaches for whites only, supported a motion by former mayor Mr Ivan Krige not to ratify a decision of the five-member community services committee.

Mr Krige, who criticised the committee's "mind-boggling insensitivity", said later he would soon table a motion to open the beaches to all races

The committee's earlier decision had damaged race relations and weakened Port Elizabeth's "American-dominated" economy by providing ammunition for the foreign disinvestment lobby

Two weeks ago General Motors — the United States-based carmaker that is the city's largest employer — promised to support "legally and financially" any of its employees prosecuted for defying beach apartheid

Last night councillor Mr H van Zyl Cillie said angrily that "only the right-wing lunatic fringe" could object to open beaches, and he said Mr Olivier's refusal last week to take part in a TV discussion programme "speaks volumes" on his right to be mayor

Defending the decision of the services committee, Mr H S du Plessis said that until the Separate Amenities Act was scrapped it had to be enforced.

Councillor Mr Danie Dorfling twice objected to "national political matters" being raised in the council, saying "leftists" wanted a political fiasco in the council for their own purposes.

Stormed out

At one point he stormed out of the chamber, but returned to vote against the motion

Mr Gillson said the Chamber of Commerce had written to all councillors before last night's vote, restating its stand in favour of open beaches and urging them to overturn the controversial decision

The director of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Industries, Mr Brian Matthews, said. "We hope we now have a breathing space to sort out the bigger problems of opening the beaches to all races before next summer"

● The managing director of General Mortors, Mr Bob White, who announced GM's pledge of support to employees, could not be contacted for comment.

Spinster's death: Police hold two

Crime Reporter

TWO teenagers have been detained for questioning in connection with the death of a 71-year-old spinster in Oudtshoorn

Colonel Eddie Snyman, police liaison officer for the South-Western Districts, said the 18-year-old youths, both from Bridgton, Oudtshoorn, were detained after investigations into the killing of Miss Jacoba Johanna Calitz

She was found dead in her St Saviour Street home about 8pm on Wednesday

Whoopee-ti-yi-ay — not

Whoa! . . . Ooh! . . . Help! Just when things looke pel, 18, of Mitchell's Plain, who took on the Bucking ty Chest Carnival at Maynardville, she went the wo but at least she had a soft landing.

'Peaceful negotiation with ANC possible'

The Argus Foreign Service

LONDON — Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert has had talks with senior African National Congress officials and believes progress can be made towards peaceful negotiation in South Africa.

The ANC, he said, did not believe violence was inevitable

Speaking in London, where he is promoting his book, *The Last White Parliament*, Dr Slabbert said "I have met members of the ANC executive here and I believe a move away from violence can be found I will communicate this to whoever is interested"

Questioned about his "bugged" conversation with President P W Botha and the sharp response from Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Dr Slabbert said "It is inevitable when a confidential conversation is bugged and made public and considered out of context that there will be misunderstandings

"I apologise to anybody who feels they have been insulted or patronised or demeaned in any way

"The only explanation I can give is that it was a highly unsuccessful attempt by two Afrikaners of different generations to try to establish a level of communication"

Dr Slabbert said that during his discussion with ANC officials he "made it clear that I abhor violence

Officals will not be allowed to lay charges

Heated debate on PE beach laws

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PORT ELIZABETH — The Port Elizabeth City Council last night vetoed a committee decision authorising municipal officials to lay charges against people contravening beach race laws

The public galleries were packed with over 100 observers and about 15 newsmen and three camera teams during the 1¼-hour debate at which 15 of the 22 councillors spoke The beach issue has attracted international media attention

There was a searing attack on the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier, by Mr H Van Zyl Cillie, who said "If you pander to the archaic and shortsighted demands of the HNP on the beach issue you make a complete mockery of your so-called 'pride in PE' project"

But later Mr Olivier supported Mr Krige's motion and said the granting of rights to officials to lay charges was not in good taste and would do harm to race relations

Introducing his motion, Mr Krige said the committee "with a presumption and insensitivity which is mind boggling, has effectively committed our city to beach apartheid enforced by criminal sanctions"

'State of siege'

"The committee's action is disgraceful and is not only detrimental to race relations but also weakens the American-dominanted economy of the city by providing ammunition for the already strong overseas disinvesment lobbies"

Mr Cillie said it seemed some councillors had not grasped that South Africa was in a state of siege and the community services committee's decision was an embarrassment to the Government and had cast Port Elizabeth in the eyes of the outside world as the country's polecat

South Africa's communist enemies also wished the beaches to remain closed to aggravate the conflict situation fuelling their revolutionary cause

He said only the right "lunatic fringe" of the political spectrum would lay charges against people contravening outdated beach race laws

Mr Cillie told Mr Olivier "The fact that your courage failed you when invited to go on national television on the issue places in question your suitability to remain Mayor of the Friendly City"

Mr Lomo du Plessis said the council would not cross the Rubicon that night

"The Separate Amenities Act is not scrapped yet, and we must abide by it and enforce the law Don't come with this 'apartheid is dead'. No laws have changed"

Mr Graham Young said it was a sad moment that the council should discuss this issue when the whole country was suffering under violence

Mr Aubrey Braude said the council was floating in orbit and should come down — Sapa

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Duvcor claims no links with council

Dispatch 20/2/84

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Duncan Village Community Council had "nothing whatsoever" to do with the Duncan Village Corporation (Duvcor) which is building temporary classrooms in the village, the joint chairmen of Duvcor said yesterday.

Mr Alistair Lightbody and the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, said that at no stage had the community council been involved in the Duvcor project and were not involved at present

They said that, in fact, the entire project had been planned and approved in consultation with the Duncan Village Residents' Association (DVRA), who had been offered, but refused, full representation on the Duvcor board.

The two chairmen of the non-profit utility corporation were reacting to claims that Duncan Village pupils were refusing to use the first classrooms completed by Duvcor because the community council were involved in the project

"Certain people and organisations like the East London Progressive Teachers' Union (Elptu) and the Duncan Village Parents' Committee have claimed that the community council involvement in Duvcor is the sole reason for these schools being unacceptable," they said

"As the community council has had no involvement whatsoever, we trust all people with the interests of pupils at heart will do all they can to get the children back to school

"Indeed, the very reason why the project started in the first place was at the request of Duncan Village residents through the DVRA."

In their statement, the chairmen said Duvcor was established specifically to carry out the project which involved building the temporary classrooms and which would later be converted to houses when permanent schools were provided.

The chairman of the DVRA, Mr Dumisa Ntintili, and the secretary, Mr Mafa Goci, had undertaken to nominate "after consultation with the residents of Duncan Village" two parents and two students to take up places on the Duvcor board, the statement said

"They also undertook to promote a positive attitude towards the project in Duncan Village and encourage and recruit residents to participate as required on our behalf This has not happened, despite a recent approach by them

"Every detail was discussed and approved by the DVRA, including approval of the planned development of Duncan Village, the siting of the temporary schools, the material to be used, the concept of converting these at a later date to three-bedroomed houses and finishes and services required In fact, arrangements were made to visit Breidbach to see prototypes already built, which they were shown

"The ground was obtained from the East Cape Development Board, who acted as agents of the government and who are owners of all land in Duncan Village

"The DVRA was aware of this from the outset, and indeed at all meetings it was stressed we could only assist in building these schools if we went through the various proper channels.

"The money for the project was obtained from the Department of Manpower under their job creating scheme"

ARGUS 18/2/86

Council was my hobby — former city engineer

Cape Town's city engineer, Mr Jan Brand, retired last week after 20 years with the City Council and 11 years as effective helmsman of the city's development. A softly spoken man with an iron will, Mr Brand commanded immense respect from his staff, councillors and fellow professionals. Colleagues describe him as an astute organiser and tough negotiator and he developed an enviable repuation for attracting highly-qualified and competent staff. Municipal Reporter JOHN YELD spoke to him on his last day in the spacious city engineer's suite on the 18th floor of the Civic Centre.

MR Brand, the sudden announcement of your retirement came as great shock to many people. Are you prepared to elaborate, particularly in the light of Exco's announcement of an official investigation into your possible contravention of the Cape Municipal Ordinance?

I wouldn't like to comment on this aspect at all I intended when I took the job that I wouldn't be here for more than eight to 10 years and I've now been here for 11

I was asked last year to stay on I was flattered, I suppose, so I stayed and I'm sorry I did I've also felt that at 60 — I've left it a bit late, I'm nearly 61 — there's still life ahead to do something new

You have been involved in a great many major projects in almost 20 years' service with the council. Have any given you particular satisfaction ?

Helping people with housing, Mitchell's Plain specifically In the last 10 years, in spite of frequent stops and go's as far as finance from the Government was concerned, we have been able to set new standards for coloured housing

On the other hand, it's been a big disappointment that the council was precluded from going on with the Blue Downs project which would have meant another township for probably 40 000 families

Are there any projects which you would re-design, given the chance?

I can't think of any specific project The underground mall system which revitalised the city centre had its fair share of criticism but I'm not sorry about that — it's a tremendous achievement as far as the city is concerned

What are the major problems facing the city?

The major problem is how the Regional Service Council will affect it. This has a potential for providing metropolitan-wide services in a more efficient manner, but the political implications of RSCs may have other influences on efficiency and effectiveness which are totally unknown at this stage

Mr Jan Brand

I'm personally sorry too that RSCs may just cause a certain amount of fragmentation of a really great city

You are no stranger to controversy and certainly as far as housing is concerned you've been highly critical of the Government. Has this affected your working relationship with government departments?

I hope I haven't been critical of the Government in a political sense and I've tried to be as realistic as possible I think the criticism I levied at the Government as far as land use was concerned has influenced them in changing the original guide plan to a certain extent

People in local affairs are able to give the Government information they might not otherwise have and I think it's the responsibility of people like myself to bring this to their notice

Is the Government in general responsive to the needs of the city?

I've had the greatest co-operation on an official level from my counterparts in government with whom I dealt

Are there any unfinished projects in your department which you personally would have liked to have concluded before you left?

Leaving a job like this is always traumatic and projects will always be going on Of present projects the seafront-/dockland development is very exciting and I would have liked to make more personal input Similarly the mall system is another very exciting development for Cape Town

Can you comment on the recent controversy over Southern Life's head office development in Newlands?

That was a very difficult decision for me personally because one had to retain certain standards and yet have the interest of the city at heart

Southern is a very important segment of this city and the more corporate headquarters we have here the wealthier the city will be So we had to give and take a lot as far as that was concerned and in my opinion we came up with a better solution for all It so often happens

You have been the recipient of numerous awards and citations over the years. Have any given particular satisfaction?

I would like to stress that these weren't personal awards but awards to the council and the department I'm but the nominal head of the department The French award was a great surprise and meant a great deal (Mr Brand was made Officer of France's National Order of Merit last year)

Have you seen in shift in the overall operation of municipal affairs?

Public opinions are considered far more than they used to be in the past and public participation is being promoted far more — quite correctly

The running of the city has become a lot more efficient, because of electronic aids and more experienced people — both councillors and staff

Do you have any particular plans for your retirement? Any hobbies?

I'm still a member of the Western Cape Development Board and I think I will do what comes to me But I'd never again like an all-embracing job like this I do a little bit of carpentry for what its worth but the Cape Town City Council has really been my hobby

DISPATCH 8/2/86

Residents want three EL councillors out

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Amalinda Ratepayers Association (ARA) has called for the resignation of two councillors for Ward 7, Mr Donald Card and Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, over "disgusting houses which were merely double garages"

Both said they would ignore the call

The councillor with the housing portfolio, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, was also asked to "retire from civic life as her track record in housing speaks for itself" She could not be reached for comment yesterday

In a statement slamming the creation of a "future slum" in Morningside, the AMA chairman, Mr Nathan Smith, said "We have no alternative but to ask the councillors to resign as we believe that on the basis of the facts that we have, we have been misinformed and misled and that both councillors had not acted in the best interests of all the people who elected them

"In the event of them not resigning, and allowing the ratepayers to either deny or confirm the confidence in them, this association cannot support, or nominate them for any future election

Mr Card said. "Naturally I don't like the strong language Mr Smith is using now but I know that it is not really the type of houses worrying him but the fact that the Group Areas Act would possibly go in a year and those type of houses would be in demand by other races"

Mr Smith said Mrs Kemp should consider retiring from civic life as she had failed in her responsibility to the people of East London

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Council bid to deal with DV residents

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6/2/80 DISPATCH

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city council here is to ask the government to allow it to negotiate with the Duncan Village Residents' Association (DVRA) on matters in the area and future development

The unanimous decision of the action committee to talk directly to the DVRA was confirmed by the chairman, Mr Donald Card

He said the matter would be discussed with the director of the East Cape Development Board, Mr Louis Koch

The board has statutory control over the area in which an estimated 80 000 people live The self-exiled Duncan Village Community Council is the body with institutionalised control

Mr Card confirmed that the action committee's decision, which has wide-ranging implications for local government, was the result of an urgent motion he had put forward

He said he realised the city council did not have jurisdiction over Duncan Village but it fell within the boundaries of the city. The situation in the area had been critical since the riots last year

"There is dissatisfaction with the schools being built there because they are being built against the will of the majority There is also dissatisfaction that rejected community council has been given some credibility over the government funding of projects in the area

"I proposed that the city council calls on the government to allow it to negotiate with the Duncan Village residents for their area to become part and parcel of the city of East London"

Mr Card said he hoped that the council's move would not be taken amiss in any way and be seen as a move being taken without consulting the people

"I was specifically motivated by the DVRA statement in the Daily Dispatch on January 29 in which they said they stood prepared to talk directly to the city council on all matters regarding Duncan Village

"I was also motivated by the call to make Duncan Village a ward of the greater East London area and to let the area elect its own representatives to serve directly on the city council

"Obviously, to do this, my intention was to clear the statutory hurdles so that we attain a situation where we will have a legal right in the jurisdiction of Duncan Village, together with its people, in a democratic way, with their own elected leaders articulating the views and requirements of the area," Mr Card said

The publicity secretary of the DVRA, Mr Mafa Goci, could not be contacted yesterday for comment

The chairman of the community council, Mr Eddie Makeba, was also not available.

CMC is asked to resign

21/1/86 Q63 DISPATCH

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Buffalo Flats Tennant's Association has called for the resignation of the Coloured Management Committee

The president of the Buffalo Flats Tennants Committee (BFTS), Mr J W Latola, said in a press statement the CMC was not representative of the people and did not articulate the needs of the community

Mr Latola said the association was "fed up" with representatives who pretended to share the community's problems, but who were actually part of the people's problems He said the BFTS was the authentic representative of the coloured community

The chairman of the CMC, Mr J Temmers, said yesterday the fact the committee represented an elected entity should prove the tenants' association statement invalid

He challenged the BFTA to put up candidates against the CMC in elections to be held later this year "If they are so concerned, then they should get involved in the democratic way of doing things How can they ask us to resign when they did not vote"

One of the major BFTA grievances concerned housing Mr Latola called on the CMC to spell out its housing allocation policies

Mr Temmers said each case was looked at on merit and the actual situations of people were looked at to ascertain their needs He said prospective tenants didn't need a history of renting from the council to be eligible for housing "We don't go strictly by the waiting list For example, those without homes were given preference over those who have a home"

He said those in the old housing scheme were asked to move into the new housing scheme to make the older homes available to those who could not afford newer homes "The homes built in the newer areas are the only homes available in East London, so if we didn't do this, the people in the sub-economic group wouldn't get homes"

"There are too few homes given to the CMC each month Of the average 14 houses we allocate per month, half go to those on the waiting list while the other half must go to Dunga residents"

With regard to high rentals, another BFTA grievance, he said "We are working on this matter for extensions 2 to 7, and we are sincerely negotiating behind the scenes"

De Lange confirms meetings

DISPATCH 7/1/86

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city councillor with the portfolio of Parks and Amenities, Mr Robert de Lange (jr), confirmed yesterday that he had chaired a meeting last month at which the opening of the Eastern Beach to all races was discussed

He said concern was expressed by various councillors at the lack of facilities to accommodate the sudden influx of people onto the Eastern Beach, "which could create problems and draw criticism".

Another meeting was held to discuss contingency plans to deal with the anticipated influx of people to the Eastern Beach over the Christmas holiday period This meeting was convened by the town clerk and chaired by Mr De Lange (jr) in his capacity as chairman of the parks and amenities portfolio, he said

The meeting was attended by various heads of the municipal departments, Mr De Lange said, and aspects of sufficient toilet facilities, back-up service for the lifesavers, control measures for the possible influx of large crowds and traffic were items of discussion

The minutes of the meeting, which was held one week before Christmas, revealed that those present agreed that the director of parks and amenities would approach the proprietor of the roadhouse at Marina Glen with a request to provide extra litter containers for use by the roadhouse customers

It was also agreed that, in consultation with the beach manager the services of a person fluent in Xhosa be employed to direct the crowds of people expected to use the Eastern Beach on December 26 and January 1

The security/civil defence superintendent informed the meeting that the SAP would take action against criminal offenders only, and not where complaints arose concerning black people using so-called white beaches

It was also agreed at the meeting that the municipal police would keep a low profile with regard to matters where confrontation between black people and white officials was imminent

It was resolved that the heads of the various departments take note of any real problems which might occur on December 26 and New Year's Day with the anticipated crowds of beach-goers to the Eastern Beach so that these problems could be solved before an application to declare the beach non-racial was forwarded to the administrator by the city council

Makeba: most DV residents support council

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Duncan Village Community Council had the support of the vast majority of residents, the chairman of the council Mr Edison Makeba, said in a statement and challenged anyone to prove otherwise "in a democratic way

Mr Makeba was reacting to comments by the chairman of the East London city council's action committee, Mr Donald Card that the community council was living in "exile" and did not have the support of the residents

Mr Card had said the affairs of Duncan Village should revert to the city council

In his statement, Mr Mabeka said the community council was an autonomous body, equal in status to the city council, and subject to the South African Government only

He said East London's city council had a history of trying to push Duncan Village residents to Mdantsane

"The fact is that whereas the council wanted to push us out, the community council successfully fought the removal of Duncan Village

"We will not give up our independence again and allow ourselves to be dominated by the city council of East London"

Mr Mabeka said that instead of dictating to Duncan Village what it wanted, the city council should sit down with the community council and other local authorities in the region to set up a Regional Services Council

"The time is long overdue that everybody in our area should enjoy the same quality of services such as housing, electricity and water"

He said Mr Card's claim that the community councillors were in "exile" was an apparent approval of violence

"It is true that our homes were burnt by the same radical element that killed innocent people by throwing petrol bombs in their homes

"If the radicals burnt Mr Card's house would he take that as proof that he was no longer wanted by his people?

"Mr Card and the white councillors have never lived in Duncan Village, and if that is the test, then they are the ones in exile"

Mr Mabeka said the community council had had eight years of experience in dealing with the needs of the residents

"We have the support of the vast majority of Duncan Village people, and I challenge anyone to prove otherwise in a democratic way," he said

SECOND-TIER GOVERNMENT

ARGUS 8/1/86 (263)

Regional Services Councils will result in wide-ranging changes

There is still great uncertainty about the implementation of Regional Services Councils (RSCs). JOHN YELD, Municipal Reporter, examines the coming changes in local government.

FAR-reaching changes in local government are to take place with the advent of regional services councils (RSCs), although there is still great uncertainty over their implementation, finance and aspects of operation

RSCs have been planned to assume the so-called "general" functions of second-tier government in terms of the "new dispensation", while local authorities will still be responsible for "own affairs".

RSCs for the country's five major metropolitan areas were due to have been constituted on January 1 but major aspects of their operations have not yet been finalised

It now seems unlikely that an RSC for the greater Cape Town will be officially constituted before April at the earliest

Bulk supply

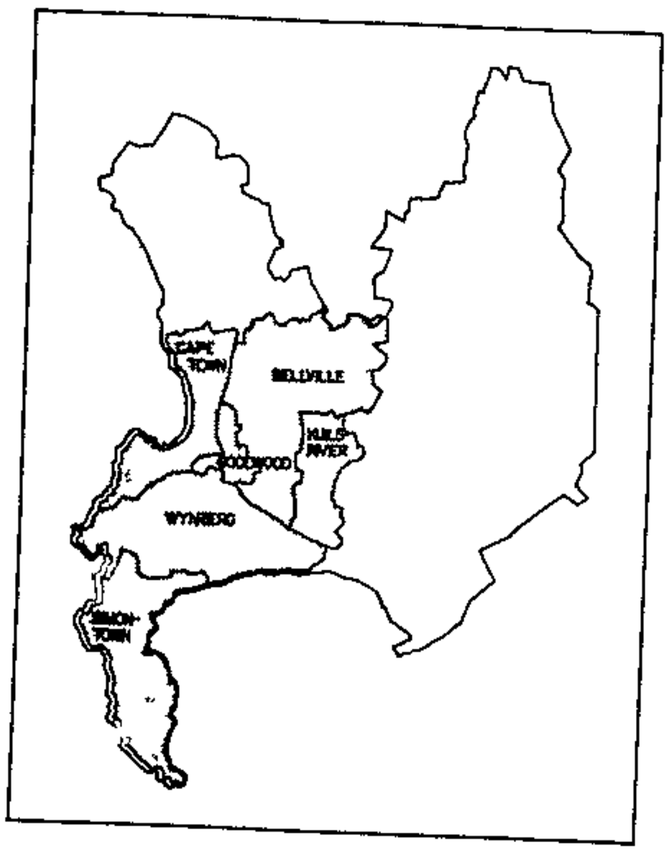
Among the functions which the RSCs may assume are the bulk supply of water and electricity, sewage disposal works and main sewage disposal pipelines, land usage and transport planning, roads and stormwater drainage, ambulance and fire services, passenger transport services, traffic matters, abattoirs and fresh produce markets, refuse dumps, cemeteries and crematoriums, health services, airports, civil defence, libraries and museums, recreational facilities, environment conservation and the promotion of tourism

Ironically, several of these "general" functions have been designated as "own" affairs in the first tier of government

The haste with which legislation governing the RSCs was pushed through Parliament, the lack of detail concerning their proposed operations and what is seen as the entrenching of a system based on ethnic differentiation has attracted widespread criticism

The boundaries of each RSC will be determined by the Provincial Administrator following a recommendation by a seven-member demarcation board set up under the chairmanship of former judge Mr Justice A P Myburgh

The board, which has no local representatives, has not yet advertised any proposals for the Western Cape



The Cape Town City Council's proposal for the boundary of a Western Cape Regional Service Council is the O1 Economic Region plus the Kuils River magisterial district (shaded).

The Cape Metropolitan Planning Committee, which advises the Administrator on land use planning, proposes a larger area which includes the divisional boundaries of the Cape, Paarl and Stellenbosch.

Members of the RSC will be drawn from local authorities, management committees and community councils, although representatives from other "interested" bodies such as farmers unions, for example, may be appointed by the Administrator

A question mark hangs over the future of divisional councils in the Cape and speculation is that they may be disbanded with the advent of the RSCs

On an unofficial level, staff of the Divisional Council of the Cape are expecting to assume the administrative functions of the new RSC for greater Cape Town, although such a step seems certain to draw wide criticism given the council's limited jurisdiction and staff expertise compared with other large local authorities

Staff from any local authority or government department may be transferred to the RSC, but the Government has made it clear that no-one will lose jobs or be "demoted" in such a move

Staff of the administration boards, which are also likely to be disbanded, may be transferred to the RSCs.

The chairman of the new RSC, who will not have a vote, will be appointed by the Administrator and may be a full- or part-time official

Votes will be calculated according to the member's financial contribution to the RSC, but, in a move designed to avoid larger authorities dominating proceedings, no local body may have more than five representatives on an RSC or more than 50 percent of the total vote

The demarcation boards will draw boundaries for central business districts and industrial areas which will be excluded from calculations to determine a member body's voting strength (although they remain subject to the new tax levies)

Taxes

Because of the proposed structure of RSCs, a rough estimate indicates that Cape Town City Council will exercise between 15 and 28 percent of the vote of a local RSC

RSCs are due to be financed by taxes levied from July 1 next year New levies on employment and turnover will be paid by companies and vendors in addition to their contribution to income tax and GST in a move that has been severely criticised in business circles

The Department of Finance, briefed to set the new tax scales, has not yet reported

A third source of finance — investment levies — has been referred to the Margo Commission on tax structures

In terms of original proposals for RSCs the Press was excluded from any deliberations, but after objections the legislation was altered and RSCs will now determine their own rules of procedure, which may include provision for public attendance

Former Mlungisi councillor burned to death

Dispatch Reporter

QUEENSTOWN — The charred body of a prominent former Mlungisi community councillor was found in the township here, and the 19-year-old daughter of another councillor died in hospital yesterday after being set alight

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The body of Mrs Blanche Mdudu was found by police after her home had been petrol-bombed Police said Mrs Mdudu was killed after tyres, doused with petrol, had been piled on her

11/1/86 DISPATCH

Miss Lungelwa Madubedube, daughter of former councillor, Mr G Madubedube, died at the Frontier Hospital here yesterday morning after having been admitted on Thursday night with 100 per cent burns, the medical superintendent at the Hospital, Dr J Fryer, said yesterday

The Police division of public relations in Pretoria said Miss Madubedube had been stoned before being set alight in Mlungisi on Thursday night.

It could not be confirmed whether Mr Madubedube's house had also been set alight during the incident

Mrs Mdudu's body was found by police in the township at about 10 30 pm on Thursday

Her home was attacked with petrol-bombs at about 12 45 am yesterday, and damage estimated at about R15 000 was caused No one was injured in the attack on the house, the SAP liaison officer in the Border, Lieutenant Dot van der Vyver said

She said no arrests had yet been made, and murder dockets had been opened

Shortly before her death, Mrs Mdudu wrote a letter to the Queenstown weekly newspaper, The Representative, in which she strongly denied what she called an "evil, blatant and contemptible lie" that she was an informer who went around the township in a military vehicle pointing out people who should be arrested

The letter was published yesterday, after she had already been killed

"This is a very serious matter and I know the identity of the member of the (Mlungisi) Residents' Committee who is spreading this evil, blatant and contemptible lie," she wrote

"It is also said that the improvements I am doing at the house I live in are being financed by the Chamber of Commerce' This is another lie which is being spread about me

"It suits me well enough to have been expelled from the Residents Committee but I shall continue to serve my community to the best of my ability for the general benefit of everybody"

Mrs Mdudu was a regular contributor of letters to the Editor of the Daily Dispatch, and her last letter to the Daily Dispatch, headlined Mistakes, was published on Monday

In it, she had appealed for all the mistakes of 1985 to be buried, for everyone to enter 1986 with a "clean sheet by asking the good Lord for guidance"

Known for her deeply religious convictions, Mrs Mdudu had written that in 1985, the people had gone astray and had turned their backs on their Creator

"All we need to do is to go down on our knees, bow our heads and fervently ask for forgiveness and guidance He is always willing to help us, but we have to be loyal and true and enter 1986 with love for one another as God's children, irrespective of colour"

She had said that those who went about killing others and destroying places with "weapons of Russia are doing Mr Nelson Mandela a great injustice"

Mrs Mdudu, 77, was a well-known personality in the Queenstown community

She had served on the Community Council from November 1983 to June 1985, and was councillor for ward four in Mlungisi during that time, a spokesman at the East Cape Development Board said yesterday

Mrs Mdudu also served on the Mlungisi Residents' Committee for some time before her expulsion in mid-December for, according to a committee statement, actions such as attending, without the committee's consent, a Town Hall meeting at which a drive to assess the future of Queenstown was initiated

She had been a teacher at Aliwal North for 37 years, before moving to Whittlesea

She later moved to Mlungisi and leaves two sons in England and a daughter in Durban

Damage to ECDB's property revealed

DISPATCH (263) 18/1/86

Dispatch Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH — Mass destruction of East Cape Development Board (ECDB)-owned buildings in East London's black residential areas was revealed yesterday

But discussion of the item was deferred for the management team to change some of the recommendations on the future of some of the damaged buildings

Claims are to be made on the board's riot insurance

A report from Mr A E Bennett, the board's regional manager in East London, detailed the damage incurred to board-owned buildings

The community centre, caretaker's cottage, Ziphunzana township office and library were destroyed by fire

The Duncan Village and Ziphunzana clinics were also destroyed

The KwaLoyiti post office, owned by the board, was destroyed

The swimming pool pumphouse and changerooms were damaged

Two rooms in the administration building at Hostel B in Duncan Village were burnt out while two others were destroyed

Two board-owned buildings used as shops in Duncan Village were badly damaged

Up to September 17, 55 houses in Duncan Village were considered a total loss

In Cambridge township both the township office and the superintendent's house were destroyed

The Highway/Wayside complex, the Juliwe hostel beerhall and the Cambridge beerhall were completely gutted while the Vukani beerhall was damaged

The electrical substation in Ford Street was burnt out and numerous street lights destroyed and copper wire stolen

Mr Bennett said any building operations or restoration attempted in the township now would be destroyed and that the replacement of buildings should be delayed until the safety of all property and people entering the township could be assured

A board member, Mr Peter Morum, said "When will that be?"

Mr Robbie de Lange said the situation was improving at the moment

Yesterday the board also approved the installation of essential services for 54 temporary houses in Fort Beaufort for people driven from the township during unrest

Rini and Lingelihle town councils are to receive R211 707 and R49 237 as their share of the profits from the sale of the Makanaskop Liquor Outlet, the Fingo Village Liquor Outlet and the Lingelihle Redundant Licence

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Jan Brand takes early retirement

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Chief Reporter

IN A shock decision announced yesterday the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, has informed the City Council's Executive Committee he will retire next month — four years before the mandatory retirement age of 65.

No reason for the decision was given in a brief announcement by Exco, and Mr Brand, who turns 61 in March, was not available for comment yesterday. His secretary said he was on two weeks leave and she understood he was out of town and not contactable.

It is not yet known who will take over the key post of City Engineer.

Yesterday's announcement, signed by the chairman of Exco, Mr John Muir, said Exco had "learned with regret" of Mr Brand's decision to retire during February.

It added that the Mayor would, "as is customary", review Mr Brand's 37 years of municipal service with, among others, the cities of Windhoek and Cape Town, in formally saying farewell to him on behalf of the council at its meeting on January 30.

The Exco announcement, to which Mr Muir was not prepared to add anything, came in the wake of rumours circulating in the City in the past few days of Mr Brand's "sudden resignation".

City Council employees are entitled to retire within five years of the mandatory retirement age of 65, and Mr Muir's announcement makes it clear Mr Brand is retiring early, and not resigning.

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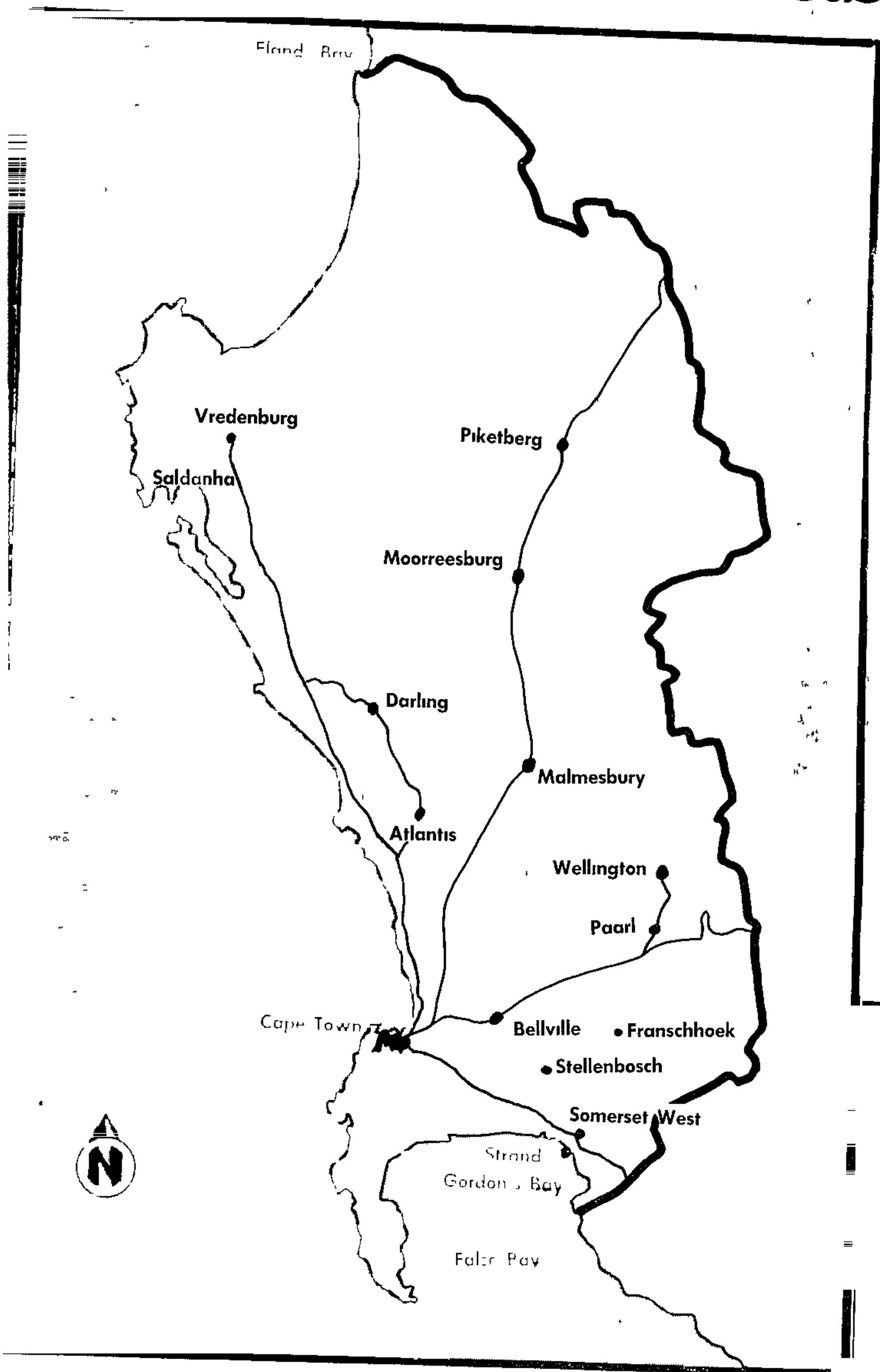

The proposed boundary of the Cape Metropole Regional Service Council. The Demarcation Board is calling for any objections and representations.

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Controversy

By JOHN YELD
Municipal Reporter

THE Government seems to be ignoring the wishes of some of its traditional political supporters in setting up a regional service council for the Cape metropolitan area.

In terms of a draft notice published today the proposed region to be served by the Cape Metropole Regional Service Council is within the boundaries of the divisional councils of the Cape, Stellenbosch, Paarl and Swartland, including 35 municipalities, 36 management committees and four community councils

The area, which is substantially larger than expected by most local government officials and observers, stretches as far north as Elands Bay

Cape Town City Council — the largest local authority affected — recommended that the RSC comprise the local authorities within greater Cape Town, including Bellville, Kuils River and Goodwood but excluding Stellenbosch, Somerset West and the Strand

Influential

The Cape Metropolitan Planning Committee, which advises the Administrator on land-use planning, proposed an area including the divisional boundaries of the Cape, Paarl and Stellenbosch

Several local authorities — including the ostensibly apolitical but nevertheless influential Stellenbosch Divisional Council and Stellenbosch Town Council — are strongly opposed to their inclusion in a large RSC which includes Cape Town

Other municipalities which have also expressed a wish to form a separate RSC are Kraaifontein, Strand, Somerset West, Franschhoek, Gordon's Bay and Wellington

In November the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, warned smaller local authorities that they should consider the financial implications, asking whether they could afford to cut themselves off from bigger towns and cities where most RSC funds would be generated

He dismissed fears that the RSCs would strip small local authorities of functions or that they would be swallowed by bigger councils

Benefits

"The fact is that RSCs will deal with general affairs and municipalities will still be responsible for own affairs," he told the Kraaifontein municipality

The possibility of indirect financial benefits flowing from the urban areas towns — particularly a major city like Cape Town — to the poorer, undeveloped rural areas has been suggested as the reason for including the Swartland Divisional Council and its several impoverished West Coast communities Previously only Malmesbury was mooted for inclusion

Also included is the "problem" area of Atlantis which has been plagued by unemployment and shrinking industrial activity

Today's notice gives the minimum of 21 days required by the Act for submissions on the proposed demarcation

● Written objections or representations must be lodged with the Secretary, Demarcation Board for Local Government Areas, Private Bag X644, Pretoria, 0001, on or before February 28

RSC plan a 'threat' to City

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By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

LOCAL government commentators believe the inclusion of Cape Town in a Regional Services Council which stretched as far north as Elandsbaai and as far east as the Olifants River would constitute a serious political and economic threat to the City.

The proposal, which is being advertised for objections today by the Demarcation Board for Local Government Areas, originates from the Provincial Administration, but embraces a far larger area than that initially recommended by the Province or by any local authority within the area

Informed sources have speculated that the Province is throwing its net far wider than necessary to enable the government to establish the opinions of local authorities in the rural Swartland area before making any definite proposals for regional government there

Dormant

Deputy-chairman of the Cape Town City Council's executive committee, Mr Richard Friedlander, said the proposal could be an attempt to "re-stimulate" the dormant growth-points which the government has tried to create along the West Coast If this were true, it would be Cape Town which would have to provide the bulk of the funds needed

The City Council, which opposes inclusion into a large and predominantly rural RSC, has recommended that the region be restricted to the Peninsula, the Cape Divisional Council, Brackenfell and Kuils River

Mr Friedlander said spreading the City's resources over the area suggested would diminish the potential for development in the metropolitan area and was "a cause of great concern" for Cape Town

The leader of the Opposition in the Provincial Council, Mr Herbert Hirsch, said the incorporation of such a large area under one RSC would "make a mockery of the whole idea of regional government in logistical terms" He said there could be no economic justification for supplying Riebeeck West and Saldanha Bay with water and sewerage disposal services from the Cape Peninsula

Such a proposal led to speculation about the government's political motives in establishing RSCs, he said

Mr Robert Cameron of the Political Studies Department at UCT, whose paper on RSCs and the Western Cape was recently published by the University of Natal's Indicator Project, warned that the establishment of such a large RSC would seriously weaken Cape Town.

He described the City's central business district as the "golden jewel" of the Western Cape and said the City would suffer if its wealth was re-distributed over such a wide area

Voting strength

The size of the RSC would also influence the City's voting strength on the regional body and the creation of a large RSC could be a deliberate government ploy to weaken Cape Town's political influence

The president of the Cape Town Chamber of Industries, Mr Robert Kaplan, said the proposed RSC was "too large" and was not a natural economic area

"It's ridiculous There is no natural connection between the areas on northern and southern boundaries as far as services or common interests are concerned"

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Brand allegations probe

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is to appoint a one-person commission of inquiry into allegations that the City Engineer, Mr Jan Brand, benefited financially from an alleged deal between his wife, Mrs Yvonne Brand, and a company which bought council land in Strandfontein in 1980.

Mr Brand, 61, retires from the council tomorrow, four years ahead of mandatory retirement age.

Dispute

The Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans, announced yesterday that the council would appoint a "judicial officer of standing" to investigate the implications of the alleged appointment of Mrs Brand's company, Abode Estates, as sole selling agent for property bought from the council by the Strandfontein Development Company (SDC).

Abode Estates and SDC are currently involved in a legal dispute over the termination by SDC of the alleged selling contract.

According to the Municipal Ordinance, an official who benefits, directly or indirectly, from any council contract without the permission of council and the Administrator, can be "summarily dismissed".

However, Mr Brand will have retired by the time the commission presents its findings, and even if found guilty of an offence, cannot be dismissed retroactively.

It is also doubtful whether his pension would be affected.

Dr Evans said yesterday the council had been investigating Mrs Brand's involvement in the alleged deal since the matter had been brought to its attention in November last year.

On the strength of legal opinion it received from senior counsel on Thursday afternoon, the Executive Committee had decided to conduct "further investigations".

Rumours

Dr Evans said it "should not take long to establish the facts" but that the release of the inquiry's findings might be delayed until judgment was given in the court case which is due to resume on March 25.

He said a number of unsubstantiated rumours had been spread since Mr Brand announced his retirement and urged anyone with any knowledge of misconduct to "come forward or keep quiet".

He said he would investigate any concrete allegations but warned that the spreading of rumours without facts was "unfair, unjust and immoral".

● Mrs Brand last night declined to comment Mr Brand was not available.

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Brand — object of 'loose talk'

CIVIC DIARY

By Hilary Venables

THE sudden retirement of a top City Council official, four years before his due retirement date, is bound to lead to speculation and rumour

When that official's wife has been linked to a deal with a company which bought land from the City Council, those rumours are bound to become even more rife

Mr Jan Brand, Cape Town's City Engineer for the past 11 years, is currently the subject of an inquiry into an alleged breach of the Municipal Ordinance which bars a council official from benefiting financially from a council contract.

The City Council's Executive Committee began investigating Mr Brand's position last November when it heard that Abode Homes, in which Mrs Yvonne Brand is a partner, was involved in a legal battle with Strandfontein Development Company, which brought land from the council for development as a housing estate

Abode Homes was appointed sole selling agent for the project until SDC ended the agreement — a move which resulted in the current legal wrangle

After receiving top legal advice last week, Exco decided to launch a formal investigation to establish whether Mr Brand had acted improperly by failing to declare his wife's interest in the deal between the council and SDC

The council expects to know "the facts" within the next couple of weeks, but it may be some time before these are made public as the result of the inquiry may be considered prejudicial to the court case

In the meantime, the Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans, says he is being deluged with more — and largely unsubstantiated — rumours about Mr Brand's conduct.

Asked at a press conference on Friday why the council had decided to conduct the inquiry, Dr Evans said "Whenever we have any factual knowledge that there is a possible irregularity amongst council officials, the Town Clerk is under obligation to take action"

Apart from this duty, the failure of the City to clear up such a matter would only fuel further rumours, he said

"Rumour feeds on rumour and the stories currently going around are doing the City incalculable damage"

They are also damaging to Mr Brand and the inquiry will, if nothing else, force the issue into the open and give him an opportunity to defend himself

Dr Evans said he was personally investigating all the allegations that had come to his attention both inside and outside the Civic Centre

He was sharply critical of people who spread rumours without any concrete facts and urged them to "come forward or keep quiet".

"To spread stories in this way behind a man's back is unfair, unjust and immoral," he said

Mr Brand, although often the subject of controversy, has been behind some of the City's most ambitious and successful projects, from Mitchells Plain to the Greening of the City to the pedestrianization project.

He has earned his department a reputation for far-sighted yet thorough planning which has enhanced the City's image throughout South Africa and abroad

The fact that his name is being sullied, whether justly or unjustly, reflects not only on the man himself, but on his department and Cape Town as a whole

One can only hope that the inquiry, whatever the outcome, will clear up the issue once and for all and that the City's reputation among investors and developers will not be further harmed by loose talk.

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THE council's decision to reconsider a proposed ban on the distribution of handbills, after protests from democratic political organizations who regard pamphlets as one of the few remaining legal avenues of communication with the public, has earned it the following kudos from the ECC: "We welcome the decision of the City Council and are encouraged that it is prepared to heed requests from organizations whose voices tend to be ignored by those in authority"

One can only hope that the City's litter problem — though undeniably serious — will not be allowed to jeopardize the interests of those groups who are trying to find solutions to the country's political crisis

PE about-turn on 'bla on beaches' question

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...om KEN VERNON
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Last night councillor Mr H van Zyl Cillie said angrily that "only the right-wing lunatic fringe" could object to open beaches, and he said Mr Olivier's refusal last week to take part in a TV discussion programme "speaks volumes" on his right to be mayor.

Defending the decision of the services committee, Mr H S du Plessis said that until the Separate Amenities Act was scrapped it had to be enforced

Councillor Mr Danie Dorfling twice objected to "national political matters" being raised in the council, saying "leftists" wanted a political fiasco in the council for their own purposes

Stormed out

At one point he stormed out of the chamber, but returned to vote against the motion

Mr Gillson said the Chamber of Commerce had written to all councillors before last night's vote, restating its stand in favour of open beaches and urging them to overturn the controversial decision

The director of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Industries, Mr Brian Matthews, said "We hope we now have a breathing space to sort out the bigger problems of opening the beaches to all races before next summer"

● The managing director of General Mortors, Mr Bob White, who announced GM's pledge of support to employees, could not be contacted for comment.

Whoopee-ti-yi-ay — not

Whoa! . . . Ooh! . . . Help! Just when things looked ... pel, 18, of Mitchell's Plain, who took on the Bucking ... ty Chest Carnival at Maynardville, she went the wa ... but at least she had a soft landing.

Spinster's death: Police hold two

Crime Reporter

TWO teenagers have been detained for questioning in connection with the death of a 71-year-old spinster in Oudtshoorn.

Colonel Eddie Snyman, police liaison officer for the South-Western Districts, said the 18-year-old youths, both from Bridgton, Oudtshoorn, were detained after investigations into the killing of Miss Jacoba Johanna Calitz

She was found dead in her St Saviour Street home about 8pm on Wednesday

'Peaceful negotiation with ANC possible'

The Argus Foreign Service

LONDON. — Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert has had talks with senior African National Congress officials and believes progress can be made towards peaceful negotiation in South Africa.

The ANC, he said, did not believe violence was inevitable

Speaking in London, where he is promoting his book, *The Last White Parliament*, Dr Slabbert said. "I have met members of the ANC executive here and I believe a move away from violence can be found I will communicate this to whoever is interested"

Questioned about his "bugged" conversation with President P W Botha and the sharp response from Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, Dr Slabbert said· "It is inevitable when a confidential conversation is bugged and made public and considered out of context that there will be misunderstandings.

"I apologise to anybody who feels they have been insulted or patronised or demeaned in any way.

"The only explanation I can give is that it was a highly unsuccessful attempt by two Afrikaners of different generations to try to establish a level of communication."

Dr Slabbert said that during his discussion with ANC officials he "made it clear that I abhor violence.

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Row over office wages

Parliamentary Staff

A ROW erupted in the House of Delegates yesterday over the "deplorable" wages being paid to 425 workers at the Indian administration's Durban headquarters.

Mr Mohanlall Bandulalla

Solidarity whip Mr Mohanlall Bandulalla, MP for Havenside, said some of the messengers, cleaners and tea-makers employed by the House of Delegates at its Malgate House offices earned as little as R130 a month.

"What they are being paid is peanuts and I am ashamed," he said

"These people play an important role in the administration," said Mr Bandulalla

Ministers' Council Chairman Mr Amichand Rajbansi, said he too condemned low salaries

THE BUDGET

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Parliamentary Staff

THE House of Delegates had been the "good boy" of Parliament by keeping its budget overrun down to R4,3-million, said Mr Kisten Moodley (Sol, Southern Natal)

Speaking yesterday in the second-reading debate on the Additional Appropriation Bill, Mr Moodley said the House of

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PE MAYOR REJECTED BY FAMILY!

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CP Correspondent

NEW PE Mayor James Nako has split his family apart – by accepting the Ibayi Town Council's mayoral seat.

"My father has made himself the enemy of the people," his youngest son, Vusumzi Nako, 29, said this week

"He has created an atmosphere of despair and confusion in the family," he said

"By accepting this offer my father has created a rift between us and himself – and I just can't see how he can be happy to be mayor, not having been elected by the community."

New mayor James Nako succeeds the controversial Tamsanqa Linda, who is believed to have fled Port Elizabeth seeking refuge in the Transkei

The new mayor, a local insurance company employee, stays with his wife at Fordville in New Brighton and has three children

Vusumzi this week claimed his stepmother's "influence in persuading my father to accept the hot seat has proved quite effective".

Referring to the violent deaths of Benjamin Kinikini, then mayor of Uitenhage, and his son Filumko during the height of the unrest last year, Vusumzi fears his father is "putting himself in danger"

He said his father was "a hard nut to crack" and accused him of "entrenching apartheid by being part and parcel of the dummy institution"

He told City Press that as the new mayor, his father hoped he would be able to implement a "conciliatory strategy" He wanted to have regular consultation with progressive organisations such as the UDF in his role as "the people's head" and to be involved in research on what could be done for the community

Former PE mayor Linda

Vusumzi appealed to political organisations to protect him and his three brothers from people who may want to attack them

Efforts to contact Mayor Nako for comment were fruitless His wife said he was "away on business"

● Former PE mayor Tamsanqa Linda – who left the city in rather a hurry after concerted campaigns to oust him – was last seen running a taxi company in the Transkei

400 strikers 'desert'

By TONY WEAVER

GEORGE Municipality has fired 400 labourers after two weeks of wildcat strikes and unrest in and around the town in which police have shot dead three people

The Town Clerk, Mr Carel du Plessis, said yesterday he had not fired the workers, but that they had "deserted"

"This is not a wage issue, they get too much money already, that is one of the problems, we pay them too much

". . For the past 14 days there have been wildcat strikes, and yesterday and today they didn't turn up for work, and we just can't carry on with this bunch . ."

Mr Du Plessis said the workers were unhappy at a municipality directive ordering them to move out of the municipal compound by the end of the year to a new area "where they will have to build their own houses".

The workers preferred living in the compound "so they can bring all their wives and children and family here from the Karoo, and we don't want that because it causes social problems".

He denied the firing had anything to do with worker involvement in unrest.

Attempts to contact a spokesman for the men fired were unsuccessful

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Provco pays tribute to Blackburn, Bishop

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Staff Reporter

THE Provincial Council yesterday unanimously passed a motion of condolence at the deaths in a road accident on December 28 of PFP MPC for Walmer Mrs Molly Blackburn and Mr Brian Bishop, husband of PFP MPC for Gardens Mrs Di Bishop.

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, putting the motion to the council, said Mrs Blackburn would be remembered as a "formidable politician and a tireless fighter for the principles she believed in".

He expressed his deep sorrow at the death of Mr Bishop and wished Mrs Bishop, who broke both her legs in the accident, a speedy recovery

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr Herbert Hirsch, said that while Mrs Blackburn had served her own constituency conscientiously, she had served much wider with "courage, integrity and unselfishness"

"Her concern with the day-to-day miseries of ordinary people and her fearlessness in trying to help them, won the hearts and the respect of thousands if not millions of South Africans — and even of some further afield"

Mr Frank van der Velde, MPC for Wynberg, said "Molly proved conclusively that being white did not necessarily make her the enemy of the black people"

provincial council

● The Provincial Administration intends cracking down on local authorities which refuse to co-operate with the government's attempts to improve communication between themselves and coloured and Indian management committees

The Administrator told council he would introduce legislation giving him the power to take "certain disciplinary" steps against local authorities which failed to "do their duty in this regard".

The legislation, which will be tabled today, is thought to be aimed at Cape Town City Council, which has repeatedly rejected management committees as "unrepresentative", although Mr Louw said "a considerable number" of local authorities had failed to co-operate with the committees

Mr Louw said the Province had provided R1,5-million during the current financial year to upgrade areas served by management committees

● The Province almost trebled spending on housing subsidies to its staff in the three years prior between 1983 and 1985

In response to a question from Mr Geoff Everingham, PFP spokesman on finance in the Provincial Council, it was disclosed that amounts spent on subsidies increased from R15 687 095 for the year ending March 31, 1983, to R24 933 427 by March 31, 1984, and R42 103 870 for the year ending March 31 last year

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City Council 'third-league white racists'

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Provincial Staff

CAPE Town City Council has been described in the Provincial Council as "a third-league white racist Prog council".

In the part appropriation debate yesterday Mr Neels Ackermann (NP Stellenbosch) reacted to a statement by Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP Green Point) that regional service councils (RSCs) would fail because they lacked political legitimacy

Dr Sonnenberg had said RSCs were "nothing more than a second-league mini tricameral parliamentary system".

Mr Ackerman said Dr Sonnenberg criticised the system "because the Cape Town City Council will have to work with representatives of coloured communities for the first time.

"Until now they have refused to co-operate because they conveniently did not recognise management committees

FULL PARTICIPATION

"If RSCs are second-league mini tricameral systems, the Cape Town City Council is a third-league white racist Prog council," he said

Mr Frank van der Velde (PFP Wynberg) defended the City Council. "Before you were born ... or born to politics, Cape Town had coloured people on its council."

It supported "full participation by all citizens irrespective of race, colour or creed".

Mr Eddie Trent (PFP Newton Park) said. "Not one black leader with any credibility in his community will touch these RSCs with a barge pole and if any can be persuaded to participate they will run the risk of suffering the consequences"

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Council is 'opposed but obedient'

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council had always fulfilled its legal obligations towards management committees even though it opposed the committee system, said Mr John Muir, the council's Executive Committee chairman

"While the council has been opposed to the management committee system which began during 1963, it has never failed to adhere to the requirements of the existing law," he said yesterday

He referred to National Party attempts in the Provincial Council to introduce legislation that would allow the Administrator to discipline local authorities refusing to co-operate with management committees.

Cape Town City Council has been singled out for criticism

Mr Muir said this gave the "entirely wrong" impression that the council's treatment of management committees had been unsatisfactory and had created problems for the committees.

"The council has gone as far as it can to free members of management committees from problems, being conscious of the fact that it is not they who are directly responsible for the system.

"To single it out for condemnation and retribution is both inaccurate and unfair," Mr Muir said

Anti-crime civic patrol to clean up city's streets

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By JOHN YELD, Municipal Reporter

CAPE TOWN is to have a civic patrol of 16 officers to enforce municipal by-laws and to prevent "offensive conduct" in streets and public places.

The patrol, which will operate in the central business district and "other selected areas" will fall under the control of traffic manager Mr Harry Attwood who will to report back to the council after a trial period of six months

The question of some form of civic police for the city has been under discussion since 1978 and there was lively debate on the issue at yesterday's council meeting.

A report by the Town Clerk, Dr Stan Evans, said the proposed function of the civic patrol was closely related to that of the traffic control branch — to regulate the safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians in the muncipal area.

ESSENTIAL FOR TOURISM

"Its aim is to contain random criminal/anti-social behaviour and not to maintain law and order, which is a State function," Dr Evans said.

He pointed out that traffic police were the only municipal law enforcement officers with the necessary powers to deal with contraventions of by-laws and regulations because they had powers of arrest

Mr Clive Keegan said it was essential for tourism that the city ensure its reputation as a safe city.

Mr David Bloomberg, whose committee's recommendations for a civic police force were rejected by the Government in 1982, said this was "a start".

"We have vacillated for years All this is intended to do is to make certain areas safe, not only for tourists and visitors but for the citizens of Cape Town," he said.

Mr Chris Joubert said he had originally been opposed to the idea of a civic patrol but now "fully supported" the idea

"I believe the Minister will have no objection," he said.

GREATER CREDIBILITY

Mrs Eulalie Stott believed that a civic police force would have greater credibility than the South African Police — "a belief reinforced by recent circumstances"

Vice-Admiral James Johnson said that 16 men could have "an extraordinary effect far beyond their number".

Mr Emil Riese expressed his strong opposition and warned that council rates would rise by "between 10 and 20 percent" if the patrol was instituted

Operational costs are estimated at R250 000 a year.

The resolution was adopted by 19 votes to 2

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Civic patrols

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The City Administrator, Mr Gys Hofmeyr, suggested that patrolling be done by four two-man teams on foot and two in cars

Two foot patrol and one mobile patrol would be on duty from 10am to 7pm and another of equal strength from 2pm to 11pm. The mobile unit would stay on duty until 1am

The present "in-service orientation" course which follows the traffic officers' training college course will be extended to provide an extensive knowledge of the relevant Acts, regulations and procedures, Dr Evans said.

"In addition to the reduction in minor crimes which can be expected because of the additional presence on the streets, there should also be a reduction in the accident rate."

Council wants to delay regional service body

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Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council is to ask the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, to defer the implementation of a regional service council (RSC) in the Western Cape until a "local option" alternative has been fully investigated and considered

However, it will submit memoranda to the Administrator on the delimitation of industrial and central business areas where voting rights for the proposed RSC will be excluded, and to the Demarcation Board setting out its objections to the proposed boundaries of an RSC for the Cape metropolitan area

The council also reaffirmed its commitment to equal representation at local and regional government levels.

The council adopted a resolution yesterday acknowledging the "many and undoubted benefits of economy and efficiency" which could flow from rationalising the provision of regional services

However, it also believed that the proposed RSC was not supported by the majority of Cape Town citizens and would have "their active and possibly violent rejection"

"Political sham"

Mr Clive Keegan said the introduction of a RSC "of the type now envisaged" would spell disaster and that the council had no right to continue participating in an exercise which was "a farce and a political sham"

An amendment by Mr Keegan calling for the council to withdraw from further participation in the establishment of the RSC was heavily defeated by 27 to 3

Mrs Joan Kantey said the council had not yet defined the local option and until this was done the council should not take steps which could "actually put people's lives at stake"

In an interjection Mr Chris Joubert objected to the reference to "possibly violent rejection", calling it "inflamatory"

Mr Frank van der Velde congratulated Mr Keegan on "a very courageous step" and said he felt the council should continue to participate fully until the actual time came to form the RSC

Racial strife warning

Then the council would have to decide — "because we have been warned it will cause racial strife in this city," he said

● Two more bodies have opposed the proposals for an RSC for the Cape metropolitan area

The Fish Hoek Town Council considers the area to be too large for viable operation of a single RSC

The Western Cape regional executive of the Progressive Federal Party has called for a halt to the demarcation process until the Government verified that most residents and taxpayers of the Western Cape region are in favour of such a council

Great risk in boycotting the RSC

Cape Times 3/3/86 (263)

CIVIC DIARY

By Hilary Venables

THERE IS no doubt that the marriage of the City Council to the government's new racially based system of local government is going to be a shotgun affair

During the past few months, the council has submitted a number of memoranda to the Provincial Council regarding the financial implications and possible boundaries of a regional services council for the Western Cape

In all these documents its opposition to the new system has been reiterated

"In essence, the City Council remains convinced that the only equitable and satisfactory form of local government is for full participation by all citizens irrespective of race, colour or creed, and in this context, the preservation of municipal councils as the primary form of local government"

During last week's monthly meeting, Mr Clive Keegan made a plea for the council to boycott the RSC.

Boundaries

He called on the council "to participate no further in the establishment of a regional services council for the Cape Town metropole until such time as the state and provincial authorities recognize the right of all our citizens to play an equal role in a non-racial and democratic system of local government".

The motion, an amendment to the council's recommendation for possible boundaries to the RSC, was sympathetically received by many councillors

But, as many people pointed out, legislation governing the establishment of the new system makes it impossible for a local authority to refuse to participate without jeopardizing the interests of the council and the entire municipal area

If a council refuses to comply with the law, the Administrator — a government appointee — could take over control of the City and appoint his own representatives to the RSC

Devolution

At the same time, the RSC can expropriate council property and services — paid for by ratepayers — without compensating the City

Ratepayers would therefore lose all control over their own assets and the administration of the City would rest ultimately with the Nationalist government

The government's much-publicized policy of devolution of power has been completely contradicted by the reality of legislation governing local authorities

Not only are municipalities and divisional councils obliged to throw in their lot with the RSCs for the sake of their ratepayers, but refusal to do so may result in the dismissal of an entire council

Other worrying aspects of the new system which councillors would like to bring to the attention of the public are

- That racially constituted local authorities, management committees and community councils will appoint representatives to the RSC.
- That citizens will not have direct representation on the regional government body.
- That a two-thirds majority is required before any decision can be made and that in the event of a deadlock, the Administrator may make the final decision
- That commercial and industrial areas, which will contribute the bulk of taxes to the RSC, will be excluded when calculating the voting power of the municipality

Watchdog

Although Mr Keegan's boycott motion was defeated, the council voted overwhelmingly in favour of urging the government to investigate a local option for the area before going ahead with the establishment of an RSC

There seems little chance of the government acceding to this request, or of the liberal council having much effect on the future of the region because of the tight hold Pretoria will have on the RSC

In the end, its most important role within the system will be that of watchdog

By keeping a careful eye on the RSC and by publicizing its shortcomings, councillors may still be able to bring about change through public pressure — even though by doing so, they will be jeopardizing their own positions

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PFP vows to fight 'Big Stick Bills'

By ANDREW DONALDSON and HILARY VENABLES

THE PFP in the Provincial Council has vowed to fight "every reading and every clause" of legislation giving the Administrator the power to sack errant town and divisional councillors or dock their pay

After opposing the legislation during its first reading — the strongest form of opposition in terms of the standing rules — the PFP introduced an amendment to the second reading yesterday calling for the ordinance to be read "this day six months"

The PFP has branded the legislation — which affects three local government ordinances — "The Big Stick Bills" and maintains these are aimed at forcing liberal local authorities — like the Cape Town City Council — to toe the government line

The MEC for Local Government, Mr Willem Bouwer, said the amendments to the ordinances were necessary for "orderly government" and would give the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, some "teeth" and "more effective power".

A number of local authorities in the Cape Province had over the years "been somewhat apathetic with regard to the establishment of management committees", he said

"It is considered essential to give the Administrator more effective power whereby a council can be forced to comply with a particular regulation"

Mr Jan van Gend (PFP Constantia) said the new ordinance was "out of line with the principal of democracy" and ran counter to the government's professed intention to "devolve power down to the third tier"

"It is aimed primarily at upsetting decisions taken by duly elected public representatives where these do not conform to government policy," he said

"If a specific part of the country choses to elect a representative to a body, that representative has the right to stay in office until the electorate decides differently," he said

There were already adequate means of ensuring good administration and these additional powers were clearly designed "to punish councillors who acted contrary to the political wishes of the Administrator".

"If NP members do not see this as a fundamental departure from democracy, there is no hope for this country while their government remains in power," Mr Van Gend said

Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP Green Point) described the legislation as "vicious" and said the PFP would oppose "every clause and every reading"

Both the Administrator, in his opening address to council, and Mr Bouwer, had made it clear that the legislation was aimed at forcing local authorities to co-operate more closely with coloured and Indian management committees

The legislation would be used by the Admnistrator to punish people who differed with him politically and the PFP would "defend the right of a council to hold views that differ radically from the views of the government", Dr Sonnenberg said.

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Non-racial council 'used to work well'

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Municipal Reporter

NON-RACIAL local government in Cape Town "worked well" before Government interference in 1972 and it was "tragic" that the City Council was no longer able to represent all its citizens, according to councillor Mrs Eulalie Stott

She was speaking at a council lunch yesterday to celebrate her — and Mr Dick Friedlander's — 25 years' service as councillors

"Those of us who were here before 1972 . . have had the experience of working together as equals in a non-racial body for the common interest and for the welfare of all citizens," she said

"We can confidently say we know it works — well."

INCREASED UNEMPLOYMENT

Mrs Stott, a former national chairman of the Black Sash, warned that unemployment was increasing and the housing crisis remained unsolved.

"We must go bravely on and when our grandchildren say to us, 'What did you do to dismantle apartheid?', we will be able to say, 'We served on the Cape Town City Council'

"I hope that will be seen as a justifiable response"

The Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, said Mrs Stott and Mr Friedlander had risen to "the very pinnacle of council achievement"

Administrator gets more power

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CAPE TOWN — Legislation giving the Administrator of the Cape the power to sack local government representatives at his discretion was passed by a National Party majority in the Cape Provincial Council yesterday.

The legislation allows the administrator to dismiss or withhold the allowance of any councillor who refuses to abide by a provincial or Government regulation — or who, in the opinion of the administrator, "is responsible for or contributed to a decision to defy the law.

Although the full implications of the legislation are not yet clear, the MEC for local government, Mr Willem Bouwer, conceded that it would enable the administrator to dismiss the entire Port Elizabeth City Council for refusing to enforce the separate amenities act on its beaches — Sapa.

Duvcor link with DV council denied

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Duncan Village Corporation (Duvcor) project had no links or connections whatsoever with the community council or the East Cape Development Board, the joint chairman of Duvcor and MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, said yesterday.

The Duvcor project was designed to provide temporary classrooms in Duncan Village as the schools in the township had been destroyed at the height of unrest last year.

Mr De Pontes was reacting to a claim by the Duncan Village Residents' Association (DVRA) at a weekend meeting that the DVRA had opted out of the Duvcor project because Mr De Pontes had said he would have to clear the project with the community council

The DVRA did not want to have dealings with the community council in the Duvcor project as the community council was not wanted by the Duncan Village community and the DVRA would be seen as collaborating with the community council in the township, the association said

During the meeting, the community council clearance issue was cited as one of the obstacles to the Duvcor project taking off, and thus impeding educational progress

Mr De Pontes said he was approached by the DVRA to arrange for school accommodation for Duncan Village pupils last year

He said that he and the DVRA worked out the project and it was jointly agreed that the project would only involve the private sector

The DVRA had never objected to the East Cape Development Board (ECDB) being approached to provide the land on which to build the temporary structures, he said The ECDB controls the land in Duncan Village

The DVRA and members of the United Democratic Front (UDF) who were at the meetings approved of the whole scheme, including the idea that the temporary structures would later be used as three-roomed houses by the community

Mr De Pontes said the DVRA's unexpected withdrawal could have been prompted by a "turmoil" in their ranks Some DVRA members had confided to Mr De Pontes that the project should go on

The withdrawal of the DVRA from the project might have been sparked by the fact that they could not fulfil their aims in the eyes of the community they claimed to have represented because they did not have the mandate of the people in the township

Some DVRA members could be playing political games with education, Mr De Pontes said, adding that this group aimed at achieving their ends by using the education issue as a vehicle

He said that appart from himself, the Duvcor board of management consisted of private businessmen Four vacancies existed on the board and these had been earmarked for the DVRA and two student representatives

Mr De Pontes said all DVRA members were people who had completed their education

"These people are prepared to sacrifice the education of a whole generation to achieve their political aims"

Meanwhile, the East London Progressive Teachers' Union (Elptu) has said that more than 3 000 pupils registered at Ebenezer Majombozi school on January 28 in spite of the circuit office ruling that pupils should only be registered on February 3

The registration was done under the auspices of a newly formed co-ordinating committee of parents and teachers

The registration was not accepted by the circuit office in King William's Town, which declared it unofficial, but teachers continued teaching

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Pupils were spread in church halls and tents throughout Duncan Village The two secondary schools were accommodated at Ebenezer Majombozi

DISPATCH

At the weekend, Elptu said the Department of Education and Training (DET) refused to supply teaching materials to schools in church halls and other centres outside the Duvcor classrooms

Elptu said that in the centres established by it teachers had to use whatever material they could, including cardboard for blackboards

Teachers had also arranged a "platoon system" where one school would attend classes in the morning and the next school in the afternoon to obviate the accommodation problem.

Yesterday, the only school that attended classes at the Duvcor site was Nompumelelo Lower Primary School

Last month the circuit inspector, Mr G van der Merwe, announced that pupils would attend classes at the Duvcor site on an instalment basis, starting from Std 10 downwards No pupils turned up at Duvcor Instead, they went to Ebenezer Majombozi where they had been registered.

Last week Mr Van der Merwe called on primary schools to report at Duvcor on Monday Only a few Nompumelelo Primary School pupils turned up

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'Sacking' measure passed

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

CONTROVERSIAL legislation giving the Administrator the power to sack local government representatives was passed by the National Party-dominated Provincial Council yesterday.

The ordinance allows the Administrator to dismiss or withhold the allowance of any councillor who refuses to abide by a provincial or government regulation or who, in the opinion of the Administrator, "is responsible for or contributed to" a local authority's decision to defy the law.

Although the full implications of the legislation are not yet clear, the MEC for local government, Mr Willem Bouwer, conceded that it would enable the Administrator to dismiss the entire Port Elizabeth City Council for refusing to enforce the Separate Amenities Act on its beaches

The Cape Town City Council, which also refuses to enforce apartheid legislation at its amenities, and the East London City Council, which has decided to defy the Group Areas Act, would be under the same threat in terms of the ordinance.

This would also apply to a council which refused to serve on a Regional Services Council or which refused to co-operate with coloured and Indian management committees.

Mr Bouwer said councillors who had been dismissed could not be re-eleced as long as the provisions of the ordinance applied to them.

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City councils an NP target

CIVIC DIARY

By Hilary Venables

CAPE TOWN City Council — along with East London City Council, Port Elizabeth City Council, General Motors, the ANC and the UDF — provided a convenient target for attacks from the National Party during the Provincial Council session which ended last week

A remarkable feature of the onslaught was that Cape Town was slated for being both "racist" and "radical"

The council's negative attitude to coloured and Indian management committees had Nationalists baying about a "third league racist council"

Government members, aware that it was imprudent to condemn anyone for opposing apartheid, seemed determined to twist the whole thing around to prove that liberal local authorities were actually protecting white minority interests

Their indignation at the City Council's "racial selfishness" was matched only by the ardour with which they defended the Group Areas Act, the Separate Amenities Act and the Population Registration Act

Cape Town's repeated call for the full and direct representation of all citizens, regardless of race, on one council was brushed aside as Nationalists strove to score political points against a local authority which has long been a thorn in the government's side

Even the City Council's rejection of RSCs was branded "racist", despite the fact that it opposes the system primarily because it is based on apartheid

The council has accepted the principle of regional government (although it has insisted that wealth should be redistributed on a national basis) but has condemned the undemocratic nature of the RSCs

It has consistently opposed the lack of in-depth investigation into the implications of the system, the strong hold central government will have on the RSCs and the inflationary system of regional taxation

The council has warned that the funds collected through regional levies can never eliminate the massive backlog of services which exists in the townships as a result of the government's failure to develop black areas

The government, in trying to sell its RSC package to blacks, has raised expectations of better living conditions which can never be met unless regional taxes are raised to such an extent that they destroy the local economy

"The council has no doubt whatsoever that if expectations are dashed, there will be unrest, rioting and violence, bearing in mind that in any case the RSC system is not acceptable to a great number of the inhabitants of the area," the council says

These points were ignored by NP speakers in their eagerness to discredit the council.

But when city councillors serving on the Provincial Council reiterated the City's anti-apartheid policies they were warned that a non-racial democracy would lead to "chaos"

During the heated debate on legislation empowering the Administrator to fire city councillors, the Nationalists' true objections to Cape Town City Council came to the fore

In speeches and interjections, Nationalists supported the new law which would prevent rebel councils from "sabotaging government structures and giving momentum to those groups who want to destroy the constitution".

The "radicals" on Cape Town City Council were repeatedly singled out as justifiable targets of the new ordinance

"They play into the hands of those who aim to overthrow the country by violent means," one speaker said

No amount of arguing that it was the government that was furthering the cause of violent revolution by denying full democratic rights to the majority of South Africans made any impression on the Nat majority.

It will be interesting to see which council is the first object of the Administrator's wrath, given the self-righteous NP stand against racism

Will it be Cape Town, East London or Port Elizabeth, which have taken a stand against apartheid, or one of the more conservative white country councils which balk at the prospect of sharing even their civic centres with people of a different colour?

Cape council votes not to open beaches

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Own Correspondent

CAPE TOWN — The Divisional Council today decided by one vote not to open its beaches to all races at this stage.

Instead, after a lengthy debate, the council accepted a motion from Mr A L J Powell to refer the matter back to the works committee for further consideration and recommendations on crowd control and to canvas other municipalities for their views.

The council will vote again on the issue after these steps have been taken.

At today's monthly meeting chairman Mr L J Rothman was one of seven councillors who supported Mr Powell's motion, while the deputy chairman, Mr J J Walsh, was among the six who voted against it.

Motivating his motion to open the beaches, Mr Neil Ross said 11 civic associations supported the idea.

"It is an illustration that councillors are behind public opinion instead of leading public opinion," Mr Ross said.

He advised council to deal with the matter speedily and to implement measures to control people using its beaches.

"There are two types of control measures: physical and educational. We should not take the easy option of creating pay beaches. I am not in favour of fences or pay beaches."

He said the council's beaches would probably be overcrowded at Christmas and New Year.

His advice to people not in favour of crowded beaches was to "stay away from them".

Supporting Mr Ross, Mr Walsh said: "We are talking about depriving people of a God-given amenity — public open spaces. Beaches are public. We are trying to redress a situation which is based on no other grounds than racial grounds."

Mr Powell said he his objection concerning the opening of beaches was that the council had not consulted other municipalities.

He also wanted proper control measures like the creation of a strong force of beach constables, he said.

Challenge to 'big stick' law

Cape Times 28/3/86 263

By HILARY VENABLES
Municipal Reporter

THE City Council is to challenge the legality of the new "big stick" legislation which gives the Administrator arbitrary powers to fire elected councillors.

In terms of a motion proposed by Mr Arthur J. Wienburg and amended by Mr Neil Ross, the council resolved to instruct its legal adviser to investigate the validity of the legislation in terms of the law and to ask the State President, Mr P W Botha, to overrule the relevant clause in the Provincial Ordinance

No power

Mrs Joan Kanfey said that in terms of parliamentary legislation, the Administrator did not have the power to remove elected representatives from office and that the new ordinance was therefore ultra vires.

Mr Wienburg described the new powers as "political thuggery", but withdrew the remark after being asked to do so by the Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz

"I have no doubt that this move is specifically aimed at this council, which has a long and admirable record of opposition to this government's maniacal obsession with interfering in the lives of individuals, tampering with their civil liberties and riding roughshod over the principle of the rule of law," Mr Wienburg said

Court

"It is an accepted principle of democracy that the power to remove public representatives from office is vested in those very people who elected them in the first place — except for certain situations whereby a court has the right to remove those guilty of misdemeanours identified in law."

Dr John Sonnenberg said he would continue to oppose the government by, for example, doing everything in his power to destroy the "unfair, unjust and unwanted management committee system" and challenged the Administrator to "sack" him and any other councillor who supported him

A number of National Party members left the chamber before and during debate without defending the legislation and the motion was unanimously adopted by the remaining 27 councillors

Indaba hears of a solution to unrest

A SINGLE legislative assembly for Natal and KwaZulu would permanently defuse continuing unrest and tension, the chairman of the Natal/KwaZulu indaba, Professor Desmond Clarence, said yesterday

Opening the indaba in the Durban City Hall, Clarence said the 31 participating organisations were there "to work in a spirit of compromise, goodwill and with far-sightedness for the future".

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The opening took place under top security against the background of increasing opposition from the extreme right and left to the indaba.

Government had committed itself to full citizenship and full political participation for all, he said

"I believe we have been given the opportunity to make a contribution towards these goals."

The indaba's success would be the result of the determination of the participants to reach out and find each other in debate, putting behind them fears, prejudices and distrust which they may have had in the past, he said —Sapa

215 municipal workers fired

JOHANNESBURG — The George municipality yesterday dismissed 215 workers, the town clerk, Mr Carel du Plessis, has confirmed

The workers have stayed away from work since unrest erupted in the nearby black township of Lawaaikamp

Mr Du Plessis said the municipality would employ coloured labour to replace the dismissed workers, who would be sent back to the homelands

The workers would have until Wednesday to vacate their compound, he said. — Sapa

uments Mr Maxwell was put up R30 000 for Dyn- To page 2

Reprieve for George workers

Council halts demolition

Cape Times 10/4/86

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By CHRIS BATEMAN

IN A DRAMATIC last-minute reprieve yesterday morning, George Municipality agreed to stay the demolition of a Lawaaikamp workers' hostel pending the result of an urgent meeting late last night.

The reprieve comes amid rising tension a week after the municipality fired 215 black workers living at the hostel and employed coloured labourers in their place

The hostel was due to be demolished at 11am yesterday but municipal officials agreed to a "stay of execution" after urgent representations by township leaders and two MPCs

At the meeting, which finished about 10pm, the council provisionally agreed that no further demolitions would take place in Lawaaikamp This included the hostel, said Mr George Kellerman, National Party MPC for George, who played a key role in setting up the negotiations

Mr Kellerman said the council held a second exclusive meeting late last night to draw up a draft agreement which would include proposals for a cessation of violence in return for concessions on the rental payments and "the squatting problem"

Late yesterday the 215 former municipal workers were keeping their belongings at the hostel but had prepared themselves for sudden departure

The respite comes in the wake of mounting pressure on the municipality by Mr Kellerman and Mr Jan van Eck (PFP MPC for Groote Schuur) to negotiate

* The George Town Clerk, Mr Carel du Plessis, confirmed before last night's meeting that the reprieve would form part of the basis for negotiations on the relocation of the estimated 5 000 Lawaaikamp residents to nearby Sandkraal where "self-help" stands were provided

"The fact that the 215 didn't come to work is one of the minor problems — the main problem is the unrest in Lawaaikamp," Mr Du Plessis said

The issue of coloured preferential labour was not on the agenda for last night's meeting, he added

Lawaaikamp residents have refused to pay rents until living conditions are improved while the George Municipality has set an April 16 deadline for the payment of outstanding rents and the demolition of all "illegal" constructions

Residents face a 100 percent increase in plot rentals, effective from May 1, because of "rising administrative costs".

Commenting on his return from the township yesterday, Mr Van Eck warned that if the George City Council carried out its plans it would provoke "a major political explosion"

"I saw tremendous hostility and anger there today, it's like a powder keg The implementation of any one of the council proposals will lead to a major political explosion," he said

Mr Van Eck said he had found the township in an advanced state of neglect and decay

"How they can threaten to increase the rents is totally beyond me The place hasn't been serviced for ages"

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'Hard thinking' on George deal

Staff Reporter

RESIDENTS of Lawaaikamp township outside George have not yet reacted to a "package deal" offered them by the municipality, but have condemned the "hard attitude" of the town council

The package deal was drawn up on Wednesday after days of friction between the municipality and township residents

This week 5 000 residents were threatened with relocation to nearby Sandkraal, and 215 fired municipal workers were told their Lawaaikamp hostel was to be demolished

In response to the deal, which includes a guarantee of "undisputed occupation" for residents until December 31 if they move to Sandkraal, a Lawaaikamp spokesman said "We will do some hard thinking"

Mr Kenneth Siboto, speaking for the Lawaaikamp residents committees, said yesterday the municipality had made "strict and hard conditions in the deal"

The main grievances of residents are the proposed increase in rent of almost 100 percent and the threat of removals to Sandkraal

Residents have refused to pay more rent until living conditions have been improved, but the deal offered by the municipality insists on the rent increase

Residents have been given until May 31 to pay all outstanding rentals and register all "illegal structures" The rent increases from June 1

The municipality has given the committees until the end of next week to decide on the deal

If the deal is rejected, the "illegal" houses of 5 000 people will be demolished and the municipality will make no concessions on rent payments "We are very worried about this," said Mr Siboto

Mr Jan van Eck, the PFP MPC for Groote Schuur, who has been negotiating for the residents of Lawaaikamp, said the present attitude of the municipality "had to result in a direct confrontation"

Mr Carel du Plessis, the town clerk of George, said yesterday that, apart from the deal, a solution to the problems could be a "mixed town council"

'Ruling'

● Attorneys acting for the 215 council dismissed workers yesterday gave the municipality notice to reinstate the workers

The notice said an application for a ruling to have the workers reinstated would be made to the Industrial Court if the municipality did not act

ARGUS 18/4/86 MUNICIPAL CONGRESS

Council fought lonely battle against RSCs

By JOHN YELD
Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town City Council fought virtually single-handedly to try to persuade the Cape Municipal Association to abandon suppport for regional services councils

Cape Town delegates told the association's annual congress in George yesterday that RSCs were "doomed to failure" and would bring civil unrest

"For the vast majority of coloured, Indian and black people this is simply not an acceptable basis for regional government," Mr Clive Keegan said

SOME SUPPORT

Mrs Eulalie Stott said the only way to find peace was to recognise the right of all citizens to make a contribution

There was some support from East London's Mr A E Spring, who said "Changes to the system must have the support of the people the system is designed to serve".

But the congress overwhelmingly adopted an amended motion from Queenstown delegates, who originally also asked for the whole question of RSCs to be reviewed.

Queenstown delegate and honorary life president of the association, Dr T G Schlebusch said he had held "fruitful" discussions with Mr Chris Heunis, Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning

The congress adopted Dr Schlebusch's proposal that

- RSCs be accepted as a starting point for "evolutionary reform" at local government level but that existing consultation be expanded;
- The financial regulations for RSCs be accepted to avoid delays but that Government departments seek ways to improve these,
- Strict controls be exercised over the creation of infrastructures for RSCs and the transfer of staff,
- No RSCs be obliged to to take over only the liabilities of bodies they replaced, and
- "Reform must go hand-in-hand with the strict application of law and order."

Income tax

624. Mr H H SCHWARZ asked the Minister of Finance

What is the total amount of income tax assessed for the 1984-85 tax year in respect of (a) companies and (b) individuals?

The MINISTER OF FINANCE

	Amount	% Assessed
(a)	R2 884 049 514	45,23%
(b)	R5 321 466 519	74,86%

Q COL 1247
HANSARD 21/4/86

KwaNdebele: tenders invited

743. Mr P G SOAL asked the Minister of Education and Development Aid

(1) Whether tenders have been invited for the construction of a (a) stadium, (b) supreme court building and (c) radio broadcasting centre in KwaNdebele; if so, (i) how many tenders were submitted, and (ii) from whom were they received, in each case;

(2) whether any contracts have been awarded, if not, when will they be awarded, if so,

(3) whether the lowest tender was accepted in each case, if not, (a) why not and (b) what was the amount of the (i) lowest and (ii) successful tender in respect of each project, if so, what was the amount of the successful tender,

(4) (a) what is the total anticipated cost to his Department of the construction of each of these projects and (b) when are they due to be completed in each case?

The MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT AID

(1) (a) and (b) Yes, on 1 April 1986

(c) No

(2) No The closing date for tenders for the stadium and the supreme court building is 23 April 1986. It is anticipated that tender recommendations for both projects will be ready for submission to the State Tender Board by 30 April 1986

(3) Falls away

(4) (a) The total anticipated construction costs for each of the projects are as follows

(i) the stadium	R5 000 000
(ii) the supreme court building	R2 900 000
(iii) the radio broadcasting centre	R1 460 000

(b) 14 November 1986 for both the stadium and the supreme court building. A date in respect of the broadcasting centre has not yet been determined

Q COL 1248
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Citizens

792 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Home Affairs·

(a) How many persons who were or are citizens of foreign countries became South African citizens in each of the latest specified 15 years for which figures are available, (b) of what countries were these persons citizens at the time and (c) how many citizens of each of these countries became South African citizens in each such year?

The MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS

(a) *Persons who became South African citizens through naturalisation*

1971–3 420	1976–3 492	1981–3 721
1972–3 352	1977–2 200	1982–3 802
1973–3 097	1978–3 296	1983–3 663
1974–3 299	1979–2 952	1984–4 201
1975–3 203	1980–2 610	1985–3 196

Persons who automatically became South African citizens

According to information obtained from the Population Register a total of 62 139 persons automatically obtained South African citizenship by 31 December 1985 Separate figures in respect of each year are not available.

(b) and (c) Particulars of the countries of origin in respect of persons who become South African citizens through naturalisation are only being kept since 1983 and are as follows·

Country	1983	1984	1985
Angola	1	1	—
Argentine	—	4	5
Australia	9	12	10
Austria	13	14	10
Belgium	23	20	19
Bolivia	—	—	1
Botswana	6	11	6
Brazil	—	1	—
Bulgaria	1	4	4
Canada	5	9	3
Chile	—	1	2
Cyprus	1	15	12
Czechoslovakia	15	31	21
Denmark	1	6	3
England—UK and Colonies	1 082	1 042	682
France	11	16	14
Germany	44	68	48
Greece	51	71	59
Hungary	13	16	24
Iran	—	2	—
Ireland	15	15	7
Israel	26	52	90
Italy	17	27	25
Kenya	5	8	4
Latvia	1	—	—
Lebanon	6	6	7
Lesotho	2	1	1
Libya	—	1	—
Lithuania	—	—	1
Mauritius	12	27	19
Mozambique	1	4	1
Netherlands	65	178	79
New Zealand	2	5	3
Norway	—	—	2
Poland	11	48	45
Portugal	74	68	94
Rhodesia/Zimbabwe	1 880	2 120	1 569
Rumania	—	1	4
Russia	—	2	—
Scotland	—	3	1
Seychelles	1	2	1
Spain	—	2	1
Swaziland	3	15	7
Sweden	1	1	4
Switzerland	4	10	8
Tanzania	—	1	1
Turkey	1	—	1
U S A	4	2	2
Uruguay	—	1	1
Wales	—	2	—
Yugoslavia	2	—	20
Zambia	14	43	26
Zaire	1	—	2
Asians	227	174	214
Stateless	12	38	33

Particulars of countries of origin in respect of persons who automatically become South African citizens are not being kept

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TUESDAY, 22 APRIL 1986

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†Indicates translated version.

For oral reply

General Affairs

Question standing over from Tuesday, 15 April 1986:

HANSARD 21/4/86

Assistance with speech

Q COL 1249

*17 Mr K M ANDREW asked the Minister of Finance·

(1) Whether he received any assistance from Government officials in respect of the (a) preparation and (b) typing of the Second Reading speech on the Appropriation Bill which was delivered by him on 17 March 1986,

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Jokes, banter — but little serious debate

By JOHN YELD Municipal Reporter

THERE was a lot of back-slapping and mutual congratulation at the annual congress of the Cape Province Municipal Association (CPMA) in George last week.

There were also a few good jokes, a bit of banter about rugby, some well-attended social activities and a number of important guests to listen to

But serious debate on pressing issues affecting local government was decidedly thin on the ground and one of the most relevant — the question of integrated town councils — was cut short after just two speakers at the instigation of local Cape Divisional councillor Mr M J Aggenbach

In fairness the association relies heavily on the executive committee system which appears to work well, with the excecutive comprising senior delegates, articulate and highly-experienced in local government matters

It is perhaps also unreasonable to expect much consensus between 500 delegates representing nearly 200 local authorities as diverse as Danielskuil, Steynsburg, Uitenhage and Cape Town, and holding a full spectrum of political views (with the possible exception of the far left).

BUT the association takes the character of the majority of its members and the CPMA remains a highly conservative body showing little commitment to meaningful change outside National Party philosophy

As expected the thorny question of the introduction of Regional Services Councils (RSCs) dominated proceedings.

Significantly, despite contributions from such high-powered speakers as the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, the Minister of Local Government, Housing and Works, Mr Amie Venter, and Dr Chris Thornhill, one of the chief architects of RSCs in the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning, the only new fact to emerge was that six additional RSCs (other than those for the Cape and Port Elizabeth metropolitan areas) are under consideration for the Cape Province

In the face of an effective capitulation by Queenstown, who had originally proposed that congress ask the Government to review the whole question of RSCs, it was left to the Cape Town City Council's delegates to try and persuade congress that RSCs would prove unworkable

MR Clive Keegan quoted senior Nationalists Dr Piet Cillie as saying it had been necessary to try apartheid to prove that it couldn't work Would the country have to suffer the same costly and possibly bloody exercise with RSCs, Mr Keegan wanted to know.

Mr A E Spring of East London associated himself with Cape Town's stand.

"There is no chance of the support or participation of black communities where I come from," he said

But other speakers were clearly unhappy with this criticism and expressed determination to press ahead with participation in RSCs, despite some misgivings about certain aspects of their operation.

And Mr Louwtjie Rothman, Goodwood mayor and chairman of the Divisional Council of the Cape chided congress for its "absolutely negative attitude"

"RSCs can work and will work if we make them work," he thundered to applause

BUT there appeared little concern about the patent lack of credibility afflicting many of those institutions of the quaintly phrased "anderkleuriges" who will be partners in the new RSC system. For example, black community councils are completely inoperative in many areas and, particularly in many urban areas, community support for the largely Labour Party-controlled management committee system is minimal

There were several indications — sometimes from surprising quarters — that delegates were unhappy with the present system of local government

A number of delegates, including De Aar councillor Mr A J Barnard and Oudsthoorn MPC Mr S M Greeff, pleaded for consultation between the different race groups and suggested unofficial "mini-RSCs" be set up in communities as an interim measure

IN his annual report association president Mr S Immelman said continuous consultation and meaningful communication between race groups was the only means of making a success of the new political dispensation.

There was little more than a smattering of polite applause from some sections of the crowded George civic centre when Cape Town councillor Mr Clive Keegan told congress "Our future lies in non-racial local government It will come — not today, not tomorrow, but as sure as the sun sets"

Cape Times 29/4/86

'Illegal structures' deadline

GEORGE municipality has distributed thousands of pamphlets in Lawaaikamp, informing residents that all illegal structures must be removed by the middle of May

If this is not done the municipality will remove them The rent of sites has been increased to R25 from June 1 — Sapa

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Councillors vote for higher pay

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Municipal Reporter

CAPE Town city councillors are to accept an increase in their allowances from R534 to R620 a month

Chairmen of standing committees and of Exco receive proportionately more

Increased allowances were approved by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, last July but were not taken up.

The issue sparked a sharp debate at yesterday's monthly meeting

Mr Sam Gross believed it was "time to say no"

"Can the executive committee show any evidence that the economic climate of this country or this city has improved to the extent that we can help ourselves to more?" he asked.

"We are going to find ourselves described as hypocrites."

But Mr Dick Friedlander said that "almost without exception" the 34 councillors gave full value for money

Mr Jo Rabinowitz said it appeared that the ideal of councillors performing a public service was "outdated, outmoded and archaic"

Mr Rabinowitz, Mr Gross, Mr Neil Ross and Mrs Bronnie Harding voted against accepting the increase.

● Pay rises for members of the city's four management committees were also approved

PHATUDI IN A R2-m SPLURGE

LEBOWA is to spend over R2-million to build four ministerial houses this year, according to the bantustan's Chief Minister, Dr C N Phatudi.

By MATHATHA TSEDU

Dr Phatudi made the announcement during his budget speech to the Legislative Assembly in Seshego last week. He said the R2,2-million would be used to build a new house for himself and three other Ministers in Lebowakgomo. He also announced that he received a salary of R45 636 per annum plus R8 052 non-taxable personal allowance

Dr Phatudi's announcement came amid complaints by members of the Legislative Assembly that the R548-million budgeted for this year was "too little". A committee has been appointed to work out recommendations which are to be presented to the South African Government to request more money.

West Bank development ruled out?

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By MATTHEW MOONIEYA
Local Affairs Reporter

EAST LONDON — The controversial industrial development on the West Bank seems set not to go ahead

This was the hint at an information meeting for civic leaders and businessmen here which was addressed by the Deputy Minister of Information, Mr Louis Nel

During question time, the chairman of the Border Regional Development Association, Mr Cyril Manthe, referred to the West Bank when he highlighted factors which militated against industrial development on the Border

"West Bank seemed a logical development but it seems the guide plan discourages it," Mr Manthe said

Replying later, the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, said it had been found that the West Bank was not the best place to site industry

He said the Cape Provincial Administration-appointed ad hoc committee which had investigated the future siting of industries in the city had completed its task and had submitted its findings to the committee investigating an overall guide plan for the city

Mr De Pontes did not elaborate but it is understood that the ad hoc committee ruled out the 83 hectares identified by municipal officials and supported by a landscape architect, Mr Willem van Riet, for park-type industrial development

The committee identified Berlin as the most important industrial centre for the sub-region, with other priority areas such as Scenery Park and land beyond the airport

Municipal officials have been pushing for the development of the 83 hectares which were seen as vital for the industrial development of East London

The assessment was based on research which showed that the black population growth was three per cent and that, by the year 2 000, 302 hectares would be required

The mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, said last night the council still favoured further development of the West Bank and had "no plans to abandon the battle"

"West Bank is the life blood of our city," Mr Yazbek said

The chairman of the Border Metropolitan Development Corporation, Mr Errol Spring, cautioned against overreacting to statements by provincial officials

In view of the many changes which were going to take place on local government and provincial level, what was important was to do the right things in the interest of East London

He said he remained optimistic about West Bank's future

New union launched for postal workers

A NEW union to represent more than 10 000 workers from all over the country in the Department of Posts and Telecommunication was launched in Soweto yesterday.

The organisation's secretary, Mr Ephraim Mosunkutu, told more than 600 delegates from all over the country that a six-member deputation had been to see the Postmaster-General in Pretoria last week to brief him of the formation of the union

The organisation's chairman, Mr Vusi Khumalo, told the meeting that the Postmaster-General had told the delegation that in order to be recognised by the department, the union — to be known as the Posts and Telecommunication Workers' Association — should have a membership of 50 percent of all the black workers in the department and that its leadership should be elected democratically.

They had also told the Postmaster—General that they wanted to have the union registered

The Postmaster-General had also told them he wanted to see the organisation's constitution.

At yesterday's meeting at the Funda Centre, Soweto, the organisation pledged to align itself with other organisations working towards the liberation of blacks in the country — Sapa

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WCDB workers' 27pc rise

By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

BLACK workers for the Western Cape Development Board have been granted large pay increases after a wage dispute was referred to a conciliation board

A 12 percent allowance, backdated to January 1 last year, a 5,5 percent pay increase also dating back to January 1 last year and a 10 percent pay increase, as from January 1 this year, have been awarded.

The effective 27,5 percent increase in salaries has been incorporated into a formal agreement between the WCDB and the Western Cape Administration Board Workers' Union, which is a registered trade union representing about 1 900 of the 2 236 black workers employed by the board.

'Minimum'

As from July 1 this year, the minimum wage be paid by the board will be R382 a month

The agreement was signed by the board and the union last week.

The conciliation board was appointed by the Minister of Manpower, Mr Pietie du Plessis, in February this year after the union demanded a 25 percent salary increase for all workers employed by the board

"We have won," the union's secretary, Mr Boy Mafunga, said yesterday

But this victory has been soured by the government's decision to phase out the development boards from July 1 this year.

Mr Mafunga asked: "What is going to happen to the black employees when the development boards are phased out?"

Development board employees had been told that they would be transferred to the provincial administrations but the union was worried about the possibility of retrenchments and it wanted to know what would happen to their pensions and other benefits, Mr Mafunga said

'Transfer'

At present, development board employees had a private pension scheme and they were covered by group life insurance policies, but they did not know if these would be transferred to the provincial administrations

People who had worked for the city council and divisional council before being transferred to the development board still had not been informed about their accumulated service benefits, Mr Mafunga said

"The workers must be given the opportunity to decide for themselves if they want their accumulated benefits to be transferred," Mr Mafunga said.

"We want an appointment with the provincial secretary to find out what is going on"

The union was very concerned about its position in the provincial administration because in the government service only staff associations had been permitted in the past.

'United'

Mr Mafunga said: "If we are not united, the people will join the radical unions

"It is very important that members of this union fight together If we are not united we will not able to fight for those things.

"We wish to stress that we identify ourselves with the problems of black people in the communities"

He said the union will hold a general meeting in Langa on Saturday

Meeting on PE beaches tomorrow

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By KIN BENTLEY

ONLY resident municipal voters on the voters' roll will be allowed to take part in proceedings at tomorrow night's meeting in Port Elizabeth on the scrapping of beach apartheid, according to the Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha

Right-wing whites hope to muster 26 votes in favour of a referendum being called on the City Council's 14-7 vote in March that the city's beaches be opened to all races from July 1

Only 26 votes, equal to the number of councillors, are required to force a referendum — even if the majority of people at the meeting vote against the motion

No final decision has been taken on the council's decision by the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, who has the final say on the matter

This was confirmed today by a senior official in the Department of Local Government, who said the matter was "under investigation" and that a number of issues, including legal aspects, were being studied

He could not say how long the investigation would take

There would also have to be "consultation with central government" and the Administrator's decision could only be taken when the matter came before the Executive Committee

Mr Botha today spelt out the mechanics for tomorrow's meeting, which will be chaired by the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier

Only the Baakens Street entrance to the hall will be used It will be open from 6pm, to enable people to have their names checked against the roll The meeting will start at 7 30pm

Each municipal voter will get a document identifying him and only those with such documents can address the meeting and vote

No repetition of arguments will be allowed

Mr Botha said while non-voters would be allowed into the hall, should it be filled and more voters want to get in, non-voters would have to make way

The meeting is a result of petitions by the Herstigte Nasionale Party and councillor Mr Chris Meyer, who are opposed to opening the beaches

The former Mayor, Mr Ivan Krige, has called for a boycott of the meeting, saying the holding of a referendum, which will cost ratepayers R10 000, is a waste of money He said it would discredit PE at home and abroad

However, the HNP organiser in PE, Mr Attie Loock, believes the money would be well spent

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AREA D: In all other areas.

Report expected on PE troubles

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Post Reporter

AN important report from Port Elizabeth's Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, on the unrest and boycott situation in the city is expected to be made at today's Policy and Resources Committee meeting.

Yesterday, Mr Botha and the chairman of the committee, Mr H van Zyl Cillié, held information meetings with representatives of the PE Chamber of Commerce, the Midland Chamber of Industry and the Afrikaanse Sakekamer.

Later they met members of the South African Police and security police

The meetings were reportedly criticised by the spokesman for the PE Consumer Boycott Committee, Mr Mkhuseli Jack, for "ignoring the bulk of the community"

However, the director of the chamber, Mr Tony Gilson, said today that there was "nothing sinister" in the information meetings, which arose from a motion to a Policy and Resources Committee meeting on April 15 by a city councillor, Mr Harold Davidson

His call to negotiate with boycott leaders was defeated

According to the agenda for today's meeting, the Town Clerk, Mr Botha, will make a verbal report on the matter. Mr Cillié is also expected to make a statement.

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Opperman slates West Bank action

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON - The chairman of the Ward 1 Ratepayers' Association, Mr A Opperman, yesterday slated the intention of some city councillors to continue the fight for industrial developent on the West Bank

He was reacting to a story in Saturday's Daily Dispatch which stated that industrial development might not go ahead The story included reaction from the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, and the finance portfolio leader, Mr Errol Spring

Mr Opperman said their comment showed total disregard for the ratepayers and the future of the area

"Mr Yazbek's saying that the council had no plans to abandon the battle to further development on the West Bank has only made us more determined not to give up our battle against it," Mr Opperman said

He said that Mr Spring, who is also chairman of the Border Metropolitan Development Corporation, had the "story entirely wrong" when he cautioned against over reacting to statements by provincial officials in reference to the recent investigation conducted and subsequent guide plan submitted into the issue by the chief town and regional planner of the Cape Province, Mr B G Louw

"Mr Louw and his officials went into the matter thoroughly, and advised against development in the West Bank area," Mr Opperman added

"There seems to be a total disregard by the city council, despite everything they have been shown, for the hundreds of ratepayers living in this ward

"Property owned here is a major investment to homeowners in the area What will their investments be worth with factories surrounding them?"

He said that the 83 hectares identified by municipal officials for park-type industrial development and vital for the industrial development of East London, but which was ruled out by the Cape Provincial Administration-appointed ad hoc committee, also showed extreme shortsightednesss by the council

The council's assessment was based on research which showed that the black population growth was three per cent and that, by the year 2 000, 302 hectares would be required

"That is only 14 years from now This shows short-sightedness and no longterm planning What will happen in 30 years time?

"The city council wants to fight this battle and, if it wins, it will lead to the total destruction of all the ecological, sociological and historical factors of the area," he added

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Nats, Progs may vote on same side

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THE National Party might find itself supporting the Progressive Federal Party when the campaign gets under way for next month's referendum on whether to open PE beaches to all races

In the 1983 constitution referendum, the PFP found itself calling for a "No" vote alongside the Conservative Party.

However, on this occasion the right-wing Herstigte Nasionale Party, which forced the referendum, looks set to stand isolated against the NP and PFP.

The regional chairman of the PFP, Mr Ronnie Kaplan, confirmed today that his party was "going to get involved" in the referendum on June 20

Municipal voters will vote on the recent PE City Council decision to open all the city's beaches to all races on July 1.

While the local office of the National Party could not confirm by late today whether the NP would openly campaign for or against open beaches, indications are that the NP in PE supports open beaches

When the City Council voted 14-7 in favour of desegratation, several well-known NP figures on the council supported the move, including the Mayor, Mr Ben Olivier.

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Rates, light, water all set for big hikes

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NEXT week the PE City Council will consider a 10% rates and electricity increase and a 13,5% water tariff hike

The Policy and Resources Committee yesterday spent seven hours debating PE's operating and capital budgets for 1986/87

Three options for the electricity increase were given to the committee by the City Treasurer, Mr Amandus Strydom, and the committee opted for a 10% increase from July 1 and a 10,91% increase from January 1

Consolation for home-owners is that PE is the third cheapest of SA's eight major cities Rates, sewerage, refuse, electricity and water cost R149,93 a month for a 225 square metre house on a 1 050 square metres plot compared to costly Cape Town at R206,31 a month for the same formula

Part of the small crowd which voted last night for a referendum.

Town Clerk reviews need for ballot boxes in every PE ward

Post Reporter

THERE will probably be only five ballot boxes in Port Elizabeth when ratepayers vote on June 20 for or against the opening of the city's beaches to all races

The decision on the number of ballot boxes lies with the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, following the meeting last night in the Feather Market Hall at which 99 ratepayers voted for a referendum

Mr Botha said today he had expected a packed hall last night

A total of 160 people attended last night's meeting, but only 100 of them were ratepayers who voted

"The original intention," Mr Botha said, "was to have ballot boxes in each of the 13 wards

"I am reviewing the situation Because so few people attended the meeting I expect there won't be a sufficient demand for polling stations in all the wards

"Today I will look at the possibility of evenly spreading ballot boxes in the city — five boxes conveniently situated"

In March a majority of city councillors voted that the city's beaches be opened to all races

Two petitions calling for a referendum to be held on the issue were then sent to the council

An HNP petition carried 44 signatures and a petition submitted by councillor Chris Meyer had 144 signatures

Last night 99 ratepayers voted for and one voted against the referendum Twenty-six votes were needed to make the vote effective

PE gas service runs at huge loss

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Post Reporter

THE municipal gas service is running at a massive loss according to a report by the City Treasurer, Mr Amandus Strydom, in which he estimates the operating deficit on the gas service for the next financial year to be R4,2 million

This is a marked deterioration on previous years The revised deficit for the 1985/86 financial year was R2 759 430

Mr Strydom says in his report — which prefaces the annual capital and operating budget of the Port Elizabeth Municipality to be considered by the City Council at its meeting next week — that the increased deficit was due mainly to the effect of cost increases in coal and railage

It was further aggravated by the recent price decrease in oil related products

The predicted income from gas sales in the 1986/87 financial year was estimated at R230 000 less than the cost of gas production

The position had now been reached where it would be cheaper to discontinue gas production and just repay the outstanding debt on the undertaking

Mr Strydom said the council would consider the position of the major industries making use of gas in their production processes

Nevertheless, he said, the future of the operation should now be seriously considered

'Court order could halt beach poll'

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Post Reporter

SHOULD the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, decide before June 18 to accede to a request by the Port Elizabeth City Council to open the city's beaches to all races, a court application could be made to have the scheduled referendum on that day called off.

This is the view of the PE Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha

He said, however, that this was simply a possibility and would not be done in terms of the municipal ordinance, under which the referendum is being called.

The poll could become a futile exercise as the Administrator has the final say on the open beaches issue

However, it could be argued that the referendum would be valuable in that the Administrator would have to take note of majority opinion on the issue

'Beware of KwaNatal'

CP Correspondent

THE KwaNatal talks are the first step towards handing Natal over to a black government, Herstigte Nasionale Party leader Jaap Marais told conservative white Natalians this week

"Once this happens, the whole country will follow," he told the first Durban rally of Action White Natal

About 1 000 "conservatives" heard HNP and Conservative Party leaders slam the government's power-sharing proposals

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Cape Times 26/5/86

Clash over Robertson electricity

Staff Reporter

THE chairman of the Nqkubela Civic Association, Mr Peter Nhobo, yesterday still claimed that the electricity supply to the township at Robertson had been cut off, while both the Robertson Municipality and the Western Cape Development Board have adamantly denied this

Evening church services in the township at the weekend were conducted by candlelight and power to the few homes that have been supplied with electricity was still off, Mr Nhobo said

A spokesman for the Robertson Municipality denied last week that the township's power supply had been cut, as residents have alleged

He said the municipality had started supplying electricity to the township earlier this month, but the project was halted after the first morning's work when 14 freshly-sunk poles to support power lines had been sawn off during the lunch break, leaving only the stumps in the ground.

His claims were supported by a senior spokesman for the WCDB, Mr Sampie Steenkamp.

Mr Nhobo said it was not known who was responsible for removing them

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Call to scrap border posts

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Dispatch Reporter

QUEENSTOWN — The town council is to ask the government to abolish all border posts between South Africa and Transkei

This was resolved at a council general action committee meeting

The acting chairman of the Queenstown Chamber of Commerce, Mr A S du Plessis, said the chamber had requested the council to take the matter up with the government

He also said that, as the pass laws had been repealed, the border posts were a hindrance to businessmen and Transkeian shoppers who were inconvenienced by time spent at the border posts before they could get through

Dias Council votes for 15% rates increase

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By KIN BENTLEY

THE Dias Divisional Council approved a 15% rates increase, from July 1, at a meeting held in Port Elizabeth today

The increase was approved by 13 votes to one The only Port Elizabeth representative, Mr J P Alberts, opposed the motion He got no seconder for his proposal of a 10% increase

Mr Alberts said due to the city's economic conditions — "10 to 15 businesses are closing every month" — its residents could not afford this additional burden

The chairman of the council's Finance and General Purposes Committee, Mr D Saks, said the average rates increase over the past few years was still well below the inflation rate

He said the total estimated operating expenditure for the 1986/7 financial year was R22,9 million, of which 59% was derived from subsidies, 28% from rates and 13% from tariffs The total capital expenditure was put at R5,7 million

Mr Saks reported that the Cape Provincial Administration had increased the council's nature conservation subsidy For example, the subsidy for the Van Stadens Flora Reserve this year would be 49%.

He said it had also been decided not to increase tariffs at any of the council's resorts this year

Mr Saks said that due to a lack of funds, "considerable problems" with the roadworks programme would be faced by the council this year. An action committee, which held its first meeting on May 13, had been formed as a result

'No duty to apply beach laws'

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By KIN BENTLEY

THE Port Elizabeth Municipality is not obliged to implement beach apartheid, if what happened in Cape Town is anything to go by

Cape Town simply refused to erect apartheid signs, so apartheid fell by the wayside, says a top municipal official there

The PE City Council has voted by 14-7 in favour of opening the beaches from July 1, but two months after that decision the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, has still not endorsed it

Meanwhile, a white municipal referendum will be held on June 18

Cape Town's director of civic amenities, Mr J S Kloppers, said yesterday that for years the City Council's policy had been simply "never to enforce apartheid"

He believed that because the PE City Council erected apartheid notices "they presumably have to enforce it . on behalf of the State"

Mr Kloppers said that as he saw it, PE did not have to wait for the Administrator to give the go-ahead to desegregate beaches "They could just remove the signs and say they are not going to implement apartheid"

The council had decided to put up the signs and could just as easily remove them

Explaining the situation in Cape Town, he said at Camps Bay and Clifton, which like PE's "white" beaches fall in a white group area, in terms of the law the council had to erect apartheid noticeboards so the police could take action if necessary

But it refused to do this, so the police could not enforce the racial provisions

"Another thing Cape Town did was establish a law enforcement division specifically for beaches — to prevent anti-social behaviour"

He said this permanent force of some 120 people enforced the council's by-laws, but not racial laws "The fact that we had the division made the transition easier"

On the False Bay coast, apartheid noticeboards were erected by the Provincial Administration, after the council refused a request from them to erect boards

However, although the police had implemented the segregation laws in False Bay "from time to time", the situation there had become "relaxed" in recent years, and the notices were being systematically removed

Asked if Cape Town had applied to open beaches to all, he said the council had "never recognised apartheid and never approached anybody, but just did it (desgregated) on its own"

The PFP MPC for Rondebosch and a Cape Town city councillor, Mr Jan van Eck, said "In the past few years there has not been a beach prosecution"

Even where there were apartheid signs, these were insufficient to enforce beach apartheid

He said the Attorney General for the Western Cape seemed to have accepted that beach apartheid could not be enforced Charges against a number of people had been dropped This was primarily because the signs "do not demarcate the area" and are not readily visible to every beach user

When a 'Yes' may not be what you want

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A "YES" in the beaches referendum in Port Elizabeth next month means voters support the motion that "all beaches within the municipal boundaries zoned for exclusive use of whites and which border on white suburbs NOT be open to use of people of other races"

A "No" vote is for open beaches

As the ordinance controlling polls disallows identification, there are now fears that voting might be done in the names of "dead voters" and others who have left the city

A spokesman for the Town Clerk's Department warned, however, warned that anyone posing or voting twice would be prosecuted

Polling stations are

Davies Stadium (Wards 1 and 2), Hellenic Hall, Parsons Hill (Wards 3, 4 and 5), NG Kerk Hall, Haupt Street, Sidwell (Wards 6 and 11), Newton Park Methodist Church Hall (Ward 7), Linton Grange Library hall, (Wards 8 and 9), Pieter Rademeyer Hall, Algoa Park (Ward 10), St Agnes Church, Grahamstown Road, (Ward 11), and the Italian Club, Charlo (Wards 12 and 13)

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Racial notice opposed

Post Reporter

A PETITION circulated by the Thornhill Farmers' Association, opposing an apartheid sign and the erection of a gate at the Gamtoos River Mouth camping grounds, has been handed to the Dias Divisional Council

Confirming this yesterday, the council's secretary, Mr Niegel Anderson, said the petition called for free access to the beach for all, and the removal of a "whites only" sign

The sign was erected "at the request of certain people in the vicinity".

It is believed there are almost 600 names on the petition

For generations, people of all races have enjoyed facilities at the Gamtoos River Mouth camping area

The petition calls for decisions on the area to the discussed with the association, or with the councillor for the area, Mr Jack Engelbrecht, of Hankey.

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Dispute: refuse workers in talks

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Municipal refuse removal workers here returned to work this week after a partial strike which started on Friday

The director of management services for the municipality, Mr L Deetlefs, said yesterday that the strike had been called by workers after a dispute concerning their clocking-in and clocking-out procedures

"We held negotiations and discussed the problems with the workers and reached a partial agreement

"The workers returned to work on Monday with the understanding that the issue was not totally resolved, but that we would continue negotiations with them and resolve all their problems," Mr Deetlefs said

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'City council's actions worse than JR Ewing's'

Provincial Reporter

CAPE Town City Council's manipulation of municipal wards before coloured people were removed from the voters' roll "made JR in Dallas look like a junior clerk", the Provincial Council heard

Mr J M Otto (NP Helderberg) attacked the city which the Opposition "was always holding up as an example of true democracy" during debate on the draft ordinance on separate local government areas

He said that of 45 city councillors in 1963, only seven were coloured and from 1966 to 1971, six out of 34 were coloured

Interjecting, Mr Jan van Gend (PFP Constantia) said the voters of Cape Town had voted for people and not on the basis of colour

Mr Otto said although coloured people had a say in a mixed council, at no stage had they decision-making rights over their own affairs

"Swindled"

By means of a qualified franchise and weighting municipal wards, the Cape Town City Council had "suppressed, discriminated and swindled" coloured people

"We (the National Party) are prepared to face the problems of the day and that is why we have done more for the uplifting of the coloured and Indian people since 1972 than the city council did from 1904 to 1972."

Mr Otto said the draft ordinance was a "step on the road of reform"

The Opposition had to refrain from telling people that when apartheid was removed heaven would come to earth

"They must tell the black man that if apartheid is removed tomorrow he will still live in Khayelitsha and work for the same salary He will still work in the garden or for the Cape Town city council — unless he uplifts himself"

● The National Party was "usurping the place of God" by classifying people according to race, Mr Eddie Trent (PFP Port Elizabeth Central) said

During yesterday's debate Mr Trent said the Population Registration Act denied the Christian and Jewish Biblical truth that man was made in the image of God and must only be defined in terms of his relationship with God

"This includes the classification of people according to race The highest authority is not the Constitution. It is Almighty God.

"By classifying people according to race, you are usurping the place of God You are defining a person in terms of your own selfish ideology

"Blessing"

"Do members honestly believe that this legislation would receive the blessing of God?"

Mr Trent said the National Party had an obsession with group identity

Mr C J Veldtman (NP Durbanville) interjected "Yes, you are right"

Mr Trent "You are obsessed with group identity That is what this ordinance is all about"

Mr Veldtman "That is it Are you surprised?"

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Help sought for Milner Estate rents

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A total of 169 Milner Estate families face rent hikes of about 50 per cent — but moves are under way to get a government subsidy

The city council has agreed to the rent hike proposal from the property department with suggested subsidy relief measures to be submitted to the government

The council has also decided to send a three-man deputation to Cape Town if necessary to outline the case for the sub-economic scheme

The chairman of the action committee, Mr Donald Card, said the increase was the result of extensions being built onto the houses

"The area's rents were assessed against the background that the buildings cost about R800 each when they were built more than 30 years ago Now kitchens are being built onto the old structures at a cost of about R6 000 each

"This has necessitated a major hike in the rentals, but council realises that many of the occupants are pensioners and lower income earners This is why council decided that some sort of government relief must be sought to try to ease the burden on the people of Milner Estate," Mr Card said

Mr Card said a similar subsidy request for Buffalo flats had been rejected and as a similar reply was expected, it had been proposed that as the existing rentals in Milner Estate were being subsidised, application should be made to further subsidise the interest and redemption on the difference between the present rental and the new increased rental

It had also been proposed that the hikes be phased in to ease the burden

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EL's rates, tariffs to rise?

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Residents can brace themselves for an all round increase in municipal tariffs when the city council holds a special meeting tonight to finalise the estimates for the 1986-1987 financial year.

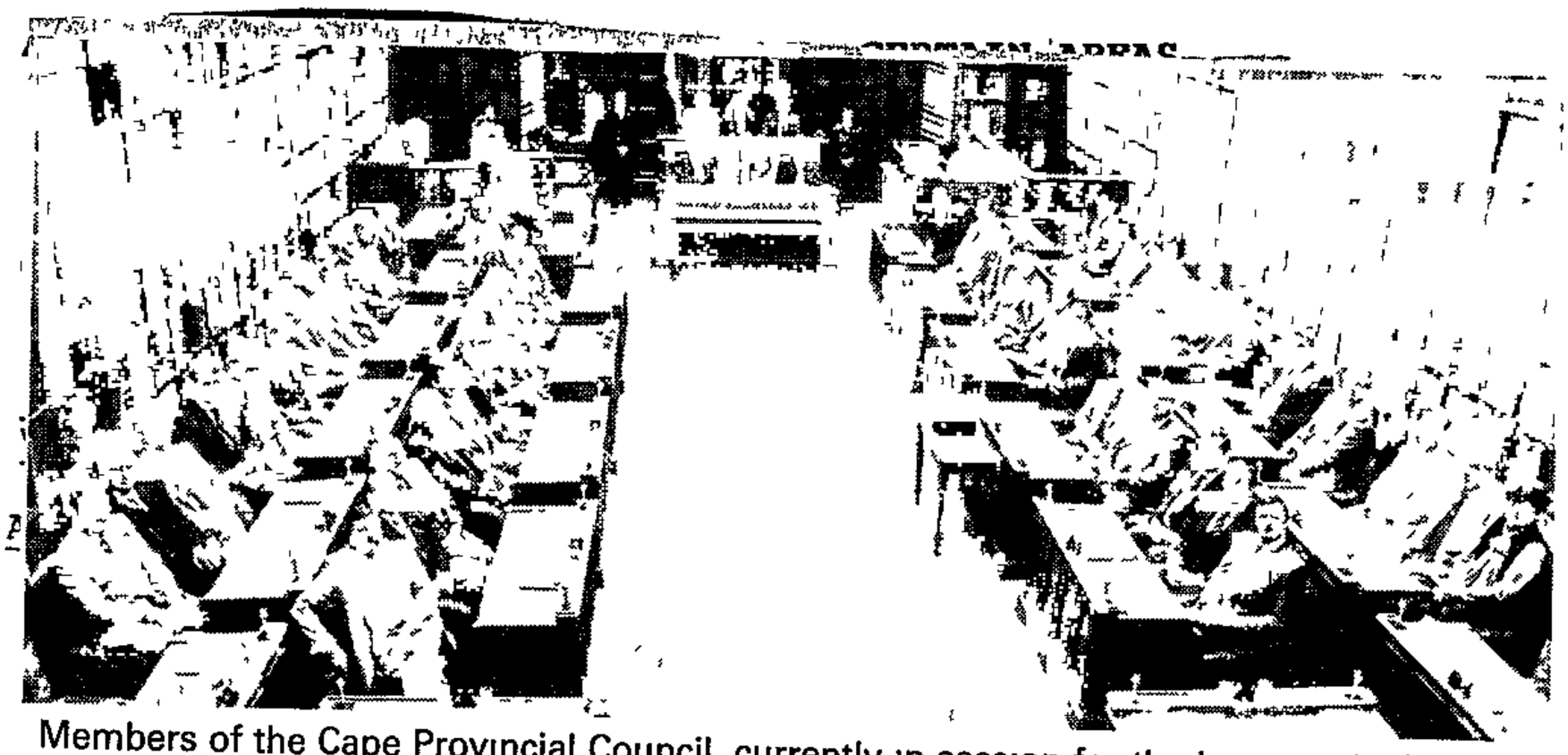
Although the method in which the city's house-keeping account will be kept for the ensuing year is a closely guarded secret, municipal rates and tariffs are set to rise

The city's 12 000 ratepayers face a possible five per cent hike while the 58 000 electricity users face a possible 15 per cent hike

In view of the R30 million sewerage system under construction, increases for these charges are likely to be the highest and are expected almost to double

The increases are set to come into effect on July 1

Municipal housing scheme tenants can also brace themsevles for a rent hike ranging from R1 a month to almost R6



Members of the Cape Provincial Council, currently in session for the last time before this second-tier level of government is scrapped to make way for the Regional Services Councils which become operational on July 1.

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'Apartheid' law passed

By ANDREW DONALDSON

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL — The controversial Declaration of Local Government Areas Ordinance — slammed by Opposition members as an entrenchment of apartheid and a "reconfirmation" of the Group Areas Act — was passed here yesterday

In terms of the ordinance, group areas defined under the Group Areas Act for so-called coloured and Indian groups situated within the jurisdiction of a local authority or divisional council shall be a local government or "own affairs" area for those groups.

All other areas, except "black areas", will be white local government areas

In debating before the ordinance was passed, Dr John Sonnenberg (PFP Green Point) said the legislation would entrench apartheid and the Group Areas Act — "the fountainhead of the plethora of laws that provided for the differentiation of people on the grounds of their skin pigmentation"

Mr Eddie Trent (PFP PE Central) said the legislation was the "last thing" the country needed when race relationships were "at its lowest ebb"

"It will perpetuate polarisation in this country," he said "I would like to ask just this one question Do they (the NP) really believe that their God, their Christ, would approve of this particular legislation?"

"Yes There, you've got your answer," interjected Mr Seppie Greeff (NP Oudsthoorn)

Mr Jan van Eck (PFP Groote Schuur) asked how the ordinance could be passed when the government stated it was committed to scrapping apartheid

"Scrapping apartheid does not mean putting communities in turmoil," interjected Mr J N Moolman (NP Tyger Valley)

Mr Van Eck continued that the ordinance had shown "once and for all" that "yes" voters in the referendum were taken for a ride by the government.

"I must stress the fact that if the NP would only get to know the black communities they would get to understand the depth of their hatred and anger and at the root of it all is apartheid and apartheid laws like this one

"We cannot support any legislation like this because it will not solve any problems, it will make them worse."

'What they want'

Replying, Mr Willem Bouwer, the MEC for Local Government who introduced the ordinance, said "The fact of the matter is that we've sat with these people and what we're passing here today is what they want"

"Which people?" Opposition members demanded

"The coloureds," Mr Bouwer replied

Despite this, he dismissed the idea of a possible referendum, adding "I don't think it's necessary"

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Council to debate the budget today

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Post Reporter

THE Port Elizabeth City Council will have two meetings this afternoon — the normal monthly meeting as well as the special budget meeting at which it is expected to approve a 10% rates increase

The budget meeting, at 4pm in the City Hall, is being held to approve the R267,21 million operating budget and a capital budget of R54,29 million for the 1986-87 financial year starting on July 1

Apart from the rates increase it has also been proposed that the water tariff be increased by 13,5%

Although the electricity tariff will not be increased, consumers' bills will increase by 10% in July and again in January, 1987, due to the withdrawal of the State subsidy and the reintroduction of the cost of energy surcharge which was suspended for April, May and June

The monthly council meeting will follow the budget meeting, at 5pm

The proposed 10% rates increase will mean that the rates on all non-residential property will be 4,3687c per rand of valuation The 23% rebate on single residential and sectional title properties means that the new rate for these properties will be 3,8535c per rand of valuation

The draft capital budget provides for R29,1 million to be spend on the rate and general service, including R14,15 million on roads The capital provision for housing is R9,62 million, electricity R8,88 million, gas R197 000, market R25 000 and water R6,38 million

The agenda for the monthly meeting proposes a number of tariff and charge increases, including

- Surcharges ranging from 5,52 to 14,67% on the gas tariff to meet cost increases resulting from an increase in the pithead price of coal and in coal railage
- Increased library charges, including increasing the fines for overdue books to 30c for the first week and 40c for every subsequent week up to a maximum of R3,50 a book
- Increased hire charges for library halls
- A 15% increase in the charges for sewer connections and clearance

Other items up for consideration include

- The expropriation of land in Cape Road and First Avenue, Newton Park, Aragon Road, Durban Road and Kempston Road for the proposed construction of Langenhoven Drive to link Kempston Road with Cape Road
- The appointment of consultants to undertake the detailed design and preparation of tender documents for the construction of headland extensions at Humewood and Hobie beaches as a means of combating beach erosion

One vote a person in PE beach poll

EVE POST 29/5/86

By KIN BENTLEY

VOTERS in next month's municipal referendum on open beaches in Port Elizabeth will have one vote each

This differs from municipal elections, where voters who own or occupy more than one property, often have several votes

The Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, said today this provision was contained in the municipal ordinance relating to such polls

Meanwhile, both the PFP and HNP are concerned that their supporters might mistakingly vote the wrong way during the poll on June 18 — due to confusion over the question to be asked

Mr Botha said today that municipal officials were trying to phrase the question in such a way that it met the requirements of the ordinance and at the same time did not confuse the voters

Failure to comply with the requirements of the ordinance could invalidate the referendum result, he said

The chairman of the PFP's referendum committee, Mr Wayne Mitchell, said the question would probably be phrased in such a way that people would know they were voting specifically on whether or not they supported the HNP-CP proposal — and not for or against open beaches

The proposalis that "all beaches in the PE municipal area which in terms of the law are currently zoned for the exclusive use of white people and which are adjacent to established white areas, should not be opened for the use of people of other races"

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10pc increase for municipal employees

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The municipality's 2 500 staff members are scheduled to receive 10 per cent wage hikes

This was revealed in the estimates tabled at a special city council meeting last night.

But the increases are to be phased in. Staff will receive a five per cent increase from July 1 with the other five per cent coming into effect from January 1, 1987.

The actual payment of the increases depends on the outcome of a report on productivity to be compiled by the director of management services and the outcome of a court case involving the municipality and the East London branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees (SAAME)

The Industrial Court is to give a ruling soon on the dispute in which the SAAME wants the municipality to extend the subsidies to people who rent houses and not only to people who have bought houses

The estimated cost to the municpality if the court rules in favour of SAAME is R250 000 a year

In his budget speech last night, Mr Errol Spring, made an urgent plea for productivity to be improved, for maximum benefit to be achieved from staff training programmes and for the National Institute of Productivity (NPI) report on the municipal structure to be implemented immediately

"I must express my disappointment at the lack of progress made in implementing this report. Maybe we are expecting too much from our town clerk in looking to him to restructure the organisation and implement the recommendations in addition to his normal load of work.

"If this is so, the council should consider as a matter of urgency appointing an outsider on a contract basis to implement the NPI recommendations I believe there are suitable retired industrialists and businessmen in East London who could be persuaded to tackle this on our behalf"

Mr Spring said staff was the major portion of the council's operating costs and, in the endeavour to give the staff the best possible deal, the council should ensure that it was not at the expense of the ratepayer

"The council must strive aggressively to improve productivity and ensure a maximum return on money spent. To achieve this, managers from heads of departments down have been put through management training programmes Considerable amounts have been included in the estimates for staff training"

In order to achieve maximum benefits, he had asked for quarterly training progress reports

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COMPARISON OF EXISTING TO PROPOSED INCREASED TARIFFS

INDUSTRIAL RATES	SEWERAGE	REFUSE	ELECTRICITY	WATER	TOTAL P/M	% INCREASE
	R c	R c	R c	R c		
GATELY						
22 551,59 (Existing)	2 142,00	—	578 101,20	15 112,80		
1 879,30 (Existing p/m)	178,50	—	48 175,10	1 259,40	51 492,30	
23 697,17 (Proposed)	3 855,60	—	644 582,84	17 335,89		
1 973,26 (Proposed p/m)	321,30	—	53 715,24	1 444,66	57 454,46	11,57
FLEET ST						
4 484 72 (Existing)	325,00	—	25 533,36	724,20		
373,72 (Existing p/m)	27,08	—	2 127,78	60,35	2 588,93	
4 708,96 (Proposed)	585,00	—	28 469,70	830,73		
392,41 (Proposed p/m)	48,75	—	2 372,48	69,23	2 882,87	11,35
BUFFALO ST						
7 013,65 (Existing)	878,00	286,00	5 148,48	232,56		
584,47 (Existing p/m)	73,16	23,83	429,04	19,38	1 129,88	
7 364,33 (Proposed)	1 580,40	314,60	5 740,56	266,77		
613,69 (Proposed p/m)	131,70	26,22	478,38	22,23	1 272,22	12,60
CBD						
10 511,87 (Existing)	1 905,00	1 996,80	9 696,84	—		
875,98 (Existing p/m)	158,75	166,40	808,07	—	2 009,20	
11 037,46 (Proposed)	3 429,00	2 196,48	10 811,98	—		
919,79 (Proposed p/m)	285,75	183,04	901,00	—	2 289,58	13,95
UPPER OXFORD						
4 696,71 (Existing)	483,00	249,60	2 887,80	79,56		
391,39 (Existing p/m)	40,25	20,80	240,65	6,63	699,72	
4 931,55 (Proposed)	869,40	274,56	3 219,90	91,26		
410,96 (Proposed p/m)	72,45	22,88	268,33	7,61	782,23	11,79
NAHOON						
2 517,87 (Existing)	404,00	124,80	4 203,36	91,80		
209 82 (Existing p/m)	33,67	10,40	350,28	7,65	611,82	
2 643,76 (Proposed)	727,20	137,28	4 686,75	105,30		
220,31 (Proposed p/m)	60,60	11,44	390,56	8,78	691,69	13,05
DOMESTIC RATES						
VINCENT						
1 070,22 (Existing)	72,00	43,20	1 671,32	513,32		
89,19 (Existing (p/m)	6,00	3,60	139,32	42,78	280,89	
1 123,73 (Proposed)	129,60	48,00	1 864,10	588,83		
93,64 (Proposed p/m)	10,80	4,00	155,34	49,07	312,85	11,38
S/WOOD						
445,32 (Existing)	72,00	43,20	485,08	101,32		
37,11 (Existing p/m)	6,00	3,60	40,42	8,44	95,57	
467,59 (Proposed)	129,60	48,00	540,86	116,22		
38,97 (Proposed p/m)	10,80	4,00	45,07	9,69	108,53	13,56
CAMBRIDGE						
298 52 (Existing)	72,00	43,20	454,92	102,68		
24,88 (Existing p/m)	6,00	3,60	37,91	8,56	80,95	
313,45 (Proposed)	129,60	48,00	507,24	117,78		
26,12 (Proposed p/m)	10,80	4,00	42,27	9,82	93,01	14,90
BEREA						
223,95 (Existing)	72,00	43,20	272,00	79,56		
18,66 (Existing p/m)	6,00	3,60	22,67	6,63	57,56	
235,15 (Proposed)	129,60	48,00	303,28	91,26		
19,60 (Proposed p/m)	10,80	4,00	25,27	7,61	67,28	16,89

A table showing existing and proposed increased tariffs for East London's industrial and domestic consumers.

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Q'town rates up

Dispatch Reporter

QUEENSTOWN — Local residents will have to dig deep into their pockets during the coming year to meet an anticipated R1,5 million deficit in the municipal budget.

Presenting his budget speech at a special Town Council meeting last night, the chairman of the finance committee, Mr Ernest Littleford, said the past year had been "traumatic" for the town.

An eight-month consumer boycott, the severe economic depression, threatened overseas sanctions and the falling rand—dollar exchange rate had had a severe impact on the finances of the town, he said.

Despite rigorous pruning of the estimates for the financial year, the total estimated expenditure on the revenue account was R19,2 million. This involved a net deficit of R1,5 million, which would have to be made good.

He proposed that the deficit be met by:

- Increasing the general assessment rate from 1,75 cents in the rand to 2 cents in the rand. This would result in additional revenue of R180 000;
- Raising sewage rates to about R60 per year or R5 per month per houseowner. This would bring in additional revenue of R140 000 per annum;
- In Grahamstown, the general rate goes up to 3,228c in the rand, an effective 10 per cent. Water and electricity rates have been hiked by 20 per cent.

Rates rise of 10% approved

Post Reporter

PROPERTY rates in Port Elizabeth will go up by 10% on July 1, but the increase needed to finance the city's R267,16 million 1986-87 budget was not approved without debate

The budget was, however, approved without amendments at the City Council's special budget meeting yesterday afternoon

The security of the city's property, which is worth about R1 billion, and staff was the issue that caused the debate and prompted veteran councillor Mr Graham Young to propose a cut in the budget

The question of spending about R1 million on security — an amount that is equivalent to a 2% rates increase — was raised by Prof Les Simpson, who opposed the inclusion of amounts in the budget without the council knowing in detail what it would be spent on

In addition to the R1 million on the operating budget, R500 000 will be spent annually on capital works over the next three years for security

However, the chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, Mr H van Zyl Cillié, said it had been agreed at the committee meeting the money would not be spent before details of the proposed projects were approved by the committee

His explanation that, if unspent, the money could be used for various other purposes, prompted Mr Young to say that it appeared the Policy and Resources Committee simply wanted to build slack into the budget

The City Treasurer, Mr Amandus Strydom, warned, however, that the council was experiencing serious problems obtaining re-insurance for its assets with Lloyds of London It was imperative that the security arrangements at municipal buildings and installations be improved.

Mr Strydom pointed out that the original draft budget would have necessitated a 32% increase in rates "By trimming the budget down to a 10% rates increase, it meant cutting many essential items"

The budget also provides for a 10% increase in electricity charges on July 1 with another 10,91% increase likely to follow on January 1, 1987

The water tariff will go up by 13,55% on July 1

The council expects to end the current financial year on June 30 with a surplus of R11,6 million, a saving of 1,8%.

The council's expenditure had been contained by strict control over staff levels, greater use of computers and general financial and budgetary discipline

He said the decision to increase rates by only 10% had been determined primarily by what the council believed the ratepayers would be able to afford

The budget provided for a 13,6% increase in staffing costs However, no provision had been made for a general salary adjustment. Instead salary grades would be restructured to bring them into line with the market related rates and remove certain anomalies.

Capital spending in the next financial year will amount to R54,3 million

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Question in beach poll clearer

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Weekend Post Reporter

"ARE you for or against the opening of all beaches within the Port Elizabeth municipal area which are at present zoned for the exclusive use of whites and which border on white residential areas, for the use of other population groups?"

This is the official question to be asked in next month's referendum, the Port Elizabeth Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, confirmed yesterday

Mr Botha said this meant that instead of people voting either "yes" or "no" for the HNP proposal against open beaches during the referendum on July 18, they would simply vote "for" or "against" open beaches.

Some confusion had arisen, he said, because "we had to adhere as closely as possible to the proposal before the public meeting".

The best way had been to formulate it in the form of a question

Mr Wayne Mitchell, the chairman of the PFP's referendum strategy committee, said he was "very pleased" that the question had been phrased as simply as possible

Municipal workers' rights outlined

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GEORGE — Although municipal workers had no right to strike, their entrenched right to compulsory arbitration meant no doors were closed to them, the Minister of Manpower, Mr Pietie du Plessis, said yesterday.

Opening the annual meeting of the Association of Administrative Chief Executives in George, he said there was a move to organise municipal workers who were not yet unionised, such as town clerks and other high ranking officials.

This would put them in the position of being both employer and employee.

Prior to 1980, there were only 18 registered trade unions.

"Now there are 32, and 23 percent more workers are represented," said the Minister.

The role of local authorities will become more demanding as their status in the new dispensation changes, he said.

"Entrenched negotiation does not detract from the need to keep good labour relations. In fact it puts local authorities and their workers in a position to negotiate long term solutions."

PROTECTION

He endorsed the government's policy of entrenching freedom of association and labour union autonomy but gave the assurance that minority rights would be protected.

To this end government intervention needed to be minimised.

A labour union should organise its own membership.

The Remuneration of Town Clerks Bill before Parliament provided for the inclusion of black local authorities under the main Act and for the establishment of a remuneration advisory committee.

The Black Local Authorities Amendment Bill advanced the provisions of the Act to all employees of these bodies.

This would give black town clerks and workers the right to invoke the provisions of the Labour Relations Act to negotiate and settle disputes — Sapa

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Mayor's parlour the last resort

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, said yesterday his parlour was open to all ratepayers who wanted to see him but the correct channels had to be followed

He was responding to a complaint from a Cambridge resident, Mr W Oosthuyzen, who said he had been refused an interview with the mayor last week

Mr Oosthuyzen had asked whether he was entitled to see the mayor about a personal problem and whether the mayor was such an important person that an ordinary ratepayer was prohibited from seeing him

Mr Yazbek said all ratepayers knew his doors were open but, if the correct channels were not observed, "I will have to keep the parlour open 24 hours a day"

Reacting to Mr Oosthuyzen's complaint, Mr Yazbek confirmed that Mr Oosthuyzen had telephoned for an interview but said he had not wanted to supply details of the matter he wanted to discuss with the mayor

"The procedure is that if there is a complaint it must first be lodged, with the sectional head of the municipality, then the departmental head followed by an approach to the city councillor for the ward The office of mayor is the last resort

"If I am to see a ratepayer about a matter, surely I must know what the matter is so that I can prepare myself and have the relevant officials with me so that time is not wasted and matters can be sorted out immediately"

Mr Oosthuyzen also raised the question about litter left in the Gilwell Road area, presumably by hawkers, and asked why the ratepayers of East London should pay "for filth caused by non-ratepayers"

The mayor said "The problem referred to is one of deeply sensitive socio-economic consequences and simply cannot be dealt with in mere ratepayers and non-ratepayers terms

"This matter is being thoroughly investigated and we have had long meetings about it We hope to be able to do something about it soon"

An indaba for the W Cape?

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By Peter Fabricius of The Star's Political Staff in Cape Town

Could a Western Cape indaba be one of the next steps in the working out of a federal solution for South Africa?

The Labour Party's young constitutional thinker Mr Desmond Lockey MP recently returned from observing the Natal indaba and was very impressed by what he saw

He says "If the indaba agrees to a single legislature, which I think it will, it could be the start of the first real non-racial federal structure in South Africa

"And then we could start with a Western Cape indaba along the same lines"

This would be a departure from the constitution of the Labour Party, which stipulates a one man, one vote unitary system, and Mr Lockey emphasises that he is speaking in his personal capacity

Mr Lockey, however, does not rule out the idea of ethnic states in any future federation.

"The crucial point," he says, "is that the states should get together themselves — as in Natal — and not have their boundaries and composition forced upon them by central government"

Mr Lockey's own thinking is that there should be room in the federation for both unitary states and ethnic/nationalist states.

"We should get away from the existing polarity of liberal and nationalist approaches

"The problem with the National Party is that it argues that all blacks can be classified ethnically

"But 70 percent of urban blacks indicated in a recent survey that they do not identify with any tribe They see themselves only as South Africans"

Mr Lockey says, however, that one could find ethnically based states in the rural areas where ethnic identity is much stronger among both blacks and whites

Many of the black national states and self-governing structures are already in place, and could form the basis of future federal states

But what of tribal whites? Will they have a white homeland or homelands — as suggested by some ultra-conservative groups?

Mr Lockey, rather suprisingly, says yes "I think we should look into the possibility of a white homeland where those whites who are not happy living with others can go"

On the other hand, Johannesburg and Soweto could together form a unitary state, he says

And so could the Western Cape, where whites are generally fairly liberal and where there is the greatest concentration of coloureds

Mr Lockey believes the proposed third-tier Regional Services Council for the Western Cape could develop into the second-tier state for that region

"This was one of the reasons we supported the Bill"

The Labour Party forced 70 amendments to the Bill, most of them aimed at strengthening the position of coloureds, who will now enjoy equal power with whites

This would obviously suit the Labour Party if the RSCs ever grew into something bigger.

Support for 'local option'

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By PETER DENNEHY

CAPE TOWN City Council has received "virtually unanimous" support among civic and other associations for its stand on an apartheid-free "local option" for the City.

The Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, and the chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr John Muir, said in a report issued yesterday on the City's "Call for Dialogue" initiative that "it seems to us there is much to be said for the establishment of a wholly independent police force".

They made this comment after detailing "the main causes of unrest, as presented to us".

One of these was that "persons of colour" were demanding direct participation in the governing process "other than through management committees and community councils".

Criticisms of "outside influences at work in the townships" as well as of the police were reflected in this section of the report. Remarks concerning the police have been referred to Pretoria for comment.

40 interviews

Mr Markovitz and Mr Muir suggested that an independent police force could be established "on a provincial basis, with members recruited and trained locally and with all levels of policy determined locally".

They said in their report on the "Call for Dialogue" that 40 interviews had been conducted, many with representatives of civic associations and other concerned organizations In addition, 19 memoranda had been submitted and six individuals also communated over the telephone.

One respondent suggested that if the government did not agree to an open, non-racially elected council, "serious consideration" should be given to establishing one anyway to decide on all matters affecting the City The official Cape Town City Council could merely give effect to those decisions.

The names of organizations which submitted suggestions have been kept confidential

Support for the council's initiative in calling for dialogue had been unanimous "Virtually everyone" was of the view that "at least in the Cape Peninsula" a common voters' roll should be reintroduced

Those who commented on Regional Services Councils (RSCs) generally believed that the bodies, which have yet to be established, would not survive more than two years

Much of the report was devoted to an account of "unrest" in the Peninsula since August last year, prepared with the help of the Chief Officer for Emergency Management, Civil Defence, Cape Town.

Between late August and mid-December last year 74 people died in "unrest-related incidents" in the Western Cape — seven at the hands of rioters and 67 as a result of police action, the report said.

Those taken into custody numbered 968 The number of people injured was unknown "but some 386 were conveyed to hospital for treatment".

Proposed solutions

Among the proposed solutions to the unrest were requests for a "peace conference", which an ad-hoc committee had already been considering.

Another suggestion was that civic associations should be "increasingly involved" in local government.

"It was repeatedly stressed that the matter requiring the most urgent attention is the establishment of a Cape Town City Council open to all races, with its area of jurisdiction extended to include the black areas of Nyanga, New Crossroads, Guguletu, Langa and Khayelitsha," the report said

Mr Markovitz and Mr Muir recommended that the council "continue actively with its initiative in assisting to draw up and implement a manifesto for non-racial democratic govenment, and in encouraging communication between all parties".

Cape unrest: 'Apartheid to blame'

Cape Times 9/6/86

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Municipal Reporter

UNREST should be viewed against a backdrop of frustration at being excluded from the governing process, the Mayor of Cape Town, Mr Leon Markovitz, and the chairman of the executive committee, Mr John Muir, said in a report issued yesterday

"Implementation of the system of apartheid over many years has bred deep resentment in persons of colour and was undoubtedly the greatest single factor leading up to the outbreak of unrest in the Cape," they said.

Their report arose out of the City Council's "Call to Dialogue" initiative of September last year which canvassed the views of community groups.

Township residents said "people of colour" had been forced by the apartheid system into "overcrowded and allegedly badly serviced" townships

"To the average township occupant it appears that whilst there is a constant escalation in rates and rentals this is accompanied by very little improvement in the general standard of living," residents said, according to the report

"Because they are compelled to travel substantral distances to their places of employment, transport costs are high"

Government handling of the march to Pollsmoor Prison in August last year "appeared to have actually triggered off the escalation of violence in the Cape Peninsula"

Declaration of a state of emergency had dampened unrest, but a "resurgence" began this year, mainly in black townships

Council property had suffered damage of R278 375,15, mostly in smashed traffic lights and damaged electrical installations and equipment

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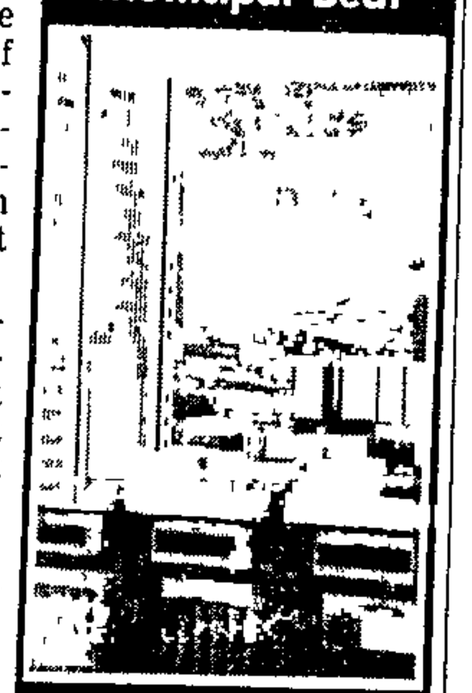
CITY

Mr John Muir

A new form of local govt is urged in city report

THE Cape Town City Council's recent report on its "call for dialogue" is a significant document

Municipal Beat



By JOHN YELD

Under normal circumstances the report would probably have attracted a good deal of attention, but its impact has been overshadowed by the tragic developments in Crossroads in the past few weeks

Evidence to the council was that lack of adequate representation at central government level was the root cause of the unrest

However, the report noted that while "ultimate solutions" had to implemented at this level, there was broad agreement that substantial reform at local government level could make a significant contribution to defusing unrest

The council must have been heartened by the overwhelming endorsement of its repeated calls for the reinstatement of a universal municipal franchise and for some form of "local option" in local government

According to the report, it was "repeatedly stressed" that urgent attention should be given to establishing a Cape Town City Council open to all races and — significantly — including in its jurisdiction the present black areas of Langa, Nyanga, Guguletu, New Crossroads and Khayelitsha.

Just how to constitute such a representative body is a vexing question and one which is receiving serious attention from the council's ad hoc constitutional committee

This committee is determined to come up with a workable solution, although it is difficult to see any of its recommendations being acceptable to the Government

Serious consideration

But there is an interesting passage in the "dialogue" report, which states

"It was further suggested that, if Government would not agree to an open council, serious consideration should be given to the establishment of an informal council or assembly, consisting of members of all races elected by persons on a common voters' role under an election financed by commerce and industry

"The idea was that this informal council or assembly would debate and take decisions on all matters affecting the city and that the official Cape Town City Council would give effect to those decisions"

Far-fetched? Logistically impossible?

The authors of the report, Cape Town's Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, and the chairman of the executive committee, Mr John Muir, do not comment on this proposal, but it is one which I suspect commands considerable support in the community as probably the only acceptable interim form of local government for the city

Beach grant 'available immediately'

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By KIN BENTLEY

THE MP for Algoa, Mr James Kleynhans, said today the R100 000 which he announced on Tuesday had been secured from the Administrator for the development of facilities at Port Elizabeth's Humewood Beach would become "available immediately".

This, he said, emerged after further discussions this week with the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw

He also disclosed that he intended making a concerted effort to secure funds next year from the Government to assist in major beach development schemes in the city over the next two years

In a statement on Tuesday, the three PE National Party MPs said they believed Humewood Beach should be the only southern beach opened to people of all races

Mr Kleynhans said today he would seek a meeting with the City Council next week to discuss urgent plans for building facilities, including additional changing rooms, at Humewood Beach, to cope with the increased number of people expected to use the beach should it be opened to all

He said he also wanted to "get in early" to try to secure funds from the Government to help finance the construction of a groyne or extended headland at Humewood, which has been accepted in principle by the council.

According to a beach improvement report approved by council, the first of three headlands is planned to be constructed at Humewood at a cost of R1,1 million

Reiterating his commitment to providing equal facilities for different groups, Mr Kleynhans said he would also try to secure about R750 000 for the extension of facilities at Brighton Beach.

Asked about this apparent rejection of the City Council's open beaches call, Mr Kleynhans said that at the moment there were inadequate facilities at the other white beaches to cope at peak periods should they be opened to all races overnight

The Director of Parks and Recreation in PE, Mr Peter Gibbs, said today he had "seen no documentation" on the NP plans, but added that he was sure the money could be "put to good use" at Humewood

Province statement on PE beaches expected

Post Reporter

THE MEC in charge of local government in the Cape Provincial Administration, Mr Willem Bouwer, is expected to release a statement tomorrow on the beach issue in Port Elizabeth

This was confirmed by his secretary after Press inquiries into whether the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, would respond to the PE City Council's request —that all the city's beaches be opened to all races — prior to Wednesday's referendum on the issue

The council voted on March 25 that all the beaches be opened to all races from July 1

The Progressive Federal Party MPC for PE Central, Mr Eddie Trent, has speculated that no decision will be taken on the issue until the President's Council has completed a study of separate amenities legislation

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Executive still probing

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Post Reporter

THE Executive Committee of the Cape Provincial Council is still "investigating" the application made two months ago by the Port Elizabeth City Council for all its beaches to be opened to people of all races from July 1

This was confirmed in a Press statement issued today by the MEC in charge of local government, Mr Willem Bouwer

Part of the statement reads

"With reference to a press statement issued by Messrs J W Kleynhans, MP, G J van der Linde, MP, and I Louw, MP, (National Party) it is hereby announced for general information that the Executive Committee of the Provincial Council of the Cape Province is investigating the request made by the said MPs and the PE City Council that beaches be opened and that funds be made available for the further development of beaches in the neighbourhood of PE"

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City sneeze machine to sniff out cure for colds

By JOHN YELD
Municipal Reporter

MUNICIPAL workers with the sniffles have no excuse for missing work this winter.

Not only is there a possibility of being cured at work but, as a bonus, treatment will be free

The Executive Committee yesterday approved the use of council facilities and staff volunteers for clinical trials to find a cure for the common cold

GUINEA PIGS

The medical officer of health, Dr Reg Coogan, told the committee he had met two "well respected" Cape Town doctors who had asked to use the civic centre's medical treatment centre for their experiment

The doctors' guinea pigs will be 100 volunteers from the council's workforce who catch a cold next month

"The treatment is very simple," an enthusiatic Dr Coogan told the committee

"Volunteers with a cold merely breathe in warmed humidified air, under critically pre-determined conditions, delivered from a small machine for three 30-minute periods on the day in which they feel they have a cold

"In addition, volunteers having treatment would be expected to fill in a diary to record how they feel

"The treatment which will be offered by the visiting medical team — there will be no involvement of council personnel — is comfortable, safe and free from adverse side effects"

Dr Coogan said tests overseas and in other parts of South Africa had shown that more than 75 percent of colds had been "rapidly cured" by this treatment.

The committee — probably between coughs, sneezes and blasts into hankies — agreed to the experiment

Municipal assets insured against political unrest

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Municipal Reporter

MUNICIPAL assets at the Driftsands Forest Reserve and in Fifth Avenue, Walmer, have been insured against political unrest after recent petrol-bomb attacks in Walmer

Port Elizabeth's City Treasurer, Mr Amandus Strydom, reported to the City Council's Policy and Resources Committee yesterday that insurance on these assets had been obtained from May 26

Mr Strydom was authorised by the committee to negotiate the council's re-insurance contract, on the basis of the council bearing an excess of R5 million for each loss

He reported that it was mandatory to place all political riot insurance cover with the SA Special Risk Insurance Association, which accepted risks up to a maximum value of R100 million This figure refers to the accumulated loss in a single year and not to total asset value

● Grants amounting to R488 000 have been approved by the Policy and Resources Committee for various charitable organisations

The Community Chest will receive R40 000 in the year ahead Santa and the SA Library for the Blind will receive R500 each Life Line Eastern Cape will get R650 and the Aurora Nursery School R1 000

● The City Council is to buy a third mainframe computer, at a cost of R1,4 million The Policy and Resources Committee yesterday approved installation of the computer, which Mr Strydom reported would "provide adequate growth"

EVE POST 18/6/86

Councillors lied about resignations

FOUR members of the Somerset East Town Council falsely told residents at a meeting that they had resigned from the council because they feared either being killed or injured, the Delmas treason trial heard yesterday.

By ALI MPHAKI

Sergeant Mandla Mguba of the Somerset East police told the court that the four councillors continued to serve in the council, despite their announcement that they had quit the institution

He was giving evidence at the trial of 22 men who are appearing before Mr Justice K van Dijkhorst on charges of high treason They have pleaded not guilty

The charges arise out of the unrest which broke out in the Vaal Triangle townships on September 1, 1984

Sgt Mguba said during 1984 community organisations, including the Somerset East Residential Association, the Somerset East Youth Association and the banned Congress of South African Students, had called on all councillors to resign

The four councillors earlier held a meeting with him and indicated they were willing to resign

He said at a meeting called by the organisations, the councillors announced their resignations following declarations by speakers that they should do so.

After that meeting the four councillors still continued to serve in the council, but held their meetings outside the township because they feared to be either injured or killed by militants

Sgt Mguba also told the court that between January and February 1985, a member of the United Democratic Front, the late Mr Matthew Goniwe, addressed meetings in Somerset East Mr Goniwe encouraged residents to report their problems to officials of the organisations and not to the police, he said

Proceeding

Uitenhage may open its Town Hall to all races

THE Uitenhage Town Council is considering opening the Town Hall for multiracial use.

This was confirmed today by the Town Clerk, Mr Robin Williams He said he could not, however, give details of the relaxation of restrictions on the use of the 101-year old hall without the council's permission.

It appears that the council is considering relaxing the "whites only" restriction on the use of the town hall to allow multiracial gatherings, but that multiracial discos and political meetings will not be allowed.

Mr Williams confirmed that the council had for some years allowed Indian people to hold weddings in the hall.

When asked about new rules for the hall, the Mayor, Mr Joseph Kitching, said there had been no formal council decision on the matter but that a directive had been given to officials on the issue. He was not in a position to give details about the directive, he said

Last month Youth for Christ, a non-racial ministry, was refused permission by a Uitenhage council committee to stage a multiracial gospel music evening in the Town Hall

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Further delays on beach issue

Mr BOUWER
. . awaiting report.

By MARLENE BURGER

BEACHES in Port Elizabeth will not be opened to all races on July 1.

In fact, it could take several months before a final decision on this hotly-debated question is reached.

The man who will act as arbitrator in the tussle between the City Council and municipal voters is Mr Willem Bouwer, Director of Local Government in the Cape Provincial Administration.

He was unable today to put a date on his decision, but indicated that it could be influenced by an investigation being conducted by the President's Council into public amenities

"I don't know when their report will be available, or what recommendations it will contain

"Meanwhile, we are awaiting the Port Elizabeth City Council's comments on the outcome of Wednesday's referendum.

"These are expected by the end of June, and we will consider all the options before making a decision," Mr Bouwer said.

These options are

- To open all beaches to all population groups, as approved by a 14-7 vote in the City Council on March 25.
- To only open Humewood, as suggested by a group of National Party MPs before the referendum
- To keep all the beaches closed, in line with the result of Wednesday's referendum.

However, any decision made by the Administration could still be reversed if sufficient pressure is exerted by the council, on the one hand, and ratepayers on the other.

Mr Bouwer quoted the precedent set in Knysna, where residents objected to the construction of a bypass through their town

"That issue was only resolved when the Minister of Transport announced the road would not be built as originally planned"

Mr Bouwer said applications from the Cape Town and East London city councils to open beaches under their jurisdiction "are still under consideration".

"Nothing has yet been finalised

"In fact, the only application that has been dealt with was one to open the nature reserve at Cape Point to all races

"It could take months before beach applications reach the same stage."

- It is reported from Cape Town that Mr Sakkie Louw, the Nationalist Party MP for Newton Park, came out in full support of open beaches in Port Elizabeth by voting "yes" in Wednesday's referendum

"I think it would be a tragedy if we allow a small group of biased people — about 60% of a 16% poll — to prescribe to us how other citizens of our country should be treated," he said

SUSPENDED: THREE MONTHS OF FENCE-MENDING

20/6/86

By PIPPA GREEN

TALKS between black leaders and local authorities in the township of Zwelethemba, near Worcester in the Western Cape, ground to a halt last week with the imposition of the State of Emergency and the detention of local civic leaders WEEKLY M. 263

For the past three months, a civic delegation elected at a mass meeting of the residents has negotiated with the local Western Cape Development Board about living conditions, with the local bus company about an inadequate transport system and with local retailers about the lack of employment opportunities for Africans.

For the past year, the buses and all white retailers in Worcester have been boycotted by the residents of Zwelethemba, while local authorities have, until recently, insisted that a community council be re-established

Six out of the seven-person civic delegation that, until last week, was negotiating with the authorities, [redacted].

A Western Cape Development Board spokesman said he "unfortunately" could not say "what will happen now".

During the last State of Emergency the township was completely [redacted] Di Bishop, civil rights activist and vice-president of the Black Sash, described Zwelethemba at the time as a [redacted] its inhabitants Almost 200 people were [redacted] including prominent community leaders who had held "peace talks" with the police in an attempt to defuse the escalating violence in the township.

Like hundreds of other black townships, the centre of political upheaval in Zwelethemba — which somewhat ironically translates as "land of hope" — has been the controversial community council system But it is unusual in two respects:

●There has been an almost complete absence of what the media has termed "black-on-black violence", in spite of the resounding rejection of the community council Only one resident has been killed by others and that was in a shebeen brawl after a political argument Two community councillors had their homes and cars torched One resigned and the other fled

●The local black affairs authorities have effectively recognised the civic association as the representative body

The negotiations began less than three months after Deputy Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Piet Badenhorst, pronounced that there would be no aid to Zwelethemba until the residents re-established the community council which became defunct in August last year.

A year-long [redacted] had results Simple but basic demands have been met by the bus company, City Tramways· shelters, timetables, a bus to the magistrate's court on pension pay-out day and better employment opportunities for Africans And [redacted], called principally to protest against the continued *de facto* enforcement of the coloured labour preference policy of local companies, has resulted in one major store increasing its African employment by 500 percent — from three to 15.

These "victories", as they were described by a prominent community leader, have come in spite of the authorities' insistence that a community council must be re-established. It is an insistence that has continued and one board official expressed the hope that the civic delegation would form the nucleus of a new council

But it is a major change from the previous attitude, expressed succinctly in the local weekly, the Worcester Standard, by Badenhorst

"It is a pity," he said, "that organisations in Zwelethemba have prevented a community council from developing Zwelethemba will only suffer if they don't participate (in black local authorities) because those that don't participate will not get much"

And to reinforce Badenhorst's warning, the editor of the Worcester standard, HJ McDonald, told the readers the authorities were aware of "all the problems" in the township "However," he went on, "it is also a recognised fact that the residents do not show an appreciation of existing facilities That is why it is so vitally important that a council be brought into being"

Residents too appeared aware of "all the problems" One of the most pressing of these was, and still is, overcrowding More that 13 000 people live in the 1 160 two, three and four roomed houses — an average of about 12 people per unit In 30 years, no new houses have been built

It was a state of affairs that the community council, during its existence, could not change High on the agenda in the talks between the civic association and the board, on the other hand, was the construction of new houses, although there is a major disagreement about their quality.

"When we tried to do something about the conditions in Zwelethemba," recalled former community council chairman, Bishop H de V Makhubalo, "we were pushed aside by the government and told there was no money If there is no direct link between the people and the government, how will the government ever know what the people really want?"

The "direct link" in Zwelethemba was in the process of being established One black affairs official has expressed doubt about whether it will survive [redacted] And residents doubt increasingly that the government will ever know "what the people want".

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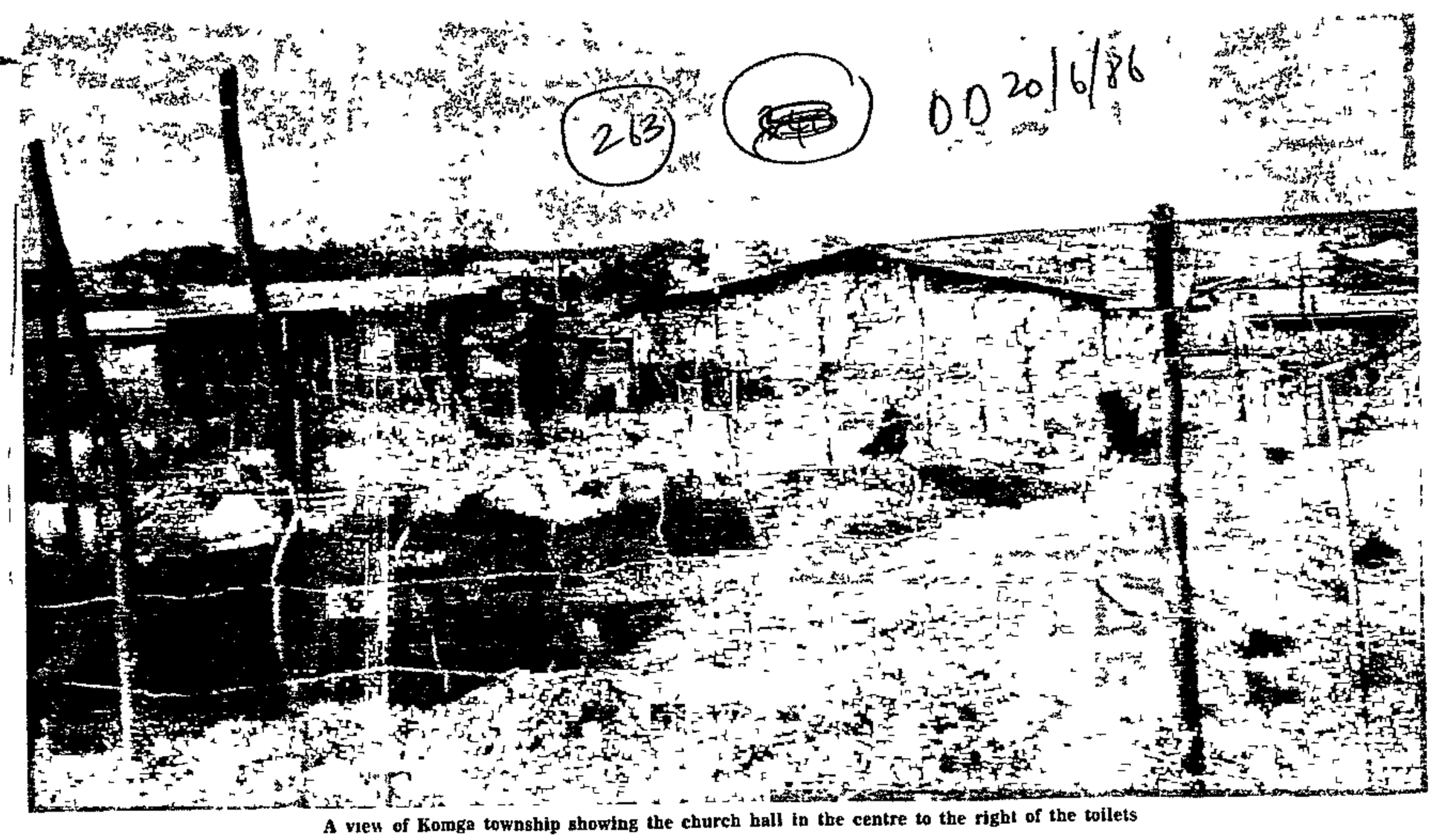

A view of Komga township showing the church hall in the centre to the right of the toilets

Homes, residents, tell of hard township life

By MTOBELI MXOTWA

EAST LONDON — It is a cold winter Saturday afternoon and the people of Komga township huddle around fires, while others go about their daily activities

The houses in which the people live tell the story of the town's hardships

There are a few decent homes but the majority of the approximately 4 000 people live in squalor

The story of the township was told to me by its inhabitants, some of whom are members of the two residents' organisations, Masiphakame and Masakhane

Malnutrition is rife and there is no assistance from anyone

Residents complain that the township has been in existence for a long time but there have been no development projects to improve the quality of life

One of the executive members of the youth club, Mr Vuyisile Paule, said there were no work opportunities and those with jobs received little assistance from employers

Houses were in a poor state and had been built by the residents themselves using whatever material they could get.

The church building was in a poor state

Classrooms were inadequate and badly built.

The sewerage system was poor and the streets were in a bad state There were no street lights

The medical service was poor and the cost of living was beyond the means of the local people

Mr Paule said the community council, which was elected by the people, was inactive

He said a petition had been sent to the chief director of the East Cape Development Board (ECDB), Mr Louis Koch, appealing for the reinstatement of the ECDB social worker, Mr Stanley Mntundini, who had been withdrawn from the area

It included a list of problems they encountered in their daily lives

Mr Koch has confirmed he received the petition

A Daily Dispatch reporter, who toured the township, found the streets in a bad state with furrows and rivulets running across them Others were impassable even though it was not raining It was difficult to drive through the township and a number of detours had to be taken

There was a smell of stagnant water and the streets were littered

Most houses had mud walls with thatched roofs, many with plastic sheeting to prevent water entering The few homes with corrugated iron roofs were either those of shopowners or public servants

There were few taps

Residents said they paid R20,06 a month for their houses and services in spite of having built them themselves

The authorities had promised them a new township but up to now no progress had been made

There is only one primary school — part of an old town hall The classrooms leak and are small It is said that up to 500 pupils cram into the few small classrooms

A new school is being built on the outskirts of the township

Mr Paule said residents prevented their children from attending school on rainy days

Pupils have to go to high schools elsewhere, but few parents can afford the transport and boarding fees

The only reliable source of income for the majority of residents is an old age pension

One factory has provided the bulk of employment for residents but because of the recession, it has been forced to lay off staff

Some residents are employed in Komga as domestic servants or shop assistants Average salaries are low

Komga township, unlike other black residential areas, has a further disadvantage Plots are too small to allow planting of subsistence crops

The township is an urban area so residents are forbidden to keep livestock.

The residents said their former social worker had arranged for community gardening, but this had come to an end after his departure

There was a clinic in the township which operated on certain days but old people and children suffered starvation and many children had died

The Masiphakame Local Development Committee has opened a sewing workshop where people are trained so they can become self sufficient or obtain employment elsewhere

Some residents, especially young people, have left the area to seek employment in other towns

Others have resigned themselves to their plight

This is one of the better looking houses in Komga township, but residents built it themselves and pay rent each month

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EL makes contact on possible twins in US

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Contact between the municipality here and an undisclosed number of representatives of United States cities about possible "twinning" agreements has been initiated by the Bureau for Information

This was disclosed last night by the outgoing regional head of the bureau, Mr Koos van Tonder, at a farewell cocktail party

Mr van Tonder said in an interview that once the contacts had been made, it would be up to the municipality to pursue the matter

He said the idea would be to develop closer links between East London and the US cities

The new regional head of the bureau, Mr Mike Muller, was introduced at the party

MR MULLER

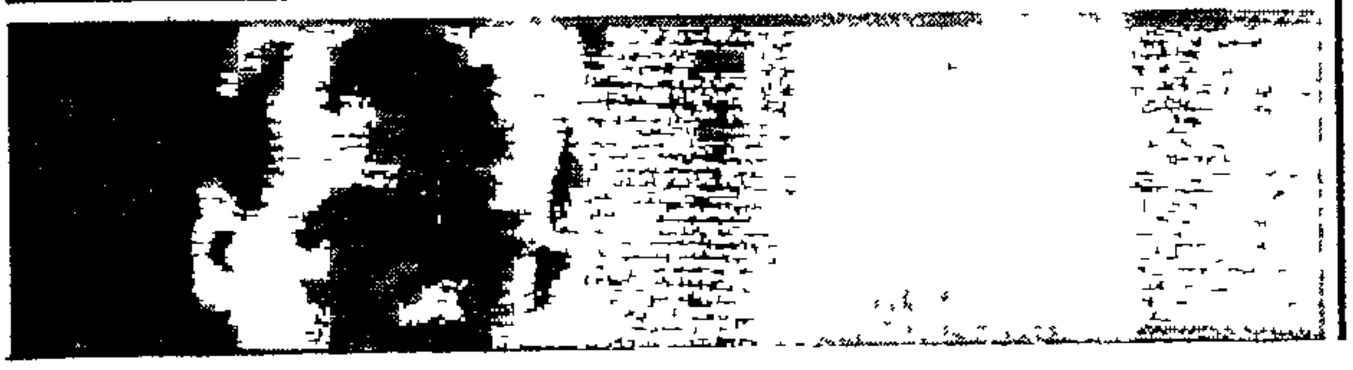
Mr Muller, a minister in the Dutch Reformed Church for 24 years, takes up his new post at the beginning of next month, while Mr van Tonder moves to Nelspruit

Mr van Tonder came to East London four years ago with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Information, and started the Bureau for Information office here when it was created by the department

He said his new position involved "virtually creating a bureau office in Nelspruit from the bottom up"

Mr Muller said he was looking forward to his new job He said that as a church minister he had written numerous articles for newspapers, and had a good working knowledge of the demands of the media

"I believe that communication works two ways," he said "The old idea of government information being where the government speaks and the public listens, is out I intend to gather information from the public as well as impart it"



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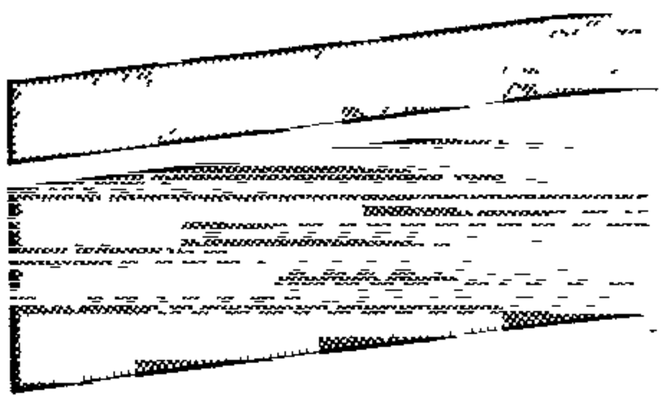

New PE vote on beaches

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By MARLENE BURGER

OPEN beaches by this time next week — that is the firm resolve of the man who led the Port Elizabeth City Council to take its stand for the abolition of beach apartheid three months ago.

Former Mayor Mr Ivan Krige, who piloted the campaign, is determined to press for a second vote at a special meeting tomorrow when he is confident the majority will be even bigger than the 14-7 which adopted the open beaches proposal

Furthermore, he will insist the result be telexed to the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, urging him to announce his decision on the application to open beaches by next Tuesday.

Mr Louw will also have before him the result of last week's referendum taken in the city when 4 957 people voted for opening the beaches and 6 107 against

Mr Krige is sure that tomorrow more councillors will back him than before

"Since March, three new councillors have been elected and I'm almost certain that two, if not all of them, will add their voices to the 'yes' vote."

"The final decision rests with the Administrator, but I can see no reason why he should not be able to give us an answer before next Tuesday"

He said he would oppose an alternative proposal by a group of National Party MPs to open only Humewood Beach to all races

"Maintaining the status quo would be preferable to opening only a little beach like Humewood

Mr Krige said the target date of July 1 was "ideal" because by summer open beaches would no longer be a novelty

● The survey of whites to establish whether the beach referendum accurately reflected voters' attitudes has been completed but the results will not be made public by the researchers, two University of Port Elizabeth sociologists

Mr Deon Pretorius, lecturer in sociology, said the random survey of 350 whites had been completed and the results analysed

The report would be handed to the City Council which would decide whether to make public the results

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Slabbert to consider post as facilitator

By CLARE HARPER and PETER DENNEHY

THE former leader of the Progressive Federal Party, Dr Van Zyl Slabbert, is considering a position offered him by the City Council as an "independent agent" to promote the aim of a Cape Metropolitan Conference for non-racial democratic government

Last night, Dr Slabbert said he had not yet been formally approached by the council, but he "was in favour of exploring the idea of non-racial democratic local government and would like to help".

Cape Town's Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, stressed yesterday that Dr Slabbert would not be an employee of the council if he accepted the appointment as facilitator

The position became available after an urgent motion was passed in October last year expressing concern over escalating violence and deteriorating race relations, and urging that leaders from all sections of the community should meet at a "peace conference".

At this conference, it is envisaged that a blueprint for non-racial democratic local government will be drawn up

Dr Slabbert will not represent the views or policies of the council, but will act on his own initiative to persuade various groups to come together with the object of drawing up a manifesto for local government

Manifesto

The manifesto will then be submitted to the government as the future basis for local government.

Dr Evans said press reports that Dr Slabbert's role was to establish and advise the council on grievances and viewpoints emanating from "particular sections of the community" were incorrect

30 of sacked George workers get jobs back

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Staff Reporter

SETTLEMENT has been reached in a dispute between the George Municipality and 172 employees fired after what the municipality said was an illegal strike

In terms of the settlement the municipality will pay the dismissed workers four weeks' wages and will reinstate 30 of the 172 who applied for reinstatement

The municipality also undertook to give priority to the sacked employees over other persons when job vacancies arose

Informing the Industrial Court in George that a settlement had been reached, counsel for the employees, Mr L Rose-Innes, said his clients were not happy with the settlement but had no alternative under the circumstances but to agree

According to affidavits filed by the workers, all of whom live in Lawaaikamp outside George, they returned home from work on April 3 to find that some of their houses had been demolished without warning

'Secret'

The next day they asked the foreman, Mr J M Lamprecht, why they had not been warned He allegedly told them that this was the municipality's "secret"

Workers asked whether others could expect to return from work to find their homes demolished as well

Mr Lamprecht told them, using obscene language, that if they did not want to work they should leave The workers claim he then ordered them off the premises When they returned to collect their wages, Mr Lamprecht told them they were no longer employed.

Mr Lamprecht denied these allegations, saying the men walked out after he explained that he had orders to demolish the houses of illegal squatters

Mr D van Schalkwyk presided Mr Rose-Innes was instructed by Mr Basheer Waglay of E Moosa and Associates Mr J J Gauntlett, instructed by Stander and Swart, appeared for the municipality

Final meeting of the WCDB

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Municipal Reporter

THE Western Cape Development Board, which administers all black townships and settlements in this district, was abolished yesterday after airing its last self-criticisms and congratulations.

The chairman, Mr Franco Maritz, admitted that the board had not achieved much development, yet he felt the press had unfairly dubbed his colleagues "polecats".

"Some papers accused this board of bureaucracy and holding back certain information," he said "Yet I have never known such dedicated officials

"If anyone should be given a medal for the development and understanding of black people, it should be our officials

"They were always in the frontline, exposed to attack. Their lives were in danger. Sometimes they worked all night defusing conflict"

The deputy chairman, Mr Jacobus Carstens, said development boards had "started off on the wrong foot" 13 years ago when it was believed they could be financially self-sufficient.

Sometimes the board's "front climbers" had views of their own, and a backlog of amenities that the board should have provided built up, he said

The acting chief director, Mr J J Olivier, said that when the emphasis within the board had finally changed to development (the name changed in April 1984), it had been hampered by a lack of funds and a duty to enforce the law

"The board had to play a role of enforcement and control which was irreconcilable with development," he said "Most of these laws have since been repealed"

Mr Willem Bouwer, the outgoing provincial Member of the Executive Committee, said the speeches yesterday "placed the board in a different light", and he recognized that mistakes had been made

The entire WCDB administration falls under the provincial administration from today, and in six months or more it will be parcelled out to various government departments

Natal man fills finance post

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A financially trained hand, backed by strong sporting muscle, takes a firm grip on the city's R100-million purse strings from Monday

That's when Mr Sayer Hickson starts in his key post as the municipality's director of finance and administration

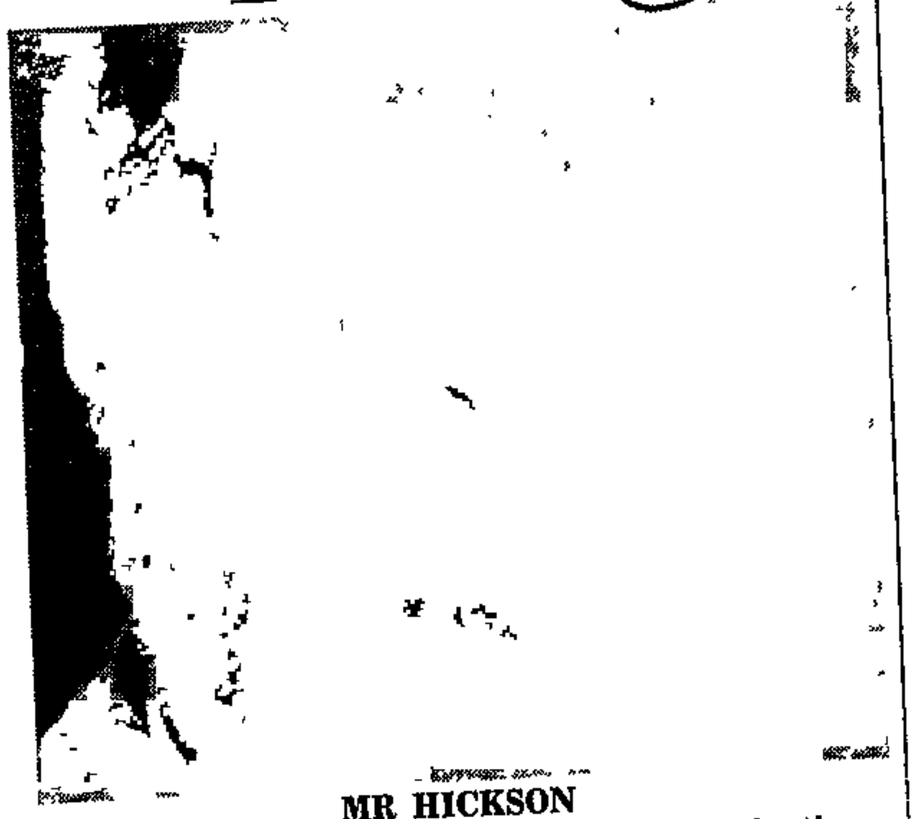
The former pilot, soldier, polocrosse player, honorary officer on the national parks boards and a man who holds a 3rd dan in karate succeeds Mr Derek Falkenberg, who retired early due to ill health

One of the top five jobs in the municipality under the new rationalisation, the departments in his directorate included the municipal market, finance, municipal administration, properties and legal services

Born in Dundee, Mr Hickson, 40, spent the past eights years as a group financial general manager for a large group of companies there

Educated at Hilton College, in Natal, he studied for an accounting degree at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom where he served as a pilot in the Royal Air Force during his university years to help cover schooling costs

After obtaining his degree, he held various jobs in the private sector, mainly in accounting and financial positions



MR HICKSON

In 1970 Mr Hickson went to Zimbabwe and worked as a financial manager for a large public company in Harare while he served in the Rhodesian Armed Forces

He returned to South Africa four years later to enter the banking world in Durban and Pietermaritzburg before going on to the private sector where he spent the past eight years

Mr Hickson, who was chosen from 12 candidates, said he viewed the change as a challange and looked forward to the new position

He is an honorary officer of the Natal Parks Board and has participated in anti-poaching campaigns, game capture and conservation He was also an honorary officer of the Rhodesian National Parks Board

A father of three daughters, Mr Hickson married an Eastern Cape girl, Viola Butcher of Grahamstown, and is familiar with a good portion of the Eastern Cape

In 1970 he earned Springbok colours in karate and holds a 3rd dan

At various times he has represented Rhodesia, Natal and South Africa in competitions He also earned Natal colours for polocrosse

His daughter, Sharon, 20, holds a 1st dan in karate She has competed in international games held in the United Kingdom as well as the South Africa games

The director of management and personnel, Mr Leon Deetlefs, said Mr Hickson possessed the right background and had impressed them as a person able to handle the job

Komga township must have strong leaders — official

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — People of Komga township should choose a strong leadership that would be in a position to identify the problems of the community and bring them forward to the authorities for action, the regional representative of the Department of Constitutional Planning and Development in Port Elizabeth, Mr George Reynolds, said yesterday

Mr Reynolds was commenting on claims of Komga township residents who said they were experiencing hardships in their area and the officials were not lending any help to alleviate the residents' plight

The residents said there was no proper housing in the area though the authorities charged them a monthly rental of R20,06 for mud houses they themselves built

There were few taps, inadequate school facilities, poor church halls, badly constructed streets and filth all over the township

The community council which had been elected by the people to administer its affairs, was inactive Letters written to the chief director of East Cape Development Board (ECDB), Mr Louis Koch, highlighting their plight, had not been answered, the residents said

They said a social worker, a Mr Stanley Mntundini, who had helped improve the welfare of the community by organising community gardening, sewing, creche's and youth clubs which benefited the community, had been transferred to the ECDB office in Port Elizabeth without the residents having been consulted He had not been replaced, they claimed

Mr Koch would not comment yesterday

Mr Reynolds said the residents had a chance of electing a new leadership for the area since elections "were due in a few weeks time" The area had been upgraded to have a municipal status type of local authority, he added

A new township for the residents was being built and about 50 site-and-service houses had been completed Of the houses built by finance raised by residents through loans, about 40 had been completed and another 60 was still in the process of completion, Mr Reynolds said

Mr Reynolds could not say where the new township being constructed was situated

He said the majority of the people in the area were pensioners and few could afford high rentals and the department was helping them to afford houses according to their means

'Big-stick' law threat to rebel councils

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By JOHN YELD
Municipal Reporter

TOWN and city councils reluctant to support the racially-based management committee system will be whipped into line by new big-stick legislation empowering the Administrator to sack their members and withold their pay.

This is made clear in a letter to a Peninsula ratepayers' association from former MEC in charge of local government, Mr Willem Bouwer

An amendment to the Municipal Ordinance, passed by the Provincial Council at its last session, gives the Administrator, Mr Gene Louw, wide powers to discipline local authorities and observers believe one of the main targets is the Cape Town City Council

Before the amendment was introduced Mr Louw singled the council out as "one of very few town and city councils" which had "not at all times" treated managements committees satisfactorily

The council, however, maintains it has always exceeded its legal responsibilities towards management committees

The ratepayers' association complained that the new powers could be "a dangerous tool" and Mr Bouwer, MEC until the Provincial Council was scrapped in June, said the principle involved was not new because similar provisions existed in the Transvaal and for school committees

Mr Bouwer said he was of the opinion the powers were justified following investigations into complaints by officials and ratepayers

"Apathetic"

"As a matter of fact, I can give examples where a council would liked to have a member unseated because his actions were causing embarrassment to the particular council and the community he served," he said

However, Mr Bouwer made it clear that the new powers were considered "essential" to allow the Administrator to force councils to comply with regulations affecting the management committee system

Without naming councils, Mr Bouwer said some had been "apathetic" in establishing the management committees and others had "refused to implement" the new "regulations for the improvement of communication" between local authorities and coloured and Indian management committees

"Having regard to all the problems which have been experienced in the past, it is manifestly evident that the lack of an effective mechanism of bringing councils or a councillor to account has in no small measure been responsible for the Administration's inability to deal with these problems in a decisive manner," Mr Bouwer said

"While some see the amendment as rather drastic, I am sure that those who have the interests of orderly local government at heart will support me in the attempt to induce certain local authorities to administer their affairs in the best interests of all the peoples whom they serve"

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Party is in a dilemma over those committees

Municipal Beat

By JOHN YELD

THE largely Labour Party-controlled management committees find themselves firmly on the horns of a dilemma, and the dissolution of the Provincial Council has probably aggravated matters

In terms of a decision taken at its 1984 annual congress — which was ratified at last year's congress — the Association of Management Committees has committed itself to withdrawing from the management committee system unless it has achieved direct representation on town and city councils by September.

In addition, the Labour Party has rejected municipalities based on separate ethnic divisions The Minister of Local Government, Housing and Agriculture in the House of Representatives, Mr David Curry, has made this clear

"We certainly will not establish a coloured city council for Cape Town," he stated in a letter to a newspaper last year

But in the meantime the Athlone and District Management Committee has been pressing the government — through the old provincial administration — to grant it final decision-making powers over a wide range of local government functions

These include such significant areas as the appointment and dismissal of staff, the allocation of houses and eviction of tenants, the approval and planning of new housing schemes and town planning scheme amendments

These will be temporary powers, the committee argues

Sympathetic to demands

But the government has given every indication of being sympathetic to its demands and there is a strong possibility of most, if not all, of the powers being agreed to and of similar controls being given to other management committees

However, the dissolution of the provincial council has led to major upheavals in some government departments and it seems highly unlikely that the handover of these powers can be accomplished in the next two months

So, come the self-imposed September deadline, the management committees will almost certainly find themselves not only without direct representation on city and town councils, but also without final decision-making powers over some aspects of local government

Will the promise of these limited powers, with possibly more to come in the form of (already rejected) ethnically-based municipalities, be sufficient to persuade the Labour Party to stay with the system, particularly with its credibility already dented by events during the last parliamentary session?

The September congress of the association promises to be very interesting

People say . . .

● Sea Point councillor Mr Chris Joubert may come to regret his "I hope the higher authorities will take note of this" remark during last month's council debate on whether to remove beach fences True devolution of power carries its own responsibility — or is it just another convenient catchphrase?

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● With the demise of the Provincial Council, the chances of local government elections in the Cape becoming overtly political are much more likely The coming by-election in Ward 10 (Woodstock to Mowbray) caused by the resignation of Mr Jeremy Taylor may be a pointer to a trend

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Women's group raps municipal red tape

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The municipality has been severely criticised over alleged red tape faced by would-be entrepreneurs wanting to establish small businesses and for failure of its officials to answer questions on the subject

The criticism was levelled by the East London region of the Women's Bureau of South Africa following a seminar here last month entitled, Women as Entrepreneurs

A letter from the secretary, Mrs R Seymour, to the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, said the maze of red tape was "mind boggling" and the inability of officials to answer questions "left us with a very poor impression"

Mrs Seymour wrote "The purpose of the seminar was to inform the women of East London how to go about establishing their own business in order to create job opportunities — as requested by the State President — and how to do this legally

"Regrettably the inability of all six officials, including your personal representative, to answer any questions on licensing, the fact that six weeks elapsed before receiving a reply to our letter and that Mr V T Daniels (of the town clerk's department), who is not fully briefed, is the only liaison person available for contact between the private sector and the municipality, have left us with a very poor impression

"The maze of red tape revealed by your officials — with a straight face at that — which has to be followed in order to establish a small business in East London is mind-boggling

"We assure you that the laughter from the 150 people present which greeted examples given of impossible conditions laid down by the municipality was directed at the system and not at any municipal official personally"

Mrs Seymour criticised the fact that there was no official from the licensing department to answer questions, and quoted from earlier reports on the government's acceptance of deregulation

She quoted a motion at the seminar that everything possible be done to assist would-be entrepreneurs to hasten the municipal process of handling applications to cut out the unnecessary red tape

She asked that they be informed what report-back was given by the municipal officials who attended the seminar and what efforts were being made by the municipality to move in the direction recommended by the government

Mrs Seymour said they had to deliver a report to the bureau's national conference and would appreciate a reply before August 8

A spokesman for the town clerk's department said yesterday the letter had not yet been received

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New mix

Colour the picture on new property development in the Cape black, or maybe grey if the National Party's federal congress next month signals an end to the Group Areas Act

Big projects announced, mooted and given a boost in the past week were respectively: a R12m beach resort near Khayelitsha, a possible new suburban or CBD development at Atlantis, and tenders for the R2 billion Blue Downs satellite city on the Cape Flats.

The beach amenity, called Monwabisi (place of comfort) at Swartklip just south of Khayelitsha, includes the largest tidal pool in the southern hemisphere, according to the provincial administration's chief city and regional planner, Brian Louw Completion of the pool and ancillary facilities is scheduled before year end. Three pavilions, extensive promenades, and an open-air amphitheatre are included in the initial stages which will be followed by kiosks, water slides and other attractions intended for development by the private sector

Baden Powell Drive behind the complex is being diverted further inland at a cost of R1,6m, its present course will become an internal road

Atlantis project director Piet Burger maintains the coloured city has shrugged off its ghost town image to the extent that a decision is imminent on major new development This would take the form of either a seaside residential area and adjoining industrial area, or buildings in the city centre Burger says government offices, educational institutions and a theatre and more retail space is envisaged for the CBD He declines to comment on the possibility of the area being thrown open to all races, but speculation about this is rife

Negotiations are proceeding with several foreign companies to participate in joint projects at Atlantis, Burger says One deal is "far advanced"

The first plots in government's Blue Downs project are expected to be ready for building early next year State spending on infrastructure for this "city" (it's expected to beat Mitchells Plain in size) is budgeted at R140m, R13m of it this financial year Tenders due to be awarded include R4,8m for the main thoroughfare, two of R80 000 for a sewer and relocation of an Escom power line, R2,5m for a sewage pipe, and R1,8m for road reconstruction

Average plot size at the Downs will be 350 m² costing in at about R12 000 to R14 000, but developers will tender for a package which could see an effective subsidy on cost price The idea is that mass home builders will only buy development rights rather than take transfer for resale to residents

The Director of Local Government, Herman Kloppers, makes it clear that actual selling prices will depend on what the market can bear Emphasis is to be placed on recovering capital costs of utilities including electricity, water, and sewage, from tariffs

Some 40 000 new housing units are scheduled to go up in the next few years, much of it owner-builder and self-help A welcome shot in the arm for material suppliers that should also provide plenty of scope for grass roots O & M consultants ■

City silent on reply to red tape criticism

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The town clerk's department yesterday refused to divulge the contents of a letter sent to the East London region of the Women's Bureau of South Africa following the bureau's criticism of the municipality

The bureau criticised the municipality after a seminar on Women as Entrepreneurs, and alleged that would-be entrepreneurs faced a "maze of red tape" when wanting to start a business.

The bureau regarded the red tape as "mind boggling"

The bureau criticised the alleged inability of municipal officials to answer questions about setting up a business

The town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, was in Graaff-Reinet yesterday and a spokesman for his department said it had not been seen fit to release the reply to the press

The secretary of the East London region of the bureau, Mrs R Seymour, said she had not received the reply yet but would release it when received

"We have, however, received a reply from the mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, who said the matter would be investigated"

The bureau had sent copies of their original letter to the mayor and senior councillors as well as to the Daily Dispatch

PE council outdated — Young

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By MARLENE BURGER, Municipal Reporter

UNTIL Port Elizabeth moves away from the "old-fashioned" system currently applied by its City Council, the fifth largest city in South Africa will continue to be run in an "amateurish" fashion.

This is the view of Mr J Graham Young, who has served on the council for 30 years and who believes it is time for the city to "stop lagging behind" local authorities in all other major centres and introduce a management committee

"With a current budget of R328-million, the City Council is running the biggest enterprise in this area, yet we choose to do so on a part-time basis," Mr Young said

"How can councillors who spend no more than two hours a month at a committee meeting and an average of 90 minutes a month at a council meeting, be in charge of the city?"

Mr Young considers the present multi-committee system employed by the council "clumsy and time-consuming"

"Everything has to go through the sausage machine Recommendations are shunted from one committee to another before finally reaching the council for a decision, and even then there can be delays What we need is a system that brings us in line with the professional approach to city government adopted by councils in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Pretoria," he said

Although Mr Young will continue to press for the introduction of a management committee, he has little hope that his fellow councillors will agree to the system

"They feel that under the multi-committee system they all have a say in the running of the city I

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believe that is an illusion The usual objection to a management committee is that it turns the council into a 'rubber-stamp', but that's exactly what we have now

"Agendas are drawn up by municipal officials and they make the recommendations that are presented to the various committees Councillors don't get in on the discussions leading up to a recommendation, so how can they be anything but rubber-stamps?"

Mr Young believes the multi-committee system has worked well for the most part in the past, but that the increasingly complex nature of the council's role makes change essential

"We are overdue for a system that will expedite decision-making and our reluctance to modernise could lead to diminished efficiency

"In the next year, the Port Elizabeth City Council is going to have to deal with a host of new authorites like the Regional Service Councils and we cannot function effectively under the new dispensation unless we have an efficient decision-making process"

The chairman of the council's Land Usage Committee, Mr Charles Garai, is one of the councillors opposed to a management committee

"It would be premature to change the present system at this time, since the whole structure of local government could be changed in 1988," he said

"The multi-committee system is by no means perfect but I believe delays in decision-making are not so much the fault of the system as the result of procedures which have to be followed before a recommendation can be made.

"The same procedures would apply if the city were being run by a management committee and I would rather see our present system refined and streamlined," he said

The Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, said in a report to the Policy and Resources Committee last week that the economic and social system in Port Elizabeth demanded that the council set up a system ensuring that consistent and rationally defensible decisions could be taken without undue delay

Mr Botha suggested that a management committee system could fulfil this requirement

PE council system lagging far behind other SA cities

Mr GRAHAM YOUNG

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Kumm: all welcome to help cut red-tape

EAST LONDON — Top level investigations are under way on deregulation and devolution of powers to local authorities

This was confirmed by the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, in a letter to the East London branch of the Women's Bureau of South Africa following criticism of municipal officials

The branch had criticised municipal officials after a seminar held here on women as entrepreneurs

The bureau said the officials were unable to answer questions on licensing and that the officials had left a "very poor impression" The "maze of red tape" to be followed to establish a small business in East London was called "mind boggling"

In his letter, Mr Kumm said he agreed with the criticism about red tape and that it created "a daunting and frustrating image to some people"

"In this connection I can inform you that a committee has been appointed by the United Municipal Executive to study all legislation with a view to making recommendations to Minister Amie Venter for the devolution of powers, authorities and duties of local authorities It is understood that that these recommendations, which should reduce unnecessary delays and frustrations, are receiving the attention of the responsible authorities

"In addition to the above, consideration is also being given to the question of deregulating certain of the requirements of local authorities (ie by-laws) insofar as the private sector and individuals are concerned

"In other words efforts are being made to ease and/or abolish those control measures that are out of date or unnecessarily inhibiting

"The city council has fully supported this concept because it accepts the view that by-laws do play an important role in strangling the creation of employment opportunities To this end the council is in the process of communicating with various local organisations for input in regard to which municipal by-laws their members find unnecessary and/or inhibiting Needless to say your bureau is welcome to make any submissions it may wish."

Dealing with the criticism about officials, Mr Kumm said it was not customary for several senior officials to be released for the purpose of answering questions at seminars He said special effort was made for the bureau's seminar

"I regret that an official from the licensing department was not at your seminar but you were informed he was ill," Mr Kumm wrote "Unfortunately there was no other suitable replacement You will appreciate that the municipal service is an enormous and complex undertaking and therefore it is not possible for any one employee to be au fait with or even have a fair knowledge of the provisions of all municipal by-laws and provincial ordinances The inability of the officials to respond adequately to questions relating to the licensing ordinance is understandable"

Mr Kumm said he did not understand the observation that his representative, Mr Viv Daniels, was "not fully briefed"

"Mr Daniels, who is an administrative assistant, attended your seminar at my request in case questions were raised relating to general municipal administrative procedures I believe he apologised for the absence of the licensing official and projected a very helpful image

"I have made further inquiries from persons who attended your seminar, and these reveal that the 'very poor impression' claimed in your letter did not apply to the municipal officials but rather to the efforts of certain officials representing the Receiver of Revenue office and the Department of Labour," Mr Kumm wrote

The chairman of the bureau here, Mrs Mary Carter, said a reply was being sent to Mr Kumm

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Firm may quit EL for Ciskei over parking law

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The co-owner of a West Bank tractor parts firm says he may pack up and go to Ciskei because of the city council's refusal to waive the municipal rule on on-site parking at his Hood Street premises

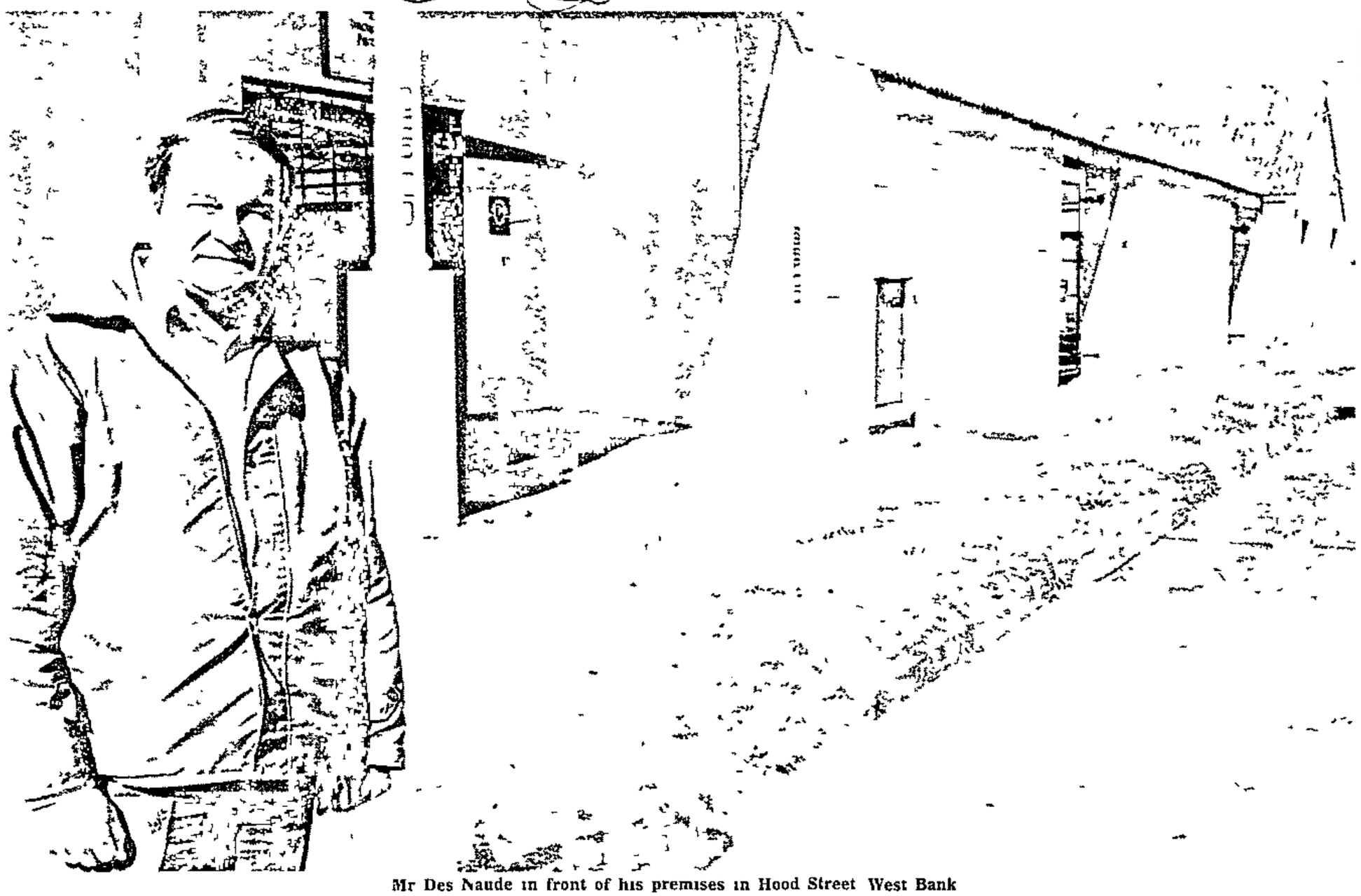
But Mr Des Naude said yesterday that before looking at Ciskei which is crying out for businessmen he would make a last ditch attempt and contact the branch of the Small Business Development Association here to see what could be done about the matter

After a battle of nearly a year over the issue which disqualified Mr Naude from getting a trading licence the council has voted to refuse an application from the owner of the building Mr Hilton Stuart to allow a waiver on on site parking at the building to enable it to be used as a retail motor spares outlet

The council said the waiver could not be granted unless the appropriate payment in lieu of the shortage of on-site parking was made

It was also decided to give Mr Naude's firm 30 days in which to cease trading operations 'in view of the fact they do not have a trading licence

Municipal officials decided to permit parking at the building on condition Mr Stuart paid a levy for the shortfall of on site parking This is in accordance with the town planning scheme



Mr Des Naude in front of his premises in Hood Street West Bank

Mr Stuart said earlier the council wanted him to have six parking bays which cost R2 500 each

According to the municipality the premises were initially zoned for residential purposes — but this was subsequently changed

Mr Stuart had apparently refused to pay the levy

Mr Naude said he could not understand the petty requirements for parking

We deal with farmers in the country and all our orders are done by telephone No parking is really required What's more there is a lot of parking in Hood Street during the day because most of the people who live here go to work in their cars

'I cannot move to other premises in East London now because I will have telephone problems I have to have telephones for my business and it took me three months to get a telephone when I started here

"Something will have to be done as this is a ridiculous situation, Mr Naude said

Mr Stuart said the premises had had business rights for 80 years It was not correct to say they had been rezoned as the premises had been special residential premises for this period with business rights

"For them now to say we must pay for parking where there is no shortage is unfair Every other rezoned premises will have to do the same"

An angry Mr Stuart said that if he had the premises rezoned to residential flats it would aggravate the parking problem

"There are no parking problems during the day The problems arise at night when people return from work. That point is indisputable from surveys"

Mr Stuart said he owned property in every ward in the city and pledged to take up the matter with all the ratepayers' associations in the wards

Indaba is:

The community newspaper that circulates throughout the Eastern Cape — Border, Ciskei, Transkei, Port Elizabeth, East London

It is news, views, sport and pictures. It is aspiration and the hope of better things It is not only of the people but for the people

Exhibition to mark year of disabled

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The exhibition of arts and handicrafts which forms part of the city's activities to

Baby of brain-dead woman delivered by Caesarean section

After parents split six-year-old ate himself to death

MCI chief suggests plan for E Cape

Business Editor

A WIDE-RANGING plan for the "regional reconstruction" of the Eastern Cape was proposed last night by Mr Bill Oddy, president of the Midland Chamber of Industries (MCI).

Calling the plan an "agenda for the future", Mr Oddy told the mid-year meeting of the organistion that this should comprise three elements

- A new form of local government, which would play a role in overcoming violence and instability
- A joint action plan, which would create more jobs through expanding the existing industrial base by diversifying into new markets
- The creation of a new housing and town planning agency, which would be responsible for the creation of a totally new city adjoining Port Elizabeth and Uitenhage

Mr Oddy said the MCI had implemented a dialogue with black leaders to discuss a new form of local government, but this had been hindered by the state of emergency

He hoped the emergency would soon be lifted so that the proposals could be debated within the black community and further consultations held and a joint recommendation put forward on a new structure.

On the joint action plan, he said the MCI was already liaising closely with the City Engineer's Department on opportunities presented by the Mossel Bay off-shore gas find

The MCI was also prepared to play a "catalyst role" to bring about the creation of the new housing and town planning agency — comprising elected members of the black community of PE and Uitenhage and the existing planning authorities — to develop a "new city"

Mr Oddy appealed to the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu) to seek the "path of co-operation and dialogue" to halt work stayaways, which could "destroy PE-Uitenhage" as an industrial base

"This plea should not be interpreted as a threat, but rather as an invitation to talk and build a PE-Uitenhage that will be able to provide jobs for the people of this area," he said That surely should be be our common goal"

He said stayaways without prior consultation were "unacceptable to industry"

Council proposals on job creation

Labour Reporter

CAPE TOWN needs to provide 133 new jobs each working day just to keep unemployment at its present level, according to a report from the City Council on low-cost job creation.

And unless the regional economy is restructured to make it more labour-intensive, the cost of creating these jobs could be as high as R2,5-billion a year.

The report, prepared in response to the President's Council's request for submissions on employment creation, calls for a broadly-based strategy, involving the State, local government and the business sector, to combat growing unemployment and create work as cheaply as possible.

Among the recommendations are

- That the government provide tax incentives for labour-intensive industries, for companies employing school-leavers and for companies offering apprenticeships and training to employees
- That "economically restrictive" laws like the Group Areas Act and the Aliens Act be reviewed
- That the stringent controls and high standards imposed on small businesses be eased.
- That the government commit itself to a non-racial education policy which would encourage the development of marketable business and technical skills
- That local and central government spend money on labour-intensive public works, and award contracts on the basis of the number of jobs they would provide rather than tender price alone

The report says the creation of more jobs at a reasonable cost requires a "radical philosophic shift by both the private and public sectors so as to accord priority to the employment of more people and less capital in the form of fewer machines and less expensive buildings"

The aim should be to reduce the cost of creating each job to the average annual salary of an industrial worker — less than R10 000 a year

The report warns that unemployed and labour organizations should be involved from the outset in formulating a job-creation strategy and any scheme which would undercut the pay and working conditions negotiated by unions for their members should be avoided

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Compensation main concern in Heideveld

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Staff Reporter

LIFE is returning to normal — slowly — in Heideveld, the township on the Cape Flats which was hit by two floods in a month

Sheets of rain were falling in the area yesterday — a week after the City Council's water main burst for the second time

The township looked bleak and miserable maybe the rain had something to do with it, or the puddles, or the spring flowers trying to keep their heads above water

Residents complained that their homes were still damp and bitterly cold at night. Many feared a third flood.

"No one expected a second flood, but what happened? Who says there won't be another one?" a resident asked

Several said their electrical appliances — damaged in the first flood — had not been repaired They were not certain whether the council would compensate them

Husband borrowed R1 000

"The council must repair our stoves and fridges But will they? It is inconvenient running a house under these conditions," another resident said

Mrs June King, a cardiology outpatient at Groote Schuur Hospital, was a victim of both floods

Her mattresses were destroyed and her fridge and stove were damaged Her husband Petrus had to borrow R1 000 from his employer.

"We didn't have the money to replace or repair these items and we did not know if the council would compensate us. Our only way out was for Petrus to get a loan," Mrs King said

Mr Ismail Khan of Winterberg Road sleeps on a makeshift bed. The family's mattresses were damaged in the first flood and destroyed in the second.

"It's uncomfortable sleeping on the floor, but I have no choice," he said

Mayor's Relief Fund

●The residents of Heideveld, in spite of voicing their dissatisfaction with the Mayor's Relief Fund, have decided to accept offers of financial help from the fund.

The Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, started the fund with R50 000 Contributions have trickled in and it now stands at R69 781,88

Residents want Mr Markovitz to increase the fund to R100 000 because "that is the amount the City Council wants to spend on improving Newlands for night cricket", according to Pastor Peter Roman, chairman of the Heideveld-Manenberg Crisis Committee

He said legal-aid students of the University of the Western Cape would begin a survey on Monday to assess damage to property

Cambridge High, cham- Malan

Bureau concerned about restrictive municipal by-laws

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The local branch of the Women's Bureau of South Africa has criticised the length of time it takes the municipality to process applications to open a business.

The criticism came from the area chairman, Mrs Mary Carter, after she had received a letter from the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, inviting comment on by-laws which the organisation felt should be amended

The letter stems from earlier criticism from the bureau after a seminar held to help women open businesses The bureau accused the municipality of failing to answer questions about deregulation to help women open small businesses in the city

Mrs Carter said yesterday that it took too long for applications to be processed by the various municipal departments.

"Six weeks may seem reasonable to municipal department heads, each of whom is assured a salary at the end of the month, but it can be a very long time if you are out of work with a family to feed, Mrs Carter said

She urged the public to air their views on the "inhibiting by-laws which she said should be amended or deleted.

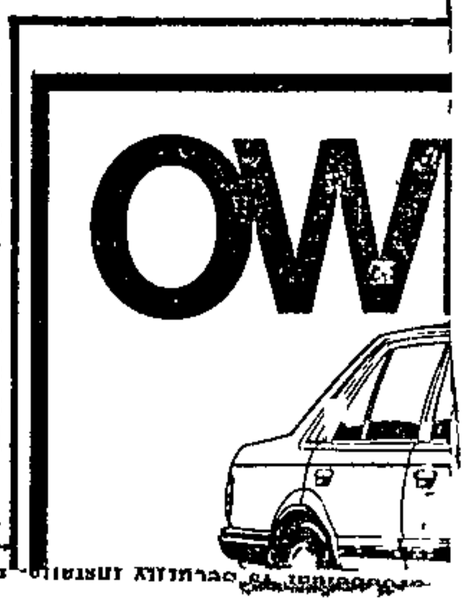
"It might be an opportunity to highlight some of the most absurd items, she said

In his letter inviting the bureau's views, Mr Kumm said the United Municipal Executive had appointed a committee to study all legislation with a view to making recommendations to the government for the devolution of powers to local authorities

The organisation has also asked local authorities to examine the need to deregulate municipal by-laws insofar as they affect the private sector and individuals

Mr Kumm said the city council supported the removal or amendment of over-restrictive by-laws and felt that it would go a long way toward encouraging the creation of job oppoertunities

The council had decided to call on local organisations for proposals on the matter



Municipal pay talks deadlocked

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A deadlock in pay negotiations with the municipality is to be taken to the Conciliation Board

This was confirmed yesterday by the secretary of the East London Municipal Workers' Union, Mr Gert van der Walt, who said a request had been submitted to the Minister of Manpower, Mr Pietie du Plessis.

"We've asked the minister to freeze all increases until the matter can be sorted out," Mr Van der Walt said

The municipal director of personnel and management services, Mr Leon Deetlefs, said they had not heard about the move but confirmed that the city council's line adjustment offer to 1 600 unskilled workers had been rejected by the union

The council had offered a phased-in 15 per cent increase Ten per cent would come into effect from July and the other five per cent from January next year

Mr Van der Walt said the union had rejected the offer and had asked for a 20 per cent increase from July and another 20 per cent from January

Mr Deetlefs said the council could not see its way clear to meeting the union's demand and offered an alternative

He said the union's demand would have pushed up the municipality's total wage bill by R1,836 million a year

The cost to the council a year with a 15 per cent phased-in hike will be R765 187

Mr Van der Walt said "We have been negotiating for a long time and our appeals seem to have fallen on deaf ears We had no alternative but to seek action as the lower paid workers are suffering"

Colonel shot by ETA guerillas

VITORIA (Spain) — Four gunmen shot dead a Spanish army colonel

Cape Times 19/1/86 (263)

Now Citrusdal won't stand for 'nuisances'

Municipal Reporter

CITRUSDAL municipality has passed a by-law "for the prevention and suppression of nuisances" as stringent in its provisions as the one passed last month in Gansbaai.

Four pages of Friday's Provincial Gazette were taken up by an exposition, in English and Afrikaans, of almost everything one may and may not do in Citrusdal

Many of the clauses are exactly the same as Gansbaai's by-law provisions "Unseemly noises or behaviour" are prohibited, and plots may not be "dirty, neglected or infested with insects harmful to health"

Citrusdal by-laws also require that "no person shall fail to maintain any building's roof-water disposal system, pipes, sewers, drains, water fittings, waste-water fittings, water-closet fittings and all other appurtenances attached to any building or structure"

Only the owner shall be deemed guilty of contraventions arising from "a defect of a structural character", the regulations say

Cape Times 21/8/86

George warning to black residents

By RIAAN SMIT

BLACK residents in two coloured townships near George have been "warned" by the municipality to move to a site-and-service township a few kilometres outside the town before the end of December or find other housing

A source yesterday said blacks living in Urbanville and Borchards received the written warning signed by the George Protection Service's director, Mr C J Gerber

The source said yesterday she had lived in Urbanville for 36 years

The site-and-service township, Sandkraal, was being developed "as no black town existed in the vicinity of George", the Deputy Minister of Constitutional Developement and Planning, Mr Piet Badenhorst, said in Parliament in April.

'Removed'

About 5 000 residents of the Lawaaikamp shantytown outside George had been "forcibly removed" to Sandkraal by the George Municipality in June, it was claimed at the time by a member of the PFP Unrest Monitoring Group, Mr Jan van Eck

Mr Van Eck's allegation was denied by the George Town Clerk, Mr Carel du Plessis, who said 180 families had moved voluntarily — after dismantling their shacks — to sites at Sandkraal

Mr Gerber confirmed yesterday that warnings had been sent to black residents in the two townships

'Reconsider'

"I cannot tell if the residents will heed the warnings If they don't, the town council will have to reconsider its position on the matter," he said

"About 500 families" from Lawaaikamp had moved to Sandkraal, he said

The president of the George Civic Association, Mr Kenneth Siboto, could not be reached for comment yesterday

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CITY

Public should hear debate on councillors' allowances

Municipal Beat

By JOHN YELD

Municipal Reporter

PUBLIC representatives tend to be highly sensitive about their salaries and/or allowances and Cape Town City Councillors are no exception

Many of them claim — with no small measure of justification — that voters have little idea of how much time and expense is involved in holding public office and that they are entitled to a fair reward for their efforts

Advocates of this school of thought argue further that decent allowances are necessary to attract professional people and those who would like to serve but who don't have the private means to allow them to do so

A counter to this argument is that public office is one way an individual can give something back to society and that personal sacrifices, including financial ones, are part of the job

Stimulating

The recent debate on whether councillors should accept the higher allowances approved by Provincial authorities was stimulating

This openess is central to the working of a democratic system which the council prides itself on upholding — given of course the racial confines prescribed by Government policy.

So why the council found it necessary to debate the question of increasing the personal allowances of the mayor, deputy mayor and executive comittee members behind closed doors is inexplicable

Council officials say office bearers are sometimes embarrassed by the disclosure of these allowances, even though Cape Town's are significantly less than those of Johannesburg, Durban and Pretoria

They also say the public doesn't appreciate that the seemingly generous allowances don't come close to covering the numerous out-of-pocket expenses which these senior councillors are subject to

This may well be, but why should these points not be made by councillors in open debate? One comes back to the point that the public is entitled to know the attitude of their representatives to issues

The allowance goes with the office and has nothing to do with the personality of the incumbent It is approved by council after being set by the Provincial authorities So why the embarrassment?

And just in case any aspiring mayors or Exco members are seduced by the following figures, have a close look at how much work is involved before making a bid for office

New allowances

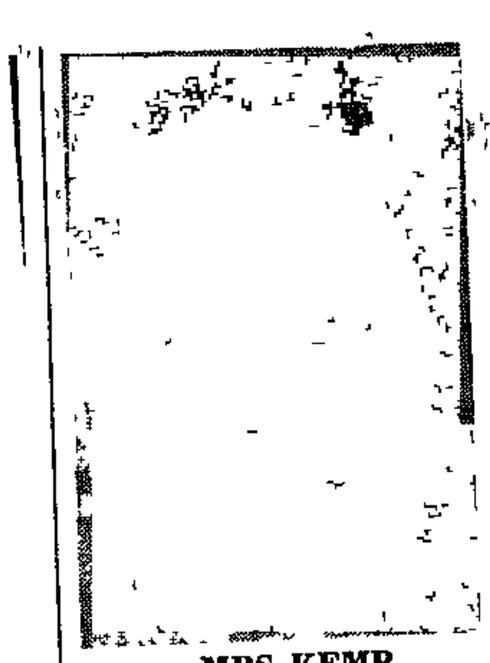
Mayor — R24 960 (up from R18 456),

Deputy Mayor — R12 480 (R9 228),

Exco chairman — R18 600 (R14 088),

Exco deputy chairman — R16 740 (R13 452), and

Exco members — R14 880 (R12 816)



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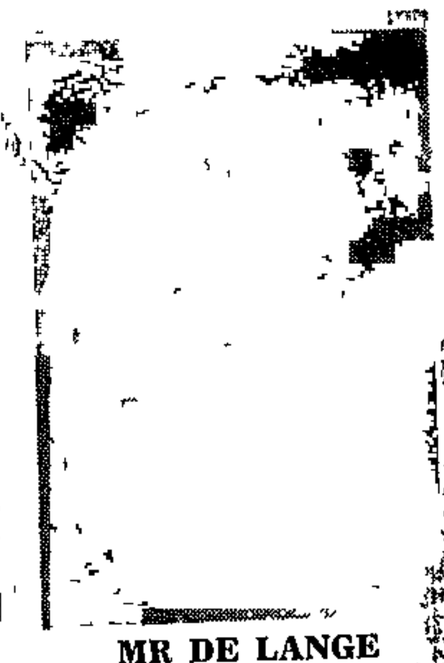

MR DE LANGE

Kemp is elected new mayor

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The former MPC for East London City, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, was elected the city's new mayor in a closed city council meeting this week

Mr Robert de Lange (jnr) was elected deputy mayor

Mrs Kemp, who will be inducted as mayor on September 3, succeeds Mr Joe Yazbek, who has served two consecutive terms

The induction will take place at an open meeting in the City Hall and will be witnessed by several invited guests as well as the public

Mrs Kemp, who wore the mayoral chain in 1977 and 1978, said that after the previous two terms she never thought she would accept the appointment again

"However, it's all very exciting and I'm raring to go

"There are several exciting things planned for the next year A consortium is looking into the upgrading of the city centre, new areas are to be earmarked for industrial development, the Berlin industrial area will be made more viable and regional services councils are to be installed"

Mrs Kemp, who is also a businesswoman and housewife, said the less important things would have to take a side-seat in the next year

Mr De Lange (jnr), who succeeds Mr Ivan Zulman, follows in the footsteps of his father, senior councillor Mr Robbie de Lange

Mr De Lange (jnr) said yesterday he was "very excited" at his election

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Mayoral guest list for Tutu party defended

By JOHN YELD
Municipal Reporter

THE Cape Town City Council has unanimously condemned a Cape Town Afrikaans newspaper for suggesting that the Government had been insulted ("afjak") by not being invited to a mayoral reception for distinguised foreign guests visiting the city for Bishop Desmond Tutu's enthronement as Archbishop.

During a sometimes heated debate at yesterday's meeting the council also reaffirmed the Mayor's prerogative to arrange private functions at his own discretion

A special motion to this effect was proposed by Dr John Sonnenberg, who had earlier been ruled out of order after an objection by Mr Tony Powell.

Dr Sonnenberg, who said he did not agree with Bishop Tutu's "vision", described the newspaper article as "mischief-making" and an attempt to embarrass the Mayor and councillors.

"I believe the Government has lost no opportunity to use its own electronic media to present him (Bishop Tutu) as an ogre, a turbulent priest and a non-patriotic South African," he said

"He is an international figure of great renown, a citizen of the world, and I would have thought he should be honoured as an illustrious son of this country"

Mr Frank van der Velde said he believed the article was "scurrilous, to say the least"

Not an apologist

"This is a continuation of organised propaganda to besmirch the name of the Archbishop-elect of Cape Town and by association it is the Burger's attempt to besmirch the name of the Mayor and council," he said

The Mayor, Mr Leon Markovitz, said it was important to choose guests in such a way that there was no "possibility of friction" His decision not to invite members of the Government was that people should not feel "uncomfortable"

"There will be a broad section of the community but certainly it is not a political day at all," he said

Mr Kosie van Zyl said he was sorry there was a debate and that the Mayor had called a Press conference He was not acting as an apologist for the Burger but apart from the headline and part of one paragraph the article appeared accurate

"We can't debate away the fact that a lot of Bishop Tutu's guests are outspoken enemies of South Africa," he said

"Enemies of the Government, not of South Africa," interjected Mr van der Velde

"Someone who supports sanctions and disinvestment is not a friend of South Africa or the Government," Mr van Zyl insisted

● In response to a question, Mr Markovitz said that because Parliament was sitting he had thought it correct to invite the State President and all Cabinet Ministers and Deputy Ministers to the mayoral installation ceremony next week

The requested date for replies had passed and only one Deputy Minister had accepted his invitation

A none-too-vital poll (but what fun!)

By BARRY STREEK
Cape Town

THE Progressive Federal Party seems likely to have comfortable victories in the two by elections next week in the Claremont and Pinelands seats, which were dramatically vacated by Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert and Dr Alex Boraine in February

In the low-key election campaigns, marked by a feeling of irrelevance, the PFP has built up solid postal vote leads in both constituencies and clearly has superior organisation to its New Republic Party opponents

Indeed, were it not for the statements, activities and background of the NRP candidate in Claremont, Anthony Leisegang — described by John Scott of the Cape Times as "one of the more extraordinary candidates to emerge in recent years" — one wonders just how much, if any, interest would have developed in the by elections

In a real sense, the heat went out of the by-elections when the National Party, sensibly in terms of its support in the two seats, decided not to contest them

The NRP, which has done reasonably well in Pinelands over the years, predictably put up a candidate — Norman Barrett, a former mayor of Pinelands

Barrett, who has suffered from a slight heart complaint during the campaign, stunned his opponents early on when he announced at a public meeting that he would not criticise the government if he was elected

How on earth could anyone stand for an opposition party if he was not going to criticise the government, the PFP asked

Barrett responded later that he would indeed criticise the government if necessary, but he would do so "positively", not "negatively" like the PFP

With a mixture of support for 'local option" and fairly typical calls for patriotism, Barrett might have caused the PFP's Jasper Walsh serious problems, particularly because of apathy and the mood of many whites in the wake of sanctions, unrest and the Emergency

But that strategy reckoned without the surprise candidature of Leisegang, who joined the NRP on the night before nomination day

Leisegang has had a remarkable political career In 1983 he joined the Claremont United Democratic Front committee, despite voting "yes" in the referendum, and remained in the organisation for nine months before deciding that it was undemocratic

He also joined The Ecumenical Action Movement (Team), a progressive Christian body which was listed by the police during the current Emergency, and was secretary of a Western Province Council of Churches sub committee

But he resigned from both bodies, as well as from the Congregational Church in Rondebosch, and the University of Cape Town Catholic society, Kolbe, before finding his way into the NRP

During the course of the campaign he has claimed the PFP founded the UDF as a leftist party outside Parliament because of the tricameral system, accused the NP and the PFP of being in collusion on sanctions and said the West supported sanctions to smash the African National Congress by weakening trade unions and community organisations

In the circumstances, it was hardly surprising that he was not invited to share a platform with Barrett at the NRP's second public meeting in Pinelands

Indeed, in a uproarious debate with the PFP's Jan van Eck at the University of Cape Town, where he introduced himself as "a militant radical", Leisegang admitted he had been given "a serious lecture" by the party's leadership on what he could say or could not say

He did not answer when he was asked at UCT for proof that the PFP had founded the UDF, but Van Eck said this allegation was "a total untruth"

At another debate, at the Westerford school, he held out his right hand to the pupils and said "Do you see this scar on my hand? Well, that was caused by a petrol bomb I was trying to make which exploded'

He later explained he was injured 'during my radical past But I was 10 years old at the time and have grown up since then"

He then joined the United Party Youth, orthodox democratic politics' Leisegang explained that "politics in the UP Youth civilised me and I was illegally drinking sherry at the age of 16"

When his statements are analysed, his main motivation for joining the NRP seems to be that he perceives a direct link between the PFP and the UDF while he had grown up and was moving away from undemocratic politics, "the PFP have been supporting the hooligan politics of the UDF"

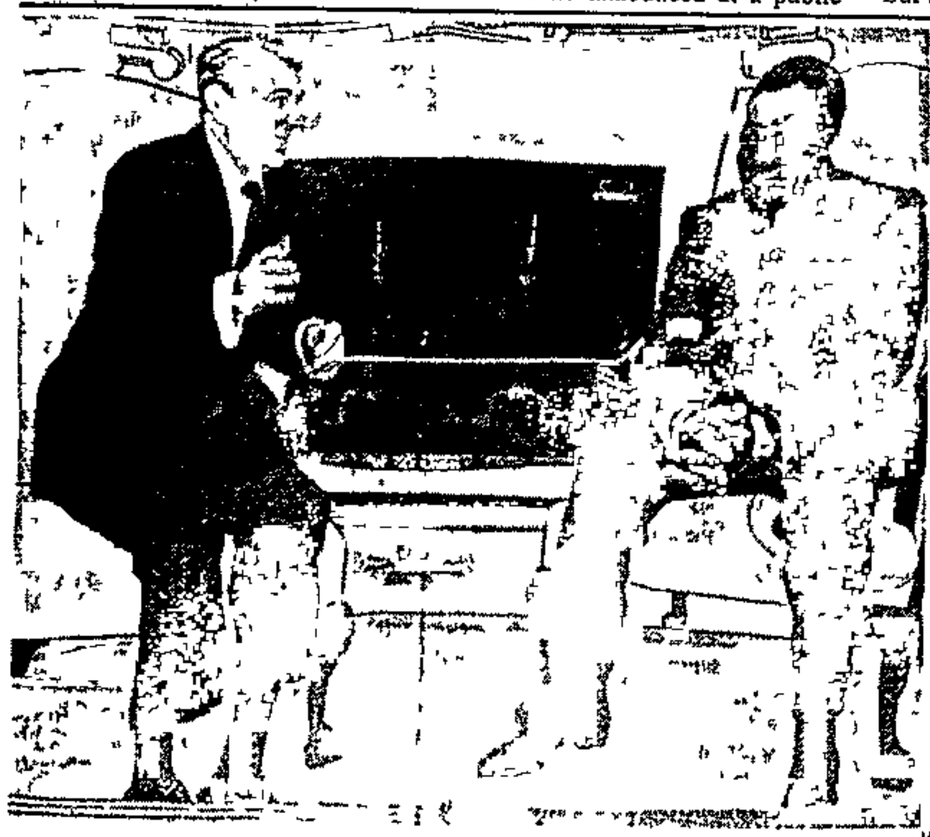
At a public meeting, he said that just as the older people had become sick and tired of the intimidation of the "progressives" in Crossroads, he would oust the progressives from Claremont

And so some life, however bizarre, has been provided to the two by-election campaigns in the Pinelands-Rondebosch Claremont area of Cape Town But it has damaged the NRP, which is desperately fighting for survival

Indeed, Wednesday's by elections, coupled with the demise of the provincial council system which has removed its only power base in Natal, could — barring a major upset — signal the end of the party that claims to be the successor to the party which until 1948 ruled South Africa

For all the NRP's problems, Van Eck and Walsh have been running serious campaigns, attacking the government and dismissing the NRP as "irrelevant" They have also called for unity in opposition to apartheid and in support of a nonracial democratic government

And with that message, they are likely to become new MPs next week.



Jonas calls on Reagan

UNITA held another political showbiz rally at its Jamba headquarters in the Angolan bush this week, this time to call on the US for more aid

Behind Unita leader Jonas Savimbi fluttered a banner depicting his meeting this year with Ronald Reagan

But the other banner behind the rebel leader may not have been entirely appropriate at a rally designed to warm conservative hearts in Washington

It called for 'socialisme' and 'negritude'

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Smuggled notes at Watson trial

By SIPHO MBIKWANA
Port Elizabeth

ARCHIE MKELE, detained as a state witness in the arson and fraud case pending against the rugby playing Watson brothers, Valance, Ronald and Daniel, has allegedly said in notes smuggled out of jail that he would rather hang himself than testify against his employers

The notes came to light during an application in Port Elizabeth Supreme Court on Tuesday by his wife, Marilyn Carol Mkele, for an interdict restraining the police from assaulting, interrogating and harassing her husband

The application was accompanied by notes which Mkele said her husband gave her during visits to him in jail

Referring to reports which followed an earlier application by his wife and an attorney to gain access to him, Mkele allegedly wrote "The statements put across that I am an informer I would never be an informer, I would rather hang myself I won't testify against the Watsons They are innocent"

Tuesday's interdict application was heard after Marilyn Mkele abandoned the application to be granted access to her husband when it was confirmed that he was detained by order of court under Section 185 of the Criminal Procedure Act This precludes anybody seeing him without the permission of the Attorney-General

In her application Mkele said that she had received more than 20 notes from her husband since he was detained on July 30 She also said she had seen him illegally on a number of occasions between August 8 and 21, and that he had asked her to get the notes to his attorney

In the notes Mkele says he gave a statement to the police saying that Valance Watson had organised him and Geoffrey (another Watson employee) to assist in burning down the Watsons' house, because the Watsons were experiencing financial problems

The notes added that in his statement to the police he claimed that Valance had promised to buy him a house in the coloured area, because his wife was not satisfied with where they lived because it was unsafe

When he agreed, Valance showed him where a quantity of petrol was stored in the house and gave him a pair of gloves

The notes also indicated that Mkele had alleged in his statement to police that he and Geoffrey "were to start at the top and spread the petrol"

However, in the notes allegedly smuggled to his wife, Mkele said this statement was untrue and he made it only to protect his life

In another note, he told how the police had kicked him, hit him with a baton and suffocated him with a wet bag over his head They accused him of being a member of the banned African National Congress (ANC), recruited by the Watson brothers They also questioned him about visits to Lesotho and transporting "comrades"

The police, the notes claimed, told him the Watsons had been using him for years, and that they were going to crush the Watsons and make them crawl like snakes

Archie Mkele wrote — after a report in the press following the previous application — that the allegations that he did not want a lawyer and would testify against the Watsons in court were all rubbish

"I will show the dogs the day I appear in court What the hell, who would prefer to stay in jail than being with his family"

The application was opposed by the Minister of Law and Order, the Divisional Commissioner of Police and the station commander of Swartkops Prison

When the application came to court, JD Pickering, who appeared for Mkele's wife, said he was not asking for the interdict at this stage He said there was a dispute of fact that would only be resolved by calling Mkele to give oral evidence

If this were not possible, he asked that Mkele be visited by a judge.

Judge Jennett pointed out that in terms of Section 185, nobody could visit Mkele without the Attorney-General's permission

Judgement was reserved

Police reply

THE South African Police have commented on an article in last week's Weekly Mail in which a 12 year-old Parys boy, William Nathela, alleged he had received electric shock treatment while detained at Heilbron's police cells

The response by the SAP public relations division in Pretoria, which arrived too late for inclusion in last week's issue, read as follows "If William Nathela is of the opinion that the SA Police acted incorrectly and exceeded their powers, a sworn affidavit can be filed with the SAP through any one of a number of channels

"The allegation(s) will then be fully investigated An investigation cannot be instituted solely on the strength of allegations made to a newspaper"

For mayor: A man not seen in town a year

By FRANZ KRUGER
East London

ALMOST unnoticed in the deafening silence imposed by the State of Emergency, South Africa's constitutional planners are pushing ahead with the local reform agenda.

With the demise of the development boards on July 1, all remaining community councils have been transformed into fully-fledged local authorities — a crucial step on the road to Regional Services Councils (RSCs)

Amongst additional powers, they will be able to levy rents and rates and set up their own municipal police forces There are three levels to the new black local authorities town committees, town councils and city councils.

No publicity was given to the Duncan Village Community Council becoming the Gompo Town Committee (Gompo is the Xhosa name for East London). No announcement was made about the township having its own mayor in Eddie Makeba, who has not set foot in the township for over a year.

The move emerged this week in an interview with Makeba during which he revealed his new position. Asked why there had been no announcement at the time Makeba said it was "for reasons best known to ourselves".

But East London City Councillor Donald Card said he was "shocked by the secrecy". It was kept quiet because the government knew that "they are not the real leaders of the community," he said.

Card pointed out that none of the six councillors had set foot in Duncan Village since their houses were burnt in August last year.

Card, chairperson of the City Council's Action Committee, was central to a virtually unprecedented attempt to persuade the government to allow East London to pursue "a local option"

In a series of closed-door meetings between the council and the United Democratic Front-affiliated Duncan Village Residents' Association (DVRA), it was agreed the community council should be scrapped as they had lost all credibility

At the end of July a delegation from the city council went to see constitutional supremo Chris Heunis to argue their case, but received a severe dressing down.

Heunis told them off for dealing with the DVRA, and indicated the government remained committed to the community councils.

The councillors returned home chastened but the exchange served to highlight the central role the community councils are playing in constitutional restructuring going on under the steel umbrella provided by the Emergency.

Heunis could not agree to East London's local option proposal because independent, racially based local authorities are fundamental to the RSC plan

The community councils are a weak link however, because of the lack of credibility in their own communities, demonstrated in consistently rock-bottom polls.

Their elevation to town council status enables them to take over the unpopular tasks of rent collection and evictions. It also maintains the fiction that the RSC's represent greater equality in the status and power of local authorities. Upgrading projects are being handed to them in an attempt to bolster their community support.

Meanwhile the other part of the strategy is being played out in the detention cells in East London.

Emergency detentions seem to have targeted the DVRA. With between 200 and 300 members believed to be in detention, the organisation has been affected right down to street committee level.

Affidavits submitted to court by police opposing a number of recent applications for the release of detainees have identified residents' associations like the DVRA as "alternative strutures of the ANC", giving rise to fears that the state is working towards a major trial attempting to link the DVRA to the African National Congress.

Yesterday, this was his home

A squatter refugee ponders an uncertain future after his wood and plastic shelter was demolished by Cape divisional council workers this week

Picture GUY TILLIM, Afrapix

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The shacks of 400 squatters who won't move out to Khayelitsha are destroyed

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By MOIRA LEVY, Cape Town

THE estimated 60 000 Western Cape squatters whose shacks were razed in clashes with vigilantes earlier this year are being hounded from relief centres where they have been seeking refuge and prevented from erecting new settlements

And the authorities seem determined to ensure the homeless squatters will be allowed to settle only in Khayelitsha, which was built 30km outside Cape Town to house the African population of the Western Cape

Most of the squatters, for their part, seem equally determined not to move to Khayelitsha.

Last week the shacks of about 400 squatters, who tried to rebuild their homes at Brown's Farm in Philippi, only kilometres from the site where their settlements used to be, were destroyed by officials of the Divisional Council, accompanied by the police

The people at Brown's Farm have been told they will be attacked by the vigilantes or "witdoeke" unless they dismantle their shacks and move to Khayelitsha, said Laureeen Platzky of the Surplus People's Project

"It is part of a master plan to flush the people out from wherever they are and force them to move to Khayelitsha The authorities are harassing and threatening the people wherever they settle"

A report released by the Progressive Federal Party's unrest monitoring and action committee indicates that at several refugee centres, run by churches and welfare agencies like Shawco and the Red Cross, squatters are being systematically harassed by the Security Forces

The PFP report alleges that at the Methodist Church in Nyanga East, large numbers of squatters have left to find alternative accommodation because of "constant police harassment" The report claims that 33 refugees were arrested during a police raid on July 24 after being identified by an unknown woman wearing a balaclava

The Zolani Centre in Nyanga East "has been continually checked and harassed by Security Forces" and several youths have been detained during the regular police raids, the report states

According to several sworn statements made by squatters, the Zolani Centre, which housed about 2 500 refugees, was set alight on June 9, immediately after a raid by police and vigilantes

Another approximately 1 000 refugees sheltering in schools in the townships were told by the Department of Education and Training to leave, according to the PFP report Squatter leaders were advised by the DET to move to Khayelitsha

"It is alleged that at 4am on the third of July, police arrived at the Vukukanya School and took all the men away, beat people up and told the refugees to leave the schools," the report states

"During the afternoon of the third of July, Administration Board officials and police apparently arrived at the schools and began throwing people and their possessions out of the schools These displaced people had nowhere to move to apart from Khayelitsha, which is not an alternative acceptable to the majority of the refugees"

A number of relief agencies operating in the white suburbs have also experienced a degree of harassment At the end of last month they were charged in terms of the (Black) Urban Areas Consolidation Act for housing blacks in "white group areas"

The summonses were eventually withdrawn, but not before numbers of squatters had left of their own accord

"In the main, harassment at relief centres in 'white' areas pointed to the state attempting to get rid of the displaced people subjected to continual harassment through arbitrary arrests, various forms of violence and eviction from schools"

According to Andrew Feinstein, student president of Shawco, which co-ordinates 10 refugee centres, a number of relief agencies, their funds and stocks seriously depleted, are closing down their operations

More and more squatters will be forced to erect makeshift shelters in township backyards or seek shelter in the bush, he said Feinstein said that approximately four to 5 000 squatters had returned to the KTC camp

He estimated between five and 10 000, out of a total population of about 60 000 displaced people, had moved to Khayelitsha

"Where the rest are living is anybody's guess," he said

Platzky confirms that as many as 10 000 squatters may be staying in a makeshift tent town at Khayelitsha.

"The squatter leaders (whose communities were destroyed in the fighting) were told by Divisional Commissioner Bezuidenhoud when they went to see him about two weeks ago that their only option is to move to Khayelitsha," Platzky said

"He said there is no way he would let them return to the land they used to occupy because that would lead to more bloodshed, and there is nowhere else they can go"

A study by the Urban Foundation in the Western Cape, submitted to the government some time before the violence broke out, proposed a detailed scheme to upgrade the Crossroads complex in such a way that 70 percent of the squatter population could be accommodated

This meant the estimated 60 000 squatters who are now homeless need not have been forced out of the area according to the Urban Foundation's plan, which emphasised "voluntary relocation" and the right of all residents to remain in the squatter complex

The upgrade proposal was based on community participation in the planning and implementation of the scheme and the removal only of those residents who agreed to move to a site of their own choice

The Urban Foundation, which has had an interest in Crossroads since 1977 and whose upgrade project was the first of its kind in South Africa, decided to scrap its project in Crossroads in June, after the government announced that no squatters expelled during the fighting would be allowed to return

In its 1986 annual review, the Urban Foundation reported that the government announcement "flew in the face of" the principle of voluntary relocation to which it was committed

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Hewson reminds councillors of information curb

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Members of the Divisional Council of Kaffraria have been urged to take note of an amendment to the ordinance placing curbs on releasing confidential information discussed in committee.

The call came from the chairman, Mr Neville Hewson, at yesterday's monthly meeting of the divisional council where a change in the ordinance was noted

The amendment in the ordinance, promulgated two weeks ago, draws attention to the fact that all meetings of the council should be open to the press and public

It can be open on condition council considers that it will not be in the interests of the division to exclude the public and the press during discussion of an item

It can be closed if the secretary or any authorised employee of the council is of the opinion that disclosure of a matter would be prejudicial to the interests of the division

The promulgation draws attention to the fact that a councillor, employee or contractor of the council, is not allowed to directly or indirectly disclose any information about a matter discussed in committee

The person may not discuss any document marked confidential by the secretary or release any information relating to any debate, discussion, motivation or explanation about business dealt with in committee

Contravention of the ordinance makes a person liable to a R200 fine or imprisonment not exceeding six months, or both

Mr Hewson said yesterday that it was a "very important matter" and that councillors should take serious note

"Council is in a position to take strong action as this type of thing has happened in the past," Mr Hewson said "Councillors must take note that things should be kept in committee"

There was much discussion on what councillors could raise at the monthly meetings

Mr Mark Yazbek wanted to know exactly what councillors could raise as they went through the agenda, and Mr Bruce Bursey replied that matters had to be thrashed out in the committee meetings and that resolutions merely had to be ratified at the monthly council meetings

Louw: Govt has to help raise living conditions

Cape Times 31/12/86

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Staff Reporter

THE transferral of black local government to the Provincial Administration and its subsequent reconstruction after the recent unrest would bring together white, coloured and black local governments under one roof, the Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said in his New Year message

Mr Louw said this was one of the "biggest responsibilities" facing his administration, as the lives of about three million blacks were affected by this new responsibility, which includes squatter control, housing and social services.

"We realise that the most pressing needs of the majority of inhabitants of this province is that their living conditions should improve and the central and provincial governments will have to lend a hand," Mr Louw said.

In discussions with "favourably disposed black leaders" in an attempt to solve the numerous problems facing the administration, Mr Louw said he was "struck by the large measure of goodwill which prevailed in spite of strong pressure from political activists and intimidators".

However, the availability of funds remains "the biggest worrying factor", and priorities will "have to be weighed up very carefully".

He said the province had a budget "in excess of R2 000 million for the new financial year", but that this "was not an enormous amount, considering the wide-ranging needs of our province".

Mr Louw said the year ahead was going to make "heavy demands on all of us, and the extent to which we achieve success will be decisive for the further political ordering of our country as a whole"

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Management committees for M'Plain, 5 other areas

Staff Reporter

COLOURED management committees are on the cards for Mitchell's Plain and five other areas in greater Cape Town — but the City Council's Executive Committee has opposed them

According to the Cape's deputy-director of local government, Mr P Carstens, a Mitchell's Plain management committee can be regarded as "a matter of fact"

He could not say who had asked for the committees because he did not have the information at hand.

"But I can tell you that various individuals have made requests," he said

In a letter to the City Council, the local government department said regional services councils were coming "in the near future" and the committees "have become a matter of priority"

The City Council was asked to name candidates for committees in six areas Mitchell's Plain, Retreat, Schotsche Kloof, Walmer Estate, Woodstock and Salt River.

However, the council's Executive Committee recommended that the request — and others in future — be declined

The department's letter added that the Administrator could nominate a candidate on the council's behalf if it declined to do so within 40 days.

The Executive Committee stated in a report submitted at today's meeting of the full council that more management committees were not wanted, but if they were established, they would amalgamate with the others in existence

Major CPA shake-up in Eastern Cape

EVE Post 12/12/86

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THE former Chief Director of the East Cape Administration Board, Mr Louis Koch, is leaving Port Elizabeth next year to take up an undisclosed post — probably within the Cape Provincial Administration (CPA) — in Cape Town

The move is part of a major CPA rationalisation process

Mr Koch is currently the chief director of the Provincial Administration's Office for Community Development in the Eastern Cape

Although not yet officially announced, the move was confirmed today by the director of Local Government in the CPA, Mr Ron Delport

Mr Koch declined to confirm his move today, saying it was "premature"

Outlining the changes which are to occur in the new year, Mr Delport said certain functions which previously fell under the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning had devolved to the CPA and as a result, rationalisation was taking place between the department's old regional office and the CPA

The Province had acquired the old Ford head office complex in Albany Road, Port Elizabeth, and it would house the CPA's regional office

Mr Delport said the Ibhayi Town Council, which now operated as an "independent local authority and falls directly under the Province", would take over most of the New Brighton premises currently occupied by Community Development

He said the new regional office of the CPA would also house other departments, such as hospitals

Morum is planning E Cape Indaba early in '87

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13/10/86 WE Post

By DIRK VAN ZYL

AN East Cape indaba involving all races and organisations from "grassroots" level to organised business, commerce and municipal authorities, is currently being planned

Man behind the concept — planned on similar lines to the Natal Indaba — is the newly-elected Midland Chamber of Industries president and retired business executive, Mr Peter Morum

He has set a January 5 deadline for a basic plan

"I believe if I start at grassroots level and get a cross-representation of the area we can get something worthwhile off the ground," he told Weekend Post in an exclusive interview.

He stressed that it was vital that all participants be leaders "with constituencies they can deliver"

The Natal Indaba last month published its unprecedented proposals for Natal/Kwazulu to be governed at second-tier level by a multiracial legislature.

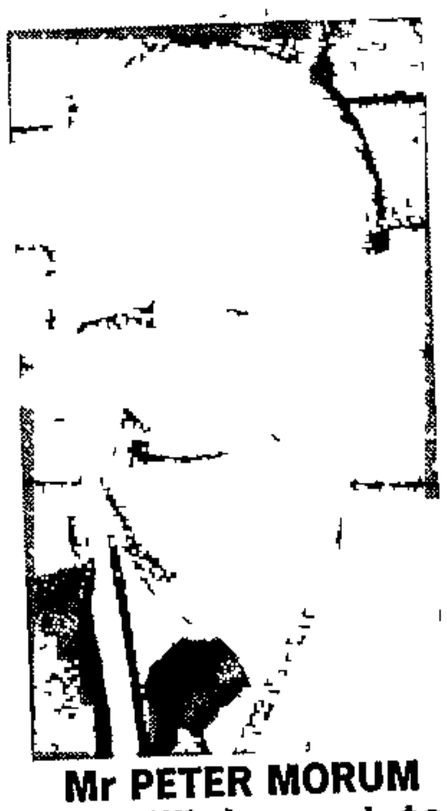
Mr Morum plans to involve as many organisations in the Eastern Cape as possible and hopes all those striving for a solution to South Africa's problems will be able to work together

This would hopefully include such a wide spectrum as the Chamber of Commerce, the Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut, the MCI, Dr Frederik van Zyl Slabbert's Institute for a Democratic Alternative for South Africa (Idasa), city councils and black and coloured groups and leaders with credibility in their communities

Mr Morum, who attended the Natal Indaba as an observer, first suggested the idea at the MCI's annual meeting earlier this week

Guest speaker at the meeting was Mr Chris Saunders, chairman of the Tongaat-Hulett group and a leading figure in the Natal talks

He said escalating violence and hardship could avoided "only if the vast majority who are against violence can pursue their own aims with minimal Government interference"



Mr PETER MORUM

. . . "We've got to start from the bottom up. A goodly proportion of people are well-disposed and I believe there is an equitable solution."

Urging that South Africa become a "common and a shared society", Mr Saunders said the country would flourish under a federal system of government and that the Natal Indaba was a "signpost to the future" and should be followed by others

Mr Morum later told the audience of top-level Eastern Cape businessmen "I am aiming to have an indaba in this area"

Elaborating yesterday, he disclosed that he intended over the next month working out a plan for similar talks in the Eastern Cape

"Nothing happens in South Africa between now and January 5 and I intend working out some kind of a programme

"I believe if I start at grassroots level and get a cross-representation of the area we can get something worthwhile off the ground.

"I don't have a high-flown idea I believe we've got to start from the bottom up I believe there are a goodly proportion of people who are well-disposed and believe there is an equitable solution"

Mr Morum said he believed the chairman of such Eastern Cape talks should be an impartial person like a retired judge — "not a political figure"

Elaborating on his own motives, Mr Morum said "I have no axe to grind I'm a concerned South African I just hope to be able to make a contribution That's really the net of it"

There was much spadework to be done and his first assignment would be to "get the Chamber of Industries behind me, so I can deliver that constituency"

A "major difficulty" would be "to get black people around a table who have a genuine constituency which they can deliver"

Mr Morum said among aspects which had struck him about the Natal Indaba was the attitude among participants that although they may not have agreed wholeheartedly with certain proposals, they were prepared to "live with it"

An 83% consensus had been achieved at the Indaba with this attitude, without a vote having had to be taken, Mr Morum said

It had also to be borne in mind that it had taken the Natal Indaba 3½ months to produce an agenda

"We may have an idea and put it on an agenda to which we then talk But maybe we are light years away Maybe it is not what blacks, for instance, want to talk about

"For too long we have been telling blacks what's good for them

"We should sit around a horseshoe or a round table and then get an agenda agreed to by a majority of the people around the table"

Mr Morum said he was inspired to help Eastern Cape talks get underway by "having seen what was accomplished in Durban and the level of credibility evident there".

He added "I believe we must get some form of contact going I believe there isn't a lot of contact at any level We are growing further apart rather than closer together"

BELCA staves off Divco imposition

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Staff Reporter

ATTEMPTS to impose a management committee on Belhar were staved off at the last minute yesterday after urgent representations to the Divisional Council by the Belhar Civic Association (BELCA)

The Divisional Council was due to debate in secret a motion calling for the establishment of a management committee in Belhar — whether the people living there wanted one or not

The motion called for the reversal of an earlier council undertaking to hold a referendum before deciding whether to establish a management committee in the area

Debate deferred

However, after talks with a BELCA delegation shortly before the council's monthly meeting yesterday morning, the chairman, Mr Louwtjie Rothman, agreed to discuss the matter in open council and recommended that the debate be deferred

Mr Rothman, who originally proposed the controversial motion, said BELCA had submitted two memoranda

Council agreed to reconsider the issue in February

Cape Times 9/12/86

Secret vote on Belhar mancom

Staff Reporter

BELHAR residents could be faced with management committee rule — whether they like it or not — in terms of a resolution to be debated in secret today by the Divisional Council

The confidential resolution is believed to call for a reversal of the council's earlier undertaking to test public opinion before establishing a local government body in the area

A Divisional Council official yesterday confirmed that the matter would be debated "in camera" this morning

Belhar has a long history of opposition to the mancom system and any decision to foist such a committee on the area will be met with strong opposition, according to the chairman of the Belhar Civic Association, Mr Greg McMaster

He said a Belca delegation would present a letter to Divco before today's meeting, calling for a referendum

Mr McMaster said 98 percent of residents had voted against a management committee in a referendum in 1979

"But if a referendum proves us wrong, we would be prepared to abide by the decision of the community," Mr McMaster said

Officials favour white contractors CMC alleges

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee alleged at last night's monthly meeting that municipal officials "stifled" coloured constructions firms, and steered people to white firms by causing delays in administrative matters

A member of the committee, Mr J Temmers, said a decision had been taken at a previous committee meeting to allocate the first 50 houses in a Buffalo Flats housing development scheme to a coloured contractor as the committee wished to support their own people where possible

The contractor concerned, Mr L Samuel, said that this allocation was being hampered by the fact that a letter of authorisation from the municipality had never been received despite repeated requests for such a letter

The acting housing and estates manager, Mr Marius Smith, requested that such problems be referred to municipal officials before being taken to higher authorities in future

Mr Temmers requested the assurance that the first 50 houses would be allocated to Mr Samuel's firm, and that the authorisation be sent to Mr Samuel without further delay This was agreed to

The committee expressed concern at the condition of roads in their suburbs, and felt that patching road surfaces was no permanent solution

The deputy city engineer, Mr F Martin, explained that this problem had been aggravated by rains and unrest, which had prevented repairs being carried out He said that the council had set aside R120 000 for the repair of roads, and that half of this would be allocated to coloured areas

Mr Temmers pointed out that although a further bus had been introduced since the last meeting, bus facilities were still inadequate He stressed the need for a bus service operated by the city council, even if this resulted in a deficit

Other matters which received attention were

- The need for a ward providing accommodation to chronic sick black patients at Frere Hospital,
- The clearing of Onyx Place, which the committee described as a "health hazard", and
- The employment of more black apprentices at the municipality.

EL petition: two councillors find more faults

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — Further discrepancies were found this week in a petition supporting an East London city councillor who was recently convicted of 199 counts of fraud.

The petition was drawn up in support of Mr Philip Rohtbart and urged him not to resign from the City Council.

But it was investigated and discrepancies were found by two city councillors, Mr Eric Whitaker and Mr Donald Card.

Mr Whitaker handed a long statement about the investigations to the police last night In the statement he names 27 people who signed affidavits denying that signatures on the petition were theirs

He also names another 18 people who did not live at the addresses given on the petition. They could not be traced Another four people whose names appear on the petition had been dead for some time.

The petition also allegedly includes three names put there by a woman on behalf of her minor children.

"We were able to find very few people who actually signed the petition," said Mr Whitaker.

He had called on Mr Rohtbart to resign from the council following his convictions, for which he was fined R1 500

Mr Rohtbart has refused to resign because he felt the offences were of a "technical" nature. They were committed while he was manager of Fleet Motors, a dealership that was under judicial management at the time.

Mr Rohtbart has denied any knowledge of the petition or how it was compiled The petition contains 308 names.

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Whitaker hands over documents

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Documents requesting an investigation into a petition circulated last month in support of a city councillor, Mr Phillip Rohtbart, were handed to the police yesterday by another city councillor, Mr Eric Whitaker

"The matter is now in the hands of the police following my investigations together with a fellow councillor; Mr Donald Card," Mr Whitaker said

Earlier this week the two councillors said they had investigated the petition, which contained 308 names and which called on Mr Rohtbart to ignore calls for him to resign following his conviction on 199 counts of fraud

They allege that some of the signatures were forged, including those of people who had died

Three attempts to unseat Mr Rohtbart have failed and Mr Rohtbart has said he had nothing to do with the petition

Earlier, Mr Card and Mr Whitaker had alleged that

- The petition contained the names of 29 people who had signed affidavits to the effect that the signature which appeared under their names were not their signatures.
- That several addresses on the petition did not tally with the names of the people attached to it
- That the petition had been signed by three people who had died some time ago

Mr Whitaker has also revealed that an East London woman had been identified as having been involved with the petition

He said they would press for criminal charges to be laid as the petition played a role in preventing them from unseating Mr Rohtbart as it might have influenced councillors

"But this is as far as we can go It is now up to the authorities to act," he said

R7 million hotel plan for city

DD 29/1/86

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A national hotel group is seeking a beachfront site here for a R7 million project

This was confirmed yesterday by the financial director of City Lodge Investment, Mr Bill Dickson, from the company's Johannesburg headquarters

"We see potential in East London and are eager to build the hotel," he said

The company is building a number of economy class 120-room hotels around the country

Mr Dickson said the company had been negotiating with the city council for the past nine months and had been told by the council this week that the crescent-shaped site they wanted, situated south of Court Crescent on the Esplanade, was not available and was to be retained as public open space

The city council is to have urgent talks with the company and the mayor, Mrs Elsabé Kemp, said the council would "bend over backwards to get the company to invest in East London" and will offer them Marine Park, the vacant piece of land next to the Exchange Bowling Club.

The proposal to offer the company Marine Park was made by the councillor representing the Quigney, Mr Eric Whitaker

However, the council has been told by the chief city engineer, Mr Graham Keppie, that Marine Park had not been offered to the company originally as it had been identified as open space in the recent beach development report commissioned by the council

If council gets the go-ahead to offer the land, application will have to be made to the Administrator to have the land rezoned

The hotel group had also been interested in the vacant site next to the Hotel Osner, but had been informed that the land belonged to the owners of the hotel.

Mr Dickson said yesterday the group was also negotiating with the city councils of Cape Town and Port Elizabeth for sites.

Once the council here had given the go ahead, work would start immediately, Mr Dickson said

Who is behind this petition?

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EL councillors call for police probe

By KEITH ROSS

EAST LONDON — A police investigation will be requested today into a petition which supports an East London city councillor who was recently convicted of 199 counts of fraud.

The petition supporting Mr Philip Rohtbart called on him to ignore demands for his resignation from the City Council

But the petition has been investigated by two city councillors, Mr Eric Whittaker and Mr Donald Card, who claim that many of the 308 signatures on it were forged

Mr Whittaker and Mr Card visited many of the addresses on the petition and produced 29 affidavits from people who denied having signed it

They claimed three people whose signatures appeared on the petition had been dead for some time

Others whose names appeared on the petition were not known at the addresses given

Mr Whittaker and Mr Card are among those city councillors who have been calling for Mr Rohtbart's resignation since his conviction and fine of R1 500

Mr Rohtbart, however, has refused to resign as he feels his offences were of a "technical nature"

His offences were committed while he was manager of Fleet Motors, a dealership that was then under judicial management

He claimed calls for his resignation were politically inspired as he — a Nationalist — held the balance of power on the City cOuncil which had nine Government supporters and seven opposition members

But Mr Rohtbart was one of two councillors who resigned from the National Party on Monday, the other being Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaighte

Mr Rohtbart said yesterday that he had resigned because of differences with the party but would continue to serve on the council as an independent member

He denied any knowledge of the petition or how it was compiled

His detractors — including Mr Whittaker and Mr Card — are still determined to demand his resignation from council

Mr Whittaker said today that he was investigating the part played by an East London woman in drawing up the petition

He believed there were grounds for criminal prosecution of the woman

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Rohtbart petition move delayed

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The handing over to the police of a petition supporting a city councillor, Mr Phillip Rohtbart, has been delayed because new information has come to light

This was confirmed last night by two other councillors, Mr Donald Card and Mr Eric Whitaker, who said they had investigated the petition and had found that at least 28 people whose names appeared on it had subsequently denied signing it.

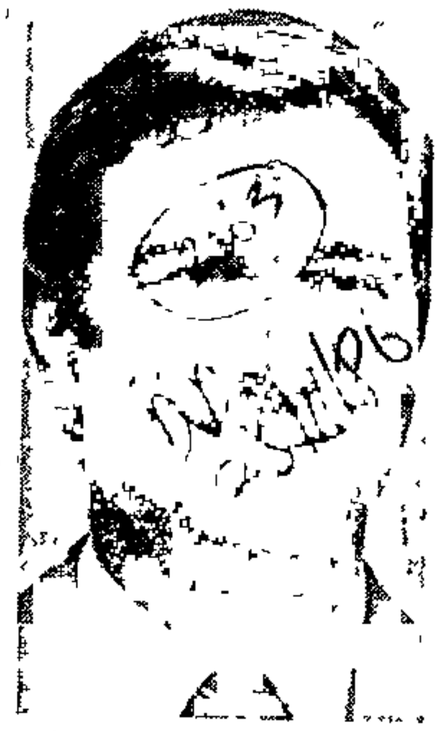
The names of dead people also appeared on the petition while some of the addresses given by people who had signed were not correct, they said

"There might be a prima facie case of forgery for the police to investigate but we have uncovered new information which will be pursued tomorrow," Mr Card said "We want to tie up all the ends before we make our final move"

Mr Card said he could not yet reveal what the new information was but Mr Whitaker said investgations showed that an East London woman had played a central role in the petition which was handed to the mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, minutes before the city council was to discuss the continued presence of Mr Rohtbart on the council following his conviction on 199 counts of fraud

Mr Rohtbart has said he had nothing to do with the petition which contains 308 names pledging support for him and asking him to ignore calls for him to resign

Two EL city councillors quit NP



Mr Bassingthwaighte

Mr Rohtbart

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Two resignations from the National Party yesterday have changed the balance of voting power on the city council.

Mr Phillip Rohtbart and Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaighte resigned from the party leaving it with only seven supporters on the 16-man council.

Mr Bassingthwaighte said last night he would remain on the council as an independent and would not join any other party. Mr Rohtbart would not be drawn on the matter.

In a joint statement early yesterday, the MP for East London City, Mr Peet de Pontes, and the chairman of the district council of the National Party, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, said they had met Mr Rohtbart and he had tendered his resignation which had been accepted with immediate effect

"A number of matters related to developments over the past few months surrounding Mr Rohtbart were discussed. In consequence, he resigned and his resignation was accepted with immediate effect," the statement said.

But last night Mr Rohtbart, who had been connected with the party for about 20 years, said he had resigned because of differences with the party. He refused to elaborate.

Asked whether they were differences of principle and whether he would be joining any other party, Mr Rohtbart shrugged his shoulders and laughed.

In a related development earlier in the council chamber, a third attempt to unseat Mr Rohtbart failed.

Mr Eric Whitaker moved as a matter of exigency at the start of the meeting that Mr Rohtbart's continued existence on the council be discussed in view of his conviction on 199 counts of fraud.

The mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, said councillors would have to vote by a two-thirds majority for the discussion to get the go-ahead. The matter was put to the vote and a division called. Eight councillors voted against Mr Whitaker's motion. They were Mrs Kemp, Mr Robert de Lange, Mr Bassingthwaighte, Mr Robbie de Lange, Mr Willem Morris, Mr Neville Randall, Mr Joe Yazbek and Mr Rohtbart.

Those who backed Mr Whitaker were Mr Donald Card, Mr Patrick Kay, Mr Brian Snell, Mr Errol Spring and Mr Ivan Zulman.

Meanwhile, Mr Bassingthwaighte said he was unable to reconcile himself with the direction and pace of change and reform taking place in South Africa under the National Party.

"As an example I fail to understand why the National Party cannot take a more reconciliatory stance on group areas when it is becoming a crucial matter.

"By referring it back to the President's Council, the issue is being avoided If the act is to be changed radically after an election, is the intention of postponing the decision to deceive conservative voters?

"Alternatively, if the act is not going to be changed radically, we have no hope of reconciliation in this country."

Mr Bassingthwaighte also responded to a letter received by the Daily Dispatch from Mrs Sandra Nass, of Pioneer Place, East London, who said she would like to know what his stand was on the beaches and suburbs since she had voted for him because he was a Nationalist. But now she had been told that he voted with the Progressive Federal Party.

Mr Bassingthwaighte replied· "I am not a politician but if decisions of a political nature come before council, I endeavour to make the decision that I believe is correct in the interests of the city and not in the interests of the party.

"I have tried not to vote on predetermined decisions but have made it my duty to listen to debate as impartially as possible. It would be silly for a person to say that I voted with the Progs or the Nats per se. I believe the writer has no knowledge of how council or the action committee operates as there are often times when voting takes place on major issues across apparent political lines."

In an interview he said he would remain as an independent.

"I do not wish to be dictated to on how I vote. I always try to vote in the interests of the city and the people who put me there. By remaining an independent I will be able to do this."

The National Party supporters on the council are Mrs Kemp, Mr De Lange snr, Mr de Lange jnr, Mr Morris, Mr Randall, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout and Mr Kay.

PFP supporters include Mr Spring, Mr Zulman, Mr Yazbek, Mr Snell and Mr Card.

Both Mr Whitaker and Mr Len Cooper are New Republic Party supporters but have voted with the PFP on most crucial issues.

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Clowning to make a party come together

Smiley the Clown (Mrs LYNDA CONNELLAN) and friends having fun at her birthday party this week of EDWIN CHANNING, 5r of Mount Croix (seated next to her). Picture by Barry Lamprecht

Outright victory in sight for Tvl

JOHANNESBURG — Transvaal were on their way to an outright victory against Eastern Province who had 102 for four in their Currie Cup follow-on innings at the Wanderers today.

At the wicket were Vlam Michau with 25 and Dave Richardson with 21.

Compounding EP's woes after being bundled out for a miserable 148 after lunch in reply to the home side's 397 for 8 declared, was the fact that opener Philip Amm retired hurt after being struck by a delivery.

Destroyer in chief for Transvaal was Springbok Alan Kourie who took five wickets for five runs.

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Lynda's love of children turned unusual hobby

Ridgway's plan for East Cape

By BOB KERNOHAN, Business Editor

A CALL for the Eastern Cape to be allowed to break away into a separate province within a federal South Africa has been made by one of the region's leading businessmen.

The Port Elizabeth company executive and former president of the Association of Chambers of Commerce (Assocom), Mr Rocky Ridgway, said the move should be made so that the region would no longer be "dictated to" from Cape Town or Pretoria.

The outcome would be improved political and economic stability and increased progress in the region, he said.

In a broad strategy for a federal South Africa, he suggested at a function in Port Elizabeth last night that the country be divided into nine segments corresponding roughly to the nine economic regions established in 1982.

A two-thirds majority of the states or provinces would be able to change the constitution, leading to "natural groupings either of political parties or of white, coloured, Indian or black minority groups"

Turning to the specific case of Region D, Mr Ridgway said "For far too long events in the Eastern Cape have been dictated in Cape Town or Pretoria."

"If Region D — or the Eastern Cape — could be established as a separate state within the federal structure of Southern Africa, it would surely be possible for that state to develop its own development bank like the Ciskei and to encourage investment in the area."

He added. "As a first step, let us move our government to the Eastern Cape let us even move it to PE."

Mr Ridgway said that as an integral part of both a local and national solution "it is absolutely vital to remove the social and economic discrimination which has been practised against the black population for almost 200 years.

"It is going to be necessary for people to be allowed to live where they wish. It is going to be necessary for people to be allowed to send their children to the schools of their choice."

● Mr Carl Coetzer, president of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, who has called for an "East Cape option" (Eco) said today he believed Mr Ridgway's suggestion had merit. "But in the short term we have to resolve our problems and restore normality There is no point being separate when you're in a state of anarchy."

Mr Coetzer said progress was being made on Eco, but activities were deliberately being "given a low profile"

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Rohtbart denies knowledge of petition

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — An East London city councillor, Mr Phillip Rohtbart, has denied any knowledge of a petition pledging support for him while facing moves to unseat him

Two other councillors have questioned the authenticity of some signatures on the petition

The petition with 308 names was handed to the mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, earlier this month minutes before the council was to discuss a motion calling on Mr Rohtbart to resign following his conviction on 199 counts of fraud

The councillors, Mr Donald Card and Mr Eric Whitaker, said

- Twenty-eight people whose names appeared on the petition had signed statements that they had never signed the petition,

- The names of at least three people who had died some time ago appeared on the petition and some people were unknown at the addresses listed on the petition,

- Some people had signed the petition twice

The statment by the people who have denied they signed the petition said "I the undersigned am informed that my signature appears on a petition to the mayor and East London City Council to the effect that as a resident of Ward 3 of East London City, I pledge my full support to councillor Phillip Rohtbart as my ward councillor and request that he ignores any petition or demand for him to vacate his council seat

"I state that the signature on the petition is not my signature and as I have not authorised any person to sign such a petition on my behalf, the signature appearing on the petition as representing my individual signature is a forgery"

Mr Card said when he and Mr Whitaker had approached Mr Rohtbart, he denied all knowledge of the petition or how it was drawn up

"All I can say now is that I certainly had nothing to do with it," Mr Rohtbart said last night

Mr Card said that, once investigations had been completed, the matter would be handed over to the police

Mrs Kemp was out of town for the weekend and could not be contacted for comment

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Liberals linked to covert security panel

By FRANZ KRUGER, East London

EAST LONDON'S liberal businessmen — including prominent Progressive Federal Party office-bearers — have been involved in a covert political committee linked in with the highly controversial Joint Security Management System

The "Greater East London Co-ordination Committee" (GELCC) was set up by a local military commander in October last year, but its existence remained unknown until its chairman, E. Spring, a prominent local PFP confirmed its existence to

ittee brings together own council officials, s, government officials and military and police personnel to deal with matters ranging from consumer boycotts to the development of a master plan for developing the area

Observers believe the GELCC represents a remarkable alliance between the government and liberal business to manage the political crisis at a local level

According to its chairman, the committee has no administrative power, its function is simply "to identify problem areas hampering development, to contact whoever is supposed to be dealing with it and find out what they are doing and whether they need any help" It was intended to be "fully representative" of all sectors of the community

For businessmen, the committee represents a way to get problems addressed quickly and efficiently The government, on the other hand, is able to draw on their expertise, and has effectively cemented an alliance with them

But the GELCC has not met with unanimous support from the liberal establishment City Councillor Donald Card was invited to the first meeting, but said he left when it became clear what it was about

"My first impression was that it was a structure for martial law, and I was not prepared to serve on anything like it," he said

The GELCC was active in local affairs, but was not accountable to local residents, reporting instead to the State President, he charged

Another businessman who has resigned from the body said he felt businessmen had been "sucked into a government structure" set up "in case of the collapse of the civil authorities", and worked as "a channel for information to be fed to central government".

Although apparently not in the full sense a Joint Management Committee (JMC) — hundreds of which span the country as part of the National Security Management System (NSMS) — it is firmly linked with the NSMS and acts in similar ways, making use of direct access to the highest levels of government

Its minutes, for example, are fed through the NSMS "right to the very top" It has made use of NSMS channels to get problems solved when local officials had not been helpful

The NSMS, exposed recently by the Weekly Mail, is a network of Security Force-dominated committees operating parallel to the established state structures at all levels

Not many details have been disclosed about the system, but fears have been expressed that it has become the true powerhouse of government in South Africa, allowing Security Forces major influence on all levels of executive decision-making

The GELCC differs from the JMCs and other bodies of the NSMS in that it includes people other than government officials, and seems to have more flexibility of operation

The chairman, Spring, is a city councillor and former mayor, and is the PFP vice-chairman for the coastal region

Head of its sub-committees include the chairman of the East London Chamber of Commerce, Nico Cloete, and another prominent businessman and PFP supporter, Wayne Munro

Invitations to set up the GELCC were sent by Colonel Reg Deyzel, the local military commanding officer, to representatives of the East London City Council, neighbouring town councils, the chambers of industry and commerce, MPs and MPCs as well as the heads of most government departments in the city

The purpose of the meeting on October 4 last year was "the inauguration of a committee being established to co-ordinate constitutional, economic and social planning and development in East London," according to the confidential invitation signed by Deyzel

The invitation, headed "Joint Management Committee East London", referred specifically to "the present unrest situation" At the meeting, Deyzel gave a briefing on the JMCs, and outlined the purpose and functions of local committees

Spring told me the NSMS had merely been presented as a possible home for the new committee "Without relinquishing those ties completely, we felt we should go another way" Spring said discussions had been held about turning the GELCC into a part of the regional development committee structure

"The NSMS structure is there If we can use it as a channel of communication, we must use it We see ourselves as using the structure, but not as a part of it," he said

Asked to comment on the presence of PFP members on the GELCC, the party's secretary general, Robin Carlisle, said the PFP was fundamentally opposed to the NSMS, as it was "more likely to be part of the problem than part of the solution" and was "anti-democratic".

He was satisfied, however, that the GELCC was not part of the NSMS structure, although it might have made use of NSMS channels on occasion He felt there were better conduits to use, and one had to be "careful not to give credibility to these structures". — EL News

Council, State 'neglect Kloof'

Cape Times 30/3/84 (263)

By EVELYN VOSLOO
Municipal Reporter

THE record of the City Council and the State over the years in their treatment of Schotsche Kloof has been one of neglect, procrastination, delay and irresolution, the council's monthly meeting heard yesterday

Mr Clive Keegan, chairman of the Town Planning Committee and member of the Executive Committee, said this had allowed an area of inestimable historical value to become a blighted and ruinous slum

Mr Keegan was speaking on a recommendation by the Housing Committee that 79 houses be built in the area and that it be generally restored and rehabilitated The Department of Community Development is to be asked for an increased loan of R51 340 to help pay for the scheme

'Oblivion'

Earlier this week the Executive Committee also decided to go ahead with the building of a community centre including a hall, clinic and rent office

"If today marks the close of that tradition of oblivion, then it is heartily to be appreciated by all who love this city and have its traditions at heart," he said

The council's ownership of residential properties in the Malay Quarter went back to before World War II, he said, when over-building and consequent overcrowding compelled the municipality to acquire the properties under powers granted by the Slums Act

'Wretched'

"Since then the area has gradually but surely deteriorated into a wretched, run-down and dilapidated state"

After an initial restoration of a group of 17 dwellings — largely prompted by individuals — a period followed between 1950 and 1970 when the council persistently refused to consider any rehabilitation, in spite of sustained urging and encouragement from the Province, the State and a wide range of voluntary bodies, he said

In 1965 the council had rejected a report from the City Engineer promoting the restoration of the proclaimed area and instead had decided to sell the land for private development

P W Botha

"In a statement released half-an-hour before midnight on that day in April 1965, the Minister of Community Development — then, ironically, Mr P W Botha, who in the following year was to precipitate the destruction of District Six as a coloured area — asked the council to review its decision, failing which he would take over the land and direct Community Development to undertake the restoration"

From that day to this, no further urban renewal had been undertaken and further decay had been the result, Mr Keegan said

Port Elizabeth's Town Clerk, Mr P K BOTHA

Disastrous effect of development boards on urban administration

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By DENISE BOUTALL

"All we got was higher rents."

This bitter comment from a black man, asked about the benefits of 13 years of rule by development boards, just about sums up the perception that many black people have of the system which will be phased out over the next few months.

The issue has been pinpointed as one of the causes that precipitated the current unrest in September, 1984

At the moment there are rent boycotts in a number of townships in South Africa and in June, 1985, the East Cape Development Board was owed more than R5 million in rent arrears. The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning estimates that rent arrears in the country's black townships now stand at about R60 million.

So serious is the predicament of the black local authorities and community councils, which have taken over many of the municipal functions of the development boards, that the Government is making outright grants to them to help them fund their activities

Although there is not a lot of clarity about the evolution of local government over the next few months, the calls for "one city, one municipality" are increasing and some insiders believe that it could become a reality within a couple of years

There are also seasoned municipal officials who believe that, had blacks remained under the jurisdiction of the municipality they would have been better off today

Although there had been financial segregation of blacks in local government since 1923, the Port Elizabeth rate fund contributed about R250 000 annually to the Native Revenue Account in the 1960s

In addition, there was indirect subsidisation of the account because not all costs for all services were charged to it in full.

But the boards were supposed to be financially self-sufficient The loss of the municipal subsidies and inflation helped to push the cost to the Cape Midlands Administration Board up by 144% between 1975 and 1978

In their book, *From Control to Confusion — The changing role of Administration Boards in South Africa 1971-1983*, Simon Bekker and Richard Humphries give a fascinating account of the reasons for the financial woes of the administration boards

Originally the Government had fairly well founded reasons to believe that the boards would be financially self-sufficient.

In most towns the Native Revenue Accounts ran at huge surpluses because of the enormous profits made from municipal monopolies of beer brewing and liquor sales So profitable were they, in fact, that in Durban service charges, or "rents" as they are generally known, had not been increased since 1959 and in some of the townships in the Northern Transvaal since 1943

But by the early 1970s liquor profits started falling

Sales of sorghum beer dropped as blacks turned to "western" liquor, also sold by the municipal monopoly However, the municipalities could keep only 20% of these profits, instead of 80% on sorghum beer The balance had to be handed over to the then Department of Bantu Administration and Development

Moreover, as blacks started drinking "Western" liquor they started buying it from retail outlets in the white areas

In addition, after 1973 the employers' levy, which had been used in part to fund capital projects, was used almost exclusively to fund the boards' influx control activities And between 1977 and 1983 these levies were not increased

By 1983 only three of the boards expected to balance their current accounts, the East Cape Administration Board expecting a deficit of R3,1 million

At the same time the pressure for improved facilities and services and more housing to overcome the accumulated backlog started increasing

Virtually their only option was to increase rentals and service charges But by that time the rents issue had become politicised The community councils had so little political credibility that they could not afford to impose large rent increases So even this source was curtailed.

Apart from the political pressure for "one city, one municipality", it would appear that the financial segregation of local government has become totally untenable.

The proposed Regional Services Council taxes will help to re-distribute resources because most of the money raised is expected to be used to finance infrastructure in the black areas

However it would appear that they will not be used to finance operating expenditure of black local authorities leaving the few remaining functioning community and town councils in the same dire financial straits

Asked about the implications of the Port Elizabeth City Council taking responsibility for the affairs of the whole city the Town Clerk Mr P K Botha said such a move would bring about greater efficiency greater productivity, better use of resources and improved co-ordination of municipal functions

Mr Botha said the City Council would be obliged, if it took over the black areas to embark on a programme to upgrade services and facilities in those areas because they lagged far behind what had been provided in the white, coloured and Indian parts of the cities

The shortfall between the cost of running the black areas and any contribution that would be due to that area from the proposed regional services levies would have to be borne by the city's ratepayers

He agreed however that the standard of services and facilities in the existing Port Elizabeth municipal area were of a high standard and that no major community facilities were urgently needed in the city area

'Township administration finally collapses'

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By KIN BENTLEY

DISCUSSIONS are under way to return the administration of black townships in the Eastern Cape to the white municipalities — a situation that existed 14 years ago

This emerged at a special meeting called by the East Cape Development Board (ECDB) last Thursday, according to the MP for Walmer, Mr Andrew Savage, who attended the meeting

Mr Savage said today that all public representatives, town clerks and mayors in the area of jurisdiction of the ECDB were invited to a meeting chaired by the director of the board, Dr Jannie Wessels, at the board's Port Elizabeth office

What the chief director, Mr Louis Koch, and his officials told the meeting, Mr Savage said, "highlights the fact that after 14 years of the development board system the board now acknowledges that the whole thing has fallen flat"

He said Mr Koch "gave a frank and in-depth analysis of the situation that existed" The following was revealed

● That at the moment only 17 of the 45 community and town councils in the area were still functioning

● There are 173 vacancies for community councillors in the area

Mr Savage said "Despite the dedicated efforts of competent officals who have put a life's work into a crazy system, it has failed"

Board officials — practical people — had initiated their own phasing out, seeing no future in the board

Mr Savage said he sympathised with the officials who had tried to "put the Government's pipe-dream into practice, and the black people who have suffered in the process — a saga of failure unprecedented in local government We're continuing to pay for it in devastated race relations"

Mr Savage said the meeting was told

● "That the local development board officials who have been accused of not conferring with genuine leaders of the black community but confining their dialogue to the community councillors working within the system, should not bear the blame for this

"There was a specific instruction from (the Minister of Law and Order) Mr Louis le Grange and (the Minister of Defence) Mr Magnus Malan, not to bypass black community councillors who had approached the Government and said those working within the system were being discredited in this manner

"They felt the need to negotiate with genuine leaders, but were prevented from doing so"

● "That millions of rands in outstanding rent could not be collected — there was no way of getting the money

● "That black employees of the boards were unable to do outside work in the townships because it would identify them directly with the authorities that the mass of the community had rejected This placed an immense load on the white employee"

Mr Savage said "This is an example of the impossible situation one reaches if one imposes on people a government that has no credibility"

Neither Mr Koch nor any other official could be reached for comment

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Cape plan to rescue black local authorities

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By BARRY STREEK
Political Staff

A WIDE-RANGING plan has been launched by the Cape Provincial Administration to save black local authorities in the province

The Administrator of the Cape, Mr Gene Louw, said the aim was to lift black local government to a level equal to that of white and brown local authorities

But the chairman of the Progressive Federal Party's Unrest Monitoring and Action Committee (Umac), Mr Jan van Eck, MP, said the plans did not have "the slightest chance of success while the leaders of the people are detained and their organizations are banned or harassed"

Fully aware of the problems

"Mr Louw can have the most beautiful plan in the world, but that will not be acceptable to anyone unless the legitimate leaders of the community are released and are totally free to participate," he said "The local authorities have been totally and utterly rejected by the black communities Unless Mr Louw accepts that reality, nothing he plans will be accepted If the plan is based on the government's own affairs concept, as he implies, it will be doomed to failure before it is implemented"

Mr Louw said the provincial administration was fully aware of the problems and setbacks facing black local authorities, but it was confident that the plan would succeed

"I have recently visited various black residential areas in the Cape and have no doubt that the overwhelming majority of black people strive for the ideal of peace," he said "I have been overwhelmed by the positive approach and the potential for an even better approach if certain basic living conditions can be improved"

Plan for upliftment

About half the black local authorities in the Cape had collapsed because of intimidation, unrest and problems linked to unemployment, he said

The administration had already began with its plan for upliftment and putting the authorities in order This included the close involvement of black people in the decision-making process over matters affecting the welfare of their own people, the institution of an intensive training programme for black officials and council members, the temporary transfer of experienced white officials into posts where there were too few black officials, the possible rearrangement of local authorities such as Langa, Guguletu, Nyanga, Crossroads and Khaylitsha into more manageable areas, the establishment of a special training college for black municipal policemen in Port Elizabeth, and the re-establishment of dissolved local authorities

Intimidation, negativism and pressure

Mr Louw said the attitude in the black community had given him considerable heart for the future "The majority of black people are sick and tired of terror"

The problem was that there was a lot of intimidation, political negativism and pressure groups

"Black local authority leaders who put their lives and the lives of their families at stake to take a stand against the negative foces deserve only the greatest praise and respect

"I spoke to a black mayor who received fifteen stab wounds because of his positive view, and he tenaciously carries on with his job"

'No understanding of real reason'

Mr Van Eck said Mr Louw's admission that black local authorities were collapsing was astonishing

"The only thing his statement lacks is an understanding of the real reason why these authorities have collapsed

"Instead of blaming the collapse on intimidation, he should rather look at the fact that the black local authorities are racial bodies which have been created to perpetuate the government's racial constitution"

He also wanted to know which black leaders Mr Louw had spoken to because it seemed from his statement that they were unrepresentative of the communities concerned

"Once again, we see a system being imposed on black people," Mr Van Eck said

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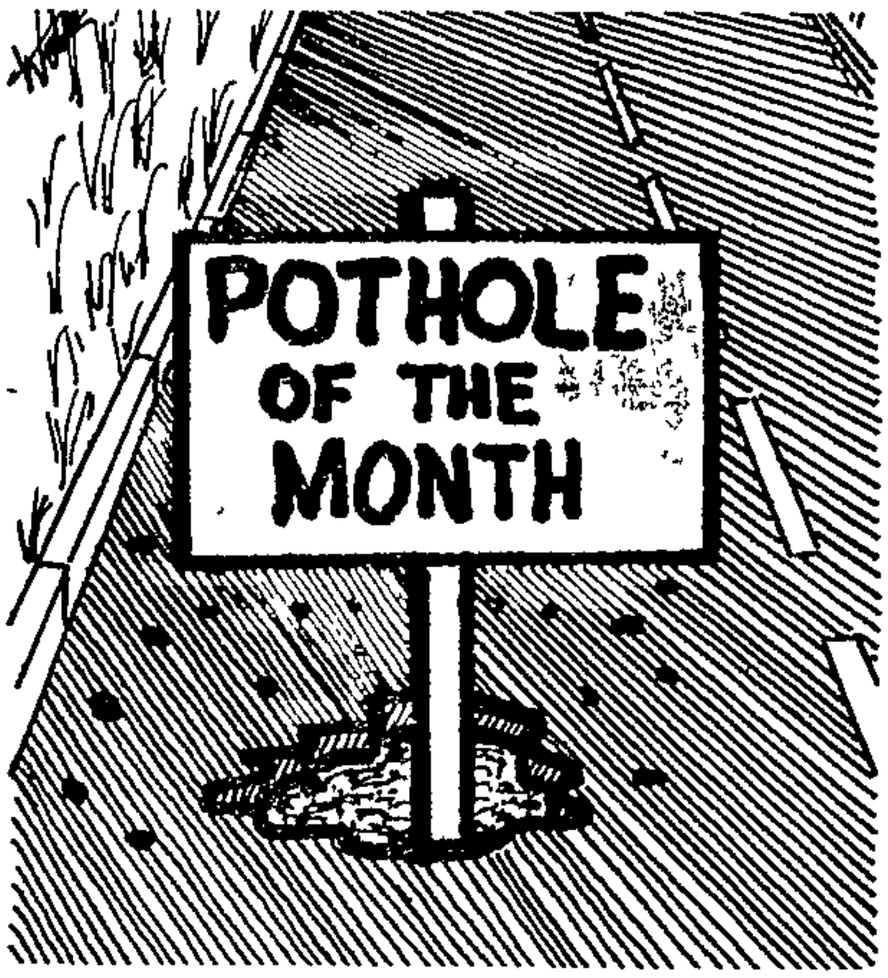
Plea for action on state of roads in EL and Berlin



Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The condition of roads in the municipal area here came under sharp focus yesterday following criticism by ratepayers and a request by two councillors that the matter be placed as a matter or urgency on the agenda of the action committee for discussion.

The city engineers' department also issued a two-page press release on road maintenance and construction.

Several ratepayers have been complaining about the state of the roads and one motorist, Mr David Easy, told the Daily Dispatch he was considering legal action against the municipality following damage to his car which hit a pothole

He said he had hit a pothole 20 cm deep and about 40 cm in diameter near the Amalinda causeway and that R400 damage was caused to his car.

His move followed complaints by residents in Berlin who said the condition of their roads was "unbelieveable" and that it seemed Berlin was a forgotten town

Two councillors, Mr Patrick Kay and Mr Eric Whitaker, have written to the town clerk for the matter to be discussed urgently.

"We feel that the present state of the roads are the worst in South Africa and the repairs carried out do not appear to be of a satisfactory standard, resulting in ratepayers suffering serious damage to their vehicles and person," the letter said

"As we are particularly perturbed by the possibility of a serious accident before this matter is placed on the action committee agenda, we would request that the chief city engineer make every effort in the meantime to remedy the situation "

A statement released by the deputy city engineer, Mr Fraser Martin, said "In recent months the conditioh of many of the roads in East London has attracted the attention of road users, who have expressed their concern through the press, by contacting their ward councillors or have telephoned the roads branch of the municipality with specific requests

"The city council appreciates the information provided about roads which require attention because, with the volume of work necessary after the recent long period of rain, it is impossible for municipal staff to monitor on a daily basis the state of all the roads in the city and Berlin

"In 1983, as a result of a report to council requesting additional funds for road maintenance, it was decided to allocate R1 million a year for the construction of roads and sidewalks

"In the following year, an additional half a million rand was made available from the repairs funds for road maintenance Although this meant a regular commitment by the city council to the upkeep of roads in the face of other urgent demands for city council funds, like the raising of the Bridle Drift Dam and the city sewerage scheme, it must be appreciated that the R1,5 million a year still fell far short of the funds required to bring the road system into a reasonable state of repair. On this basis it would take in excess of 30 years to bituminise all the gravel roads

"At the time of this decision the Border area was experiencing drought conditions and the money being spent on road repairs appeared adequate for the immediate needs However, many of the city's roads had already lasted an incredible 20 to 30 years with the minumum of maintenance The bitumen binder had lost ductility and many roads would require to be resurfaced to keep rain water from penetrating the road foundation

"With the advent of heavy rains at the end of 1985 which broke the drought, this brought in its wake badly scoured out roads and extensive water penetration into the foudations of many roads. Traffic action then caused 'pumping' which led to base failure and potholing.

"The municipality was in consequence not only faced with repairs caused by storm damage but also extensive emergency patching which took some four months to complete

"So far this year East London had approximately 691 mm of rain as compared with 598 in an average year Once again the road system is severely affected because of water penetration The foundations of damaged roads do not get a chance to dry out with the result that adhesion is minimal, the 'pumping' action continues and the new patch also fails necessitating repeated attention

"A lasting solution will entail fairly extreme repairs and considerable expenditure This work should be carried out as soon as possible taking cognisance of what the city can afford and the stringent budgeting limits set by the state treasury To this end the city council has called for a report on the whole matter of road construction and maintenance in order to review its road safety policy in conjunction with drawing up its annual municipal budget

"Hopefully with some of the other major capital projects coming to an end, it may prove possible for funds to be diverted to carrying out additional road works "

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Border sport council: no talks with CMC

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Border Council on Sport, an affiliate of the South African Council on Sport (Sacos), has rejected any moves on negotiation with institutionalised bodies such as the Coloured Management Committee (CMC)

The rejection follows opinions at this week's CMC meeting that there was a shift in Sacos policy concerning ethnic local authorities

A CMC member, Mr Johannes Temmers, said he had spoken to Sacos members with whom he taught and had found the change

The council's statement said yesterday that it wished to make it clear that at no stage did it hold any talks or negotiations with the CMC

"The fact that Mr Temmers, in his personal capacity, has been talking to people belonging to any of the codes affiliated to Sacos in their personal capacities, can never be interpreted as a change of Sacos attitude"

A school principal at the CMC meeting, Mr Eldred Fray, had said that they had experienced problems speaking to members of the CMC but that they were interested in solving the problems

The council's statement yesterday said "In the present political climate our rejection of dummy organisations such as the CMC, comunity councils and IMCs, is even stronger.

"It has been suggested that we forget the past and tackle the problems together We cannot agree more that united action is needed to tackle the many problems that the oppressed and exploited masses in East London face

"Any such action must be spearheaded by the organisations of the masses and not by racially constituted bodies such as the CMC, IMC or community councils which are kept alive by government in spite of massive rejection by the people

"These racial bodies cannot seem to realise that they are part of the problem, that they have been co-opted into a system whose very intention is to maintain the status quo

"It is because of dummy bodies that our people live in the worst constructed houses, that our roads are in the most atrocious conditions and that there are no facilities at our schools and in our communities"

The council said numerous representations had been made to the Department of Environment and Culture, headed by Mr Albert Janse, about decent facilities

"A detailed memorandum outlining the many shortcomings has been submitted to the department Needless to say replies received have been inadequate and promised nothing for the future

"What this department fails to realise is that the tenants of municipal housing schemes, who are the majority of our people, are ratepayers and as such have a right to properly developed facilities and amenities in their areas Many people are deliberately misled into believing that people who occupy municipal houses are not ratepayers

"A number of statements by Mr Janse indicated that he totally ignores sportspeople in the townships Because almost all sportspersons in our townships play their sport under Sacos, this rejection amounts to a denial of rights of ratepayers

"We will continue to demand proper facilities despite the CMC, Mr Janse and others of their ilk We will not compromise our human dignity"

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CMC call for council talks on school bus

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — An urgent meeting has been called with city councillors this morning to discuss the problem of coloured schoolchildren waiting four hours every day for a bus to take them home

This was decided at the monthly meeting of the Coloured Management Committee

The chairman, Mr Corrie Alexander, said the meeting would be held today no matter what happened

Mr A Green said the municipality had negotiated with Ciskei Transport Corporation (CTC) for the service and the committee should find out what conditions had been laid down

"It is the municipality's duty to see to transport in our areas," he said

Mr Johannes Temmers said the city council should take full responsibility for the children of ratepayers and see to it that they were given transport

He said a service was being provided but "we must ask what type of service is this where children have to wait four hours for a bus"

Told by a municipal official of the difficulty in getting the councillors to attend at such short notice, Mr Alexander said the meeting had to take place

"If Clarendon has a problem, they will all be around this table in the morning We want them here for this problem "

Mr Temmers said the committee should observe how they were being treated as there was not a single city councillor at the meeting and there had been no apologies submitted

"We are over-frustrated by their attitude," Mr Alexander said

Project developers welcome decision

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The developers of the proposed R45-million shopping complex here have welcomed the city council's decision to give the project the go-ahead.

A spokesman for Elcorp, Mr David Denison, said last night "We hope the recriminations which have surrounded the scheme will now be set aside

"We believe Clarendon High and Clarendon Primary have very legitimate additional sports fields needs and Elcorp has gone to enormous trouble and expense to provide two additional hockey fields, two additional netball courts and three additional tennis courts — or whatever alternate choice the school might make within the additional 2 ha Elcorp has made available to the two schools

"Elcorp has the financial backing for the development and the committed co-operation of one of South Africa's leading chainstore groups, who propose to include a 13 000 square-metre Hyperama in the centre.

"We are also concerned there are so many misconceptions about Clarendon Gardens and would be happy to try to allay the fears of any ratepayers," he said

Commenting on a bid by Mr Donald Card to rescind the council decision taken on Monday night, Mr Denison said the developers had been surprised by the statements made by Mr Card as he had given an assurance earlier this year that he would support the project if specific items were resolved

"All these issues are incorporated in the voluminous document submitted to all councillors for their consideration

"The issues which Mr Card is now raising were all resolved in conjunction with experts in their respective fields and discussed in detail with the various municipal departmental heads

"We are frankly amazed at this continued effort by Mr Card to stifle development in East London at a time when the economy is under enormous pressure

"We believe Mr Card is now adopting the same negative attitude that retarded positive development in East London for many years

"We are heartened that Mr R Harwood, chairman of the Selborne-Clarendon schools amenities committee, is now prepared to meet the developers to discuss the proposed Clarendon Gardens shopping centre," Mr Denison said — DDR

'We're not poaching city traffic cops'

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By PETER DENNEHY

CAPE TOWN'S neighbouring municipalities yesterday denied an allegation that they "poached" trained traffic officers from the city — but some said they aimed to be "competitive"

Cape Town's traffic manager, Mr Harry Attwood, said in an interview yesterday that "other local authorities are poaching our guys"

In a report earlier this week, Mr Attwood attributed the city's rising road death rate to its declining number of traffic officers Since April last year, 41 city officers had left his 252-strong team, he said.

"What happens is that we send a man to training school for five months and he starts off at R800 a month. As soon as he becomes familiar with the rules, some other body offers him R1 000 a month

"You can't blame a young chap for taking up the offer The Divisional Council will probably entice away more of our guys soon as they need six more at the airport from this month

"They took over traffic control there from the Railways Police I am sure they will offer R1 000 a month, or advertise it as negotiable"

A Divisional Council spokesman confirmed he needed six more officers from this month He said Divco traffic officers also started at R800 a month, but if experienced people applied, their previous salaries were taken into account.

"We try to be competitive," he said.

The acting town clerk of Kraaifontein, Mr P J Stramrood, said his municipality did not deliberately "poach" people, but it was "on the open market, competing on the same basis as others"

The town clerk of Goodwood, Mr Friedel Conradie, conceded that his municipality's starting salary of R900 a month for a newly-trained officer was better than Cape Town's, but he added that Goodwood trained its own men

Bellville would not reveal its starting salary level for a traffic officer The director of management services there, Mr P van den Heever, yesterday said the municipality "drew people from the open market, not just from Cape Town".

"We used to be understaffed in respect of traffic officers a few years ago, but we are now one of the few municipalities which does not have a large turnover problem Our policy is to pay a fair salary," he said

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R3,5m for roadworks

EAST LONDON. — The city council is to raise a R3,5 million loan to finance minor and secondary streetworks in residential areas

The council has agreed to include R500,000 on the next loan schedule to finance sundry minor streetworks as well as R3 million for secondary works for the next three years

However, it was learnt yesterday that raising of the loan does not mean the clamour by people over the poor state of roads in their areas will be met immediately

The priority list for roadworks will still be adhered to and the money will be apportioned at budget time

The council decision merely placed the application on the next loan schedule so that the money could be available when required. — DDR

IMC refuses to pass housing proposals

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Call for ministerial visit

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Indian Management Committee (IMC) yesterday refused to pass three new proposed residential areas with more than 300 special residential sites because "it is too technical for us"

The chairman, Mr Edwin Vengadajellum, asked that the Minister of Local Government and Housing in the House of Delegates, Mr Baldeo Dookie, be invited together with his officials to give advice on whether the proposals should be accepted

"We don't know head or tail about these reports and we cannot pass them," Mr Vengadajellum said

The deputy city engineer, Mr Brick Bradford, offered to explain the proposals with the aid of sketches he had brought with him but Mr Vengadajellum said it would serve no purpose

"We also want the people to be involved in this We don't want to do anything behind their backs and therefore I don't think we can pass the proposals," he said

Mr Bradford said the demand for erven was high and asked whether the committee could accept the proposals in principle and later adjust them to suit the needs of the community

"We have got to get in while the department is busy allocating funds for next year," Mr Bradford said, but Mr Vengadajellum said the minister could be asked to come as a matter of urgency

"He owes us a visit," he said

Three reports were prepared by the city engineers department for the committee The first concerned Braelynn Extension 8, for erven for home builders

The report said there were 84 special residential erven for home ownership on the land between the Amalinda River, Fitchett Road and the extension to the Mdantsane access road The erven varied in size from 750 square metres to 1 395 square metres

The second was for the proposed Braelynn Extension No 10, which lies north of the Mdantsane access road extension and west of the proposed Braelynn Extension 8 The total area is 28,3 hectares

The scheme allows for 192 special residential plots, four public spaces, a church site, three miniature electricity sub-stations and a reserved site of 3 680 square metres for use as a creche or a library and shops as the need arises The residential plots vary in size from 738 square metres to 1 413 square metres

The third proposal is for Braelynn Extension 9, which lies between Fitchett Road to the west, Braelynn 6 to the north and the proposed Ziphunzana by-pass to the south.

It is proposed to have homeowners' erven in the vicinity of Fitchett Road with an average size of 800 square-metres and 79 erven for assisted housing similar to the houses in Braelynn 6

● The IMC has called for the appointment of a public relations officer

Mr Vengadajellum told municipal officials at the committee's monthly meeting yesterday to contact the Bureau for Information about the matter as "they know all about it"

"It can be done from the city council's point of view," he said

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Councillor objects to building of pool

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Municipal Reporter

OBJECTIONS have been raised to the construction of a R400 000 swimming pool complex at New Beach, Port Elizabeth, by city councillor Mr Graham Young

"I consider this a wasteful misuse of public funds which is particularly reprehensible at this time of economic distress," Mr Young says in his objections tabled at this afternoon's meeting of the Port Elizabeth City Council's Community Services Committee

He says the area chosen for the pool is subject to severe coastal erosion and points out that it is far from residential areas

Annual maintenance costs, running expenses and finance charges would be disastrous and fall on the heavily burdened operating budget

Commenting on Mr Young's objections, the Director of Parks, Mr Peter Gibbs, says in a report that although New Beach is not ideal, it is closest to the greatest concentration of people in the metropolitan area

"As such it is relatively well used over the year and is considered to be the second busiest or most heavily used beach next to King's Beach," he says.

To combat erosion the council had armoured the backing of the beach, but had accepted that more protection would be needed

The Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, recommends to the committee that the proposal to spend the funds on the pool along with Mr Young's comments be forwarded to the Administrator with the council's comments

- Art in the Park may move to King's Beach for each Sunday during December if the committee gives the go-ahead this afternoon
- Hobie rides, the hiring of Hobies and boardsailing lessons may be offered during summer at Hobie Beach if the committee approves

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Battle to free miners' bodies

EVE Post 27/10/86

JOHANNESBURG — Rescue workers were still battling to free the bodies of six miners killed in an underground accident at Randfontein Estates Gold Mine yesterday, a spokesman for Johannesburg Consolidated Investments said today

Mr Ken Maxwell, chairman of the JCI-owned mine, said that at 10am today rescue teams were still struggling to free the bodies pinned under tons of steel cable

The accident occurred when an empty cage and 120 tons of steel cable plunged 800 metres down the Cooke ventilation shaft

"There were 32 men working at the bottom of the shaft," Mr Maxwell said

The six who died had not yet been brought to the surface because they were still buried under tons of cable

The medical superintendant at the Wenela Hospital said the condition of two seriously injured miners was still "serious"

He declined to give further details saying it was not yet possible to get the permission of the patients for details of their condition to be released

A total of 26 survivors were freed from the accident shaft yesterday and last night

A JCI spokesman, Mr J J Nel, said 20 of the survivors were only slightly injured and are expected to be released from hospital today

Three injured men were taken by helicopter to the Cottesloe Hospital in Johannesburg

The superintendent of the hospital said today one patient had had a leg operation last night and was not in a serious condition

"The other two patients are also in good condition," he said

Twenty workers were taken to the Sir Albert Robinson Mine Hospital in Randfontein They were all in a satisfactory condition today and most were expected to be discharged soon

Mr Maxwell said the accident occurred when a hoist operating a kibble went out of control The kibble and 120 tons of steel cable fell 800 metres to the bottom of the shaft, collapsing a work stage 16 metres from the bottom

Rescue operations were hampered by the fact that the shaft was new and incomplete It had no proper lift system and the hoist operating the kibble had to be repaired before rescue work could begin

Mr Maxwell and Mr Gordon Waddell, chairman of JCI, went to the scene of the accident immediately Mr Waddell said a full inquiry would be held

Company spokesmen said the accident would affect Randfontein Estates Gold Mine's star safety rating The mine celebrated its 10th one-million fatality-free shift last week

The mine is one of only two mines to have achieved three million consecutive fatality-free shifts The other mine is the West Rand Consolidated Mine

The names of the dead miners have not yet been released — Sapa

Council not to blame for delay

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By DENISE BOUTALL

THE Port Elizabeth City Council was not responsible for any delay in the decision about the future of Walmer Township, the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, said today

It was announced on Friday by the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, that Walmer Township would be retained and R1 million spent on upgrading it

Mr Heunis also announced that R2 million had been allocated for housing in Ibhayi and Motherwell and that extensive facilities would be provided in Kwanobuhle in Uitenhage

In Port Elizabeth on Friday Mr Heunis said the Port Elizabeth City Council's investigations had been "time consuming" and were only completed on August 29

Mr Botha said the council had only twice been asked to comment on Walmer township In one case it had passed on the information within seven days and in the other within 24 hours

"This council is certainly not to blame for any delay in the decision on Walmer Township"

The first time the council was ever asked to comment on Walmer was in April when the council was asked what conditions it would impose on the retention of the township The council supplied information about its roads requirements within seven days

On August 27 the council was asked to give its general views on the retention of the township within 24 hours The matter was put to the council which decided it favoured the retention of the township

The Town Clerk of Uitenhage, Mr Eddie Coetzee, said projects in the pipeline for Kwanobuhle included electrification of the whole of Kwanobuhle, the full servicing of the resettlement area and the construction of a 1 500-seat community hall

Threat calls made to EL councillors

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Several city councillors here have received threatening and abusive telephone calls from people who identified themselves with the Afrikaaner Weerstandsbeweging.

The calls were made from between early evening on Thursday to the early hours of the morning on Friday with one councillor, Mr Donald Card, receiving a total of 32

Other councillors who received calls were two former mayors, Mr Joe Yazbek and Mr Errol Spring, together with Mr Patrick Kay and Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaighte

Councillors condemned the calls as "a cowardly invasion on their privacy from people on the lunatic fringe"

Mr Yazbek said his first call came at 9 15 pm and went on until he finally pulled out the telephone plug at 1 15 am and reported the matter to the police

He said it was "truly despicable behaviour" and absolutely "asinine"

"When we finally pulled the plug out, they then started telephoning my son, Mark, which was most distrubing to a family where there are four young children"

Mrs Bertha Yazbek said she took one of the calls at 12 30 am and the caller was a woman who identified hereself as "Amanda"

The woman made some derogatory suggestions

Mr Card said the caller to him had a heavy Afrikaner accent and made abusive comments about inter-race relationships

"I did not pull the plug out because I do not believe in that But I only replied to him on his call came at 1 15 am and he pulled out the plug immediately after the call

"I suppose it goes with the job of being a city councillor because you just cannot please everybody I certainly will never be able to please anybody from the AWB"

Mr Spring and Mr Bassingthwaighte were not available for comment

Attempts to contact the leader of the AWB, Mr Eugene Terre'blanche, yesterday were unsuccessful

The liaison officer for the police on the Border, Lietenant Dot van der Vyver, was unable to comment last night

Ex-mayors snub PW

EAST LONDON — Two former East London mayors boycotted a civic luncheon in honour of the State President, Mr P W Botha, on Tuesday.

Mr Donald Card said the State President was in East London on party political matters and not with affairs affecting the city

There was "no love lost" between him and the National Party It would have been hypocritical to attend after he had been outspoken about the cost to ratepayers for the luncheon

Mr Errol Spring refused to comment on his stay-away but had earlier said it was the mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp's prerogative to entertain whom she wished

He had also objected previously to the freedom of the city being conferred on Mr Botha because of his office as Cape NP leader

Two other councillors, Mr Robert de Lange, and a former mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, were also absent from the luncheon, but they were away on leave — Sapa

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CMC five fail to arrive at meeting

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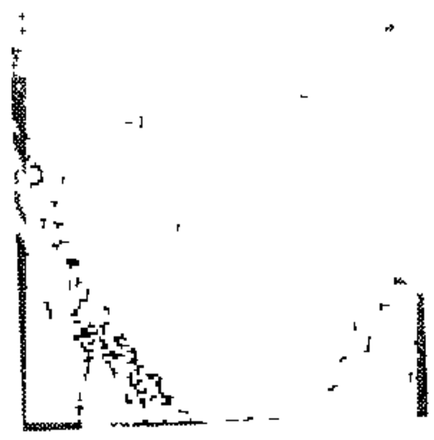
Segers says he was slighted by remarks



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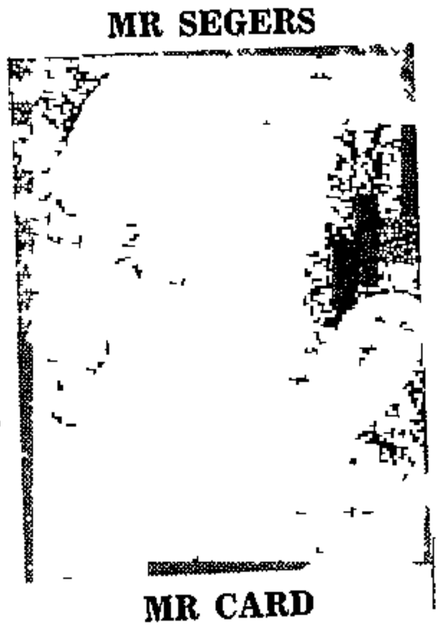

MR CARD

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — An expected heated meeting between city councillors and Coloured Management Committee (CMC) members turned out to be a damp squib last night when only three of the eight committee members turned up.

CMC members had attacked two senior councillors, Mr Donald Card and Mr Errol Spring, for remarks made in the press about parity of allowances

The CMC had demanded an apology for the remarks and had refused to attend action committee meetings

In reference to the difference between city councillors and CMC members, Mr Card had made the analogy of a manager and a shop assistant who could not receive the same pay

At last night's meeting, chaired by the mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, the CMC vice-chairman, Mr Sonny Segers, said he had objected to the remarks and that he had felt slighted

"I took exception to Mr Card's remarks because it was never my intention to enter civics for money We may not do as much as councillors, but we do a lot for our people and yet we are told we are not the true representatives of our people," Mr Segers said

"I am a Christian and I am not prepared to look down on anybody and I don't want that to happen to me If councillors think I do not represent my people, I will gladly resign and fight an election"

The other CMC member, Mr Dennis Bosman, said he supported what Mr Segers said, and the third member, Mr A Green, said he did not feel happy about the remark but realised management committees were bodies created by the government

"We should point a finger at the government for this," Mr Green said, conceding that councillors might have more experience in civic affairs but that CMC members were there to learn and gain experience

"The remark was like water off a duck's back to me I did not feel humiliated as I am subservient to no one," he said

Mr Card wanted to know exactly what he had said, what was meant by CMC members when they referred to him and Mr Spring as liberals and what the terms of reference, power and duties of the CMC were

Mr Bosman interjected that not all the CMC members were to blame for the remark about liberals and Mr Segers said he had not said anything about it

Mr Card said he knew the remark had been made at a CMC meeting and praised Mr Green for having defended him and Mr Spring

Mr Green said he had tried to "keep matters down" and had not picked on anybody

"We are fighting for equality and cannot have these squabbles," he said

Mr Card said his remark about managers and shop assistants had to be understood in the context in which he had said it

"This is a lot of hot air over nonsense," he said, explaining there were differences between councillors and the old provincial councillors, and they could not demand the same pay It was the same with cabinet ministers

"We are a third tier of government and the CMC can be equated with a fourth tier Parity depends on responsibility and I did not mean anything derogatory by the remark I made"

Referring to being called a liberal, Mr Card said "If this refers to someone who believes in equality, then I am one And if the CMC members say there is something wrong with that, they must go and tell their people they are not liberals"

On the terms of reference, powers and duties of management committees, the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, said management committee members differed with councillors who had legislative and executive powers Management committees acted in an advisory capacity

Mr Spring supported Mr Card and said he felt the whole issue was the result of a misunderstanding

He referred to his press statement in which he had said he always maintained all races should sit around the horseshoe The management committee system was a discredited policy

"I never attacked anyone's integrity I opposed the system I don't think members of the coloured community want the system, if I am to understand correctly what coloured politicians say

"If the management committee members take issue with me on that, I am confused I believe in non-racial councils and I stand or fall by that"

Mrs Kemp appealed to the members to join hands and to move together and asked Mr Segers to take the matter to his committee, which holds its monthly meeting today A decision will be taken on whether to return to the action committee or not

The chairman of the action committee, Mr Neville Randall, said he was "very disappointed" that five members had not turned up for last night's meeting

Business as usual — until RSCs

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EAST LONDON — The Divisional Council of Kaffraria has been urged to continue its normal functions and planning in the face of uncertainty over the introduction of Regional Services Councils (RSCs)

Mr Bruce Bursey said in his chairman's report it was certain divisional councils would be abolished and their assets, liabilities and staff would be absorbed

Because of the unfavourable financial climate and the uncertainty of the future of divisonal councils it had not been possible to plan for the future

Mr Bursey said the 5 000 sq km region under the council's jurisdiction had been adversely affected by unrest and the serious downturn in the economy

"The region also suffered considerable damage due to heavy rains and floods throughout October and November last year

"All these events have each played their part in the progress of the organisation," he said

The council had a 56-strong staff complement and estimates for the 1986/87 financial year provided for expenditure of R5,7 million This would come from revenue from roads (R3,1 million), general administration (R1,5 million), public health (R405 065) and ambulance services (R666 286)

Income of R5,7 million would accrue from road subsidies (R2,8 million), general administration (R481 655), public health refunds (R274 180), ambulance services (R666 286), general rates (R1,3 million) and health rates (R130 885)

"It is anticipated that a revenue surplus of R14 450 in respect of council's general account and a surplus of R23 636 in respect of the health account will be reflected on council's income and expenditure statement for the 1985/86 financial year"

The council's capital assets on July 1 1986 was R7,4 million of which R4,2 million represented revenue contributions and R3,1 million the unredeemed portion of loans raised

Revenue assets amounted to R3,5 million on July 1 1986

Mr Bursey gave a detailed account of all the activities of the council over the past year and paid tribute to his fellow councillors and the council staff for the manner in which they had rendered duties throughout the year.

He also thanked government departments as well as the eight municipalities which fell within the council's jurisdiction.

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Librarian explains why she resigned

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city librarian, Miss Margie van Deventer, said last night her decision to retire was not taken lightly but it was in the best interests of all concerned.

In a press statement, she also outlined the events leading to her decision.

"It is obvious that the situation in which I find myself has been cause for wide discussion, speculation and rumour. To avoid any acrimonious debate and snowballing conflict, I believe it is necessary for me to make this statement," she said.

"In terms of the restructuring of the municipal service, the library now forms part of the directorate of cultural and environmental services. The library is a cultural and educational service, and I am on record as supporting the formation of this directorate in terms of the total restructured municipal service.

"It is widely known that the appointed director and I were unable to reach agreement on the incorporation of the library into the directorate and the relationship of his post and mine

"The choice I had to make was to accept the instructions of the director and his management style or to leave the municipal service I felt strongly that our methods were so totally conflicting that it would harm my work as city librarian and compromise what I see as my professional integrity if I remained in the service

"I took four months' leave to allow time for me to consider rationally what would be best for my future. I had hoped that during this time the city council and I could come to an amicable and dignified agreement on the termination of my services

"On September 1, I requested retirement with full pension benefits. Council appointed an ad hoc committee to meet me I was asked under what terms I would resume my duties as city librarian.

"I stated I was not prepared to report to the present director and would require a guarantee that this type of situation would not recur I suggested that the only answer was to remove the library from the directorate and place it under a board of trustees

"As reported in the Daily Dispatch on Tuesday, council rejected my request for retirement with full pension benefits and the recommendation for control by a board of trustees

"The situation therefore remains unchanged from that existing on July 1 I believe that my return to the library under these circumstances would be detrimental to me and the library

"I will be retiring from the post of city librarian at the end of this month

"This decision is not taken lightly I know that it is in the best interests of all concerned

"I am extremely grateful to the many people who have supported me over the past four months, including those who have written to me, phoned me and indicated their support through the columns of the newspaper This support has been a great comfort to me

"The library has been a major part of my life for 24 years Obviously I regret leaving it under unhappy circumstances, but I go knowing that I have been able to contribute to this community over those years I have been richly rewarded by the support and appreciation expressed by the community.

"My gratitude goes to the library staff who have so often given me 110 per cent co-operation and who have worked many hours of overtime without thought of financial rewards I would ask the public to support them in this difficult transitional period," Miss Van Deventer said

Former Friend manager dies

DURBAN — The former general manager of Bloemfontein's now-defunct The Friend newspaper, Mr Terence Trigger, has died at St Michael's on Sea in Natal.

Mr Trigger, a popular figure in journalism, was 80 and had been seriously ill for several months He leaves a wife and two daughters — DDC

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Racial signs in PE listed

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By GAVAN O'CONNOR, Municipal Reporter

ALL cases of enforced racial segregation at Port Elizabeth City Council facilities are listed in a memorandum to a council committee this afternoon

These are at beaches still reserved for whites and at some municipal toilets.

Earlier this year the Indian Management Committee (IMC) asked for the removal of all racial segregation signs

As a result all municipal department heads were asked to say whether any public places or facilities under their control were involved

The Town Clerk, Mr Paul Botha, told the the Policy and Resources Committee that the Librarian, Electrical Engineer, Treasurer and Chief Ambulance Officer had no signs indicating racial segregation or separate facilities.

The Medical Officer of Health, Dr J N Sher, reported that two plaster signs in the North End Clinic were outdated and served no useful purpose while the Director of Markets, Mr J H D McKenzie, said signs on public toilets were being removed as these were being used by all race groups

The Chief Traffic Officer, Mr Andy Augustyn, explained a problem with inadequate public toilets in his department but said black staff members had been permitted to use toilets for whites

The Director of Parks, Mr Peter Gibbs, explained segregation signs appeared on toilets in St George's Park, Victoria Park, Forest Hill Cemetery and the North End Cemetery

Signs on whites only beaches appeared on all beaches south of the harbour as well as at St George's Strand and Sardinia Bay.

The City Engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton, said the only racially segregated public places under his control were public toilets at Playland, the museum parking area, King's Beach paddling pool, Norwich Union bus station, Russell Road, Albany Road, Swartkops Street, Law Courts, Embassy Street, Keeble Street, Bluewater Bay, Redhouse, Nobili Street and Broad Street

No recommendation about the issue is made to the committee

Structure plan for PE will be discussed by council committee

THE preparation of a structure plan for the Port Elizabeth Municipal area is to be considered by the City Council's Policy and Resources Committee today

The plan would lay down guidelines for the spatial development of the municipal area and it would have as its broad goal the co-ordinated and harmonious development of the area, the City Engineer, Mr Arthur Clayton, reports

This would be to effectively promote health, safety, order, amenity, convenience and general welfare as well as efficiency and economy in the development and improvement of communications

A recommendation is made to the committee that the Administrator's consent be obtained for preparation of a structure plan and that interested people be asked to register with the City Engineer so they can be consulted during the structure plan's preparation

● The proposed increase in dog tax will again be considered.

● A proposal is made that the development working group fulfil the functions of a King's Beach steering committee for preparation of a master plan

● A recommendation is made by the City Treasurer for an additional R300 000 loan at the ruling market interest rates to the Eastern Province Rugby Union

Williams appointed Justice of the Peace

EAST LONDON — A former chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Mike Williams, has been appointed a Justice of the Peace

Mr Williams said yesterday that the appointment had come as a "complete surprise" and that he was very pleased.

His appointment was made by the Minister of Justice, Mr J H Coetsee.

Mr Williams was a member of the IMC from 1974 to 1986, during which time he served as chairman and vice-chairman

He was chairman from 1982 until he resigned in January because of business commitments

From 1972 to 1975 he was a member of the East London Indian Association, serving as vice-chairman during 1974

Mr Williams is an executive member of the East London Oriental Plaza Traders' Association and is still chairman of the East London Indian Traders' Association. — DDR

Hitch in suburbs' refuse removal

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The collection of refuse was disrupted in several suburbs this week but was resumed yesterday.

The cultural affairs and environment portfolio leader, Mr Patrick Kay, confirmed that there had been staff problems which would be sorted out.

"Non-collection was due to a staff grievance. These occur in most organisations. We have had a stayaway and other staff have been slotting in temporarily", Mr Kay said.

Earlier, the director of cultural and environment services, Mr A. D. Janse, declined to comment beyond saying that the matter was "private".

Mr Kay said this comment had been intended to divert publicity from a "delicate" situation.

"We acknowledge that the public have a right to be informed as they are being inconvenienced, but would like to avoid undue publicity," he said.

Mr Janse confirmed that refuse collections had been resumed yesterday and that the unit should be in full operation by Monday.

The refuse unit would also be working today, Mr Janse said.

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Council facing roads breakdown

Reports by Matthew Moonieya

EAST LONDON — The Divisional Council of Kaffraria faced the prospect of a complete breakdown in the maintenance and improvement of its nearly 2 500 km of roads, the outgoing chairman, Mr Bruce Bursey, said in his annual report

"The figures speak for themselves and roads are obviously considered to be expendable or of little importance in the future of the area," Mr Bursey said, referring to the 28,37 per cent cut in the 1985/86 budget and the 40,12 per cent cut in the 1986/87 budget

There were 368 km of main roads, 879 km of divisional roads and 1 224 km of minor roads The council's total expenditure on these roads was estimated at R3,1 million in the 1986/87 financial year

"In addition, the council also attended to some 235 km of main roads and 357 km of divisional roads within the Ciskei and funds for this are provided jointly by the provincial administration and the Ciskei Government

"During this year we have had the experience of receiving notice from the Ciskei to reduce its previously approved budget by 25 per cent. This had the effect that the council has to absorb an expenditure of R175 000 (25 per cent of R700 000)

"This could have caused serious problems if we had not had the good fortune to have been able to offset this by undertaking work in the areas of Mgwali, Wartburg, Newlands, Kwelera and Mooiplaats on behalf of the Department of Development Aid," he said

Mr Bursey said work on the East London/Macleantown/Stutterheim road had ceased in July last year and the construction unit had been moved to the Mount Coke main road

Progress had been made and 1,40 km had been completed up to a top selected layer Final surfacing would be undertaken as soon as the weather was warmer

"Due to lack of sufficient funds it is regrettable that the reconstruction work is going to be severely curtailed during the present financial year.

"The decision to reduce the construction staff has proved to be correct as excellent progress has been maintained throughout the year which was fully worked," Mr Bursey said

The heaviest rain throughout the division fell in November last year

"Although an additional R150 000 for flood damage was approved, this was only for emergency work and numerous roads are still in poor condition"

Mr Bursey said the excessive cut in the budget would result in little permanent work being done on already poor road surfaces

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Former mayors boycott lunch

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Two former mayors of East London boycotted a civic luncheon yesterday in honour of the State President, Mr P W Botha.

Mr Errol Spring refused to comment on his stayaway, while Mr Donald Card said he had stayed away on a matter of principle.

Mr Card said: "The cabinet and the State President are here in their capacity as members of the National Party. In other words, they are not here in connection with any affair affecting the city as such, but purely for party political purposes.

"I am not prepared to involve myself with any party political matters of this nature.

"I have been critical of the luncheon because of the financial implications for the city council. It is, after all, ratepayers' money we are using, for a purely party political purpose.

"In the circumstances it would be highly hypocritical of me to attend such a luncheon."

'No move to privatise PE municipal services'

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24/9/86 Eve Post

By DENISE BOUTALL

THE Port Elizabeth City Council is not investigating the possibility of privatising any of its services except the gas works and the two caravan parks, the Town Clerk, Mr P K Botha, said today

He was reacting to reports that the Cape Town City Council's management committee had recommended that a wide range of services from parks maintenance to refuse removal be privatised

Mr Botha said the council had not explored the possibility of privatising PE's municipal services

He said in the United Kingdom many municipalities which had privatised some of their services were now being forced to provide them again In one case a refuse removal contractor had gone bankrupt, sold all the equipment and sacked all the staff, leaving the council with no service

Various municipal sectors up for grabs

Cape Town mulls over privatisation

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CHRIS CAIRNCROSS

CAPE TOWN administrators plan to hive off many municipal functions, services and activities to private enterprise.

Sectors earmarked for possible privatisation include most major capital works, the city's abattoirs, various recreational facilities such as caravan parks, tennis courts, bowling greens and swimming pools, the preparation and maintenance of street lines and signs; architectural and quantity surveys; nurseries, park landscaping and maintenance, ambulance services, and various cleaning services such as refuse removal

The main principles to guide this privatisation programme agreed to this week by the city council's executive committee are

☐ That council adopt a general policy that capital works should be put out to tender, with the only exceptions to this rule being where an emergency situation occurs, where the relevant standing committee considers it would be in the public interest for the work to be done departmentally; where portions of the council's essential technical or engineering staff would stand idle or be underemployed, where there is little or no possibility of competitive tenders being received,

☐ That areas or activities already identified for possible privatisation of capital works by various departments be proceeded with without delay,

☐ That the city treasurer report on the systems of overhead charges and any changes needed to permit more accurate comparison of the public and private sectors,

☐ That the city engineer be permitted to submit a quotation when tenders are invited so as to accumulate information for cost comparison purposes,

☐ That special attention be given, when preparing the 1986/7 draft capital estimates, to identifying projects which could be privatised during the next financial year,

☐ That more studies be launched by the town clerk into the privatisation of other aspects of the council's activities, and the likely implications

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Cape Town privatising?

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nesburg City Council management committee chairman Francois Oberholzer says that municipality will not privatise its labour intensive services now.

He said yesterday the privatisation of labour-intensive work would lead to the retrenchment of staff and that could lead to more unrest.

Oberholzer said "We have no reason to privatise, we can spread the burden among our 120 000 ratepayers and the million people who use our services"

Reacting to the Cape Town move towards privatisation, he said Johannesburg had been doing that for years

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Battle to fill EL municipal posts

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The municipality is having a "bit of a battle" attracting engineers and other professionals to the city

This was confirmed here by the director of personnel and management, Mr Leon Deetlefs

He also confirmed that the action committee had agreed in principle to the establishment of a fifth directorate, the directorate of technical services

Mr Deetlefs was asked about a number of advertisements for staff and confirmed the municipality "was having a bit of a battle in filling posts"

"The post of branch engineer (distribution) in the electricity department has been vacant for two years We are advertising both locally and nationally but there are no applications coming forward"

Asked what the possible reasons could be, Mr Deetlefs said engineers were sought after people and were snapped up with good offers as soon as they became available

"We may have to look overseas again like we did to fill posts in town planning We also solved this problem by touring the universities and looking at students We may have to do that again"

The municipality has advertised the post of director of protection services and three engineers' posts as well as for a senior town planner

Mr Deetlefs said the structure of the directorate of technical services had been approved in principle and would probably be implemented next year

Proposal to ease regulations on agenda

Municipal Reporter

A PROPOSAL giving local authorities the power to suspend regulations or by-laws will be discussed at this afternoon's meeting of the Port Elizabeth City Council's Policy and Resources Committee

City councillor Mr Charles Garai says in his proposal that the Small Business Development Corporation had recently addressed the council's working group on development.

He had ascertained afterwards that the Natal Provincial Council had amended its municipal ordinance to enable councils to suspend the operation of any by-law or regulation implemented by it

This would be in a case when implementation of a regulation would lead to undue hardship or a result not envisaged when the regulation was formulated

"I believe that local authorities should take active steps to deregulate as much as possible, but appreciate that not all regulations can be scrapped without leading to undesirable consequences," he said

Other issues to be considered by the committee this afternoon include

- An application by the Moth Ex-servicemen's Cottage Association for a grant-in-aid in relief of rates
- A revised policy for the acceptance of tenders
- An application for a grant-in-aid by the Port Elizabeth Musical and Dramatic Society
- An application for financial assistance for the SA Men's Bowling Championships to be held in the city in 1988
- An application for financial assistance from the State President's Fund
- An application for a loan for the upgrading of the Boet Erasmus Stadium

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Talks on more land for EL

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A meeting between the East London City Council and the Divisional Council of Kaffraria is scheduled to discuss the future incorporation of land into the municipal area

The municipality's administrative officer, Miss Abbey Cronin, said no date had yet been set for the meeting

The secretary of the divisional council, Mr Cas Naude, said the divisional council had accepted the city council's invitation to the meeting and had asked for more details about the land to be discussed.

"We have forwarded our letter to the city council and are waiting to be informed of the date as well as to be told what land is to be discussed," he said

Miss Cronin said there was no specific land on the agenda

"A general discussion is envisaged about land for housing and industrial development in view of the guide plan for the area which will be released soon"

The Reeston area is expected to come under discussion following earlier talk about it being declared a light industrial area because of its proximity to Wilsonia

Meanwhile, the divisional council has called for nominations for area representatives in Reeston

Mr Neville Larter, of the divisional council, said one of the representatives of the area, Mr A Bursey, had left Reeston and the other, Mr A Crossley, had decided age was against him in the performance of his duties

"The area representatives are really the council's representatives in the area, although they do not sit on the council They do liaison work and make an input when budgets are discussed," he said

Moving closer

GENEVA — The European Community and the Soviet-led Comecon, Europe's main trading blocs, opened talks yesterday Delegates said the talks could eventually lead to formal relations and closer co-operation — Sapa-AP

Viljoen: black education vital

Dispatch Reporter

GRAHAMSTOWN — Education was the key to the creation of jobs and future prosperity, the Minister of Co-operation and Development and Education, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, said in the city hall here last night

Adressing a meeting of about 40 people, he said the government had increased its expenditure on education eightfold in the past eight years

While the government upheld its belief in seperate education departments for different race groups, it had followed up the recommendations of the De Lange Commission into education by applying equality in the areas of finance, the remuneration of teaching staff and the standard of syllabuses and examinations

Referring to the state of unrest in the country, he said the education system had fallen prey to politicisation by young radicals but that this should be seen in perspective, as only 250 out of the 7 400 black schools under his jurisdiction had been disrupted

"Only 33 of these have been closed until the end of this year"

While he admitted there had been inequalities in the past in regard to black education, Dr Viljoen said the disparity in salaries for teachers would be eliminated from December 1 and would be based according to qualifications

Black education was of "critical importance to the future of South Africa."

He noted that there were 1,7 million pupils under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education and Training

Hard of Hearing?

Council to act on bus pullout

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city council is to do "everything in its power to see to it that the people of Duncan Village and Buffalo Flats are afforded a bus service", the chairman of the action committee, Mr Neville Randall, said yesterday

The withdrawal of 26 Ciskei Transport Corporation (CTC) buses serving the areas was discussed at an action committee meeting.

The bus company said it would not oppose applications by other parties to operate buses in the two areas and would consider selling buses to new operators

Mr Randall said council was concerned about the effects of the move, particularly because it would affect 2 100 schoolchildren who relied on the service

"Council will do everything in its power to try to come up with something

"Many councillors feel that this is a golden opportunity to invite private enterprise to provide the service, as I cannot see council taking over the service

"We also want to ask the CTC to come in with us on this to try to solve the problem. We also want to ask the South African Black Taxis Association to see how they can help out," Mr Randall said

The Coloured Management Committee had asked the council to take over the service, but council has informed the manager of the CTC that it does not wish to do so

A spokesman for the CTC said earlier that the service to the two areas was "not viable"

Survey shows plight of city black workers

AFRICAN workers interviewed in a survey in Cape Town have complained that they are paid too little, that unwarranted deductions are made from their wages, that management takes arbitrary action against them and that they have no effective means of negotiating on their grievances.

Migrant labourers expresed a strong desire for family life. Seventy percent of them had spent less than a month with their families between contracts or on annual leave.

The survey was undertaken by Mr Johann Maree, lecturer at the University of Cape Town School of Economics, and Miss Janet Graaff former junior lecturer in sociology at UCT, and has been published by the School's Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (Saldru)

INEFFECTIVE

The research fund liaison and works committees, where they existed in factories, were ineffective Workers with grievances approached their committees infrequently — only 59 percent of those with liaison committees and 36 percent of those with works committees approached them when they had grievances

The existence of a works committee or liaison committee did not reduce the problems experienced by workers

The researchers studied the rural situation of the families of workers with rural ties The families were found to be living in poverty and were 'severely dependent' on the money sent home by workers

NO LAND

Four out of 10 of the workers' families in the Ciskei and Transkei had no land available while only one out of 10 had more than five hectares of land

Five out of 20 families derived no income and were entirely dependent on wage labour. More than half the families earned less than R8, while 15 out of 20 families earned less than R24 a month from subsistence production

Average wages of workers at the beginning of 1976 varied between R37 a week for the 'higher operatives' and R23 a week for unskilled labourers

Throughout all the skilled categories the migrants earned less than the residents

The researchers made the following policy suggestions to those in authority to 'enable African workers to lead lives in which they can ultimately develop their full human potential'

- To allow African workers the same negotiating rights extended to white, coloured and Asian workers — that is to form registered trade unions
- A programme to eliminate the high level of African unemployment This, in conjunction with the previous suggestion, would enable them to negotiate better wages
- To allow African labourers to settle permanently at their place of work and to bring their families with them, to try to solve the poverty in the rural areas
- To cope with the pressure on housing by granting family accommodation to those workers who are most qualified in legal terms to live permanently in Cape Town, and then in stages ending with those least qualified

'These changes are essential if we hope to eventually have a just and peaceful society free from potential or actual deep-seated conflict,' the researchers said

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Plenty wrong

The little-explored, possibly neglected, field of the economics of health care in developing countries, such as SA, came under scrutiny in Cape Town this week at an international conference organised by UCT's Labour and Development Research Unit and the SA Medical Scholarships Trust

In an uncommon get-together of economists, medics and sociologists, 140 delegates pondered and discussed 75 papers and concluded that SA, for all its wealth and economic leadership in Africa, did not have the highest standard of health

Opening the conference, Professor Marius Barnard said that after numerous visits abroad, even those behind the iron curtain, he had come to the conclusion that although SA had modern hospitals and sophisticated medical facilities, the Republic came off second best after comparing the medical infrastructure with the incidence of malnutrition, infant mortality and diseases related to poverty and deprivation

Professor Bernard Pimstone of UCT medical school who has gained international recognition for his research work into "man's biological adaptation to nutritional deprivation' in the Western Cape said "I have often been disturbed by the recurring question would my research funding not have been better channelled into preventing rather than studying malnutrition?'

Other speakers concluded that there is something wrong with the allocation of resources within medicine, and in the community it is supposed to serve, because the prevalence of malnutrition and other preventable diseases remains unacceptably high

Pimstone says the problem goes deeper than the provision of medical facilities or the pursuit of health statistics It involves social and dietary mores and adaptations to urbanisation One example is the abandonment of breast feeding at an early stage of a child's life leaving it indoors with surrogate parents while the mother tries to boost family income

This sets in motion the vicious circles of rickets marasmus and kwashiorkor 'The problem can't be controlled by diet replenishment alone — it is part of a devastating social phenomenon of wider implications, and the cure has to be seen in a broader perspective ' says Pimstone

SA delegates at the conference agreed there was a need for a wide overview of health requirements in the country

Referring to possible distortions in the allocation of resources for health care, it was suggested that a start could be made by examining medical faculties at SA universities — such as the system of admitting medical students exclusively on their academic pretensions and little else "How," asked Pimstone, "can we expect the bourgeoisie we create at university to physically work in the desolate areas where doctors are needed most? Should teaching hospitals be more physically integrated into the community? We should also consider the question of doctor substitutes — why not have the 'barefoot doctor' system in SA? Why not make extended use of medical auxiliaries to bring medical care to rural areas?'

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IMC move over new plots angers Malabar residents

By LLOYD COUTTS

INDIANS who have refused to use the Raman Bhana Community Centre in Malabar will have to attend a meeting there if they want to buy housing plots

Those who do not attend the meeting will not be considered when plots are allocated, the Indian Management Committee has decidsed.

For months some have refused to use the centre because it is named after a political figure But the allocation of 91 erven is something many of them will not want to miss

The IMC has circulated a notice to applicants to attend a meeting at the centre tonight

Should they fail to attend, they will not be considered for an allocation, it warns.

An anti-tricameral Parliament body, the Malabar Residents Association (MRA), said today that malabar residents objected to the name of the hall and would not attend

Mr Raman Bhana is an MP in the House of Delegates and a member of the allocation committee.

Mr Mac Dana, the chairman of the association, said yesterday many residents strongly objected to the IMC, a situation which had been compounded by its involvment in the Tricameral Parliament.

"I think this has been engineered by the IMC with the connivance of the city council to get people to attend IMC meetings. The purchasing of plots should be non-political," he said

Mr Dana said people who voted for the IMC were favoured by the body

But the deputy chairman of the IMC, Mr Jay Kathan, denied yesterday that residents were being blackmailed.

Mr Kathan said there was a waiting list for plots In the present economic climate they "may or may not be still interested in buying a plot".

"What we are asking is for people to come to the Raman Bhana Community Centre and to basically acknowledge whether they are still interested."

Large

Action over rent subsidy is withdrawn

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The East London branch of the South African Association of Municipal Employees' Association (Saame) has withdrawn its industrial court action against the municipality over housing subsidies for its members

This was confirmed by the municipal director of personnel and management, Mr Leon Deetlefs

The dispute over housing subsidies was declared after Saame wanted the municipality to extend subsidies to people who rented houses Subsidies are only paid to people who buy houses

The city council opposed the extension of the facility to cover its 2 500-strong staff complement which would have cost R250 000 a year

The chairman of the local branch of Saame, Mr J Davel, could not be contacted yesterday for comment on why the action had been withdrawn, but Mr Deetlefs said other possible fringe benefits in its place had been mentioned.

"All the details of the matter have not been worked out but I can confirm that the industrial court action has been withdrawn It is going to be replaced with something else," he said

The action had been brought earlier this year and initial argument was over whether the industrial court had jurisdiction to hear the matter

The council's legal representatives argued at the time that the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning did not exercise his discretionary powers in terms of the Labour Relations Act Consequently, proper terms of reference had not been established.

The attorneys also argued the city council had discretionary powers to decide whether it wished to pay either a housing allowance or a housing subsidy, but not both

Saame attorneys opposed the interpretation and the court indicated at the time it would consider the arguments and give a ruling

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The mayor they've never seen

CP Correspondent

HE'S BEEN called Duncan Village's mayor in exile.

Tobacco exporting firm employee Eddie Makeba is the East London township's first mayor, but he hasn't set foot in Duncan Village for a year.

Makeba and the five other councillors fled in mid-August last year when their houses were burnt during an outbreak of violence, and he hasn't been back since.

Recently it emerged that Makeba was elected mayor by his colleagues in a meeting on August 12, where the Duncan Village community council was transformed into a fully fledged local authority called the Gompo town committee.

Asked why there had been no announcement of the move, Makeba said it had been "for reasons best known to ourselves".

But East London city councillor Donald Card slammed the "secrecy" surrounding the move. It had been kept quiet, he charged, because the government realised the councillors were not the real leaders of the community.

"They are just individuals paid by the government and making decisions for the masses" Card said the councillors could not even enter the township to hold a meeting for their constituents

"As far as I am concerned, Makeba is just a mayor in exile," he said

Makeba refused to say where he and the other councillors are living, citing "security reasons" He disclosed that 20 houses with tight security arrangements were being built in Duncan Village for the councillors and policemen whose houses had been destroyed in the violence.

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Board meets over Quinera boundaries

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Representatives of the municipalities of East London, Beacon Bay and Gonubie met with the demarcation board of the Department of Constitutional Development and Planning here yesterday to submit evidence on the boundaries of the Quinera area

The meeting was chaired by Mr Justice Myburgh A Cape Town advocate, Mr B Hoberman, represented the East London municipality and an East London engineer, Mr Geoff O'Connell, represented the Beacon Bay and Gonubie municipalities

The meeting was held in an attempt to settle the 1983 division of 2 000 ha of prime residential land shared between the three municipalities

The land stretches from the Nahoon River in the west, over the top of Beacon Bay to the Gonubie boundary in the east, and from the Indian Ocean in the south to the main Gonubie and Transkei roads in the north

An area incorporating land from the national road to the ocean (a portion of Zone 3 and 5 on the map), with the exception of Extension 10 of Zone 3, has now emerged as the key issue in the land settlement The municipalities agreed that the allocation of the balance of the land under contention be decided at a later stage

The municipalities of Beacon Bay and Gonubie, in a joint submission, said the land in question should be divided between the two of them and strongly objected to the East London municipality being allocated any portion of the area

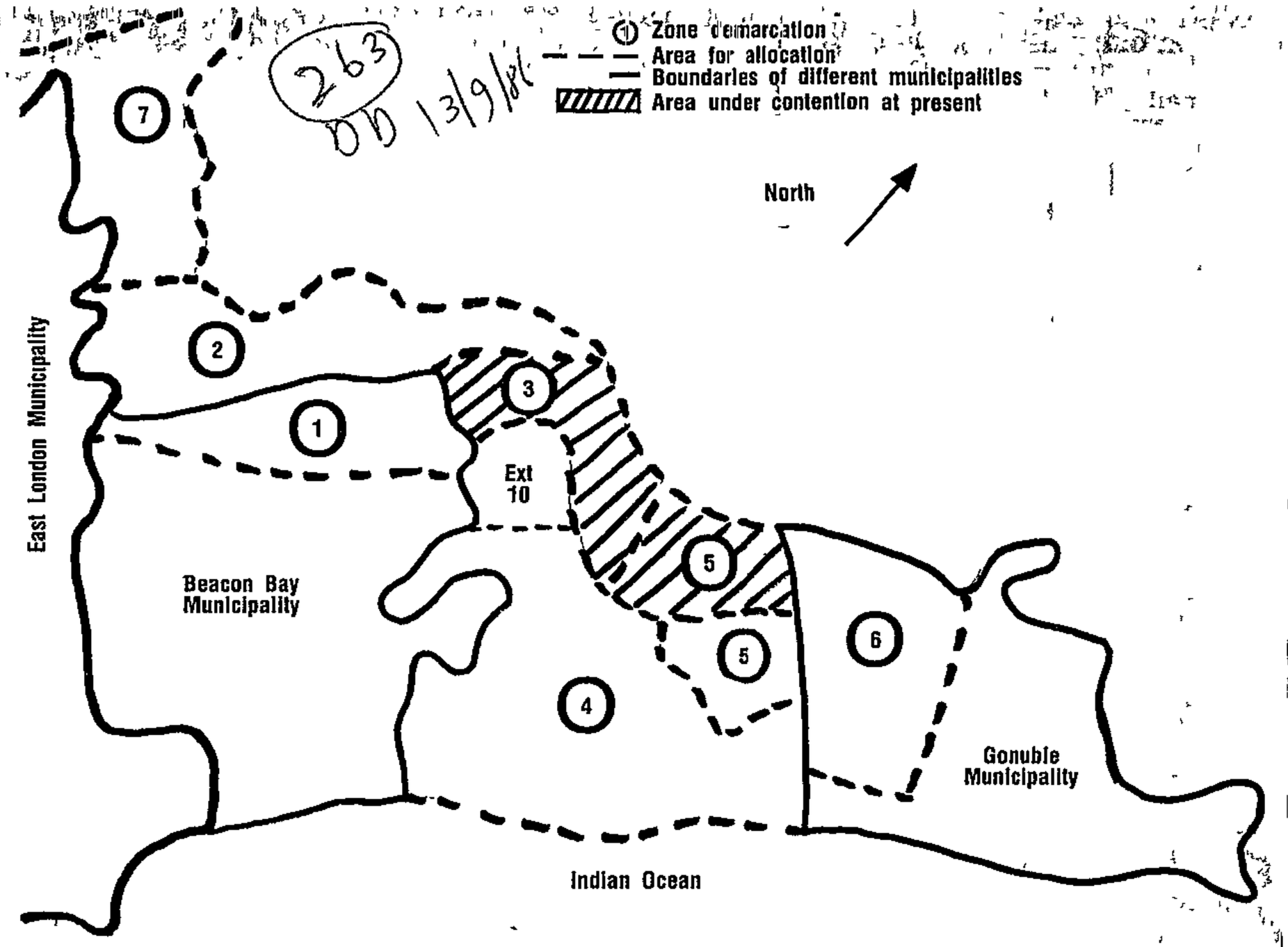
Beacon Bay officials feel they are in a better position to develop the land than East London and East London officials are eager to obtain more land to cater for urgently required executive-type housing

Speaking on behalf of the Beacon Bay and Gonubie municipalities, Mr O'Connell submitted that the land in question could not be developed in isolation of the two adjacent municipalities as it was a "ribbon development" along the M15, the main road entering Gonubie and needed to be totally incorporated to satisfy all infrastructure needs of a new development

He said this development and incorporation could be done easily, as the area lent itself to this, the two areas adjacent to it already being well established

"I conclude, from an engineer's point of view, that the land in question is a valid and reasonable area to develop and one which will be totally compatible with the adjoining developments of Beacon Bay and Gonubie," he said

Mr O'Connell submitted that the East London municipality would be best developed into the Macleantown area



A map showing the municipal boundaries of East London, Beacon Bay and Gonubie, and the area under dispute.

"Considering our submission, I cannot see why the East London municipaltiy should be accorded any portion of the land in question," he added

Speaking on behalf of the East London municipality, Mr Hoberman submitted that the land in question, a portion of Zone 3 and 5, be allocated to East London with Extension 10 of Zone 3 going to Beacon Bay

Mr Hoberman argued that if the joint submission by Beacon Bay and Gonubie was accepted and put into operation, it would mean that approximately 53 000 people would be living outside East London's boundaries, but at the same time enjoying all the services that East London offered, without paying for them

Mr Hoberman said that no-one could argue the need for expansion and further development, but the main question under investigation was, which of the three municipalities would receive the financial benefit of the development

● The submissions made will now be referred back to the Administrator by the demarcation board for a final decision

Political cover move?

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Insurance cover against political unrest for councillors is being investigated by the Divisional Council of Kaffraria

The move follows a circular from the Provincial Administration that a change in the ordinance entitles local authorities to insure councillors against political unrest

This insurance is over and above the current premium of R40 a year for councillors.

An additional amount of R40 a year can be paid against political unrest

The council resolved that the question of when councillors would be covered against political unrest should be investigated and a report submitted at a subsequent meeting

The council was told by the administration that the necessity for additional insurance cover would depend on local circumstances. The council was urged to incur the additional expense only if there was justification for it

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A council flip-flop from UDF to PW

By FRANZ KRUGER
East London

FROM holding talks with a United Democratic Front-affiliated residents' body to bestowing the freedom of the city on State President PW Botha: that's the astonishing shift of the East London City Council.

However, the change is not due to a process of political conversion, but to a changed majority. Since earlier this year when Gwyn Bassingthwaighte won a seat on the council in a by-election, the National Party faction has had a slim majority.

Municipal affairs in the city are supposed to be non-political, but this is little more than a fiction, and councillors' affiliations are well known. Last week, when the mayor's position and other portfolios came up for election, the group flexed its new-found muscle and installed Elsabe Kemp as mayor Kemp is also the NP provincial council member for East London city, and replaced Joe Yazbek, a prominent PFP supporter

All other portfolios of any consequence, and some without, were handed to the faithful Bassingthwaighte was rewarded with the influential finance portfolio

A few months ago the council took a vote to open the city to all groups It also embarked on a series of talks with the UDF-affiliated Duncan Village Residents' Association, which led to the council requesting control over administration of the township in consultation with the DVRA

Overnight, the council's political profile changed One of the first plans the new mayor hit upon was to confer the freedom of the city on the State President

A number of the ousted councillors reported Kemp approached them to ask their opinion of the plan But when the matter became public, she denied such a plan "There is nothing of the sort afoot If there was, the first thing I would have done would have been to take the matter to council."

Nevertheless, the idea has drawn a storm of protest, with the Conservative Party and the Progressive Federal Party criticising it In a PFP statement, Botha was described as "first and foremost a party politician", who had to take responsibility for "the disastrous policies which have brought not only our city, but the country as a whole, to its present parlous state".

CMC in bid to reduce housing backlog

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The sub-division of 234 erven for coloured housing here has been given the go-ahead in an attempt to reduce the more than 1 000-strong housing waiting list

The Coloured Management Committee (CMC) has authorised the municipality to sub-divide several pockets of land in different parts of the coloured areas.

The MP for the Border, Mr Peter Mopp, is to approach the House of Delegates for finance to construct the houses.

The areas are· Parkridge south (27 erven), Lavender Road in Parkside (35 erven), Canterbury Road in Buffalo Flats (160 special residential erven) and Chapman Street in Buffalo Flats (12 erven).

The CMC had been asked what type of housing would be developed in the different areas· ownership, self-help, assisted or sale to a finance-building company

However, the committee decided that because of the urgent need for the houses the sub-division should go ahead and the details could be decided at a later stage The proposed plans could also be refined then

● The CMC has received progress reports on 356 houses being built in Buffalo Flats extension

The first report said the contractor was 4½ weeks behind schedule with the R2,3-million project but was on contract for the completion date of October 20

The second report said the completion date for civil works on the project in the Link Road and bus terminal area had been set for September 13 but was amended to September 17 The total value of the civil works is R398 579

CMC to discuss deadlock

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The Coloured Management Committee (CMC) decided last night after intense debate to attend a joint meeting with the city council to discuss their non-attendance at action committee meetings.

The decision came after prolonged debate concerning utterances by two city councillors which members felt had "slighted" them.

The utterances were allegedly made by the former chairman of the action committee, Mr Donald Card, and the former chairman of the finance portfolio, Mr Errol Spring, during debate on management committee members receiving parity of allowances with city councillors.

The two aldermen were alleged to have said management committee members did not enjoy the same standing in their communities as did city councillors

Mr Card made the analogy of a manager of a store and the shop assistants. He said the manager could not be paid the same as shop assistants.

The CMC sought an apology and approached the then mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek The committee later passed a resolution that the two councillors should attend CMC meetings to explain their utterances

Yesterday, however, the CMC was informed the action committee had decided the two bodies should have a joint meeting to iron out the matter

The chairman of the finance portfolio who attended yesterday's CMC meeting, Mr Gwyn Bassingthwaighte, urged members to attend the joint meeting so that the matter could be thrashed out

"I regard this as water under the bridge and we cannot go on fighting each other through minutes of meetings and in the press It will not solve anything We should sit together to thrash the matter out," he said

A CMC member, Mr J Temmers, said pleas for the councillors to explain themselves had been ignored The committee felt "they are too high and mighty to attend our meetings"

"Their utterances do not have pleasant connotations in the South African situation It is one thing giving a guy parity of allowances and another to treat him as an equal," he said

Mr Bassingthwaigthe agreed but said CMC members should realise they had a quarrel with only two councillors and not the whole city council

Mr Plein Alexander said he objected to CMC members going to the meeting

The deputy chairman, Mr Sonny Segers, said if the councillors had been wrongly quoted in the press, they should have corrected it But this had not been done, which meant they had been quoted correctly

"I am all for being friends but not for being slighted I have closed my account with Mr Spring's firm because I object to being treated like a boy when he in fact is working for me It may sound childish

"I'll refuse to attend any action committee until I get an apology," he said

Technical training urged

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — All out efforts are to be made in coloured schools to right the bias toward academic education and lure pupils into technical fields where there was great scope

This was decided at at the Coloured Management Committee's monthly meeting which was attended by two principals, Mr Eldred Fray and Mr Ossie Crisp, as well as the principal of the Bethelsdorp Technical College, Mr B. de Swardt.

They were invited to the meeting to try to find the reason for the poor intake of coloured apprentices in the municipal services.

The former chairman of the CMC, Mr Johannes Temmers, said they felt the intake was unfair and had decided to discuss the matter with the heads of departments.

Various reasons were given for the low intake.

"Councillors underwrite equal opportunities and there should be no job reservation or apartheid," he said.

He praised the city electrical engineer, Mr Ken Robson, and said his department had produced coloured electricians even before the municipality became an equal opportunity employer

He wanted to know why this had not been done in the other departments and what the problems with the standard of the pupils was

Mr Mike Bentall, of the Department of Environmental and Cultural Affairs, said his department had a coloured horticulturist already together with two whites

Mr Robson asked whether it was not the fault of the teachers themselves who did not guide pupils

Mr Temmers said he had been told coloured pupils were at a disadvantage compared to white pupils because there were three technical schools for whites which supplied candidates for apprenticeships but there was no coloured technical school

Mr Fray said a start would be made this year on a technical school for coloureds which could solve the problem He said coloureds were at a slight disadvantage because if a pupil passed matric with mathematics and physical science, he started on an N2 grade while a white from a technical institution started on an N4 grade

Hat trick for Corrie Alexander

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Mr Corrie Alexander was elected the new chairman of the Coloured Management Committee yesterday — by a draw out of a hat

The historic election in the nearly two decade history of management committees here came when equal votes were registered by secret ballot for Mr Alexander and the other nominee, Mr Wally George

The protem chairman, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, then ruled that the two names be put in a hat and a draw made

Earlier, nominations became something of a family affair Mr George was nominated by Mr Sonny Segers and Mrs Lily George seconded her husband's nomination

Mr Alexander, who has served on the CMC for nearly a decade, was nominated by his brother, Mr Plein Alexander, and seconded by the former chairman, Mr Johannes Temmers

In his acceptance speech, Mr Alexander said a difficult year lay ahead for the CMC and that he planned to build on co-operation and trust in the full belief that the committee would achieve what it set out to do

"I appeal to members to put their shoulder to wheel so that they will not be accused of not serving the interests of the people We must rededicate ourselves to the commitment of serving the people"

Councillors clash over PW honour

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The mayor of East London, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, denied yesterday that any "official" moves had been made in the city council to confer the freedom of the city on the State President, Mr P. W. Botha.

She was responding to a letter received by the Daily Dispatch from a Conservative Party official objecting to the alleged move, as well as a statement from three former mayors that they had heard or been been approached about the matter

Mr Donald Card and Mr Errol Spring said Mrs Kemp approached them about the matter while Mr Joe Yazbek said he had heard "an excited" Mrs Kemp mention it after the caucus meeting to elect a new mayor, although it had not been directed at him personally

Mrs Kemp said yesterday "There is nothing of the sort afoot If there was, the first thing I would have done would have been to take the matter to council"

She said she had done "nothing of the sort"

Mr Card, however, said he was approached by Mrs Kemp after her election as mayor and asked if he would support such a move

"I to'd her I would not [illegible]

Party in the city at the end of the month

"I'm concerned about the economic aspects of such a dinner," Mr Card said

"I was told the move would enable the State President to have closer ties with the city, but I think that with so many other cities and towns doing it, it won't serve much purpose," Mr Card said

Mr Spring said Mrs Kemp had approached him immediately after she was elected He told her in "no uncertain terms" that he would oppose such a move

"I feel such an honour should not be conferred on the leader of a political party Traditionally it has been reserved for people who have given outstanding service to the city A person such as Mr David Lazarus, who dedicated his life to the city, deserves such an honour, but, with respect, I do not see how we can say the same for the State President"

On the issue of a dinner being hosted for the [illegible] other

Mr Yazbek said "I feel we should not confer the freedom of the city on a politican I would think it equally wrong if I had the majority in council and we wanted to confer the honour on, say, the leader of the official opposition, Mr Colin Eglin

"When Mr Eglin and senior members of his party visited me in the mayor's parlour, we chatted and I did not invite them to anything Equally, I do not think it correct to host a civic function for people attending a political party congress"

In a letter to the Daily Dispatch, the secretary of the Conservative Party in East London, Mr G Bezuidenhout, said he believed that the freedom of the city would be conferred on the State President

He said he wanted to ask two questions

"Who will be paying for this visit — expenses such as cocktail parties, accommodation, transport etc, not only for Mr Botha, but also for his [illegible]

The former deputy mayor, Mr Ivan Zulman, said Mr Botha was the leader of a political party and he did not think it right to confer the freedom of the city on him

He did not think it was a "bad idea" to host a dinner for the ministers

"It will afford us a personal opportunity to put our problems to them on an informal basis I don't see any harm in hosting a dinner," Mr Zulman said

Mr Len Cooper said he did not see "any harm" in conferring the freedom of the city on Mr Botha

"Hosting a dinner could be beneficial for the city which seems to be forgotten by the government at times," he added

Mr Eric Whitaker, who is also local chairman of the New Republic Party, said he had been approached by Mrs Kemp after the caucus meeting on whether he had any comment on the matter

"I said I would give it some thought But I can say now it is a ridiculous suggestion Mr Botha is a political leader and he is rejected by the majority of the citizens of East London"

the political climate in the area was right for it

"I also told her I would not agree to her other proposal to host a dinner for the entire cabinet during the Cape congress of the National [illegible]

Spring said "Hosting civic dinners is entirely the prerogative of the mayor and if Mrs Kemp wants to host such a dinner, she has been given the authority by the city council"

Mr Whitaker said he saw "no point" in hosting a dinner for the cabinet

"They have done nothing for East London, except take away things such as the Sats goods yards and attempt to move the Escom offices

"Perhaps it will not be a bad idea to have dinner with them so that they can tell us what they have done for East London," he added

ministers who may tag along? Will it be the ratepayers?

"What has Mr Botha done for the ratepayers of East London that warrants this?"

Other councillors have also commented on the move

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Man in last ditch group areas appeal

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A last ditch appeal is to be made to the government today for permission for an Indian accountant to live in a white area here

The Department of Constitutional Development and Planning has refused permission for Mr Morgan Naidoo to live in Joan Street, Amalinda, with his wife and two children

A firm of attorneys representing Mr Morgan, who is formerly of Durban and is employed by a major company in East London, confirmed that today was the last day to lodge an appeal against the initial decision

The spokesman said a new application would be sent today with further supporting affidavits He confirmed neighbours had supported Mr Naidoo's application

The issue caused an uproar a few weeks ago when the chairman of the Indian Management Committee, Mr Edwin Vengadajellum, criticised the city council for not supporting Mr Naidoo's application

The city council has adopted a new policy on applications in terms of the Group Areas Act and will refer them directly to Cape Town

In the past, the city council had backed applications This included an application through the Border Cricket Union for the West Indian cricketer, Faoud Bacchus, to occupy a a house in a white area

A few weeks ago some councillors refused to support an application by a coloured building contractor, Mr Errol Mitchell, who applied for permission to buy and occupy a house in Smith's Hill Road in Haven Hills

Led by Mrs Elsabe Kemp, councillors voted not to give any opinion and to leave the decision to the government

Yesterday Mr Vengadajellum reiterated his call on the authorities to allow Mr Naidoo to occupy the house in Amalinda

He said that as a "full-blooded born and bred South African, it was downright unfair" not to allow Mr Naidoo to live in Amalinda as exceptions had been made for other people of colour who had not been born in South Africa

"I hope the authorities will see their way clear to helping this man," he said

Councillors in row over appointments

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — A row erupted among city councillors here yesterday with accusations and counter accusations of party political motivation following the election of new heads to the council's various directorate portfolios.

A city councillor and former chairman of the city's Action Committee, Mr Donald Card, condemned the new appointments, saying that "junior" councillors had been elected to head the various directorate portfolios with little regard as to their experience or the interests of the East London public

He said the newly elected mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, had gone against everything she had said at her induction when she asked for co operation among her councillors in the interests of East London and its citizens

"What has the city council done in the interests of the city and its public? They have elected junior councillors to head very important portfolios," Mr Card said

He said it had been said previously that it was time junior councillors were considered for these positions

"My argument against this reasoning is that even in private business, junior employees are not put into top positions until they have the experience for the job

"It's absolutely ridiculous and spells disaster for East London The council is obviously not looking at the interests of the ratepayers, but is only concerned about total control," Mr Card said

"One thing though, the ratepayers will probably get even better service from the city council now because I and others will watch every loophole and hammer every point which is in the interests of East London and its citizens as a whole," he said

Mr Len Cooper, who has six years service on the council with two years as the leader of the transport portfolio and also time as the deputy chairman of the parks and amenities portfolio , said he was "terribly disappointed" at the outcome of yesterday's meeting

"In many cases I felt, without putting down any of those elected, that junior councillors had replaced senior councillors more qualified to do the job If junior councillors are appointed it should not be at the expense of the ratepayer," he said

Mr Cooper said he believed the appointments had been done on a definite party political basis

Mr Brian Snell, who was succeeded as chairman of the directorate of engineering and planning services portfolio by Mr Robbie de Lange (snr), said he found the situation "despicable"

"It is inconceivable to me that portfolio leaders who are conversant with their portfolios and who run successful companies in the city, were all dismissed by National Party members I mean this very strongly, it is unbelievable that this has happened," he said

"I know that the appointments were party politically based, it s disgusting and one of the saddest things I have ever known happen to the city of East London — that a political party has taken control of the city council," he added

Last night, East London's newly elected mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, said that the council meeting yesterday morning had been "a bit tense" and referred all further comment to Mr De Lange (snr), who she said the "accused councillors" had elected as their spokesman

When contacted for comment, Mr De Lange expressed his "shock and disgust" at the situation

"As one who has seen many of the changes in the council over the years, I must express my deep shock and disgust, at the refusal of a certain section of the city council to serve on any committee because they were not elected as chairman of a portfolio,

"The ratepayers of East London by now must be sick and tired of this progressive ideology that has been disrupting the city council for many years," he added

Mr De Lange said that he had a high regard for all the city councillors, but that he was shocked at some of the councillors questioning the ability of those appointed

"It is ridiculous Those appointed are willing and dedicated to serve East London's ratepayers as best they can Those elected are as capable as anyone else

"I can only say that the people elected are a team working in the interests of East London and its people — and not for their own political gain or point of view," he said

"People say the National Party is taking over the city council — this is not so"

Mr De Lange appealed to those city councillors "up in arms" over the situation, to "drop their approach and get on with the job" in the interests of East London and its people

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Reserve Bank lowers rate

Dispatch Bureau

JOHANNESBURG —The Reserve Bank reduced the bank rate from 10,5 per cent to 10 per cent yesterday in response to the sharp decline in money-market rates during the past few weeks.

Four of the country's five major banks — Barclays, Nedbank, Trust and Volkskas — followed by announcing cuts in their prime lending rates to 13,5 per cent, effective at various dates towards the end of the month

In addition, Barclays said it would lower its home loan rate to 15,5 per cent — a half point lower than the rate building societies will offer next month

A Standard Bank spokesman said last night it was still considering its reaction.

The Reserve Bank's latest rate cut was the fourth this year and the 12th since early May last year, when the rate stood at 21,75 per cent The bank rate was reduced to 10,5 per cent a month ago

The Governor of the Reserve Bank, Dr Gerhard de Kock, said he "doubted very much" the rate would be cut further in the immediate future but bankers speculated the rate could drop by another percentage point by year-end if bank credit demand continued to flag

Dr De Kock said the half point reduction was deemed "adequate, coming after the half-point cut of last month"

In addition, he pointed to early indications of stronger retail sales — a sign that the economy is beginning to recover

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East London's outgoing mayor, Mr Joe Yazbek, presents the Citizen's Citation Award to Mrs Ruth McJannet at the mayoral induction last night

Challenges to be faced — Yazbek

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Although there was a lot of "doom and gloom" about, there were also new challenges and solutions facing the city in the future, Mr Joe Yazbek, the city's outgoing mayor, said last night in his annual report

Mr Yazbek mentioned both the recent consumer boycott of city stores and the large unemployment problem East London was still faced with, but stressed there was still much to look forward to

"I quote from Leadership, a magnificent publication which has its finger on the pulse of the country

"There is no doubt that the majority of South Africans want peace and justice without violence Yet we must concede with history that if a man is denied his birthright he will surely attempt to retake it by any means

"History will judge him less severely than the one who took it away We all of us must realise that the emergency only provides a breathing space and we must get down to building a new country

"Today's reflection is one of political squalor

dustrial Development Corporation, between 1981 and 1986, advanced R46,8 million to 41 industries in East London, 11 of them being new ones," Mr Yazbek said

He said the city council had also been extremely pleased when the government, through the National Transport Commission, decided to build the Mdantsane Access road extension

"Not only is this road required by the community as a whole, but it is also providing work opportunities in the area

"The council has been urging the construction of this road for many years and the decision that it should go ahead is welcomed," he added

East London's new mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, receives her chain of office from Alderman Robbie de Lange at last night's mayoral induction

New mayor looks to brighter future for city

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — More than 300 guests witnessed the election and official induction of city councillors, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, as mayor of East London and Mr Robert de Lange (jnr) as deputy-mayor at a function held at the City Hall last night

importance to the prosperity and success of East London and its people

"Let us not see the difficulties that lie ahead of us, let us only see the challenges, and for this we need abiding faith, inner serenity and calm confidence," she added

respect each others' differences, but let us have one aim — the future development of our city," he said

"There are a lot of challenges in front of us but we have the support behind us," he added

Long-serving councillors receive awards

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — Eleven serving and past city councillors were awarded with Aldermen's certificates and brooches in recognition of their service to the city at a function held last night marking the induction of the city's new mayor

They were Mr Abraham Addleson, Mr Johannes Hendrik Bezuidenhout, Mr Donald Card, Mr Robert Lawrence de Lange (JP), Mr Louis Edgar Wilkinson Glass, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, Mr Leopold Laden, Mr David Lazarus (JP), Mr Errol Spring, Mr Frederick Adolph Stakemire and Mr Joe Yazbek

Between them, they have served a remarkable number of years on the city council

Mr Addleson served on the council between 1950 and 1972 and was twice elected mayor Mr Bezuidenhout has now served on the council for a total of 22 years, and Mr Card since 1972 Mr Card has been elected mayor twice

Mr De Lange (JP) has served on the city council for no less than 41 years, and in that time has been elected mayor six times

Mr Glass served on the city council for six years and was elected mayor twice, Mrs Kemp has served on the council since 1972 and has twice been elected for mayor

Mr Laden served on the city council for a total of 28 years and in that time was elected mayor twice Mr Lazarus served 37 years, and was elected mayor five times

Mr Spring has been on the council since 1978, and has been mayor three times, and Mr Stakemire served on the council for 24 years from 1960 to 1984

Mr Yazbek, the outgoing mayor, has served on the council for 14 years since 1972, and in that time was elected mayor four times

The recipient of the this year's Citizen Citation in recognition of distinguished service to the city and its community, went to Mrs Ruth McJannet for her contribution to the city, especially in the sporting sphere

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City dept to split after 'friction'?

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By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

THE powerful City Engineer's Department should be split in two in a major reorganization to eliminate "problems", the City Council decided last week.

A new Department of Planning Services should be created out of one of the halves, the council resolved.

The Town Clerk, Dr Stanley Evans, was authorized to advertise immediately the City Engineer's post at a salary of R57 385 a year. This post has been vacant since Mr Jan Brand resigned in February.

The council's decisions arose out of an executive committee report drawn up after eight meetings of an organizational review committee established in October last year.

Problems which "reorganization" could alleviate included those of "insufficient checks and balances" and "the inclination towards too great a degree of functional autonomy in any particular department", the report said.

Another factor was that "lack of parity between heads of departments has caused friction and antagonism".

At present there are five City Council departments, namely those of the city engineer, the administrator, the medical officer of health, the city treasurer and electricity.

"The strong opposition to a planner heading the present engineering department highlights the separation of the areas of expertise," the report said.

Further investigation is to be conducted, "taking into account proposals for further privatization of departmental operations".

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from a Government which exercises a tremendous control over economic forces and the lives of its citizens.

Will Government be compelled to address an investigation which could produce a plethora of different and conflicting answers — some of them with a marxist flavour?

In trying to convert the long silence on poverty into a free-for-all debate is Wilson not running the risk that nooey will talk, but few will listen?

He admits the danger is there. But he also believes that the sheer weight and detail of this five-year investigation will compel a response.

"There are *realpolitik* reasons why we must come to grips with it. The ecological issue is of the greatest moment and urgency

"But there is also the moral imperative. If after 100 years of industrial development people are still dying of kwashiorkor, then that situation says a great deal about the quality of our society.

"The drought and the floods have highlighted a deep-seated ecological problem in South Africa.

Inhumanity

"But the sheer inhumanity of children dying of hunger and old people wasting away without food must grip us all.

"Whether or not we are a rich or poor country, we have the resources to ensure that our people are clothed and fed and have adequate living conditions.

"But then we must begin to talk about the whole nature of our political economy."

On Friday that long overdue debate will start. And perhaps South Africans far removed from the conference hall at the University of Cape Town will begin to listen.

And one day perhaps children in a land of plenty will no longer die because they do not have enough to eat.

Cape talks on SA's biggest poverty study

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HERALD CORRESPONDENT

CAPE TOWN — The biggest social science research project ever undertaken in South Africa will reach a climax in Cape Town later this week, when a conference organised as part of the Second Carnegie Inquiry into Poverty and Development will get under way

More than 300 people, mostly academics, will converge on the University of Cape Town from throughout Southern Africa and abroad to present and discuss intensive research done by hundreds of fieldworkers over the past 15 months

The conference will be opened on Friday afternoon Thereafter, participants will meet every day until Thursday next week

The conference is a vast undertaking Academics from 20 universities throughout Southern Africa are involved About 275 papers are to be delivered, and organisers will print some 300 copies of each.

The conference itself will not be open to the public However, a number of other activities will be, including a nightly film festival Entitled "Signs of Hope", more than 20 films will show work done throughout the world in mobilising people in the struggle against poverty

Other open activities will include drama, music, an art exhibition and a big photographic exhibition, featuring social documentary work by more than 20 South African photographers

The Second Carnegie Inquiry was launched in April 1982 — 50 years after the first, a study on poverty among whites which had considerable impact on South Africa's history

Both have been funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, an independent philanthrophic foundation Some R500 000 has been made available over five years for the current project.

But the two inquiries differ markedly While whites are not excluded this time, an organiser says "the people who are clearly most affected by poverty are black".

Secondly, a drastically different method is being followed Fifty years ago, five "boffins" travelled through South Africa in Model T Fords and drew up a report.

The present inquiry has aimed at being much more comprehensive and securing a much participation as possible "Als while the bulk of the work is being done b academics, active steps were taken to in clude non-academics as well," an organise says

The conference is intended as a debatin forum as well and according to the orga isers there are "huge conceptual issues" t be resolved People from "very differe ideological frameworks," ranging fro free marketers to socialists, have been in cluded and the conference may see som lively controversy

One plenary session has been set asi for debating the merits of capitalism ve sus socialism, and the cleavage betwee liberal and reformist theorists may rais its head "But this kind of debate is abs lutely essential," organisers say

Will the whole process merely boil dow to South Africa's biggest-ever academ jamboree?

According to Prof Francis Wilson, dire tor of the inquiry and head of the School Economics of the University of Cape Tow the answer is No

As he puts it "If the whole inquiry pr duces a number of books that will gath dust on academics' bookshelves, it will sim ply have been a waste of time"

He emphasises that the research is "a tion-orientated" and that the most impo tant function of the inquiry will be to even ually decide on, and stimulate, vario strategies for action

The conference itself will be an "ope ended affair" There will be no attempt reaching consensus and no conferen blueprint will emerge

However, working groups will be ask to reach some conclusions to be present to plenary sessions

Afterwards, research material will b published in a number of books One vo ume will attempt to summarise facts a draw some conclusions

"Then, we will have to sit down and thi through all the ideas which have come about what can be done in practice alleviate poverty," Prof Wilson says

The inquiry will end formally in Ju 1985

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Coetzer to meet black leaders

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By KIN BENTLEY

THE president of the Port Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce, Mr Carl Coetzer, is scheduled to meet community leaders from the city's black townships later today or tomorrow

Mr Coetzer said the meeting would be a prelude to a mass meeting in the townships, to discuss the possible lifting of the five-month-old black consumer boycott of white stores in PE

By today, the delegation had not yet contacted him

However, he said, several delegates had travelled to Cape Town for yesterday's enthronement of Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and it was possible that they had not yet returned

Mr Coetzer said he requested those community leaders who contacted him to provide details about the possiblity of holding a mass meeting, which is currently barred under the emergency regulations

Sufficient time was needed to make representations to the authorities on behalf of the community leaders for the holding of the meeting, which was planned for this weekend

● Mr Coetzer said he had also not yet been contacted by a delegation from Uitenhage's Kwanobuhle township, who were scheduled to report on the possible resumption of the bus service to the township during the day The meeting is expected to take place later today

He was due to meet them in his capacity as managing director of PE Tramways

A member of the Uitenhage Residents' Civic Organisation, who asked not to be identified, said today he did not think the return of buses could be achieved peacefully without the simultaneous lifting of the consumer boycott in Uitenhage, which he said was the cause of the trouble there

He added that the state of emergency should be lifted by the authorities, who could still, if they wanted to do so, detain people under other legislation such as the Internal Security Act

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Saldanha residents in all-race referendum

By PETER DENNEHY
Municipal Reporter

SALDANHA will set a countrywide precedent tomorrow when its ratepayers of all races take part in a referendum on whether their town should split from Vredenburg and become a separate municipality

Mr Manie Redelinghuys, the chairman of the Saldanha Ratepayers' Association, which has organized the referendum, said he believed it was South Africa's first non-racial municipal poll

He said the present Vredenburg-Saldanha municipality was "colossal", extending over almost 68 000 hectares

"Most of it is farmland, with two little towns 15km apart. Vredenburg and Saldanha were forced together in 1974 when the government believed a city of a million people would rise here by the early 1980s"

But the Sishen-Saldanha railway had not brought the expected development

He said maintaining such a large municipality had become a burden for the 3 500 ratepayers of the two towns

Mr Redelinghuys said he believed that Saldanha, with its two "coloured" townships of Diazville and White City, had a larger total population than Vredenburg and its township of Louwville

Vredenburg, however, had more ratepayers

"Saldanha has a much bigger income," Mr Redelinghuys said "The Sea Harvest factory's water and electricity bill alone is almost equal to that of the whole Vredenburg municipality"

'Invalid'

The Mayor of Vredenburg-Saldanha, Dr Wynand Malan, said he believed it would be more expensive to split the municipality than to maintain it

He doubted that Saldanha had a larger population, as Vredenburg had 2 732 ratepayers to Saldanha's 1 534

"They only have an old, invalid list of ratepayers," Dr Malan said "They are running something which nobody is going to acknowledge The minister concerned is bound to ask them who voted"

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Lead alert for workers in heavy traffic

By CHRIS ERASMUS

TRAFFIC policemen and newspaper vendors working in heavy traffic should have tests every six months to ensure that the build-up of lead in their bodies from petrol fumes is not reaching dangerous levels

This is one of the recommendations made by Cape Town researchers who, in a study of lead levels in newspaper vendors, have found that lead in petrol can reach dangerous levels in people exposed to heavy traffic.

The researchers, under Professor Maurice Kibel, UCT/Red Cross Children's Hospital Professor of Child Health, studied two groups of vendors One from central Cape Town, which has high lead levels in the air, and one from Bellville, which has lower levels

Both groups had higher body-lead levels than comparable groups of children not exposed to traffic fumes for long periods and the Cape Town group had higher levels than those from Bellville

Professor Kibel said the study proved conclusively that lead in petrol contributes directly and significantly to increased lead levels in people exposed to traffic fumes thereby settling a long-standing international dispute about the role of lead additives in petrol

The levels in some of the children approached the internationally accepted limit of 30 g/dℓ of blood.

But there was no cause for panic — even the highest levels found were not dangerous

Since the study was conducted last year, the government had reduced the lead content of petrol at the coast from 8,6 g/ℓ to 6 g/ℓ

But this was still three times as high as lead in overseas petrol and should be further reduced, said Professor Kibel

Cmdr John Wicht, of Saldanha "We want autonomy The towns have divergent interests"

Mr Andries Uitlander, of Saldanha "We are dissatisfied with the municipal services we get"

Mrs Elizabeth Smit, of Vredenburg "It's a good thing We were separate all those years"

Mrs Margot Colombo, Vredenburg "It's good They can concentrate on their own town"

Mrs Kenau Swart, of Vredenburg "If it is to their advantage, they should be allowed to do it"

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Saldanha votes on the split

By PETER DENNEHY

SUPPORT in Saldanha for a municipality separate from Vredenburg appeared overwhelming outside the polling booths yesterday

Most people in Vredenburg seemed willing to allow it, or did not care

The Saldanha Ratepayers' Association, which favours separation, ran a non-racial referendum yesterday to ask all ratepayers and council tenants in the small coastal town whether they wanted their own municipality

Vredenburg residents, 15km away, were not asked to vote A steady trickle of Saldanha voters arrived at the three polling stations at the Caravan Park Hall and the Diazville and White City civic halls

By mid-afternoon, 150 people had cast their votes at the Caravan Park booth in Saldanha itself, and almost 90 had voted in the "coloured" township of Diazville

Saldanha residents wanted autonomy as the town "can only go forward if it makes its own decisions and if income generated here is used for our own benefit", Commander John Wicht, the former chairman of the ratepayers' association, said

The towns had divergent interests, he said Vredenburg was largely an agricultural and educational centre Saldanha was devoted far more to "sea-related industries" including recreation and tourism

Mr Frans Tilling, of Diazville, said he felt a separate municipality would be "better for us, as we struggle a bit here" Mr Andries Uitlander, also of Diazville, believed a separate municipality would lead to improved municipal services

Most residents approached in Vredenburg wanted to give Saldanha "a chance" to go its own way Mr Henry Bethke, asked whether he would hold to this even if poorer Vredenburg suffered, said "Not if Vredenburg is going to suffer too much In that case, we must think again"

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Mayoral appointments 'farce', says WCCA

Staff Reporter

THE Western Cape Civic Association (WCCA) has criticized the two official mayoral appointments to all the Peninsula's townships, labelling them "farcical and unrepresentative"

The mayor, Mr Ronald Njoli, and his deputy, Mrs Elsie Shwabane, were inaugurated on Saturday at a function organized by the Office for Community Services (OCS), in the Pinelands Old Mutual Hall. They will preside over Langa, Guguletu, Nyanga and Khayelitsha A WCCA spokesman said his organization demanded direct representation on local authorities, "not a kitchen administration like the community councillors and the so-called town committees"

The visit by the Minister of Defence, General Magnus Malan, to Old Crossroads this week proved there was a Defence Force, Police and vigilante alliance, "which is going to be the backbone of Mr Johnson Ngxobongwana's administration," the spokesman said

Mr Njoli said last night that he and Mrs Shwabane had been "duly elected" in their wards

"My ward is Langa where, incidentally, the WCCA put up a candidate against me Almost every candidate had an opponent," Mr Njoli said

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A biblical dinner where locusts are

Now that the Wienberg Affair has been concluded, the question needs to be asked: How important is the Cape Town City Council's Housing Committee — and more to the point, *what* is its work? ARGUS 8/10/86 263

They call it the dog box

by ANTHONY DOMAN, Staff Reporter

IN private, city councillors call it the dog box. Many agree that it is dull and in desperate need of a revamp. Most seem to make little effort to be part of it But every year eight councillors have to be appointed to this glamourless body which exercises the ultimate say over the half a million souls in 70 000 flats and houses in Greater Cape Town: the City Council's Housing Committee.

Faced with all that, Councillor Arthur Wienburg decided not to honour his appointment to the committee It was a decision which plunged the council into more than a year of soul-searching and acrimony before the Wienburg Affair concluded in a climb-down — and some hard words — at the council meeting this week

One of the important issues raised, said the council's executive committee in its response to the problem, was the present and future role of the housing committee

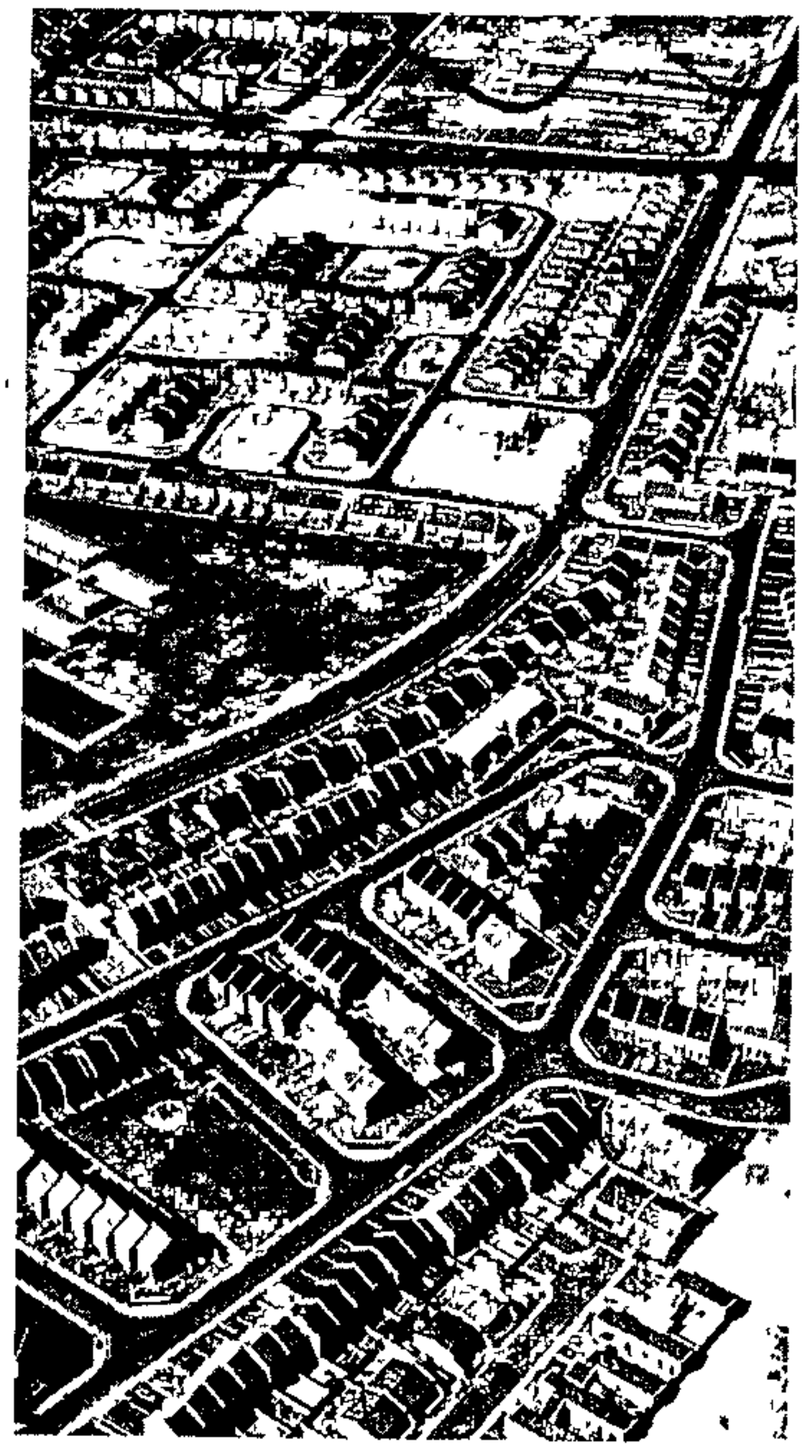
How important is its work — and more to the point, *what* is its work?

According to an executive committee report, the terms of reference of each Standing Committee, as laid down in the Cape Town Ordinance, say that it *shall* supervise, investigate and consider matters allocated to it and *shall* report and make recommendations thereon to the Executive Committee

Certain powers are delegated to standing committees and officials

While the executive committee concedes that the various departments of local Government and Housing control the purse strings, and through them, the overall policy, they say the allocation of funds and the formulation of policies are often guided by the major local authorities — which in Cape Town means the housing committee

The actual work of this committee has included supervising past and present construction of Mitchells Plain Except for specialised matters, such as waste water treatment, the entire development of this town of a quarter of a million people was dealt with by the housing committee initially



Mitchells Plain — dealt with entirely by the housing committee.

THE housing committee also has to adjudicate in housing policy matters The issues include, among others, the problems arising from the continuing lack of sufficient funds for proper maintenance work in the letting estates, increasing administration costs, adjudication on disputes regarding requests by contractors for variations or price increases in contracts involving millions of rands, eradication of slums, the sort of developments needed for the homeless

Other demands are also made on the committee Community groups regularly seek interviews with it — there have been two in the last month, and in the first 10 days of this month housing committee councillors were wanted at after hours meetings by three community groups

Passing on functions to other committees would not be easy, though it may well be that some adjustment of the functions of the various committees is required, says the report.

While more delegation to departmental heads is possible and probably desirable, says the report, it remains an essential part of democracy that policy decisions should be dealt with by elected representatives

According to the Council's Standing Orders, the housing committee is, in terms of section 11 (2) of Ordinance 24 of 1965, charged with the superintendence and investigation of, deliberation and reporting on, and the making of recommendations to the council on all matters connected with

- THE general administration of the council's housing policy,
- THE development and administration of housing schemes on land acquired or set aside by the Council for housing purposes,
- THE administration of the Housing Act 4 of 1966 and the Slums Act 76 of 1979,
- THE administration and control of all city land and buildings acquired or leased for housing purposes with the exception of land and buildings under the control of another committee,
- THE administration of those provisions of the Camps Bay, Bakoven and Clifton bungalow leases which relates to the leasing, transfer of leases and sub-letting of bungalow sites and garages

Under delegated powers it acts as lessor, fixes selling prices and also deals with removal of restrictions on land required for housing, and street names

AT the most recent housing committee meeting on September 9, 58 items were dealt with

In financial matters, 15 items involving the expenditure of about R31 500 000 were dealt with These ranged from approval of the costs of construction of a variety of dwellings, tenders, and applications to the Government for financial advances

Decisions were taken on the re-appointment of the street naming sub-committee and the dissolution of two others which had completed their tasks

Three items dealing with the sale to house developers of over 93 hectares of land, including the proposed methods and conditions of sale, were dealt with

In addition, there were five items dealing with the sale of erven to religious bodies, and two concerning business premises

Reports studied and acted on included two concerning interviews with Ministers of State, one on the implications of a government circular and another on future medical facilities for the doctors in Mitchells Plain

Regular monthly progress reports included subjects such as the planning and progress of housing schemes, financial matters, allocations of dwellings for rental and sale, arrears in rental or loan instalments, waiting list statistics

Also dealt with were 10 items involving serious antisocial behaviour by tenants or their families

The committee acts as a review body for recommendations by the Director of Housing in these matters

- The housing committee itself, frustrated by its inability to obtain enough land to house the 45 000 families on its waiting list, and conscious of proposals to give decision-making powers to management committees, discussed its future role — based on a report it had commissioned — last year The matter was adjourned indefinitely because of the committee's workload and the lack of clarity on future issues like Regional Services Councils

Stop the George removals — PFP

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By ANDREW DONALDSON

THE Progressive Federal Party has called on the government to cease forced removals of the "brutalized" and leaderless community at George's Lawaaikamp squatter camp.

This followed the PFP Unrest Monitoring and Action Committee's four-day fact-finding mission this week to areas in the Southern Cape platteland.

The MP for Claremont and chairman of Umac, Mr Jan van Eck, and the regional co-ordinator of the committee, Mrs Val Rose-Christie, visited George, Knysna, Plettenberg Bay and Oudsthoorn.

The committee's observations are to be submitted to the relevant authorities once a report has been compiled.

"Sandkraal is full. People have been moved their since May, but there are no services for them. More removals from Lawaaikamp — which has to be cleared by the end of the year — are imminent," Mr Van Eck said.

Police singled out in wave of violence

By SHIRLEY PRESSLY

FIVE law enforcement officers, four of them municipal policemen, have died violently in the Eastern Cape since the beginning of the month in what appears to be a new move to attack municipal policemen and members of the SA Police transport branch.

There have been two recent attacks on members of the former SA Railways Police, one fatal.

The body of one of them, Constable Johnson Ngokwene, was found in a shallow grave near Motherwell on Thursday.

Nearby, members of the East Cape murder and robbery squad found charred remains which could be those of two trainee municipal policemen who were apparently lured to their deaths at a shebeen in Motherwell by three women on October 11.

Forensic tests will establish whether they are the remains of the two trainees.

In the latest attack a 49-year-old former Railways policeman was attacked at his home in Kwazakele on Thursday night by a group of 20 who arrived and demanded a firearm which he did not have.

The former Railways policeman was admitted to the Livingstone Hospital where his condition is serious His home, valued at R20 000, was burnt to the ground

Major Eddie Everson, SAP liaison officer for the Eastern Cape, said it was most disturbing that there appeared to be a new trend to attack municipal policemen and members of the SAP's transport branch

Five people had been killed and three injured.

He listed attacks since the beginning of the month·

● **October 3:** Shots were fired at municipal police on escort duty in Kwanobuhle A 25-year-old constable was wounded in the left leg

● **October 5:** Shots were fired at Ibhayi municipal policemen in Walmer township at 10pm. Nobody was hurt

● **October 6:** In Grahamstown, a 32-year-old Rhini policeman walking with his girlfriend in C Street was shot and killed by an unknown gunman

● **October 12:** Const Ngokwene, of the SAP transport branch, visiting his mother in Motherwell, was forced into his car and shot in the neck The assailants then ran away

Later four men returned and told Mrs Ngokwene they would take the wounded man to hospital in his own car It was found burnt out about four kilometres away

There was no sign of Const Ngokwene until his body was found in a shallow grave in dense bush near Motherwell on Thursday

Two youths aged 17 and 18 have been arrested

● **October 15:** In Kwazakele at 8 30pm an unknown gunman fired on a municipal policeman, Mr Zamibunga Maseti, of Kwanobuhle Mr Maseti was killed instantly

● **October 11:** Three students at the Ibhayi Police Training Centre on a long weekend pass were accosted at a shebeen in Motherwell.

One escaped after being stabbed, but his two companions were caught and taken away.

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Regional councils to top City Council talks

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By JOHN YELD
Municipal Reporter

POLITICAL issues are set to dominate tomorrow's monthly City Council meeting

Top of the list will be the provincial Executive Committee's decision to override the recommendations of the Demarcation Board and establish one large regional service council comprising the Divisional Council areas of the Cape, Paarl and Stellenbosch

However, the committee called for further evidence and City Council representatives were summoned to an urgent meeting with provincial officials last week. A report of that meeting from Town Clerk Dr Stan Evans is on tomorrow's agenda

The council will also consider a recommendation from its Executive Committee rejecting provincial demands for management committees in Mitchell's Plain, Retreat, Schotsche Kloof, Walmer Estate, Woodstock and Salt River

PROTRACTED FIGHT

The thorny question of additional liquor licences for Sea Point and council representation at Liquor Board hearings will be raised

There has also been a protracted fight over traffic problems around the Foresters Arms in Newlands and the town planning committee has called for a report on whether the licensee — South African Breweries — could build a new pub in Main Road

Minor items likely to attract debate are by-laws relating to smoking in buses, banning dogs from Camps Bay beach, leasing kiosks in the new St George's Street mall, the conservation of historic buildings on the Albion Springs/Schweppes site in Rondebosch and the proposed proclamation of the Old Drill Hall as a national monument

Mr Arthur Wienburg has three private motions relating to more pay for Exco members, council's rules of procedure and a housing committee item

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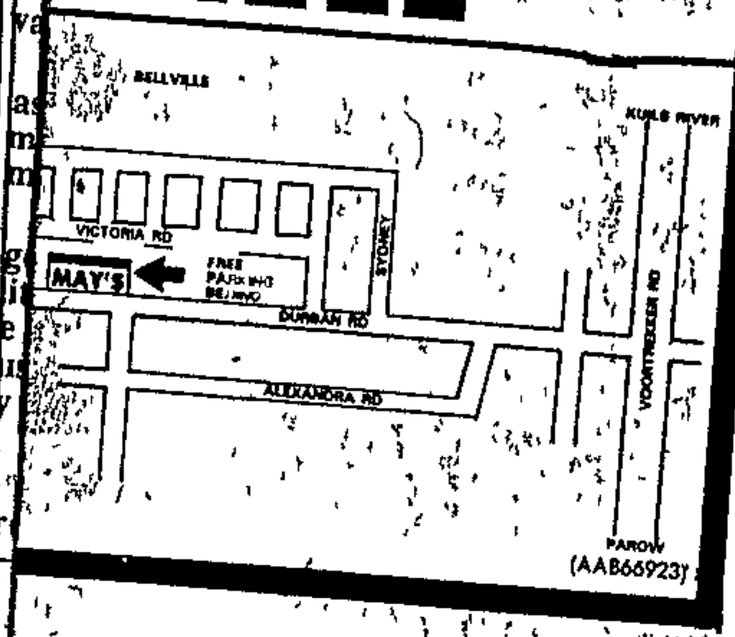

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Beating the economic squeeze . . .

Mr Des Riley

By ANTHONY DOMAN
Staff Reporter

SOMEWHERE in the labyrinth that is Cape Town's Civic Centre works a group of people convinced that two into one *will* go, that you *can* drink the same glass of water twice and that there *is* life after death.

Like the rest of us, the City Engineer's Department is battling the economic squeeze — and has come up with these ingenious ways of beating it But the problems don't end with economics, as new boss Mr Des Riley is finding

For starters, he is inheriting an empire only recently released by his predecessor, Mr Jan Brand

But the council has split the empire (into engineering and planning), Mr Riley is encouraging teamwork and he says he has enough time to do what he must

Bare minimum

"Many essential services have been cut to the bare minimum," he admits

Any further cuts would have an adverse effect not only on Cape Town's aesthetics but even more importantly on its community health, he warns

While he has strong views on protecting Cape Town's heritage, he warns against holding up progress The city cannot afford to lose job-creating developments like Southern Life's Newlands headquarters, he says

Creative solutions are called for — which is why

- Two into one will go when more traffic lanes are squeezed into existing roads,
- We'll be able to drink recycled water — a pilot plant to treat waste water is already on stream, and,
- The useful life of plant, buildings and roads is being extended.

Innovative thinking

Innovative thinking is also helping to beat the housing shortage, and one of the council strategies is to find alternatives to building regulations

"We have bitten the bullet by embarking on a pilot housing project using the 'bean-bag' method," says Mr Riley

The method involves glass-fibre bags which are filled with concrete and allowed to set in special forms, eventually producing a wall

At a higher level, the council is establishing a management team of department heads to advise on a corporate strategy for the municipality and, where necessary, for the region

"Solly's Folly" — the Foreshore Freeway proposed when Dr Solly Morris was City Engineer — stands incomplete after almost a decade.

Mr Riley says "The first meeting I attended held a great deal of promise, particularly in the attitude of the various heads to work together as a closely knit team of specialists but with a 'wide-angled' vision"

One project which may yet need such attention is the upgrading of Cape Town's arterial road network

Mr Riley says weave and intersection capacities will be improved systematically Extra links will be created to serve developing areas

New systems

Public transport should get a boost too, with "dedicated" bus lanes speeding up travel for commuters Cape Town will get its first such system in Klipfontein Road, Athlone

"Providing completely new systems would be a multi-million rand undertaking But renewed interest is being shown in verges, and there is a possibility of setting back some of the kerbs"

Some areas are being neglected

"On secondary and tertiary roads, footways are becoming a little ragged around the edges," he says

"We can't let capital assets deteriorate past where we cannot maintain them any longer and have to replace them But our people are looking for better, more economical ways of doing things"

Computer-based "pavement management systems" would help decide when to resurface roads without striving for perfection

Would this mean bumpier roads?

"Well, we're not talking about gold-plated — just an acceptable level of service," he explained

Which explains why "Solly's Folly" — the Foreshore Freeway proposed when Dr Solly Morris was City Engineer — stands incomplete after almost a decade

"This freeway remains the long-term plan for this section of the central city ring road," says Mr Riley

Seven years after construction started in September 1970, six of the planned eight contracts were completed

Unexpectedly slow Foreshore development halted the plan, he says "The existing freeway system has been able to cope with the traffic load When the traffic does justify it, the remaining elements will be considered for implementation"

Historical heritage

"One of the most critical problems facing Cape Town is unemployment, and economic development and therefore new development is essential

"The council has to encourage development where it will not be at the expense of the architectural or historical heritage of the city

"New development is being encouraged in the Thibault Square area and on the Foreshore with the old Dock Road power station site as the focus

"Decentralised office developments, particularly corporate headquarters such as Southern Life, are also important for the city"

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Province ignored us on RSC borders — council

Municipal Reporter

THE provincial authorities' apparent decision to override the recommendations of the Demarcation Board on boundaries for the Cape metropolitan regional services council (RSC) has been attacked by Cape Town City Council

Councillors and officials were summoned to an urgent meeting last week by Mr P Schoeman, MEC for local government, who asked for new evidence within two weeks on why the boundaries of the RSC should not include the Divisional Council areas of the Cape, Paarl and Stellenbosch

The Demarcation Board is understood to have recommended the "01 economic region" (the Peninsula to Durbanville) and Atlantis for the new RSC scheduled for January

CHANGE OF HEART

During yesterday's debate on a report of the meeting Dr John Sonnenberg, a former MPC, said the provincial Executive Committee appeared to have had a change of heart and was attempting to "rationalise" its decision

Consultation with local authorities was taking place only after a decision had been made by the province This was "absolute arrogance" and "a bogus attempt to lend respectability" to the decision, Dr Sonnenberg said

"If this is consultation it is a charade, a mockery"

Mr Neil Ross said the council should give further evidence as circumstances had changed in the past few months with the decision that RSCs would take over the functions of the divisional councils

"ABSOLUTE NONSENSE"

Mr Arthur Wienburg said it was "absolute nonsense" to suggest there was a "community of interest" within the larger area

"Why must Cape Town ratepayers be bled dry? I also reject this farce absolutely," he said

Mr Clive Keegan said the council had been "consistently ignored" by the State in the process of consultation and negotiation

"Every single scrap of evidence has been utterly ignored by the province If this represents consultation in the RSC process, God help us all"

Councillors outraged by 'charade' over RSCs

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By PETER DENNEHY

CITY councillors expressed their outrage yesterday over the provincial administration's ineffective "consultation" with the city over a new decision on how large Cape Town's Regional Services Council will be

Mr Clive Keegan, chairman of the town planning committee, who was summoned last week to a meeting with Mr P Schoeman, MEC for local government, said Mr Schoeman simply read out a statement

Yet the meeting was part of his "consultation" with local authorities

In his statement, Mr Schoeman said a previous decision had been revised, and the RSC would in fact extend over the entire Cape, Paarl and Stellenbosch Divisional Council areas

Dr John Sonnenberg said the Demarcation Board recommendation that the RSC be much smaller, including only the 01 economic region and Atlantis, was not even mentioned

"This is a charade," he said "Cape Town is being used as a milch cow for the region The decision is a purely political one," he said

Mr Keegan said the City Council had been "ignored, rejected, and treated with contempt at every turn"

The result of imposing RSCs would be "civic dissension on a vast scale", he said, adding that Cape Town was "heading for disaster"

Sapa reports that the Minister of Constitutional Development and Planning, Mr Chris Heunis, said yesterday considerable progress had been made with the demarcation of RSCs

The first could be established by January 1 next year

Council shows yes to complex

Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON. — The city council has given the go-ahead for the controversial R45 million Clarendon Gardens shopping complex.

This became evident here yesterday in a letter to the town clerk, Mr Les Kumm, from a councillor, Mr Donald Card, calling for a rescindment of Monday night's decision.

The third-time-lucky decision for the East London developers, Elcorp, was withheld from the press on Monday because the chairman of the meeting, Mr Robert de Lange (jun), said the matter had been discussed in committee.

In his notice of motion for a rescindment for the go-ahead of the project off Union Avenue, which is being opposed by some organisations, Mr Card said:

"The reasons for calling for a rescindment is that I cannot believe that a responsible body such as the city council can make such a decision in a hurry There are far-reaching consequences that have to be considered before a decision to sell the land can become a reality

"These are:

"Whether the schools have sufficient land for future development (such as sports fields);

"Whether the administrator is satisfied with us using up further open space in the Selborne area;

"Whether the Selborne residents, the highest ratepayers in East London, are happy about a complex going up in Clarendon Gardens

"To date we have not even established what ground we intend to sell

"Council is not sure whether the South African Transport Services will sell their piece of ground alongside the present Clarendon Gardens land We still have not established the cost to remove existing services in the area

"The existing sports-fields at Clarendon are used to capacity at present and it is obvious that if we should sell this land, alternate fields would have to be completed before the existing fields are built on.

"To date the selling price of the land has not been established and it is very difficult for us to establish the market price if we do not go to tender (public).

"Whenever we sell land to developers, council first calls for reports on the financial position of the group prior to acceptance, yet in this instance it has not been done.

"It has not been established what is behind the majority of councillors calling for a direct sale to Elcorp when the normal procedure is to go out to public tender"

Mr Card said the matter should be investigated.

Mr Card also asked that the rescision be discussed in open council and not in committee

"There is no need at all to keep all the information away from ratepayers"

● The chairman of the joint Selborne and Clarendon school's committee, Mr Richard Howard, last night backed the motion of rescision.

However, he announced that the committee would meet the developers tomorrow. "The developers will then have a chance to present their case to the committee." he said.

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Council workers to open all-white body after poll?

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RESULTS of a poll on whether the Cape Town branch of the all-white South African Association of Municipal Employees (Saame) should open its membership to all will be announced at a meeting next month.

Association members say about 60 percent voted in favour of opening Saame, but officials would not comment.

"The results will be announced to our membership on December 3," said Mr Jack Bondietti, general secretary of Saame's Cape Town branch.

The association, with headquarters in Pretoria, was once affiliated to the South African Confederation of Labour and its national president, Mr Attie Nieuwoudt, is a former president of the confederation.

Saame has a closed-shop agreement with the Cape Town City Council and has about 4 000 members. Most other council employees belong to the Cape Town Municipal Workers' Association (CTMWA), an affiliate of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, with about 11 500 members.

CTMWA has open membership and a few whites have joined since industrial legislation was amended in 1981 to allow non-racial trade unions.

Death of husband: Case

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Screen new workers for Aids — councillor

Tygerberg Bureau

A BELLVILLE city councillor wants the municipality to test prospective workers for Aids.

The municipality plans to screen job applicants medically when its new clinic opens next year and Mr A P de V Kempen told a council meeting recently that Aids tests should be included

Approached for comment, Mr Kempen said he had become aware of the "vast health hazard of Aids" when he watched a television programme on the deadly disease

"I felt that since we screen employees for TB we should also start testing for Aids

"Aids is an even greater health threat and the extent of the problem is alarming"

He had asked that the test be included in the screening process because of the "frightening" proportions the disease had assumed

"Worrying"

Bellville press liaison officer Mr Steve Gouws said the matter had been raised briefly by Mr Kempen during a council discussion but no decision had been taken

"Obviously the disease is worrying"

Mr Gouws said Mr Kempen had mentioned Aids during a discussion on the new municipal clinic, which is still under construction

"The idea was that the municipality would appoint a nurse once the clinic was ready next year to screen new employees for TB

"However, the nurse will not be appointed until the new clinic opens sometime early in 1987"

Picture: DOUG PITHEY, The Argus

HOW IT HAPPENED: Mrs Esme Petersen tells how she was robbed and her husband was abducted.

Probe into assault on Elsies River businessman

Crime Reporter

POLICE have launched an intensive investigation into the abduction of a sickly Elsies River businessman, who was robbed of cash and jewellery worth more than R21 000 in a series of incidents this week

Mr Hennie Petersen, 34, who was violently assaulted, said he was still in pain and had feared for his life. His captors told him they would "shoot him dead" if he did not give them money

He was snatched from a house in Epping Forest on Tuesday night where he was watching television Bound and blindfolded with masking tape, he was held for about six hours before being dumped from a moving vehicle on the Faure Road

While he was being held, two of his abductors went to his Elsies River home

Posing as policemen, they tried to get into the house, but his wife, Esme, refused to let the men in

After she had taken refuge in a building on the premises used by tenants, the men returned, singled her out and threatened to kill her if she did not give them money

This time they were wearing blue uniforms similar to those worn by police, though the uniforms did not have police badges.

The men took R4 700 in cash

Later they stole jewellery worth about R17 000 from Mr Petersen

"People know I have money People know I wear expensive jewellery," Mr Petersen said today

"That is why I was attacked I want them caught"

3 000 families in Duncan Village face removal

Argus Bureau

EAST LONDON — Three thousand families in Duncan Village township face removal — in spite of earlier assurances by the Government that there would be no more forced removals

Mr Eddie Makeba, mayor of the town, said yesterday that residents of the area known as C Section would have to be moved so that the area could be upgraded

The Cape MEC whose portfolio includes the development of black townships, Mr Koos Theron, gave the assurance that no one would be moved until appropriate sites could be made available to them

Mr Theron said it was "not possible to house all the people in Duncan Village in the area available" Approaches had been made to the authorities to obtain more land

A REPRIEVE

Duncan Village has for many years been under threat of removal A Government plan provides for the entire population to be moved to Mdantsane in Ciskei, 20km away.

However, in August last year the Government announced a reprieve Deputy Minister of Education and Co-operation, Mr Sam de Beer, said the entire township would be retained and upgraded

The 99-year leasehold would apply and there would be no forced resettlement, Mr de Beer said

Council votes to debate in secret

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Dispatch Reporter

EAST LONDON — The city council voted last night to debate the crucial beach issue and the controversial R45 million Clarendon Gardens project behind closed doors

A move by Mr Donald Card to debate the two issues — for which he had submitted motions of rescindment — in public was defeated

Mr Card wanted the council's decision to keep a low profile on the opening of the city's beaches rescinded, as well as council's go-head for the Clarendon Gardens project

On the beach issue, the mayor, Mrs Elsabe Kemp, used her casting vote for secrecy when Mr Card was backed by seven councillors They were Mr Bassingthwaighte, Mr Len Cooper, Mr Patrick Kay, Mr Brian Snell, Mr Errol Spring, Mr Eric Whitaker and Mr Joe Yazbek

Those who voted for secrecy on the beach debatewere Mr Robbie de Lange, Mr Robert de Lange, Mr Vossie Bezuidenhout, Mr Willem Morris, Mr Neville Randall, Mr Phillip Rohtbart and Mr Ivan Zulman

On the Clarendon Gardens issue, nine councillors opted for secrecy. They were the two De Langes, Mr Bezuidenhout, Mr Kay, Mr Morris, Mr Randall, Mr Rohtbart, Mr Yazbek and Mr Zulman Those who supported Mr Card were Mr Bassingthwaighte, Mr Cooper, Mr Snell, Mr Spring and Mr Whitaker

"Now we know who votes for and against," Mr Card remarked after the vote

Earlier he argued that major issues were being discussed concerning the city and council had to take ratepayers into their confidence

"Anybody who votes for secrecy is scared to show his face," he said

Mr Card said the Clarendon Gardens issue was well known to everybody and he could see no reason why it should be debated behind closed doors After seven days, ratepayers were entitled to see the minutes of the debate unless it was recorded in the special minute book

Seconding Mr Card, Mr Spring said Clarendon Gardens was the most contentious issue to come before the council for a long time

"Our decision will have far-reaching implications for the development of the city Let the ratepayers know how we take the decision."

The mayor recused herself from the Clarendon Gardens debate and the deputy mayor, Mr Robert de Lange said last night he could not give the outcome of the matter as it had been taken in committee.

He also refused to divulge the outcome of the beach debate, as well as a publicised call by Mr Card for an inquiry into matters relating to the director of culture and environment, Mr Albert Janse

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MOVING TO WELFARE

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The western Cape's chief black affairs administrator, Timo Bezuidenhoud, who is due to retire this month, will spend much of his time next year working for a Christian welfare organisation, Mfesani

Mfesani's general manager (communication), Steenkamp Vorster, confirmed from King William's Town this week that Bezuidenhoud has offered his services as an adviser and public relations officer

Bezuidenhoud, who used to say things like "I feel sorry for these people" while supervising largescale "repatriation" of "surplus appendages" from Cape Town's squatter camps, announced his retirement earlier this month and said he would devote himself to community work He confirmed this week that he will be working for Mfesani

Mfesani — a Xhosa word meaning compassion — caters for about 5 000 people, mostly children, in homes for the physically handicapped in Ciskei, Transkei and the eastern Cape It plans to open a centre in the western Cape next year

Steenkamp says Mfesani operates on a R4,5m annual budget of which about half is generated by the sale of products made at the organisation's employment centres for physically handicapped people

Road deaths up as city cops quit

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By PETER DENNEHY

DEATHS are escalating on Cape Town's roads in the face of an exodus of traffic officers.

Some 41 officers have resigned from the city traffic branch since April last year and the road death toll has jumped by 35 The city traffic manager, Mr Harry Attwood, says the resignations have played a "dramatic part" in the carnage

Reporting to the council's utilities and works committee yesterday, Mr Attwood said road deaths in the municipal area have risen by 16 percent this year, with 261 people dying on the roads between January and October compared with 226 in the same period of 1985

"A most disturbing fact is that 41 children under the age of 14 have died," Mr Attwood said

Alcohol abuse was also partly to blame, according to Mr Attwood's report Positive alcohol readings were taken from half the drivers who died, while the figure for dead pedestrians was even higher, at 62 percent.

The report said arrests for driving under the influence rose from 840 last year to 1 492 this year

Pedestrians formed the largest category among the fatalities, and they accounted for much of the increase in the overall number of deaths This year 184 pedestrians were killed compared with 156 last year.

Fifteen motorcyclists died, mostly after losing control of their machines

Athlone and Bishop Lavis, with 58 deaths, were the suburbs where the highest number of people died on the roads They were followed by Mitchells Plain, with 27, and Guguletu, with 23

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